

Happy May! We have a lot of good news to share ...

Let's begin with an **Inspiring Student Success Story** ~

We are proud of Hayden, 19, who studied math at our program so he could pass the military entrance exam and join the Air Force. He came into our office several days a week from July 2022 through October, and January through April to work on math skills. We are happy to say his hard work paid off. He will start basic training with the Air Force in October in San Antonio, Texas. Here is what he wrote about his experience at Literacy of Northern NY:



"My name is Hayden Crandall. I took the military ASVAB exam about 7-8 months ago, and did not do too well. I didn't know if I should take it again or just move on to another career, but I genuinely really wanted to join the military so my father suggested that I go to a tutor. I went to this free tutor (provided by Literacy of Northern NY) for about 8 months, strictly for learning math. Just a few days ago, I finally took the ASVAB again and got a higher score than I needed. Before the tutor, I got a 19 on the test. After the tutoring, I got a 41 and all I needed was a 32. Eight months of tutoring for a 20-year career! I would say tutoring is definitely worth it."



We also like to feature outstanding tutors!

This month, we feature **Christina Reinhardt**, pictured at left, a retired teacher who taught in the Sackets Harbor School District for 32 years and 3 years at Augustinian Academy. Christina is in her second year working with her student, Micheline, who was born in Haiti. They are working on *Ventures 2*, the 2nd textbook in the series. They have worked on listening/speaking, reading, writing,

vocabulary, grammar, life skills, and pronunciation skills. Micheline has learned about calling 911 and describing an emergency, worked on how to fill out forms properly, and increased her vocabulary so she can carry on a conversation with Christina about a hobby they both love – gardening. Micheline has also learned about local attractions, such as

the Burrville Cider Mill, counted American money, learned how to ask for directions and request help to find an item in the supermarket. She has also practiced dialogue for ordering coffee from a drive through, which for many, is an essential life skill!



Thanks to Christina's excellent tutoring, Micheline is more fluent in English and better able to carry on a conversation. Her improved English skills also help her at work.

Christina is a caring tutor who devotes a lot of time in preparing her lessons. She never loses her smile and effervescent personality. She and Micheline make a wonderful match.

The Quilt Raffle ~ You still have time to purchase tickets! We rely on fundraisers to help us make ends meet because our grants do not pay all our expenses.



Quilt Raffle
Fundraiser to benefit Literacy of Northern New York

Buy tickets for your chance to win this beautiful quilt (4' 8" X 6') donated by Jill Fraczek.

Tickets are \$5 each.


Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets.



Drawing is May 19, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Literacy of Northern New York is a non profit organization that offers free classes to adults in Jefferson and Lewis County including Fort Drum. We offer English as a new language classes and help adults improve their reading, writing, math, and English language skills.

We also have a second fundraiser planned, a garage sale in Adams, which Watertown Savings Bank organized to raise funds for LNNY and local food pantries. We need donations! Kitchenware, furniture, children's books, holiday items, toys, clothing – we'll take it all. Please consider looking around the house to see if you have any gently-used items and pass the word on to your friends and neighbors.



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June 2nd and 3rd
8am – 2pm
Garage Behind Mirabito's,
Wardwell St,
Adams NY

Proceeds to
benefit the
Food Pantries
of Jefferson
County
& Literacy of
NNY

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