

## **Issues and Programs, WSLU-FM Repeater Station**

### **October, November, and December 2022**

This station operates as a satellite of the North Country Public Radio network (flagship station is WSLU, Canton, NY). WSLU, Canton, NY and its satellite stations and translators make up the North Country Public Radio (NCPR) network, which produces extensive coverage of local and regional stories and issues and is simulcast on all the NCPR stations in order to serve all of its listeners in this rural region. NCPR's news director and reporters, as well as the station manager and program director, talk with listeners regularly and frequently to gather information about community concerns and issues. In addition, the station uses broadcast and digital platforms to encourage listeners to share their thoughts and concerns by phone, mail, email, and social media. All such comments receive a reply from station management and are often the basis for local and regional news and feature content. This content is all aired during the weekday morning regional news program *Northern Light* (formerly known as *The Eight O'Clock Hour*) and/or *Story of the Day*, which airs weekdays at approximately 4:50pm. Both are also available as a podcast, and online for reading and listening at ncpr.org. Here are some examples of the station's treatment of key stories and issues in the coverage area. These stories can be referenced at ncpr.org using the included links.

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### ***Education & Child Care:***

#### **Demand for child care is high. But many North Country day cares have empty rooms**

Dec 21, 2022 — There's a shortage of North Country child care workers, and that's making it hard for parents to return to work.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/47048/20221221/demand-for-child-care-is-high-but-many-north-country-day-cares-have-empty-rooms>  
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### **How North Country schools are tackling physical and speech delays in their youngest students**

Nov 10, 2022 — Kindergarten teachers are making big adjustments, to help get their students adjusted to school, and ready for the next 12 years of their education.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46804/20221110/how-north-country-schools-...physical-and-speech-delays-in-their-youngest-students>

### **No more Native American mascots, says New York State**

Nov 18, 2022 — Recently, New York's State Education Department announced that school districts can no longer use Native American themed mascots. Districts have until the end of the school year to comply.

Audio embedded in *Story of the Day*:

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46923/20221118/11-18-22-you-can-take-a-public-bus-to-the-movies>

Story: <https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46922/20221118/no-more-native-american-mascots-says-new-york-state>

## ***Housing (including a special NCPR series on Housing in Fall 2022):***

### **Dairy worker housing goes uninspected. The result is horrific conditions on some farms**

**Oct 05, 2022** — Five years ago, a seventeen-year-old girl left her home in Guatemala to pursue a work opportunity in central New York. She wanted to earn money to support her parents and two of her sisters. She found a job on a dairy farm. By the time she left that farm, she'd spent a year living with rats, cockroaches, and bedbugs.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46685/20221007/demand-for-housing-is-high-in-the-adirondacks-so-is-the-number-of-vacant-homes>

**This mother-daughter can pay to rent. But because of the North Country housing crunch, they're living in their car**

Oct 14, 2022 — Unhoused for the first time, The McKays have been living out of their car, a small SUV, since Sept. 1, when they were evicted from their previous housing, a trailer in Port Henry.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46685/20221007/demand-for-housing-is-high-in-the-adirondacks-so-is-the-number-of-vacant-homes>

### **In a highly competitive rental market, is there room for working families in the ADKs?**

Oct 03, 2022 — The current housing market in the North Country is a tough one, and has been for years. Home prices are up, inventory is down and rents have been increasing. North Country Public Radio has heard countless stories of people searching for housing, many of them in vain.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46609/20221003/in-a-highly-competitive-ref...market-is-there-room-for-working-families-in-the-adks>

### **Building homes is just one piece of the North Country's housing problem puzzle**

Oct 04, 2022 — Quality housing is essential for families to thrive. Throughout the country, whether urban or rural, Americans are feeling squeezed when it comes to finding an affordable place to live. NCPR's Monica Sandreczki wanted to put our regional challenges in a national context. So, she called up Jenny Scheutz, a research fellow at the Brookings Institution.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46685/20221007/demand-for-housing-is-high-in-the-adirondacks-so-is-the-number-of-vacant-homes>

