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10/07 Potsdam Central School District Superintendent, Joann Chambers and School Resource Officer, Mike Neaton, joined us today on "Community Connection" to talk about a new way students have of speaking up about potential problems they see at school. The free phone app. called 'Say Something-Anonymous Reporting System,' or SS-ARS, gives kids a chance to easily report an incident without fear of repercussions.

10/08 'Make-A-Difference' Day is coming up in Canton next weekend. Ashlee Downing is Coordinator for Volunteer Services at St. Lawrence University and she joined us on "Community Connection" today.

10/09 The United Way of Northern New York has a new president. Jamie Cox moved to Watertown from Texas this year to join the organization that helps non-profits with financial contributions and other support services. He joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about his new role as CEO.

10/10 A day-long conference all about non-profit organizations is the topic of an upcoming St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce event. Assistant Director, Mike Besaw joined us on "Community Connection" to talk more about why this is an important resource for our area.

10/14 A weekend conference in Canton at the Unitarian Universalist Church will address issues surrounding North Country prisons and their role in our communities. The 3-day event is titled, "Justice for All: Community Conversations on Crime and Punishment in the North Country." To talk more about it, event coordinator, Eileen Raymond and UU Minister, James Galasinski, joined us on "Community Connection."

10/15 On "Community Connection" today, we are joined by our intern, Mike Prevost, to talk about his love for computers and his interest in Cyber Security. Mike is a freshman Computer Science major at Clarkson University.

10/16 It's National Bosses Day! How much do you know or want to know about yours? Today on "Community Connection", General Manager John Winter joins us to talk about his 30+ years in the radio business.

10/17 As a way to remind locals of the importance of recycling, the Development Authority of the North Country recently had some kids paint dozens of rocks to hide along the trails in Calcium and Rodman. DANC's, Laurie Marr says the idea is to get people out in nature and get them thinking about environmental stewardship.

10/21 The Wild Center in Tupper Lake is holding its first ever Haunted Forest this Halloween. Event coordinator, Leanne Favreau joined us on "Community Connection" for more details on the haunted trail that will be lined with ghostly lumberjacks, animal encounters and menacing creatures!

10/22 Potsdam Chamber Coordinator, Kurstin Stowell, was on "Community Connection" today to talk about Fright Night. It's this Thursday in Potsdam, where we'll be playing haunted hits again this year for all the Ghouls and Goblins on Market St.

10/23 "The Haunted Infirmary" on the Clarkson Campus is in its 6th year and is a fundraiser for the Physician Assistant Program's annual medical mission trip. "Students Without Borders" provides medical care in underserved areas during a one week period over spring break each March. Our intern, Mike Prevost, joined us on "Community Connection" today with a preview of what you can expect at this year's haunted house.

10/24 Phantoms in the Park is this weekend in Canton, as well as a fashion show hosted by the Canton Church and Community Program. Executive director of CCP, Connie Jenkins and Canton Chamber Director, Tammy Mackin joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about the two events.

10/28 The Potsdam Community Band is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Paul Haggett helped start the group and joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about its history and the rehearsals that begin next week for their upcoming holiday shows.

10/29 A day-long conference tomorrow at St. Lawrence University will address poverty and trauma in the North Country and how the two issues converge. Mary Wills and Don Mesibov of the People Project, sponsor of the event, joined us on "Community Connection" to talk more about the event that includes educators, elected officials, and local healthcare providers.

10/30 The Craft, Food and Wine Show is coming up this weekend at SUNY Potsdam. St. Lawrence County Chamber Coordinator, Jo Ann Roberts joined us on "Community Connection" as she does every year to talk about the 120+ vendors that will help kick-off the holiday shopping season.

10/31 "Remember Everyone Deployed," or R.E.D is a national campaign to get candy into the hands of military men and women who are returning home after being deployed. Potsdam High School students, Emily Robar and Destiny Covey are hoping to reach a goal of 20,000 chocolate bars by this March and they joined us on "Community Connection."

11/04 Relay 4 Life is coming up this weekend at St. Lawrence University. Volunteer Services coordinator at SLU, Ashlee Downing, joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about the annual 2-day event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

11/05 The Daughters of the American Revolution or D.A.R. is a non-profit dedicated to promoting patriotism and educating kids on American history. Marlyne Miller is a Regent for the Nihanawate Chapter in Potsdam and joined us on "Community Connection."

