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Building a Destination: Inside the Malone Chamber of Commerce



Community First: Supporting Students Beyond the Classroom



# TRUNORTHERN TIMES



## A message from the CEO

As we step into 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and express my sincere appreciation for the trust and support you place in TruNorthern Federal Credit Union.

Serving as your CEO continues to be both an honor and a responsibility I take seriously. Over the past year, we have built upon the strong foundation that defines TruNorthern... One rooted in member service, community commitment, and financial stewardship. Together, we have made meaningful progress, and I am incredibly proud of the dedication demonstrated by our staff, volunteers, and members.

One of the most exciting milestones of 2025 was the opening of our third branch location in Chateaugay this past October. This expansion represents more than just growth, it reflects our continued commitment to meeting members where they are and ensuring greater access to the financial services and personal support they deserve. The warm welcome we've received from the Chateaugay community has reinforced why we do what we do.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: to evolve alongside your financial needs while staying "Tru" to the principles that have guided TruNorthern since the beginning. Our mission to deliver quality service by providing support through a variety of products and services while remaining fiscally responsible and supportive of its local hometown community continues to drive every decision we make. By embracing innovation and strengthening our community connections, we are positioning TruNorthern for long-term success.

The year ahead brings new opportunities to grow, adapt, and serve you even better. I am confident that, with your continued partnership, 2026 will be another strong and successful year for TruNorthern Federal Credit Union. Thank you for your trust and for allowing us to be part of your financial journey. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

*-Darin Childs*

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# Business of the Quarter- YMCA of Malone

Since its founding in 2004, the YMCA of Malone has grown into far more than a fitness facility — it has become a living expression of what a community can accomplish when it invests in itself. Established through the dedication of local parents and the support of the Plattsburgh YMCA, the Malone branch has spent two decades proving that its mission runs deeper than any single program or membership tier.

The Y's approach to access is intentional. Variable membership rates ensure that cost is never a barrier, welcoming everyone from solo gym-goers to multigenerational families looking to share a court. That same spirit of inclusion extends beyond its membership model. Through a meaningful partnership with Community Connections, individuals from Malone's local warming shelter are welcomed to use the YMCA's facilities — no membership required. It's a small gesture that speaks to a large commitment.

When the COVID-19 pandemic challenged nearly every institution in Franklin County, the YMCA responded not by retreating, but by adapting. Socially distanced childcare programming kept families supported and children safe during some of the most uncertain months many residents had ever experienced. That resilience paid forward: the YMCA's first post-pandemic camp season was its busiest on record — a testament to the trust the organization had earned in its community.

The Y's investment in young people is woven throughout everything it does. Y's Time, its after-school childcare program, gives working parents peace of mind while providing children with a safe, structured environment each afternoon. Beyond childcare, the YMCA offers a robust lineup of youth and adult programming designed not just to encourage physical activity, but to rebuild the social connections that were strained during the pandemic years.

Ask any staff member to describe the YMCA's personality, and the answer comes quickly and with a smile — energetic, warm, endlessly enthusiastic. There's a reason families keep coming back, and it isn't just the gym. The YMCA of Malone operates with the kind of genuine community spirit that can't be manufactured. It simply is who they are.



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