### **Why is it so hard to build affordable housing in the North Country?**

Oct 12, 2022 — Making homes affordable is important in a community, even for people up the economic ladder. The government may play the biggest role in affordable housing.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46685/20221007/demand-for-housing-is-high-in-the-adirondacks-so-is-the-number-of-vacant-homes>

### **Affordable housing isn't always enough. Some in the North Country need support built in**

Oct 06, 2022 — At 25 supportive housing units in the Homesteads on Ampersand development, tenants there receive 24/7 support from Behavioral Health Services North, or BHSN. Services provided include counseling, life skills training and transportation. Supportive housing combines those services with affordability. The goal is to help people living with mental illness, recovering from addiction or facing other challenges maintain permanent housing.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46685/20221007/demand-for-housing-is-high-in-the-adirondacks-so-is-the-number-of-vacant-homes>

### ***Regional Economic and Agriculture Stories:***

#### **Minimum wage workers are getting a \$1/hour raise on Saturday**

Dec 28, 2022 — People who work for minimum wage will get a \$1 per hour raise on Saturday, December 31st. Upstate New York's pay floor will rise from \$13.20 to \$14.20 per hour.

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/47107/20221228/minimum-wage-workers-are-getting-a-1-hour-raise-on-saturday>

#### **North Country colleges employ thousands, but students may have the biggest impact**

Dec 14, 2022 — There are about a dozen public and private colleges across the North Country, and those schools employ about 4,500 people in full or part-time jobs. Colleges play a critical role in the North Country economy, but some are struggling, which has the potential to leave a lasting impact on the area.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/47038/20221214/north-country-colleges-employ-thousands-but-students-may-have-the-biggest-impact>

#### **Clarkson is offering free training for budding entrepreneurs**

Dec 06, 2022 — If you're starting up a business or thinking of doing so, Clarkson University has an opportunity for you. Its business incubator program is training 400 entrepreneurs, all New Yorkers. It's free, but you have to sign up by Saturday.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/47003/20221206/clarkson-is-offering-free-training-for-budding-entrepreneurs>

### **Two North Country agricultural groups get USDA funding**

Oct 20, 2022 — Two North Country agricultural organizations have been awarded USDA grants. The Hub in Tupper Lake has received over \$390,000 for several projects, and The Jefferson County cooperative extension is getting over half a million dollars to support the work of the county's Food Policy Council.

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46754/20221020/two-north-country-agricultural-groups-get-usda-funding>

## ***Stories of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice:***

### **Accusations of racism in a Heuvelton school will go before a judge**

Dec 09, 2022 — The state Division of Human Rights has ruled that there is “probable cause” for a public hearing to be held in a discrimination complaint against the Heuvelton school district and board of education. The case involves accusations that two bi-racial children enrolled in Heuvelton's school have been subjected to racist bullying since 2018.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/47024/20221209/accusations-of-racism-in-a-heuvelton-school-will-go-before-a-judge>

### **Why the Mohawk occupation of a former Adirondack summer camp matters today: Journalist Adam Federman on the Moss Lake standoff**

Nov 17, 2022 — On May 13, 1974, a convoy of Mohawks from Akwesasne and Kahnawake converged on Moss Lake, near Old Forge. They occupied a former girls' summer camp there and claimed it as part of their ancestral homeland. The tense occupation lasted three years. Yet the standoff at Moss Lake is often forgotten in Adirondack and state history today. Journalist Adam Federman wrote about the incident at Moss Lake in the October issue of Adirondack Life Magazine. Federman spoke with NCPR's David Sommerstein.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46897/20221117/why-the-mohawk-occupation-of-a-former-adirondack-summer-camp-matters-today>