11/06 Two vegetable and herb gardens in St. Lawrence are helping supply thousands of pounds of fresh produce to area food pantries. Inmates at the Riverview and

Ogdensburg Correctional Facilities are responsible for the harvest through their horticultural vocational program. We spoke on "Community Connection" with Sam Burns and Deb Demurs, supervisors at the two facilities.

11/07 Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence County kicks off its annual Radiothon this morning at 8 am. Community Relations Director, Kellie Hitchman joins us on "Community Connection" to talk about their many services and the dedicated workers that provide them.

11/11 It's Veteran's Day and on "Community Connection" today we spoke with Scott Toth, Enrollment Officer for the Army ROTC or the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Clarkson University. In the last few years, some major strides have been made for women graduates of the Golden Knight Battalion.

11/12 Not unlike many support groups, the Potsdam Kiwanis Club's volunteer base has been dwindling over the years. It's caused major changes for them, including the real possibility of closing the local chapter. Long-time Kiwanis member, Marylee Ballou joined us on "Community Connection" to talk more about where they currently stand.

11/13 We take a look at the "Coats for Kids Campaign" today on "Community Connection." This is our fourth year of collecting coats, hats and gloves for kids in our area. Jody will chat with Vinny about the annual event that has gotten bigger and better every year.

11/14 The theme this year for the annual Gingerbread House Contest at Traditional Arts in Upstate New York is "On the Farm." Rachel Tengowski joined us on "Community Connection" to share the details of this long-time tradition at TAUNY.

11/18 The 22nd Hobble Gobble Prediction Walk/Run to benefit the Potsdam Holiday Fund is coming up this Saturday. Jacqueline Bill is the new event director after Derry Loucks retired after 22 years of organizing the event. She joined us today on "Community Connection."

11/19 The Potsdam Holiday Fund helps serve families in 9 area towns and villages with needed clothing, food and gifts during the holiday season. Today on "Community Connection" we speak with Michael Griffin who has packed and delivered many gifts and food baskets over the 2 decades he's volunteered for the non-profit group.

11/20 The Community Lunch Program for Kids distributed 9,000 meals this summer for children living in the Norwood-Norfolk-Raymondville area. Wendy Chambers is a retired Potsdam teacher who helps spearhead the organization. She joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about how this group helps compliment the Snack Pack program in the Norwood/Norfolk school district.

11/21 Today on "Community Connection" Laurell Brault joins us to talk about the success of the Snack Pack program in Potsdam and her recent recognitions. It's in 3rd

year and provides more than 250 students weekly with healthy snacks for when they're not in school.

11/25 A 'Tiny House' built by the larger Canton community along with BOCES students is now up for bid with the proceeds going to the Canton Golden Bears Foundation. We caught up on "Community Connection" with Greg Kiah, an art teacher in the district and one of the builders. He says the money will go towards scholarships for students entering a trade school and for a summer program for kids.

11/26 The Hounds Haven in Hannawa Falls will once again be the site for a free Thanksgiving meal this year. It's the 6th Annual Vern M. Ingram Turkey Feast. Bill Mechior is only one of the many hands that helps make this happen and he joined us today on "Community Connection."

11/27 Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and the last things most students want to think about is homework. But that's just what Jan Trybula is hoping kids will do over this and the December holiday break. Jan is an assistant biology professor at SUNY Potsdam and one of the organizers of the Terra Northeast Regional Science and Engineering Fair. He joined us today on "Community Connection."

11/28 The Coats for Kids Campaign wraps up tomorrow and on this Thanksgiving Day we want to give a shout out to all the peeps who helped make it another successful year. Vinny will join Jody Tosti today on "Community Connection" with some preliminary numbers on how many coats, hats and mittens were collected.

12/02 The 22nd Annual Holiday Baking Fest is next weekend. This is a yearly fundraiser through the Potsdam Food Co-op that benefits the Potsdam Neighborhood Center. For more information, Jody Tosti caught up with Co-op Manager, Lee VanDewater and outreach coordinator, Lynn Clark on "Community Connection."

