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Betty Kelley was the Lowell town genealogist

by Bethany M. Dunbar

LOWELL — While many amateur genealogists enjoy seeking information about their family members, Bethleen Tillotson Kelley of Lowell was not satisfied stopping there. She spent countless hours tracking down genealogical details of her entire town. Mrs. Kelley's work was so extensive that it occupies an entire filing cabinet in the town clerk's office to this day.

Before computers and Internet, finding information about the families of Lowell was a matter of visiting neighboring towns to look at records in town clerk's offices, vital statistics in Montpelier, collecting obituaries, estate records in court, and visiting cemeteries on a regular basis.

"We used to tease her, Are you going cemetery again?" recalls Mrs. Kelley's daughter Dawn Lamont of Brownington.

Thanks to a private donation by a longtime friend, Virginia Powers, the research is preserved. The Betty Kelley collection is in the town clerk's office. The building is also the headquarters of the Lowell Historical Society.

Each family of Lowell has its own file in the cabinet, with entries ranging from one page with a few notes on it to some that are as thick as a book. There are hundreds of entries, and occasionally a file gives a clue about how much this research has meant to family members seeking to find out about their roots.

"You are the answer to a prayer," says a letter from Beverly Dana Marcotte, written in 1979. "Thank you again for the nice lunch, wonderful company, and so much of your time. My week in Vermont was a great success. Everyone was so kind and helpful and I gathered information to the saturation point. I'm sure I will find that there is more available that I will want, but I reached a point of going in so many directions that I couldn't absorb it all."

The filing cabinet includes a map of Lowell from 1859 showing who lived where. It includes group school pictures from 1919-1920 and 1916-1917 with some of the names.

The files cover all sorts of people and families. In the Anderson file can be found everyone from a surgeon named Calvin Anderson, who lived in Lowell Village in 1883 to a hermit named Yelmar Anderson who lived alone in Troy or Westfield from 1887 to 1964.

There is a file page on variations of spellings that offers clues about the French and

Scottish heritage of some of the families. An out-of-towner might not know, for example, that Descheneaux is the same name as Dashnow — unless he or she referred to this file page.

There are St. Georges, St. Jacques, St. Onges, Tetreaults and Tatros, Uries, Youngs, Verges, Quintals, Judkins, Gelos, Meyers, Pions, Poutres, Naramores and Nelsons, Coolbeths and Crafts, among so many more.

From 1904: "Willard Foreman was a soldier in the sixth Vermont regiment and is a substantial farmer." In the file for the Foreman family (also sometimes Forman) an entire book has been photocopied.

Ms. Lamont said her mother loved doing the research and loved people in general. She not only did the town's genealogy, but she also made handcrafts for people in town.

"She would make all kinds of little quilts for anybody who got married and little crocheted dolls for the children," said Ms. Lamont.

Betty Kelley was born on September 11, 1914, and lived to be 93 years old. By then, she had three daughters, ten grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was the daughter of Homer and Edith (Potter) Tillotson and had two brothers and four sisters. Her husband was Kleon Kelley, a geologist at the asbestos mine, and her three daughters were Dawn Lamont, Cleo Mosher, and Barbara Hilliker.

She worked as a school teacher in the days of one-room school houses and as a cook at Frank's Steak House in Newport.

Ms. Lamont says her mother's brother Arlton "Red" Tillotson manned the fire tower on Mount Belvidere, so her parents would often visit him there.

"They did a lot of mountain climbing to visit him" sometimes with a lantern at night, she said. In correspondence about it years later with Sam Thurston, Betty Kelley described those hiking trips:

When my brother 'Red' was a fire warden countless folks had a good day's fun to climb the mountain. We followed a trail from the main road, beyond Warner's which led by Mahlon's sugar house. It was nothing for a bunch of us to start up the mountain at midnight, carrying a kerosene lantern. One summer I went up every few days.

The sunrises were so beautiful. It also got foggy often. The little house on top of the tower was all glassed windows with a trap door in the floor. On certain days one



Bethleen "Betty" Tillotson Kelley recorded the details of the history of the families of Lowell, Vermont, over the course of her 93 years.

Photo courtesy Lowell Historical Society

could see lights from a corner in Montreal. Sunsets over Lake Champlain couldn't be described.

It was sort of scary to climb the tower steps, in the fog and strong wind blowing.

We used to think it was fun to call townspeople — with weird messages like "Your house is on fire, smoke coming out your chimney — go see!" Just crazy things.

In the winter the young people would snowshoe up for fun. Later ski-doers used to go up. Some went horseback. Alvin's sister, Leona, used to run up and down the path....

It was nothing to start up the mountain about dark, reach the top in darkness, stay up and tell stories, sing songs, all night. No one expected to sleep or rest. No chaperones needed. We could see the lights from the fairgrounds in Morrisville, sometimes.

Brother Red also took a horse and drew the lumber to build Tillotson Camp shanty, near Lockwood Pond.

The area is now part of the Long Trail, with a shelter called Tillotson camp near Tillotson Peak. Tillotson Peak was named after Mahlon Tillotson, Betty Kelley's uncle, who had 15 mountain lots

and deeded the peak area to the state. Mrs. Kelley wrote in letters to Mr. Thurston that her uncle had traveled to Lovell, Maine, to learn to be a board sawyer and bought a water mill on Burgess Brook, which he later moved to the Lockwood Branch. In 1907 Mahlon fell 25 feet from a track over the water and landed in rocks in the stream but survived. Mrs. Kelley reports fire destroyed his mill, machinery, and lumber in 1905, and another fire in 1909 burned several piles of lumber. In both cases there was no insurance, but Mr. Tillotson managed to keep going. He sold his mill farm in 1927 and moved to Derby.

Evidence that Mrs. Kelley was not prejudiced in her reports and genealogy to the wealthy of the town or just family members shows up in a letter she wrote in 2002 describing a man she knew as "Harry Page, the Hermit."

Who was this man who used to come to our house back in the '20s?

A very tall and slim young neighbor who used to drop into our house about meal time and guess why! Always clad in black and red checked clothes.

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Ruminations

How to give a budding chef an early start

by Joseph Gresser

A friend of mine was in a quandary recently. She needed a Christmas gift for a young acquaintance, but wasn't sure what the four-year-old would most like.

The solution came by way of a phone conversation with the girl's mother, who suggested giving her daughter a recipe box.

After a quick trip to an office supply store and the post office my friend had everything she needed for the present — a few packs of index cards, a box to hold them, note cards and envelopes, and a couple of sheets of postage stamps.

At Christmas the girl got the box and a muffin recipe that originally came from a relative's preschool days. With a bit of help she wrote to her grandmother, uncle, and aunt asking them each to send her a recipe.

Along with each note, she mailed a return envelope and blank index cards. At last word she was waiting for her first responses.

Whatever shows up in the post, the youngster will have plenty of recipes in relatively short order. She has been helping her father cook since she was two, and is an enthusiastic helper.

Obviously children can't be turned loose in the kitchen without adult oversight. Knives and fire are not suitable playthings for kids. There are lots of tasks that children can handle, and with most recipes the division of labor is pretty clear.

The four-year-old's specialty is stirring, and she is a tireless hand at the whisk. She's more than willing to add ingredients to a bowl, but her technique needs refining.

If given a cup of flour for muffins she'll drop the whole measure into the bowl in a white cloud of rapture.

She is very useful in making stock, happily studding an onion with cloves, pouring water over a turkey carcass, and plopping carrots and celery stalks into the water alongside the bird skeleton.

Cooking with children is a good idea for many reasons. First, it's simply a great deal of fun to spend time with a person who works so hard at an elementary task and gets so much pleasure out of it.