### **Former ADK Diversity Initiative director reflects on police reform, race, and the future**

Oct 20, 2022 — The director of the Adirondack Diversity Initiative, Nicky Hylton-Patterson, stepped down last week. Over nearly three years, Hylton-Patterson hosted forums on race and equity, founded a program to bring more students of color to the park, and initiated diversity training for police officers. She says living and working in a predominately white, conservative region was difficult at times, but ultimately rewarding.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46738/20221020/former-adk-diversity-initiative-director-reflects-on-police-reform-race-and-the-future>

### **Hochul signs bills to educate NYers about discrimination and hate crimes**

Nov 22, 2022 — New York Governor Kathy Hochul decried the rise in violent domestic terrorism in New York and the nation Tuesday, signing two bills into law that she says will take steps toward trying to prevent it.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46936/20221122/hochul-signs-bills-to-educate-nyers-about-discrimination-and-hate-crimes>

## ***North Country Politics and Elected Officials:***

### **North Country voters on their vote, our divisive climate, and the 'right' direction for America**

Nov 08, 2022 — Yesterday's midterm elections saw North Country residents turning out across the region to cast a ballot for candidates, issues, and the current state of our democracy. North Country Public Radio reporters were at polling places all around our listening area, speaking with residents about their vote.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46865/20221108/north-country-voters-on-their-vote-our-divisive-climate-and-the-right-direction-for-america>

### **Republicans didn't dominate nationwide, but they did in the North Country**

Nov 11, 2022 — The Red Wave didn't materialize for Republicans in Tuesday's mid-term elections. But the GOP showed near-domination in the North Country, leaving big questions for Democrats.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46877/20221111/republicans-didn-t-dominate-nationwide-but-they-did-in-the-north-country>

### **Advocates urge Hochul to choose a new chief judge who will look out for the vulnerable**

Nov 30, 2022 — Governor Kathy Hochul has until the start of the winter holidays to make her mark on New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, by choosing a new chief judge. A coalition of criminal justice advocates wants Hochul to pick someone who has a background in fighting for the state's most vulnerable people.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46972/20221130/advocates-urge-hochul-to-choose-a-new-chief-judge-who-will-look-out-for-the-vulnerable>

## ***North Country People, Culture, Arts, and Music:***

### **Potsdam's Master of the Broken Hand Boogie Woogie**

Nov 21, 2022 — After having another player step on his hand while tending goal at his high school soccer match, Matt Bullwinkel focused on making music on the keyboard with his health left hand. His Boogie Woogie still reaps the benefits today.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46904/20221121/potsdam-s-master-of-the-broken-hand-boogie-woogie>

### **Joanne Shenandoah inducted into Native American Hall of Fame**

Nov 16, 2022 — An indigenous Upstate New York music legend, Joanne Shenandoah, a member of the Wolf Clan from the Oneida Nation, has been inducted into the National Native American Hall of Fame.

Her husband, Doug George-Kanentiio, who is Mohawk from Akwesasne, called the induction ceremony "overwhelming".

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46901/20221116/joanne-shenandoah-inducted-into-native-american-hall-of-fame>

### **The overnight success forty years in the making**

Oct 17, 2022 — Wondering about the fifteen copies of your forty-year-old solo record stashed in your closet? That's ok, Alan Dunham has built a life in music. But now Dunham finds himself taking a peek in the rearview mirror. His music from forty years ago is starting to get a lot of attention. Dunham spoke with NCPR's Doyle Dean.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46735/20221017/the-overnight-success-forty-years-in-the-making>

### **Adirondack artist Jeanne Danforth: an essence of ordinary stuff**

Oct 07, 2022 — There's something very "down home" about Jeanne Danforth's paintings. It could be because most of them are scenes of daily life on, or near, her farm in Ellenburg, in western Clinton County. Jeanne Danforth is the featured artist this month at the Adirondack Artist Guild in Saranac Lake, with a reception for her show "Every Which Way the Wind Blows" tonight.

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<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/46688/20221007/adirondack-artist-jeanne-danforth-an-essence-of-ordinary-stuff>