

WWNY ISSUES – OCTOBER 2023

NOTE: Because of the extraordinary events of the last couple years, we are adding a separate category for COVID-19 coverage.

October 31, North Country Weather Events, Health Care, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Community leaders are thinking of the homeless in Watertown as the temperatures get colder. They intend to open a warming center and more things are in the works. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 30, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Crews are building the new Agway building in Carthage after the building was a complete loss after a fire in May. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 27, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Zoo New York is closing and employees will be laid off unless a path forward is forged to find a source of funding. Doors will be closed indefinitely. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 26, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – We learn the City of Watertown has been mandated to flush out 480,000 gallons of water by the state as they say the drinking water has a high rate of disinfection byproducts. This is after a reservoir leak that sees another 400,000 gallons lost daily. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 25, Military, Health Care – The first over-the-counter birth control pill available in the U.S. has been approved by the FDA, but the military's health insurance, Tricare, isn't stocking or covering it according to a letter from several senators to the Defense Department. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 24, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Several degree programs at SUNY Potsdam have been saved from the chopping block. The school was looking to get rid of 14 programs, that has been cut to 10. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 23, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Fire departments are having to shell out more and more money for equipment and in the Potsdam area, fire departments are turning to the town board for help with costs. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 20, Military, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – After a water main break in the City of Watertown, many are without water, and the military

at Fort Drum are showing their support, helping get clean water to city residents. Story ran 0:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 19, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy, Health Care – A water main break has been discovered in the City of Watertown, leaving thousands with insufficient water to drink, cook, or shower with. Restaurants and businesses in the city and town have closed due to insufficient supply while crews work to locate and repair the break. Story ran 3:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 18, Military, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy, Health Care – The Army plans to cut down on maintenance requirements for about 1 million vehicles and rifles in an effort to reduce labor and provide a better work/life balance. Story ran 0:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 17, Military, Health Care – Four Fort Drum combat medical specialists are being credited with saving an infant's life as they put their skills to use. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 16, Development of Energy in the North Country, Health Care, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – After a solar farm fire in the Town of Lyme, fire officials are asking who

should pay for the extra equipment fire crews need to battle these types of blazes. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 13, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Lowville tries again, applying for the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative program that will award the village \$10 million if they win the funds. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 12, Military – Hundreds of North Country high schoolers got a slice of military life as part of Fort Drum's career day. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 11, Military – Several North Country veterans got to participate in an honor flight to Washington D.C. and be treated like heroes. We look into what makes an honor flight happen. Story ran 3:15, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 10, Military – Several North Country veterans participate in an honor flight to Washington D.C. to be thanked for their service. Many get the hero's welcome they didn't receive decades ago returning home from war. Story ran 4:20, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 9, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Watertown's Snowtown USA festival is expanding in 2024, bringing new plans to the festival's festivities. Story ran 1:50, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 6, North Country Weather Events – Heavy rain hits the North Country with many roads washed over and flooded over the weekend. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 5, Health Care – A local motorcycle group is raising money for the Children's Miracle Network of Northern New York, raising \$15,000 for charity. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 4, Health Care, Military – 4 Fort Drum combat medics sprang to action when they heard a woman screaming her infant wasn't breathing. The soldiers saved the baby's life. Story ran 0:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 3, Employment Taxes, and the North Country Economy – More than 600 jobs were represented at The WorkPlace's Fall Job Fair with 47 employers on hand. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

October 2, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country economy – BOCES enrolment is picking up as many students are choosing to skip the college route and pick up a trade. BOCES programs in Watertown have to expand to keep up with demand. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

WWNY ISSUES – NOVEMBER 2023

NOTE: Because of the extraordinary events of the last couple years, we are adding a separate category for COVID-19 coverage.