It also helps young people have some understanding of where food comes from and what it's made from.

Recipes allow kids to prepare a dish, or even a meal, with a reasonable chance that their efforts will be successful. The trick of picking out a good recipe for children is finding something they will actually enjoy eating.

It's also important that they be able to complete most of the steps by themselves. Obviously an adult will have to do most of the slicing and dicing and supervise the actual cooking.

Measuring and mixing, though, are fun and easy tasks. For that reason baking is a great activity for kids. One of the recipes that's going into the Christmas box is an ancient one for pumpkin muffins.

While going through some papers last year, I came across an old article from the *Burlington Free Press*. It was a somewhat breathless account of a new phenomenon — men taking responsibility for the care of their children. The writer interviewed a trio of guys who were their kids' primary caregivers.

I was one of them. At the time — about 30 years ago — my elder son was around four. When the reporter arrived we were baking bread. He enjoyed pounding and punching the dough; I liked being able to get something done without having to stop to tend to his needs.

The reporter seized on that moment and predicted that my son would grow up to be a baker. That turned to be the case.

A couple of days ago we had a video chat that was interrupted as he put down the phone to take



A recipe box kit, complete with index cards, a box to hold them, note cards, envelopes, stamps, and a few starter recipes, is a great way to get young people interested in preparing food. Photo by Joseph Gresser

a couple of trays of blueberry muffins out of the oven. I expect that he will be baking bread and other goodies with his son in the not-too-distant future.

My younger son is a true-to-life trained chef. He got started helping me in the kitchen when he was a little sprout.

When he got older he started experimenting, for instance with hamburgers. His idea was to use a bit of everything on our spice rack.

Amazingly, he was always delighted with the results, although no one else thought his burgers approached the threshold of edibility.

Fortunately, he got through this stage with his stomach and taste buds intact.

Every so often we would go out and buy a children's cookbook, but most never seemed to make much of an impression on my baby chefs.

The closest to successful was a book that claimed to contain the recipes for dishes mentioned in children's books by Roald Dahl.

With the exception of *Charlie and Chocolate Factory*, which spoke of delightful confections, most of the food mentioned in Dahl's books were deliberately disgusting.

The writers of the cookbook had the unenviable task of coming up with recipes that plausibly resembled those spoken of in the book, but which were not disgusting.

One of the more successful recipes was one for wormy spaghetti, which Mr. Dahl wrote about in *The Twits*. By its nature spaghetti does resemble worms, and that resemblance is highlighted by breaking the pasta into worm-sized pieces.

Wormy spaghetti

Sauce:

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 stalks of celery, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
14 ounces of canned plum tomatoes
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon sugar
2 carrots, grated
salt and pepper
2 ounces fusilli pasta
8 ounces tricolor spaghetti (2 ounces spinach, 2 ounces whole wheat, and 4 ounces regular spaghetti)
6 ounces cheddar cheese

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in medium saucepan and cook the onion, celery, and garlic over low heat, covered, until soft.

Add the remaining ingredients for the sauce, except the carrots. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes

Remove the bay leaf and puree the sauce until liquefied. Return the sauce to the saucepan, season with salt and pepper to taste, and keep warm.

Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of water to a boil and add a tablespoon of oil and a pinch of salt. Break the fusilli and the tricolor spaghetti into thirds and cook until al dente, about 5 to 10 minutes.

Fold the grated carrots into the sauce and heat through.

Serve the spaghetti on individual plates, topped with the sauce and grated cheese.

Pumpkin muffins

(This recipe came from a preschool class and has remained in constant use for more than 30 years.)

Sift together:

1 3/4 cups of flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg

Mix together:

2 beaten eggs
1 cup cooked pumpkin
2 tablespoons melted butter
3/4 cup milk

Combine liquid and dry ingredients together. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

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The Outside Story

How do warm bloods stay warm?

By Howard Krum

My favorite season tends to be whatever comes next, which means, for now, deep winter. With our storm windows installed and four tons of wood pellets put up, I'm feeling smug as the ant in Aesop's fable.

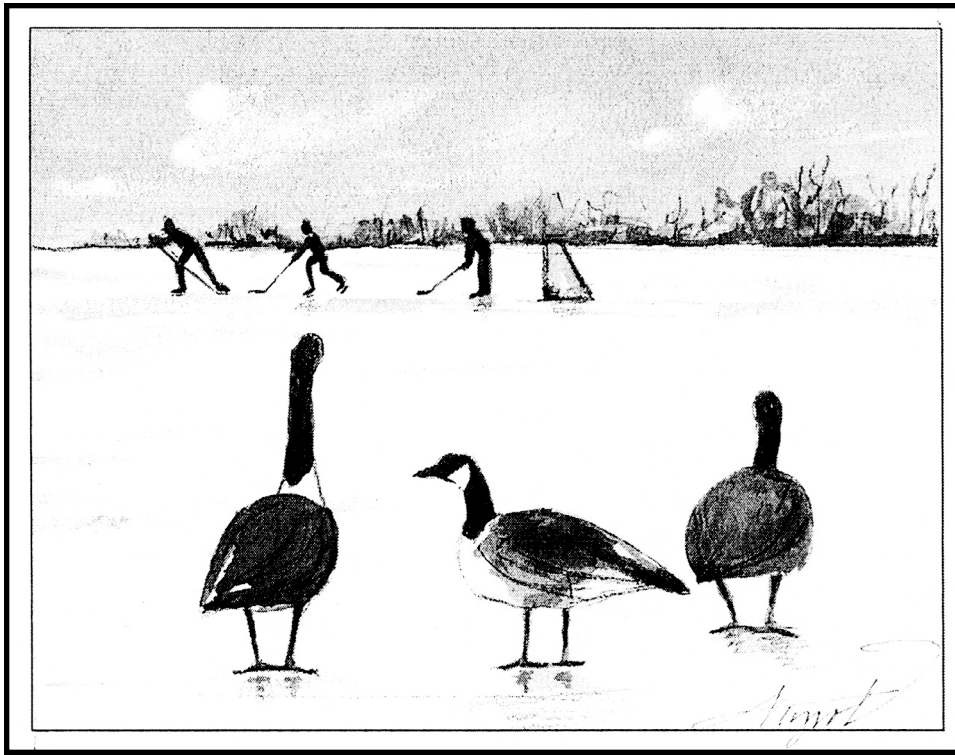
But what about the furred and feathered creatures out there in the cold? When I imagine a Canada goose on an icy pond, or a white tail knee deep in the white stuff, it makes me shiver and wonder: How do warm-blooded animals stay warm?

Back in the olden days when I was a kid, the first thing we did to make sense of whatever scurried, hopped, or slithered across our path was to lump it into one of two animal persuasions — either warm- or cold-blooded.

The cold bloods were always reptiles, amphibians, and fishes. As far as we knew, they lived more or less at the whim of the environment, choosing sunny spots in which to laze and burrowing deep in dens or mucky bogs to sleep through the harsh winter extremes. Meanwhile, the crafty warm bloods somehow maintained a cozy body temperature and went about their lives in high gear.

This rudimentary classification scheme has long since fallen out of scientific favor. Not only have multiple exceptions been discovered (e.g., tuna and sea turtles with toasty internal temps that defy the chilly seas), but we've also learned that even the warm bloods aren't always warm blooded.

Consider that Canada goose on the icy pond. While she's standing there, cooling her heels and keeping



an eye out for predators, a metabolic fire burns within her belly. Food and fat are converted to heat, and the warmth is distributed by her circulatory system.

