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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Law enforcement officers are getting ready for the 2013 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on Friday. Pictured in the front row are Pete Henry, Dave "Moose" Robillard, Mayor Bill Nelson, Robin Stone and Kevin Wert. In the second row are Mike Wood, Danny LaLonde, Lisa Knowlton, Judi Ashley and Captain T. Baker. In the third row are Tim Whelpe, Sara Peabody and Erik Bjork. In the fourth row are Trooper Gabriel Ward, Trooper Richard Polniak, Larry King and Sue Roach. (Submitted photo)

The Special Olympics law enforcement torch will begin its journey at Ogdensburg City Hall at 7:30 a.m. Friday, travel more than 30 miles down Route 37 and end at the Massena Town Hall at 1:30 p.m.

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State police, Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, Riverview Correctional Facility, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, Ogdensburg Police Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Massena Police Department and the Potsdam Police Department will participate in this year's run.

Sponsoring businesses include the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, Walmart, Elks lodges in Potsdam and Massena, Pepsi-Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers, Phillips Diner, Busy Corner Cafe and Tanning, Jreck Subs, Oak & More, AJ Septic, Wayside Tavern, Gary's Auto and Gary & Aileen's Hairstyling. Each of the businesses will be listed on a T-shirt which is available for a \$20 donation.

Special Olympics New York has more than 51,000 athletes across the state compete and train in 22 Olympic-style sports throughout the year.

The Special Olympics New York-North Country Region spring games are Saturday at SUNY Canton. The opening ceremonies begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Convocation Athletic and Recreation Center, nicknamed Roos House.

Approximately 175 athletes are expected to participate in track and field races and basketball games. Event organizers estimate more than 150 volunteers will be assisting with the competitions.

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For more information about the games, please contact Elizabeth M. Demo at 244-8758.

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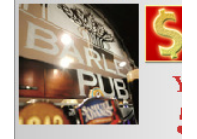
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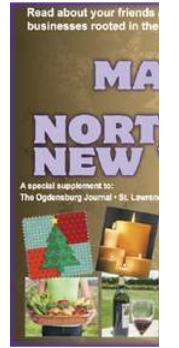
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