November 30, Health Care, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The biggest renovation on the 90 year history of the Lewis County Health System became more exciting at the ribbon cutting with a surprise announcement made: maternity services are returning to the hospital. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 29, Military, North Country Weather Events – Fort Drum is running a winter driving course to prepare community members for the adverse weather conditions during the winter. Story ran 0:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 28, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The Victim's Assistance Center has worked an agreement out with Flower Memorial Library to have access to computer tablets to assist victims who are in the center's safe shelter. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 27, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The legal battle between the Village of Copenhagen and its dissolved fire department is heating up once again as new court documents say the department is trying to pick up business when it shouldn't be. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 22, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy- The Town of Watertown is getting state money to help keep the water on in one community as the town gets \$1.25 million to extend town lines into Northland Estates off Route 11. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 21, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – A Watertown program aims to rejuvenate neighborhoods one home at a time through rehabilitation initiatives. Story ran 1:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 20, Military, Health Care, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Senator Chuck Schumer doesn't believe North Country veterans are receiving all their benefits and is bringing awareness to the issue as several combat disabled veterans are not receiving full disability and retirement benefits. Story ran 1:20, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 17, Health Care, Samaritan Medical Center warns the public that many injuries can be prevented on National Injury Prevention Day, giving tips and tricks to stay unharmed. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 16, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Some Jefferson County highways are getting a resurfacing to look good as new as the county spends more money on road projects. Story ran 1:20, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 15, Military, North Country Weather Events – With a soldier deployed, who shovels the snow? A group of military spouses are drumming up volunteer help to recruit people in each community on Fort Drum to help families in need. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 14, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Schools are fighting a milk carton shortage for pint sized lunch milk options. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 13, North Country Weather Events, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – It will be the latest the St. Lawrence Seaway has closed for the season as a mild winter has allowed the shipping season to extend beyond its normal end. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 10, Military – Veteran's Day has closed two of Fort Drum's access gates for the holiday. Story ran 0:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 9, Health Care – A study shows e-cigarette use is down in younger people as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention see a decline of 4% in use in high schoolers. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 8, Military, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The VFW in Lowville is hosting its second Fuel our Vets campaign to help provide heat throughout winter to area veterans. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 7, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – An anonymous developer is eyeing Watertown's parking garage with hopes to build a boutique hotel on top of it. It raises the question what condition the structure is in and if it can handle being built upon. Story ran 1:10, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 6, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – As part of the city's Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Watertown wants to build a brand and connect the city through signage and is asking for residents' input. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 3, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – A \$5 million federal grant will help the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority expand, allowing the port to double its size to unload two ships at a time. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 2, Development of Energy in the North Country- Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Construction on a Convalt Energy solar panel project near the Watertown Airport has been pushed back as a need for financing has risen while loans need to be finalized. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

November 1, Military – A dining facility at a military camp in Poland is now named after a fallen 10th Mountain Division soldier: Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis. Story ran 0:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

WWNY ISSUES – DECEMBER 2023

NOTE: Because of the extraordinary events of the last couple years, we are adding a separate category for COVID-19 coverage.

December 29, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Governor Hochul’s office announced millions of dollars in government funding to assist thousands of households to help improve affordable housing. Story ran 1:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 28, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The Town of Turin is receiving close to \$5 million to upgrade water infrastructure and build a new water tower. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 27, Military, North Country Weather Events – A small group of airmen are stationed at Fort Drum to forecast weather. Weatherman and former airman John Kubis talks with them. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 26, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Stores are busy with holiday returns and gift card splurges after Christmas. Story ran 0:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 22, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – A new Taco Bell has opened on Watertown’s east side, the opening was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Story ran 0:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 21, Health Care, Development of Energy in the North Country – No harmful levels of toxins were detected from a solar farm fire in the Town of Lyme according to Governor Hochul’s office. Story ran 0:45, aired 6 and 11 PM.

December 20, Military – The Alpine Warrior’s mission is complete after being deployed for 9 months for Operation Atlantic Resolve. An uncasing ceremony is held on Fort Drum to celebrate. Story ran 0:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 19, North Country Weather Events – Heavy rains have flooded areas in Lewis County and Watertown. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 18, North Country Weather Events – Mother nature soaks the North Country with rain, prompting flood warnings in several areas. Story ran 0:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 15, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – It's a strong year for tourism in the Thousand Islands, it was the first year for the region where there wasn't a major deal, from disease to flooding, since 2017. Story ran 1:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 14, Military, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Adding another 15000 soldiers and personnel to Fort Drum will require more housing and schooling. We investigate how this can be accommodated. Story ran 1:45, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 13, Military, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Fort Drum has been selected to house a new multi-domain task force that will bring an additional 1,500 soldiers and their families to Fort Drum. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 12, Health Care – A mental help care facility in Watertown is now open 24/7 for anyone needing help. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 11, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy, Health Care – A brand new \$27.5 million YMCA is opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a tour of the new facility. Story ran 1:30, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 8, Fort Drum – Nearly 100 10th Mountain Division soldiers were reunited with their families just in time for Christmas, coming home from a 9-month deployment to Poland and Romania. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 7, Health Care, The Opioid Problem in the North Country, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The first state regulated marijuana dispensary in St. Lawrence County has opened in Potsdam. Story ran 2:10, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 6, Military – The Senate has confirmed more than 400 military nominations, including two at the 10th Mountain Division, for a promotion to Brigadier General. Story ran 0:40, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 5, North Country Weather Events, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – New York State's power supply ran critically low during the two major blizzards of the 2022-2023 winter season. Local lawmakers are ensuring a plan is on place in case another storm hits. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 4, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – The Ogdensburg International Airport is set to get a modernized makeover after receiving

\$18 million from the Upstate Economic Development and Revitalization Competition. Story ran 1:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.

December 1, Employment, Taxes, and the North Country Economy – Watertown's Golf Course business lost close to \$300,000 in its first season open. Story ran 2:00, aired at 6 and 11 PM.