But like most endotherms, our goose has a trick up her legs — a miraculous cardiovascular adaptation called a *rete mirabile*. (Translated: "wonderful net"). A rete is a vascular structure where multiple outgoing capillaries run parallel to a meshwork of inbound vessels draining the extremities. The juxtaposition of opposing flows creates a countercurrent heat exchanger, where the warm outgoing blood heats the frigid incoming blood and vice versa. It's a miraculous switcheroo where a decidedly warm-blooded animal becomes, in effect, cold-blooded.

The result: only a fraction of the heat generated under the goose's downy coat is lost to the icy external environment, while her feet and toes are kept just above freezing.

But, as it turns out, staying warm is only half the battle — hyperthermia can be as much of a problem for cold-adapted animals as hypothermia. For instance, if our goose is forced to exert herself, say in a dash to escape a fox, she runs the serious risk of overheating. The central nervous system is exquisitely temperature sensitive. Convulsions, seizures and death can result from even a few degrees increase in body temperature. At a sublethal level, the proteins that catalyze virtually every enzymatic reaction (from muscle contraction to burning glucose) are highly

temperature dependent. Go a couple degrees above their homeostatic norm and performance plummets — Mr. Fox gets a tasty dinner.

So how does the goose avoid getting cooked? She relies on a second, equally wonderful cardiovascular feat, the arteriovenous anastomosis (AVA).

AVAs are vascular bypasses where smooth muscle valves can open to shunt hot blood to veins near the body's surface, and thereby shed heat into the atmosphere. In other words, they are biological radiators. AVAs can be found throughout the animal kingdom: in the footpads, ears, noses and muzzles of black bears, in the fins and flukes of dolphins, in the feet of waterfowl. If we pointed an infrared heat gun at our imaginary fox, fresh from his failed attempt to catch the goose, we'd see a white-hot nose, eyes, and ears on a background of cool blue fur.

Whether you enjoy the winter like I do, or the thought of it makes your blood run cold, take a moment to appreciate the complexity of the wonderful net beneath an animal's skin.

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Obituaries

Beverly Jean Cleary Paris

Beverly Jean Cleary Paris, 85, of Lyndon Center, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on November 16, 2016, following a lengthy period of declining health.

She was born in Lyndon on December 9, 1930, the daughter of Edward L. and Emma E. (Dana) Cleary. Mrs. Paris was a lifelong resident of Lyndon. She attended Lyndon Corner Elementary School and graduated from Lyndon Institute in 1949.

On March 2, 1956, she married Lanny R. Paris, with whom she shared 60 cherished years. They had two children, Gary and Rhonda.

Mrs. Paris was a homemaker, but worked in the Lyndon Corner Elementary School hot lunch program while her children

attended school there. Later, she worked at the Colonnade Inn and at Bag Balm.

From her childhood, she spent every summer at the family's camps at Shadow Lake in Glover. She truly enjoyed entertaining friends and family, and preparing meals to share with all who visited. Mrs. Paris loved anything to do with the lake: fishing, boating, waterskiing, or just floating in the water. She also enjoyed playing many lawn games with her family.

She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, sister and aunt.

Mrs. Paris is survived by her husband, Lanny; her daughter Rhonda Paris; her son Gary Paris and his companion, Shawna Wilkerson, all of Lyndon Center; by her sisters-in-law Sally Baillargeon, and Jean Conn; and by several

special and close nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband's parents: Dorothy S. King and Murray F. Paris; her sister Barbara Cleary Cameron; and brother-in-law George Gordon Cameron Jr.

At the request of Mrs. Paris, there will be no visiting hours. A 2017 private summer burial with family and friends will be held at the Lyndon Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in her memory may be directed to Caledonia Home Health and Hospice, 161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819, or to the Upright Steeple Society, P.O. Box 224, Lyndon, Vermont 05849.

Condolences may be shared privately with the family at www.guibordfh.com.



James Anthony Chamberland

James Anthony "Jimmy" Chamberland, 27, of Newport, died on December 22, 2016, at his home.

He was born on July 8, 1989, in St. Albans to Debbie Chamberland and John Szarek. Mr. Chamberland received his GED and his high school diploma. He loved rap music and even some country. He loved being with his family and friends, helping other people, and making people laugh as he had a great sense of humor. He especially enjoyed razzing his family as he loved the Yankees while the rest of the family are diehard Red Sox fans. He enjoyed movies, working on his

computer, phone, and all electronics. He enjoyed playing cards especially poker. He loved animals especially his cat Tabby as he would play fetch with her, and he enjoyed his dog Stax.

He is survived by his mother, Debbie Chamberland, of Brownington. He is also survived by his nine-year-old daughter; and by his longtime best friend and love of his adult life, Ashley Geoffroy; and his "brothers": Mitch, Dillon, Rene, Jeff, Brian and Robbie. He is also survived by his uncle and aunt, Eric and Crystal Carter of Newport; his uncle James Chamberland of


Orleans; by his aunt Darline Chamberland; and by cousins: Sabrina Clark of Burlington, Ronnie Boutin Jr., Sabrina Carter, and Kaylee Boutin of Newport; and by many true friends, old and new.

He was predeceased by his uncle Steve Chamberland; and his "brother" Dan Wing. A celebration of his life was held at New Hope Bible Church in Brownington Center, on December 31, with Pastor Dan Prue Jr. officiating.

Online condolences can be shared at curtis-britch.com.



Charles Thomas Hudson

 Charles Thomas Hudson, 36, died in his home in Barton on December 26, 2016, after a long struggle with brain cancer.

Mr. Hudson was born June 10, 1980, at George Air Force Base in California. He graduated from Crowley High School in Crowley, Texas, in 1999.

Mr. Hudson served five years in the U.S. Army as a counter intelligence agent. He was a

disabled veteran who served combat tours in both Kosovo and Afghanistan, and was a longtime Mensa member.

Mr. Hudson was an avid gamer, a loyal friend, a loving husband, and a devoted son.

He is survived by his wife, Felicia (Welton) Hudson, of Barton; his mother Deborah Crane-Foote and step-father Kenneth Foote, both of Barton; his father William C. Hudson of Fort Worth, Texas; his

grandmother Grace Crane of Troy; and his step-brother Brian Foote of Brooklyn, New York.

Services will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Derby Line, on Friday, January 13, at 3 p.m., with the Reverend Susan Lynn Johns officiating.

A potluck reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

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Obituaries

Therese L. Sicard

Therese L. Sicard, 90, of Barre died on December 20, 2016, at the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin.

Born in Saint Roch d'Orford, Quebec, on August 30, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Louise (Berard) Lafontaine. She was raised in Rock Forest, Quebec, where she attended schools.

On July 20, 1953, she married Marcel Sicard at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport. She was a homemaker during the time her children were growing up.

She lived in Beebe Plains and was employed at Bogner's in Newport from 1973 to 1984. Upon her retirement in 1984, she moved to Newport. After her husband

died, she made her home with her daughter Jeannette Therrien in Barre.

Among her interests were quilting, knitting, word search, traveling to Florida and Arizona, and spending precious time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport, and St. Monica Catholic Church of Barre.

