

## Campus News

### Congratulations to most recent Castleton graduates

Castleton University congratulates its December 2021 graduates. The following students recently graduated

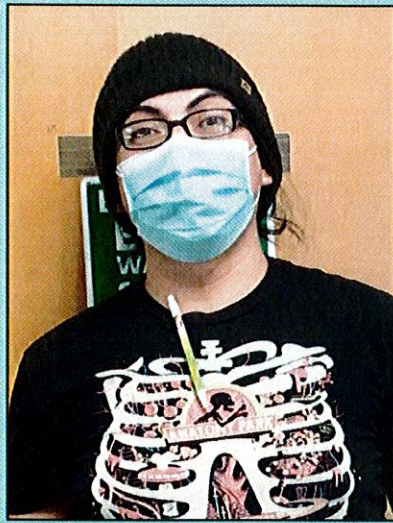
from Castleton University and will be recognized during the university's 235th commencement: Cora Jordan of Fort Ann and Alexis Smith of Granville.

## Slate Valley Center recognizes February Employee of the Month

35-year-old certified nursing assistant Frank Pruikmsa was selected as Slate Valley Center's Employee of the Month for February 2022.

Pruikmsa began at Slate Valley Center in early September 2021 and both residents and staff love him equally. Pruikmsa is a team player, always helpful and picks up a lot of extra shifts to help with coverage.

According to recreation director Andrea Kelley: "Frank is a great asset to the nursing team because of being that all-around employee. Thank you, Frank, for all you do!"



Frank Pruikmsa



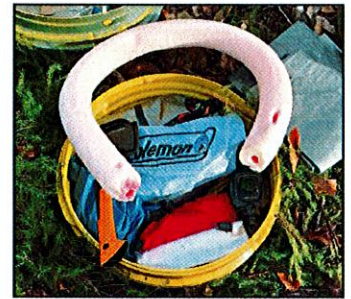
Illegal structure found in Johnsbury.

## Recent forest ranger action

In 2021, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation forest rangers conducted 426 search-and-rescue missions, extinguished wildfires, participated in prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate hundreds of acres of land and worked on cases that resulted in thousands of tickets or arrests.

After months of investigation in the Town of Johnsbury in Warren County, Forest Ranger Perryman issued tickets to a Saratoga County man on charges of damaging trees on state land, storing personal property on state land and erecting a structure on state land.

Perryman began his investigation in November 2021, after noticing a group in Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area packing out heavy packs and rifles. The following weekend, Perryman continued investigating and



Equipment that was buried around the illegal camp.

discovered an illegal structure with equipment hidden and buried around a camp. In early February 2022, Ranger Perryman interviewed multiple subjects and issued several tickets.

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