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Storm fells trees, power lines in Irasburg

IRASBURG — This town was busy Tuesday cleaning up from a whopper of a storm Monday afternoon that knocked out power and felled trees throughout the village.

The storm, a powerful thunderstorm with torrential rain in most areas of the county, focused its real fury on the area right around Irasburg's common.

"We got hit pretty hard," said Irasburg Road Foreman Chad Tollman. "If you lived in the village and didn't have a tree down, you were pretty lucky."

He said the storm started around 3:30 or 4 p.m. and seemed to be at its worst within a radius of a couple miles or so from the common.

"We had numerous trees down, power lines down, some roads closed."

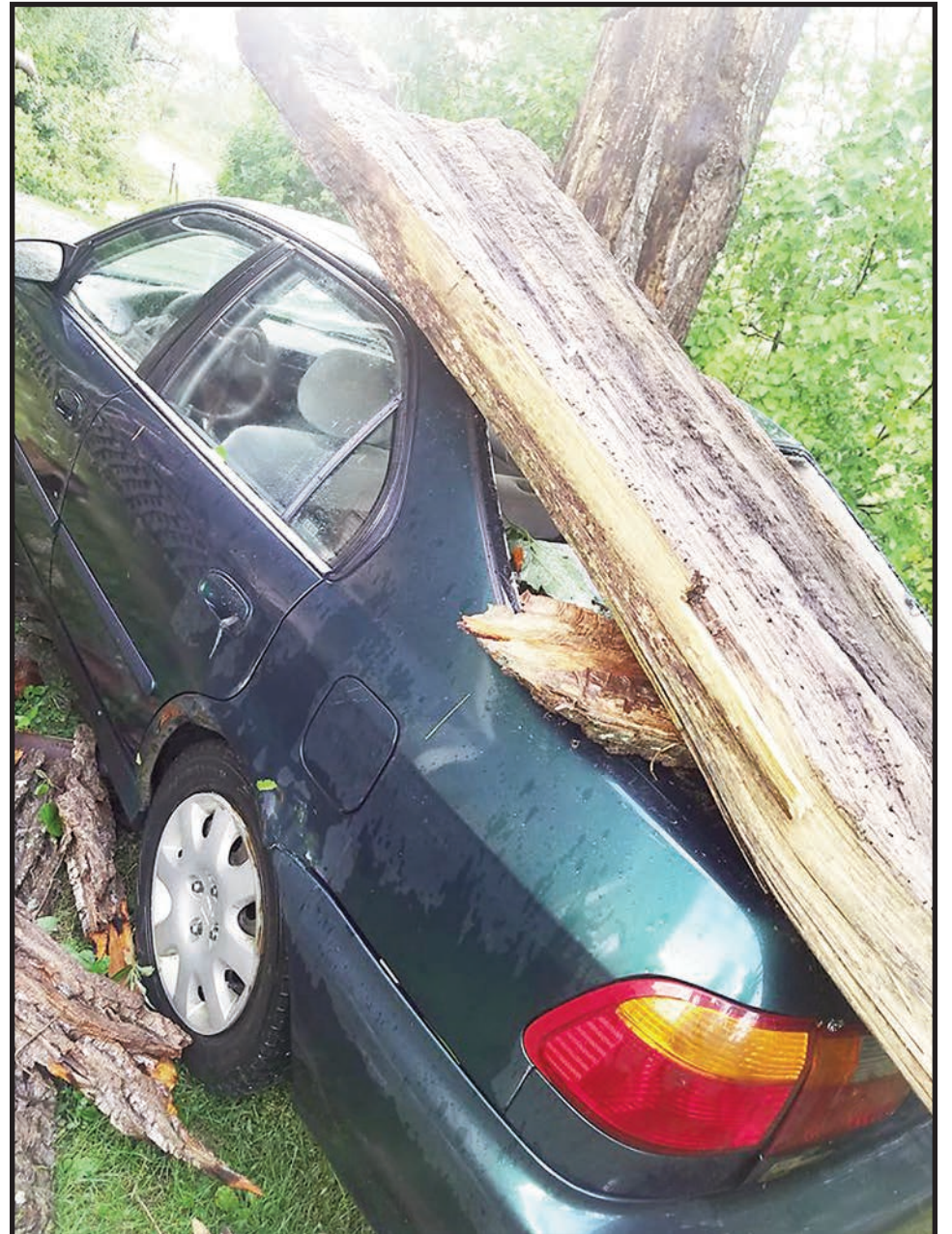
Irasburg's road crew worked until about 10 p.m. Monday night, Mr. Tollman said, and was back at it Tuesday morning. By mid-afternoon, or so, he figured they'd pretty much won the battle.

A crew from the Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC) was there all night, Mr. Tollman said. Power at the town garage was back on by about 10 p.m. on Monday, he said, although some individuals hadn't yet had it restored.

According to VEC's outage center website, nearly everyone in Irasburg had seen power restored by about 4 a.m. on Tuesday.