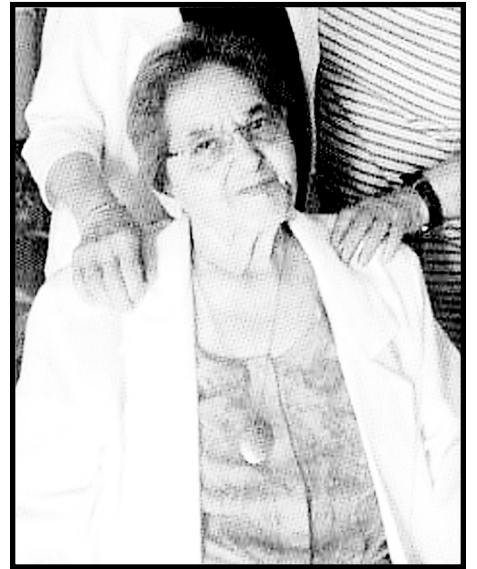
Survivors include her daughters: Jeannette Therrien and her husband, Gilles, of Barre Town, Diane McDowell and her husband, Bob, of Peoria, Arizona, Susan McGough and her husband, Tim, of Scottsdale, Arizona, Cecile Griswold

and her husband, Marc, of New River, Arizona. She is also survived by her sisters, Jeanne Darc Audet of St. Jean, Quebec, Marthe Lafontaine of St. Pie, Quebec; by brother, Jacques Lafontaine of St. Hubert, Quebec; as well as by eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by one brother, Gerard Lafontaine; and one sister, Rita Provincial.

A Mass and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date to be announced.

Those wishing to express online condolences may do so at www.pruneapollifuneralhome.com.



Jacqueline E. (Perron) Kennison

Jacqueline E. (Perron) Kennison, 84, of Lowell died on the morning of December 21, 2016.

She was born on August 13, 1932, in Glover to the late Archie and Marie Ann (Grenier) Perron. She married John Kennison on April 1, 1953, and together they enjoyed hunting, fishing, bingo, gambling, family gatherings, and Perron family reunions.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Post #21, and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Alfred Pepin Post.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Gary and his wife, Cindy, of Lowell, Terry and his wife, Brenda, of Rochester, New York, and Linda McAllister and her husband, Gary, of Lowell. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; by her sister Maria Dickie; and her brother-in-law Reginald Sanford.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Kennison, who died in 2011; by her brothers Robert, John, George, and Armand Perron; and by her sisters Rita Gagnon and Joyce Sanford.



Services will be announced at a later date in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary E. Wright Halo Foundation, 1071 Upper Quarry Road, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Online condolences may be made at www.curtis-britch.com.

Muriel Dale Leland Sherburne

Muriel Dale Leland Sherburne, 95, died on Christmas Day at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, in St. Johnsbury.

She was born in Glover on January 24, 1921, a daughter of Adelbert C. and Sadie W. Leland. She graduated from Barton Academy and then went on to Vermont Junior College for secretarial studies.

Mrs. Sherburne worked for National Life for a year before returning home to Glover to marry Dr. Roy Sherburne on December 20, 1941. They shared 54 years together before he died in 1995.

She moved to Bridgton, Maine, where Dr. Sherburne opened his family osteopathic medical practice. In 1949, they returned to St. Johnsbury where she assisted her husband in his medical practice on Eastern Avenue for many years.

Mrs. Sherburne was a member of the North Congregational Church, the Eastern Star and the Arlington Home Dem Group. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Dale Sherburne and his wife, Judy, and Dawn Lowrey and her husband, Russell; four grandchildren: Nathan Lowrey, Betsy Rice and her husband, Shawn, James Sherburne



and his wife, Elizabeth, and John Sherburne and his wife, Sandra; nine great-grandchildren: Jake, Julia, Nicholas, Eric, Sarah, Andrew, Sam, Anna, and Max; and her sister-in-law Anna Leland.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband; brothers: Dr. George Leland and Donald Leland; and by sister Marilyn Morgan and her loving companion, John Marsh.

At the convenience of the family, a spring committal and burial will be held at Westlook Cemetery in Glover.

Robert B. Jones

Robert B. Jones, 62, of Holland, died on December 19, 2016, at his home.

He was born on September 5, 1954, in Newport to Bruce and Dorcus (Percy) Jones. On November 4, 1972, he married Laurette Turgeon, who survives him.

He is survived by his wife, Laurette Jones, of Holland; by his son Christopher Jones and his wife, Jami, of Hyde Park; by eight grandchildren; by his parents, Bruce and Dorcas Jones, of Derby; his brother Brian Jones and his wife, Lynda, of Derby; by his in-laws:

Norman and Mary Turgeon of Newport; his brother-in-law Dennis Turgeon and his wife, Rachel, of Balston Spa, New York; sisters-in-law: Joann Barrup and her husband, Brad, of Newport, and Linda Turgeon-Meunier of Jay.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to the Pope Frontier Memorial Animal Society, 522 Strawberry Acres, Newport, Vermont 05855.

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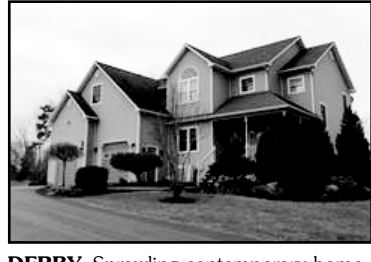
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We knew nothing about his family, but some stories were hard for a pre-schooler to swallow.

He was always ready to play games and read a story to keep me quiet. He loved my mother's good meals. His one-room shack was reached by going across the brook, by the old sugarhouse and then up through the woods until you reached the line where three different lots came together.

He had a bunk bed, a wood stove, and the necessary things one needs. There was a small stream just outside the door.

He made an arch to boil the sap on, right next door. My younger cousin and I would snowshoe

through the woods and meet at his place. He had made me a pair of small snowshoes.

He could tell us lots of stories, some real and some not!

At home we use to eat cowslip greens, which were found by a little run out back of our house. He always picked them for my mom.

Suddenly one day he just disappeared. My brother, Red, had sold our old farm and moved to Morrisville. Who should his next door neighbor be but a sister of Harry's? Harry came and went. The gossip put him as living in Derby. No details. Did he go off in the woods hunting and get lost? Did he get shot while wandering in the forest? He was part Indian, so he said, so he knew the area where he had lived.

Our world is full of unanswered questions, and always will be.

Dawn Lamont said she knows that people appreciated all that her mother did to keep track of the town's family histories, and many people let her mother know.

"She did have a lot of correspondences," she said.

Asked what her mother was like, Ms. Lamont said, "I only saw her get mad once."

That was an occasion when Ms. Lamont and her two sisters walked to a barn dance, against their mother's orders.

"It didn't have a good reputation," Ms. Lamont explained.

Ms. Lamont never shared her mother's enthusiasm for genealogy and cemeteries, but her daughter does. Susan Lamont Dutton does genealogical research as did her grandmother. These days the Internet offers many tools for this research, but she still likes to find details in cemeteries.

Ms. Lamont finds herself riding

along with her daughter — much as she used to do with her mother — looking in cemeteries to find out clues about the past.

Author's note: This article is part of a larger project, a book about the history of the town of Lowell. If you have a story, photo, or information to share please get in touch with Sam Thurston or other members of the Lowell Historical Society or Bethany M. Dunbar at bmdunbar77@gmail.com. Ms. Dunbar of West Glover is the author and photographer of Kingdom's Bounty, a collection of photos, stories, and information about farmers and food in the Northeast Kingdom. She is the community programs manager at the Center for an Agricultural Economy in Hardwick. Former president of the Vermont Press Association, she was an award-winning editor at the Chronicle in Barton for more than 20 years and has written for various other local and regional publications.

Spreading holiday cheer



Barton eighth-grader Caylin Wesoja, left, and Lake Region Union High School freshman Lily Lockamay spent some of their winter school break spreading holiday cheer while visiting and delivering cards, candy canes, and ornaments to the residents at Maple Lane Nursing Home. Photo courtesy of Tami Wesoja

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The Meeting Place shows its Christmas spirit



Lucille Driver gave an impromptu Christmas carol concert on December 12 at The Meeting Place, inspiring a good sing-along, and astonished everyone with her beautiful voice, and her yodeling. There was a concert by the JCH Duo for clients and staff at the Christmas party on December 23. Photo courtesy of The Meeting Place.