12/03 The Tastes and Talents of the North Country is this weekend at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall. JoAnn Roberts, St. Lawrence County Chamber events director, joined us on "Community Connection" to chat more about the 5th annual event that highlights local artists and food producers.

12/04 The Cornell Cooperative Extension in Jefferson County is offering a Cow Comfort Workshop. Jody Tosti spoke on "Community Connection" today with Regional Dairy Specialist, Lindsay Ferlito about this new trend in livestock care.

12/05 Sheriff Kevin Wells is retiring at the end of the month after 35 years in law enforcement. As he told Jody Tosti on "Community Connection" one of the many things he's proud of in his career was the ability to work across party lines.

12/09 Lights on the River celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year. As Jeff Buckingham told Jody Tosti on "Community Connection" the all-volunteer organization has donated thousands of dollars and loads of food to St. Lawrence County pantries.

12/10 The Arts Program of Northern New York presents A Christmas Carol: The Musical starting this Thursday in Madrid. Jody Tosti caught up with some of the cast members on "Community Connection."

12/11 Adirondack For Kids is a foundation in Malone that offers grants to nonprofit organizations that support youth activities in the North Country. Director Nancy Monette spoke with us on "Community Connection" about some of the past projects and the generosity of their donors.

12/12 And, today on "Community Connection," Jody Tosti talks with Bonnie Boyd. Bonnie is president of the Robert J. Freego Amvets Post 282 Auxiliary, where she says as membership grows, so does the need for more volunteers to serve local veterans.

12/16 Potsdam was the winner of this year's 10 million-dollars in funding through the state's D.R.I. program or Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The announcement was last month and now comes the work of putting together the various planning teams. Potsdam's planning and development director, Fred Hanss joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about this next step.

12/17 Part II of our conversation today on "Community Connection with Fred Hanss, Potsdam's planning and development director about the recent 10 million-dollar award to the village through the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

12/18 Today on "Community Connection" Jody Tosti catches up with Jim Aubrey from the St. Lawrence County Trapper's Association. In addition to helping raise funds to send local kids to summer camps, Jim is also an avid trapper himself.

12/19 The Best Friends Thrift Shop in Potsdam has been open for 9 years now and has collected and sold tons of donated items with the proceeds going to the Potsdam Humane Society. Bonnie Boyd runs the program and joined us on "Community Connection" to talk about their mission.

12/23 At this time of the year when we give thanks for the wonderful bounty on our holiday tables, it's easy to forget those in need of a hot meal. Today and tomorrow on "Community Connection" we take a look at the St. Lawrence County Home Delivered Meals service or Meals on Wheels where Danielle Durant is program manager.

12/24 We continue today with our look at Meals on Wheels in St. Lawrence County. Faye Sheldon has been delivering food to homebound residents for several years now and says a visit often means more than just bringing a hot meal.

12/25 NO SHOW

12/26 The North Country Jr. Iron Chef Competition is slated for March 2020, but now is the time for students to start thinking about recipes that could realistically be prepared in

a school cafeteria. Through the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative, Sarah Bentley-Garfinkle coordinates the cooking competition and she joined Jody Tosti on "Community Connection."

12/30 And, all this week Jody Tosti looks back at some of her favorite "Community Connection" interviews in 2019, beginning with Dallas Robinson. He came in to talk about the St. Lawrence Valley Snowshoe Biathlon, the annual winter event that pairs snowshoes, muzzleloaders and tomahawks in a 1 1/2 mile run through the woods.

12/31 And, we continue with a look back at "Community Connection" 2019 and some of Jody Tosti's favorite interviews. We hear today from Canton Middle School teacher, Megan Smith, and Green Team students, Finley Thomas and Andrew King.

01/01 Today on "Community Connection" we continue with some of Jody Tosti's favorite interviews of 2019. 8-year old Claire Nezezon was in to talk about her battle with Cystic Fibrosis and the Fourth Annual Claire's Fitness Fun Day at the Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

01/02 We finish up our look back at some of Jody Tosti's favorite "Community Connections" in 2019 with Matt Maneely. Matt designed a radio station Lego set that he entered in a competition for new kits.