The brunt of the storm was so localized that in neighboring Albany Town Clerk Debra Geoffrey said

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One of several cars that were crushed by downed trees in Irasburg Monday. Much of the area was hit by a boomer of a thunderstorm, but Irasburg got hammered by what was most likely a microburst, according to the National Weather Service. For more photos, please see page sixteen.

Photo by Caitlyn Paige Ainsworth

Craftsbury concentration camp liberator honored

by Tena Starr

CRAFTSBURY — Curtis Whiteway was barely into his twenties when he walked into his first German concentration camp, running across what U.S. soldiers then called "slaves." The words "Holocaust survivor" would come later. He saw people who were starved and sick and filthy. He and his men stumbled onto people who were subject to treatment and "experiments" neither he nor his men could comprehend.

He was a U.S. Ranger, drafted into the Army in World War II, but rapidly propelled upwards because

of both physical and intellectual talent — and severe casualties.

In the Battle of the Bulge, his unit lost 246 out of 264 people. He was made staff sergeant. Later, he and his men fought their way through the heart of Germany where they ran into horrors that young American men had never contemplated, atrocities that went well beyond the normal bad business of war, where comrades are killed, officers screw up, and soldiers run across collateral damage like little girls dead or dying in rubble.

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Holland to vote on school closure

by Joseph Gresser

HOLLAND — Voters here will be asked to make a tough decision on Tuesday, September 11. Faced with declining enrollment and rising per-pupil costs, Holland Elementary School was already looking at the possibility of closing as Morgan's E. Taylor Hatton

School did not long ago.

When Holland found its name on a list of proposed school district mergers issued by the former interim state Secretary of Education Heather Bouchey, the timetable accelerated.

According to Holland native John Castle, who once served as teaching principal at the school and now is superintendent of the North Country Supervisory Union, the elementary school might have been able to keep going for a year beyond the 2018-2019 school year.

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Farmers get around \$4,000 each from suit

by Joseph Gresser

A decade-long lawsuit came to a close at the end of August, when checks from a \$50-million award went out to around 9,000 farmers in Vermont, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The farmers got checks averaging around \$4,000 as a portion of damages won when Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), a national dairy cooperative, and Dairy Marketing Services (DMS) its marketing arm, finalized a settlement in 2016.

In addition to the financial terms, the settlement imposed some conditions to keep the companies from misbehaving in the future.

Among those was the creation of an ombudsman position to deal with farmers' complaints. Jenny Nelson, who formerly worked for Senator Bernie Sanders on agricultural issues, has been hired as the ombudsman.

In their suit the farmers charged DFA, DMS, and two major milk processors, Dean Foods and H.P. Hood, with conspiring to make sure farmers were underpaid for their milk, while processors of

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Albany Labor Day 2018



Five-year-old Landen Benoit of Albany with Kija Benoit and Chief, a mini-pony. Landen and Chief were the parade leaders at the Albany Labor Day festivities on Monday. Landen, who has obvious talent for this sort of thing, waved at spectators lining the parade route and wished them a happy Labor Day. Photos by Tena Starr

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Albany's Labor Day festivities, held Monday, were busy this year. Besides the parade and traditional chicken barbecue, there were other activities and a live band. Several vendors had set up shop behind the war memorial. They were selling everything from baked goods to soap and clothing. Judging by the shortage of places to park, the event appeared to be unusually well attended.

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Albany Labor Day celebration 2018



Neil Fromm's horses pulled the Albany Public Library's float in the Albany parade Monday.



No Northeast Kingdom parade is complete without a complement of fire trucks.

Leahy secures \$3-billion for fight against opioids

Senate Appropriations Committee Vice-chairman Patrick Leahy led the fight against the opioid epidemic in another Senate-passed appropriations bill, securing \$3-billion in new funding to address the crisis. The bill also contains Senator Leahy-authored legislation to establish three "Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders" and directs \$10-million to a new research program in the Department of Defense to study alternatives to opioids for chronic pain management.

In 2017, 72,000 people — a 10 percent increase over 2016 — lost their lives to drug overdoses and the opioid epidemic. Opioid abuse is one of the leading causes of unnatural death in Vermont. In 2017, there were 101 opioid related deaths, far more than traffic deaths on Vermont roads or gun deaths in Vermont.

Senator Leahy said: "Marcelle and I hear often from Vermonters recovering from opioid abuse. Every Vermonter, and every American, has experienced the opioid crisis firsthand. Whether it is a friend, a family member or a loved one, no one has escaped the grips of this scourge. There is still more we can and need to do to help those who are trying to pull themselves out of

addiction and turn their lives around, but this is a good solid start on real solutions."

Senator Leahy was a lead negotiator in the bipartisan budget agreement reached in February, which set aside \$6-billion in new funding over two years to fund the fight against opioid and mental health crises. The \$3-billion included in the appropriations package was the second tranche of funding, making a historic investment in the fight against the opioid epidemic.