Photo courtesy of The Meeting Place

MAC Center and ACT 1 team up for theater workshop

The MAC Center for the Arts in partnership with ACT 1, the Northeast Kingdom's premiere theater academy, will debut a half-day theater workshop for five- to eight-year-olds called Once Upon a Time: Peter Pan.

The workshop takes place on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Once Upon a Time: Peter Pan will teach participants about learning music and movement for the stage in addition to creating costume pieces and decorating the space to reflect Neverland as they imagine it. Character work will be a major theme throughout the afternoon as the students learn the roles of Lost Boys and Pirates bringing their unique personalities to the performance as an ensemble.

Students will be led through exploratory activities to learn about all aspects of storytelling, culminating in a short performance for family and friends at 4 p.m.

Local middle school performers will act as "show captains" borrowed from the term "dance

captains" in the theater business and will lead the little ones through their show.

The cost for the afternoon is \$25 for one participant and \$40 for a pair. Registration includes water, materials and an ACT 1 T-shirt in addition to professional training. All are welcome. No experience is required — just a love of creativity is what your child needs to have a memorable afternoon.

To register for the January 21 event, please stop by or call the MAC Center for the Arts. All questions regarding the day of the event should be directed to ACT 1 at nekacademy@gmail.com, or Lynn Leimer at macartspr@yahoo.com.

People may stop by the MAC Center for registration and receive a certificate to pop under the tree or present on New Year's Eve to your little ones. Space is limited to 20 participants.

For more information and registration, visit www.maccenterforthearts.com, or call 334-1966. — from the MAC Center for the Arts.



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Participants will make new friends while staying with like-minded women in heated cabins and playing in the outdoors all day. Participants will spend the weekend learning winter outdoor skills while staying near the shores of Lake Morey. Hearty and well-balanced meals will be served buffet style in Hulbert's sunny dining hall.

Beginning with an optional dog sledding class on Friday morning, campers can select their own classes in four sessions starting on Friday afternoon and ending at noon on Sunday. Thanks to an incredible lineup of volunteer outdoor educators, the camp will offer nearly 40 classes. Recreation activities include: winter camping,

basket weaving, handgun, muzzleloader, and rifle classes, ice fishing, Nordic skating, snowshoeing, survival skills, archery, forest management, ax skills, campfire cooking, wildlife photography, deer and spring turkey hunting, tracking, backpacking, and more. Classes fill up quickly so anyone interested is encouraged to sign up soon.

There will be spare time for socializing by the fireplace, and thanks to many generous sponsors, a popular raffle will be held on Sunday after lunch.

The minimum age is 15, and minors must be accompanied by an adult. The cost for the all inclusive weekend program is \$390. Mother-daughter discounts, group discounts for three or more, and day rates are available. For class descriptions, schedules, and a registration form, visit: www.voga.org/winter_doe_camp.htm.

To learn more about Vermont Outdoors Woman, visit: www.outdoorswoman.org. — from Vermont Outdoors Woman.

Bridge clubs close out the year

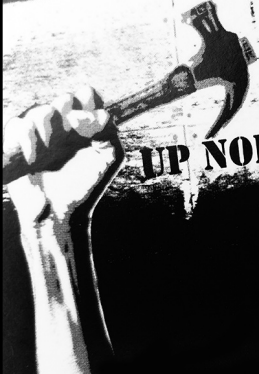
At the last of the bridge club meeting of the year on December 28 at the Gateway Center in Newport, directors of the game, Arthur and Linda Aiken were the winners with a score of 31, followed by Marcie Mastin and John Ward with 27.

On December 21, top scores were Marcie Mastin and Sally Newton, 58; Barbara Buchanan and Karen Bennett, 57; Marie Bourdria and Dianne Haywood, 54; and Steve and Karen Randle, 54.

In Barton on December 19, north/south winners were Denny Lyster and Eric McCann, 67; Steve Randle and Barbara Varney, 60; and Jim Long and Kristin Rimel, 52. East/west scores were Susan Marchesani and Carolyn Lyster, 59; Al Traver and Barbara Buchanan, 42; and Ben Mastin and Karen Bennett, 49. — submitted by Pat Hunt.

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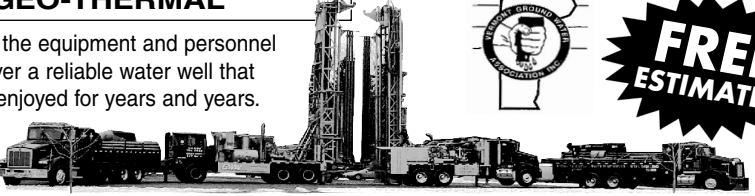

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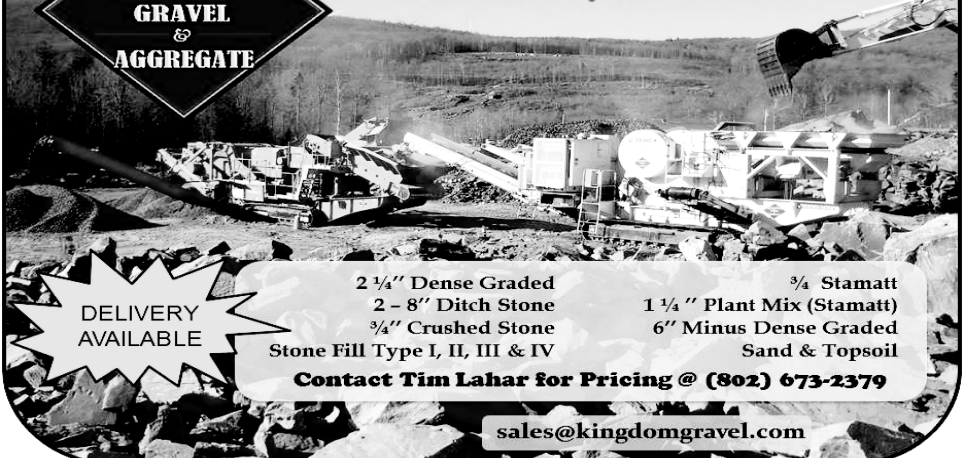
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

DANA & SUSAN ROBINSON PLAY IN CRAFTSBURY

The Music Box in Craftsbury opens a new year with the singing and songwriting duo, Dana and Susan Robinson, on Saturday, January 7, at 7 p.m. For more information about the Robinsons, visit www.robinsongs.com. Suggested donation at the door is \$10, free for kids. For more information, call 586-7533 or visit www.themusicboxvt.org.

NATURAL MEDICINES WORKSHOP

Grow Your Own will host a workshop in Hardwick on natural medicines on Saturday, January 7, led by Sasha McGarvey of Deep Root Apothecary. This session will be an exploration of medicinal herbs for cold and flu season. The hands-on workshop will be free of charge and will be held in at the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) in Hardwick from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include a shared meal. Pre-registration is mandatory by calling 472-5940 by Wednesday, January 4. Children welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

MUSIC JAM AT ST. MARK'S IN NEWPORT

There will be a free music jam at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Second Street in Newport on Sunday, January 8, starting at 2 p.m. Open to the public. Food will be provided but feel free to bring some to share. Bob Dunn will head up the jam. Musicians of all types are welcome to join in. For more information, call 334-7365 or e-mail info@saintmarksnewport.com. Come to play or to listen. Everyone welcome.

GLOVER JAM SESSION

There will be a Glover Jam Session on Sunday, January 8, at the Glover Town Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. to benefit the Glover Community Church.

SUNDAY BRUNCH IN MORRISVILLE

The VFW Post 9653 on Pleasant Street in Morrisville will hold a Sunday Brunch on January 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to benefit the Lamoille County VFW Auxiliary to Post 9653. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under ten.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

ANNUAL MAPLE PRODUCERS MEETING

The Orleans County Maple Producers Association will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, January 9, at Paul's Sugarhouse in Derby. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. OCMPPA will be paying for the meals of members who have paid their dues for 2017. Please contact Jessica Judd at 766-5447 or e-mail jessicajudd76@yahoo.com for more information.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WORKSHOP IN NEWPORT

ASPIRE! For women entrepreneurs is holding a workshop at Passumpsic Bank in Newport. Open to the public, this offerings include a free workshop given by Amy Robinson on types of business incorporation and how to register a trade name with the Vermont Secretary of State, a requirement for those who want to apply to compete for the \$2,000 awards for technical assistance. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, January 10. For more information or to sign up, visit www.aspireforwomenentrepreneurs.com or on Facebook under NEKCAAspire.

ARM CHAIR CHAT IN GLOVER

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, the Glover Public Library will host an Arm Chair Chat with Tina Ghantous about her recent visit to India. Ms. Ghantous traveled with a group led by yoga teachers to the temples of South India, and will show slides and talk about her adventure. Please contact the Glover Public Library at 525-4365 for more information.

ACT 46 COMMUNITY FORUM AT JAY/WESTFIELD SCHOOL

The Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School Board will be hosting an Act 46 Community Forum from 6 to 7 p.m. at the school. Join the school board as they share information and opinions on school consolidation. For more information, visit www.ncsuvt.org or call Liz at the North Country Supervisory Union office at 334-5847, extension 125.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE IN BURKE

Join the NorthWoods Stewardship Center in East Charleston for a full moon snowshoe at the Burke Mountain Nordic Center on Thursday, January 12, at 7 p.m. A campfire and s'mores will follow. Open to snowshoers of all abilities and people of all ages. For more information, call 723-6551 or e-mail events@northwoodscenter.org.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

BUNKHOUSE GRAND OPENING & WINTER TRAILS OPEN HOUSE

The Bunkhouse at NorthWoods Stewardship Center in East Charleston is finally open, and NorthWoods invites the public for a grand opening and winter trails open house on Friday, January 13. Open trails, free ski and snowshoe rentals, hot drinks for all from noon to 3 p.m. The Bunkhouse dedication with music, food, and bonfire will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 723-6551 or e-mail events@northwoodscenter.org.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

LOVE & RESPECT MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The Green Mountain Bible Church on Route 105 in Island Pond will be holding an Love & Respect Marriage Conference on Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21. The weekend conference will begin on Friday, January 20, with dinner followed by "The Crazy Cycle," which lays out the problem underlying many challenges in marriage. Saturday morning, participants will enjoy coffee and muffins followed by sessions explaining how to step off the Crazy Cycle and create patterns to build each other up. There will be afternoon topics as well as presentations. For more information visit www.loveandrespect.com. Childcare is available and all meals are included. Cost for the weekend conference is just \$35 per couple, with some scholarship money available. For more information, call 723-4648 or 754-2396 or gmbiblechurch.org.

"ONCE UPON A TIME" THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

MAC Center for the Arts, Main Street, Newport. Academy for Children in Theatre (Act 1). "Once Upon a Time" – Theatre Workshop, January 21. Exploring – Peter Pan – 12:30-4:30 p.m. Children 5-8 years old. Workshop limited to 20 participants. Registration through MAC Center, 334-1966 or www.maccenforthearts.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

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ADULT LEARNING CENTER FREE SERVICES

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Community Education Center on 1 Main Street in Newport offers GED preparation and GED testing, High School Completion Plans for teens (16 years and older) and adults, preparation for standardized tests such as the AccuPlacer for CCV or the ParaPro for public school teaching; basic computer skills instruction; academic skills assessment in reading, writing and math; and instructions in most academic disciplines. All adult education services are free of charge to the student. The tutorial program offers tutoring services at an hourly rate for grades K-12. The adult learning center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; tutorial services K-12 are scheduled by appointment. For more information, call 334-2839.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings are held in Newport, St. Johnsbury, and most towns in the Northeast Kingdom. For detailed information call AA at 334-1213 or toll free at (877) 334-1213, or visit www.aavt.org and click on "District 3." Also visit www.aavt.org and click on "District 3" for a comprehensive schedule.

AL-ANON MEETING IN CRAFTSBURY COMMON

Thursdays at 6 p.m., at the United Church in Craftsbury Common. Discussion.

AL-ANON MEETING IN DERBY

Saturdays from 6 to 7 p.m., at Newport Church of God, Crawford Road in Derby. If your life is affected because someone you love has an addiction, Al-Anon can help. Offering understanding, support, and a community that understands how you feel.

AL-ANON MEETING IN NEWPORT

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish house on Second Street in Newport. Discussion meeting is open to anyone whose life is affected by someone's addictions. Newcomers welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

For those dealing with family members or friends diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other related dementia. Informal gathering. All welcome. NEWPORT – Caregivers support group meets every fourth Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at North Country Hospital in Newport, 2nd floor waiting room (Room 221). For further information, call (800) 272-3900 or e-mail suzi_dix@sympatico.ca.

ST. JOHNSBURY – Caregivers support group meets last Monday of each month at the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, room 244, in St. Johnsbury. For further information, call Pam at the NEK Council on Aging at 748-5182, or 1-800-642-5119.

AMERICAN LEGION BARTON POST #76 MEETINGS

First Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m., at the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building. For more information, call Patsy Tompkins at 525-6565.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT POOL TOURNAMENT

The American Legion in Newport is holding an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on Mondays. 6 p.m. practice, 7 p.m. play. Double elimination, BCA rules. 8 players or less, pay two places; 9 players or more, pay three places. For more information, call 334-2374.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ORLEANS VOLUNTEER DISASTER ACTION TEAM MEETINGS

The American Red Cross Orleans Volunteer Disaster Action Team (DAT) meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Vermont State Police Barracks in Derby, in the conference room. If interested in volunteering or for more information, call Mickey Richards at 525-4416.

BARTON SENIOR CENTER

Located downstairs at the Barton Memorial Building. Square dancing each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Breakfast Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.; Exercise Classes/Tai Chi 9 a.m.; and Growing Stronger class at 10 a.m. 525-4400, bartonseniorcenter@gmail.com

BINGO IN LOWELL

Bingo is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Ignatius Hall on Hazen Notch Road in Lowell. Sponsored by the Troy and Area Lions Club. Progressive jackpot starting at \$500. Dinner available.

BOBBIN MILL PLAYERS MONTHLY JAM SESSIONS

The Bobbin Mill Players will hold monthly jam sessions every Wednesday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. Ignatius Church Hall in Lowell. Schedule: First Friday at Lowell Fire Station from 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Second Sunday at Glover Town Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.; Third Friday at Charleston Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m.; Third Sunday at Lowell Church Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.; Fourth Friday at the Derby Line Town Hall from 6:30 to 10 p.m.; and the Fifth Friday at Barton Memorial Building from 7 to 10 p.m. Please note that Lowell and Derby Line jams in January, February, and March change to Sunday afternoons due to cold weather. For more information, call Millie at 334-2598.

BONE BUILDERS BALANCING & STRENGTHENING CLASS

An RSVP Bone Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. with the Troy and Area Lions Club weekly community mealsite following at noon. Located at the Westfield Community Center on North Hill Road. For more information, call 744-2484.

BRIDGE LEAGUES IN BARTON & NEWPORT

BARTON: Meets Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the Barton Chambers Apartments. Come with a partner.

NEWPORT: Meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Gateway Center. Everyone must come with a partner. Learner's Group continues Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the library in Newport, and all are welcome to drop in. For more information, contact Pat Hunt at pat.hunt@kingcon.com.

CCV JOB HUNT HELPER TO OFFER CAREER SERVICES

Community College of Vermont (CCV) Job Hunt Helper Amber Minnie is available at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport for six hours a week to offer career services to library patrons and job seekers. Find employment opportunities in the area, write a resumé and cover letter, apply for jobs online, assess skills and interests, use the Internet to explore career opportunities, and learn about education and training programs. Ms. Minnie will be available on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 334-7902.

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COMMUNITY MEAL IN NEWPORT

A free Community Meal will be held the third Thursday of every month at noon, at the United Church of Newport on Third Street. All welcome.

CORNUCOPIA COMMUNITY/SENIOR MEAL IN NEWPORT

Cornucopia Community/Senior Meal will be served every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at Cornucopia, 125 Main Street, #3 (rear door entrance off parking lot between Coventry and Center Streets). Come at 11 a.m. for cards, board games, or just to socialize and make new friends. Community members of all ages are invited to enjoy a warm, well balanced meal prepared by Cornucopia Culinary Trainees. For more information, contact Cornucopia at 487-9380.

COUNTRY ACOUSTIC JAM IN BURKE

There will be a Country Acoustic Jam held every third Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Burke Community Building. Everyone with special musical or singing talents are encouraged to participate. Come to listen or join in on the fun. \$3 donation at the door. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Burke Senior Meal Site. Snacks and beverages available. For more information, call Therese Stone at 525-3412 or the Senior Meal Site at 467-3423 or the Town Office at 467-3717.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES OFFERED BY BARTON AMBULANCE SQUAD

Barton Ambulance Squad is still offering CPR and First Aid classes for the public. Classes are taught by certified instructors who make classes fun while giving you knowledge and skills you may need to save a life one day. Four instructors are available so a large class is possible, but not necessary. They also work one-on-one. For prices and more information call 525-3637.

CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Members of the United Church of Craftsbury in Craftsbury Common will offer free evening suppers on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Open to all. Donations appreciated but not required. For more information, call 586-8028.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Diabetes Support Group will meet on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room at North Country Hospital in Newport. For more information or to confirm your presence, call Barbara Grant at 334-4155.

DO DROP IN MEAL SITE IN NEWPORT CENTER

The Do Drop In Meal Site at the Newport Center Fire Department on Cross Road is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games played before lunch, lunch at noon, bingo played after. For more information or reservations, call 334-6443.

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

The EAA meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia County Airport in Lyndonville. All are welcome to attend. All that you need is an interest in aviation. Each meeting begins with a short business session where we discuss the minutes and reports from our chapter's previous meeting, plus our past and future events. We then move on to something educational, such as aircraft maintenance, safety, members' projects, or speakers and documentary movies from EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., at 55 Seymour Lane, in the Community Justice living room. A warm, safe place where women can find support for facing challenges and learn some new strategies for addressing life's complications and problems. All welcome. No qualifications or criteria.

GRANDPARENTS 'N' KIN RAISING "GRAND" KIDS

Meets second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at North Country Career Center, 209 Veterans Avenue, room 380, in Newport. For more information and to notify of your attendance, contact group leader Angela Blais at Head Start/Early Head Start by leaving a message at 525-3362, extension 201. Dinner provided. Childcare provided upon request.

"GROWING STRONGER" STRENGTH CLASSES FOR 40+

Sponsored by the NEK Council on Aging. Meets at the Church of God on Crawford Road in Derby on Mondays & Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call Jenny at 748-5182 for more info or visit www.nekcouncil.org.

"GROW YOUR OWN" GATHERINGS IN HARDWICK

Grow Your Own (GYO) gatherings will be held at the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) in Hardwick from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month and will include a shared meal. For more information and to reserve a spot, contact Ms. Dale-Brown at 472-5940 or e-mail ruby.dalebrown@gmail.com, or Bethany Dunbar at 472-5362, extension 214, or Bethany@hardwickagriculture.org.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC IN NEWPORT

Fourth Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Department of Health in Emory Hebard State Office Building at 100 Main Street, Suite 220, in Newport. Free. Walk in or call for an appointment at 334-4386. All childhood vaccinations are offered. Adult immunizations included are: Hepatitis A and B, Pneumococcal, Tdap, Tetanus, and Measles.

JAY COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Located on Cross Road in Jay. Open to all area residents and visitors for free cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking in the winter, and mountain biking, hiking, and walking in the summer. Link to site map at www.jayvt.com and topofvt.com under discover/map. Site maps available locally in Jay and at Jay Town Clerk's Office. User guidelines: Please leave no trace in this special place. Pack it in, pack it out. Leash your dog, bury dog waste away from trails. Respect other users. No motorized vehicles. No fires of any kind. As this is a big hunting area, it is advisable to wear orange. Enjoy at your own risk!

JAY/WESTFIELD RSVP BONE BUILDER CLASSES

RSVP Bone Builders Balance & Strengthening classes are being offered twice a week through RSVP volunteers: at Jay Community Center on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and at Westfield Community Center on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. These are free exercise classes to prevent or reverse osteoporosis. Weights provided. For more information, contact Teresa at (617) 413-3898 or teresa.patch@rojacs.com.

LINE DANCING IN WEST BURKE

Line dancing is held in West Burke at the meal site on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. \$3 donation. For more information, call Therese Stone at 525-3412.

LINE DANCING IN TROY

Line dancing classes for exercise and enjoyment are held every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Catholic Church Parish Hall, 130 South Pleasant Street, in North Troy. No partner needed and all levels of experience are welcome. If you can count to four, you can line dance! \$5 per person. For more information, call Pat Sanders at 988-4193.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING IN NEWPORT

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. On Tuesday the location is North Country Hospital located at 189 Prouny Drive in Newport in the surgery waiting room on the main floor of the hospital. On Thursday the location is The Church of God at 295 Crawford Road in Derby. Enter through the main front doors of the church. For more information, call 895-4757.

NEK CAMERA CLUB

The NEK Camera Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Cobleigh Public Library on Main Street in Lyndonville from 6 to 8 p.m. This is an amateur photography club. For more information, call Casey at 754-2616.

NEK MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The NEK Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at North Country Hospital in the meeting room next to the library. For more information, call Stella at 766-0103.

NEWPORT AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The Newport Area Community Orchestra has openings for oboe, violin, viola, cello and string bass. We are a growing and well-established community orchestra located in the NEK of Vermont. The orchestra plays two concerts each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. For more information, please contact us at 766-3021 or www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Universalist Parish in Derby Line.

NORTH COUNTRY QUILTERS

Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., at the Church of God on Crawford Road in Derby. New members are welcome.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION ASSISTANCE

Available to help with forms, photocopies, faxes, phone assistance, fuel/electrical assistance, food shelf and commodities, Farm to Family coupons, holiday meals, seed packets, housing, temporary shelter, housing advocacy, and 3Squares applications.

NEWPORT: 70 Main St., Newport, VT 05855. 334-7316. Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ISLAND POND: 70 Cross St., Island Pond, VT 05846. 723-6425. Hours: Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon.

ST. JOHNSBURY: 115 Lincoln St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. 748-6040. Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY SINGERS

The Northeast Kingdom Community Singers, the choir based out of the First Universalist Parish of Derby Line, practices every Monday evening in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. The choir often visits nursing homes with special concerts. To join or for more information, call David Harrison at 448-0612 or e-mail nekcsvt@outlook.com.

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Located at the Pierce House on Water Street in Barton, open late spring through fall. Brick Kingdom Park open daylight hours year-round.

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM

1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-2372. www.fairbanksmuseum.org. Open seven days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GLOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Bean Hill Road in Glover, second floor in Municipal Building. www.gloverhistoricalsociety.org. Open by appointment only: Call Joan at 525-6212 or Randy or Betsy at 525-4051.

GRACE GALLERY

Old Firehouse, 59 Mill Street, downtown Hardwick. 472-6857. www.graceart.org. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. **Community Workshops** are held weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and are open to all community members.

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

29 Breezy Avenue, Greensboro. 533-2457. www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org. Open Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Check out our powerful new tool for researching Greensboro families stored in our archives! **Permanent Exhibit: Hill Homestead: The Story of Greensboro: Faces of Our Town** has been updated and displays tools and ledgers, kitchen gadgets, and farm implements, and parlor furniture from the 19th century.

LOOKING GLASS MUSEUM AT CLAN OF THE HAWK

The Looking Glass Museum is located on the grounds of the Clan of the Hawk off Route 58 in Evansville. Free admittance. This is a museum dedicated to the local Native American groups. For more information, call 754-2817 or e-mail etpvt@aol.com.

MAC CENTER FOR THE ARTS

158 Main Street, Newport. 334-1966. Hours: Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 45 Vermont visual artists and handcrafters offer their work in the 2,000+ square foot gallery. MAC Center for the Arts also offers special events, exhibits, musical performances, and classes/workshops for adults and children. Visit www.memphremagogartscollaborative.com.

MEMPHREMAGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWPORT

Second floor of Emory Hebard State Office Building, Main Street, Newport. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Showcasing Newport's forever changing history and landmarks.

MILLER'S THUMB GALLERY

14 Breezy Ave., Greensboro. 533-2045 or eve@millersthumbgallery.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM (NATIVE CULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.)

56 Church Street in Newport Center. 334-6770. Open from 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m., closed Mondays. No admission fee.

NEWPORT NATURAL CAFÉ GALLERY

194 Main Street, Newport. 334-2626. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. On display will be a few watercolor and ink drawings depicting the Vermont river by the self taught artist Olga Lawson.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS GUILD (BACKROOM GALLERY)

430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-0158. www.nekartisansguild.com. Holiday Hours: Open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW through January 6. Buy local, buy handmade. Free gift wrapping!

OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM (ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington. 754-2022. info@oldstonehousemuseum.org. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org. Museum is closed until May 15, but the Alexander Twilight Visitors' Center and gift shop are open year-round, Wednesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Craft Circles (all welcome!): Spinner's Circle meets the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 4 p.m. (bring lunch). Quilter's circle meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.

PARKER PIE GALLERY

West Glover Village. Exhibiting works by local artists. Ben Barnes: Kingdom Landscapes on display until February 21.

PARSON'S CORNER

Parson's Corner Restaurant in Barton exhibits artwork by local artists. Changes monthly. Open every day until 2 p.m. except Tuesdays.

PEACHAM CORNER GUILD

The Peacham Corner Guild is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Tuesdays. The guild features small antiques, fine handcrafted gifts and specialty foods. Located at 643 Bayley Hazen Road in Peacham. 802-592-3332

PLEASANT VALLEY ART GALLERY

146 White Road, Irasburg. 754-2000. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m or call for an appointment anytime.

ROWE DESIGNS CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING & GALLERY

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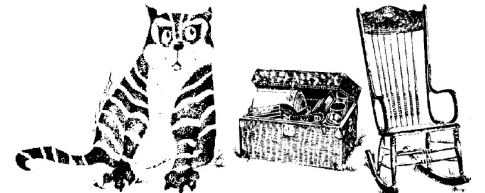
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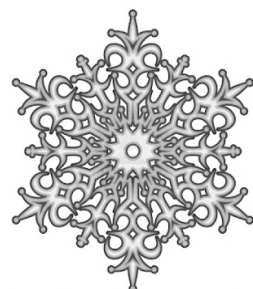
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Craftsbury unites to build new child care center

Last summer when Craftsbury's only home-based child care provider closed her doors, Sierra Lowell joined a group of local community members who decided to take matters into their own hands.

"We had one local dad who was about to quit his job because he couldn't find child care. We knew we needed to find a long-term solution," Ms. Lowell recalled.

She and other local mothers looking for a long-term community solution formed the Craftsbury Childcare Initiative. The goal is to open a new child care center that will offer high-quality early care and learning programs for up to 40 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The group includes an early educator committed to working in the center.

In October, the Initiative won a \$10,000 grant funded by the Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children and the Turrell Fund. Aly Richards, CEO of the Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children, said the Permanent Fund created the 0 to 5 Emergency and Innovation Fund, which is administered by the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, to support high-quality child care programs with emergency relief assistance and to fund innovative new services like the Craftsbury Childcare Initiative, as part of a Vermont funders collaborative.

"The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children is on a mission to make high-quality, affordable child care a reality for every Vermont child who needs it by 2025. As we work toward long-term systemic change we also recognize communities are struggling to address child care challenges right now," Ms. Richards said.

Over 30 families responded to a child care needs survey, Ms. Lowell said, adding that there are over 100 children under age five in the Craftsbury area. In addition, several local businesses have employees with young families who struggle to find child care so they can work.

In a letter of support for the Craftsbury Childcare Initiative's grant application, Sterling College President Matthew Derr wrote: "Many of our employees have preschool-age children. These families live locally but often have to drive 40 miles a day for childcare. A childcare center in Craftsbury would undoubtedly have the support of area businesses, nonprofits, and schools, including Sterling College."

Judy Geer, director of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, echoes Derr's support.

"The challenges of finding care — any care, not even quality care — are a constant source of frustration for our employees, and that ripples down to affect their ability to focus at work without worrying about their kids."

The frustrations families and businesses face in Craftsbury are being felt all over Vermont, said Ms. Richards, referencing a recent study by Let's Grow Kids, one of the Permanent Fund's key initiatives.

The study, called "Stalled at the Start: Vermont's Child Care Challenge," found that almost 80 percent of Vermont infants and toddlers likely to need care don't have access to high-quality, regulated programs, and 47 percent don't have access to any regulated child care programs. The study, which also analyzed access at the county level, found the numbers were even worse when you look at infant care alone. In Orleans County, 94 percent of infants likely to need care don't have access to high-quality programs and 65 percent don't have access to any regulated programs.

Ms. Richards said the Craftsbury Childcare Initiative's collaboration with community partners made the project especially attractive to the Permanent Fund.

"It's refreshing and inspiring to see a local community like Craftsbury coming together and finding creative, local solutions to a statewide challenge," she said.

Ms. Lowell said support from local partners will enable the new center to offer children unique and enriching experiences including: access to local, organic produce for cooking projects and center-provided meals from Pete's Greens; hands-on exploration of art, music and movement with The Art House; intergenerational programming with the Craftsbury Community Care Center, and access to green space and trails at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Other partners supporting the project include: Sterling College, the Craftsbury Select Board, the Craftsbury Public Library, Building Bright Futures, the Vermont Department of Health and the Craftsbury School Board, in conjunction with Orleans South Supervisory Union.

The group's goal is to open a center-based child care program in September 2017.

For more information, visit www.permanentfund.org. — submitted by Nicole Haley.

Realtors find common cause in local charities



On December 8 the Orleans County Board of Realtors (OCBR) raised over \$12,000 for local causes at its annual Christmas party auction and fund-raiser. The organizations supported include: the Department of Families and Children, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, and local food shelves in Newport, Jay, Island Pond, and Orleans. The OCBR appreciates all the local businesses who donated goods and certificates, and the realtors who worked together to make this a huge success. Pictured here, from left to right are, in front, Stephanie Nagel, Merle Chilcott, and Kim Lussier. In the back are Joan Poutre, Megan Maclure, Tina Leblond, and Peter Fina.

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