Drawing on the groundbreaking work being done at the University of Vermont and the UVM Medical Center to address opioid addiction in rural America, Senator Leahy included in the package funding to establish three "Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders" around the country.

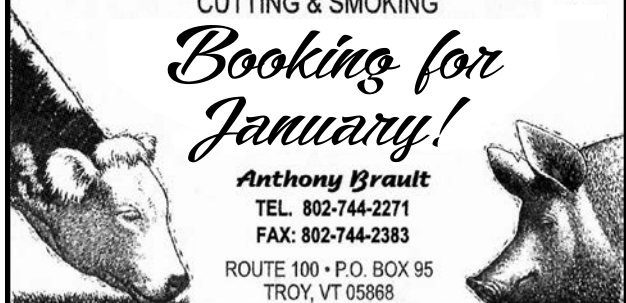
Based at academic universities in states where more than 60 percent of the population lives in rural communities, the centers would focus on researching science-based, community approaches to the opioid crisis and implementing those approaches around the country by providing scientific and technical assistance.

More information is available here: <https://www.leahy.senate.gov/press/leahy-guides-creation-of-national-centers-to-address-rural-addiction-through-the-senate-appropriations-committee>.

Senator Leahy also included \$10-million to establish a new research program in the Department of Defense to study alternatives to opioids for chronic pain management. Despite a number of programs meant to help the service community understand and address the potentially harmful

effects of long-term opioid abuse, the Department of Defense does not have a comprehensive strategy to research and understand alternatives to opioids to manage chronic pain. Because of this, members of the military rely on these potentially dangerous and highly addictive drugs, which has had severe consequences. More information is available here: <https://www.leahy.senate.gov/press/0602818dodopioidsrelease>. — from Senator Leahy's office.

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Editorial

A dispute that should come to a graceful end

Greater Barton Arts should exhibit good grace and relinquish whatever claim it believes it has to the former Barton Senior Center's assets. This dispute has little potential to end well, in our opinion, and should simply be dropped.

For whatever reason, the managers of the former senior center departed on an unhappy note. Rather than hand over assets to the village, which might have been a sensible, or at least generous, course, or work cooperatively with the quickly forming board of a new senior center, they gave the assets to Greater Barton Arts.

The operators of the old senior center didn't have authority to give up those assets, only its board did. No one has apparently provided proof that the board decided to dissolve the senior center and give its assets to Greater Barton Arts. And it remains in question what of those assets, which include a lot of kitchen equipment, tables and chairs, and some audio equipment, belonged to the Barton Senior Center.

Over the years, the village might have helped out with purchases, and it's not likely anyone kept rigid track. A senior center is kind of a benign and benevolent organization, and it's entirely

possible that close tabs on who actually owned, or paid for, a coffeemaker, say, weren't kept.

It really doesn't matter at this point. The old senior center closed, and a new one opened. By all accounts, it's beloved. The food is good, there are activities, and participation is way up.

In the interests of Barton's senior citizens, as well as Greater Barton Arts itself, let's move on. An important service is being done well.

The Barton Village Trustees' position is that nothing should be removed from the senior center until ownership has been clearly established. That strikes us as reasonable. The trustees have shown serious attention, time, and creativity over recent years toward making the village a more affordable and livable place. The new senior center is one of the things that's working, and we suspect they'd like to keep it that way.

Barton Arts has a grant and is planning to buy a house and start its own operations. The grant is nearly \$90,000; the purchase price of the house is \$70,000. Plus, the former operators of the senior center gave the arts organization \$20,000 for senior programming.

We don't know exactly how much tables and

chairs cost, but a quick Internet search turned up standard, folding cafeteria tables at around \$150 each.

There's certainly room in Barton for two organizations that want to be helpful. Greater Barton Arts has all kinds of ideas about what it would like to do.

However, it's jeopardizing goodwill if it continues in this pursuit of senior center assets. People are genuinely upset, worried that their new senior center is threatened and feeling hostility toward Greater Barton Arts before that organization even gets off the ground.

So we suggest that Greater Barton Arts not commit suicide by alienating the village it lives in and at least some of the population it hopes to serve. Again and again, we hear: Why do they want to take away the senior center stuff? That's not right.

There might be legal ownership, though it appears yet to be established, but legal doesn't always mean for the best. It would be wise to let bygones be bygones, end this quibble, and have everyone move forward cooperatively to pursue what's best for Barton. — T.S.

Perhaps the time has come for Act 250 to have jurisdiction over big energy projects

To the editor,

On August 22 this paper reported a meeting was held in Island Pond recently. Its purpose was for people to comment on Act 250, Vermont's 50-year-old development law. There have been a number of these hearings conducted around the state to gauge people's opinions on what changes, if any, should be made regarding this law. This

gathering in Island Pond had the largest attendance to date. People had a number of concerns.

After looking around the room and recognizing a good number of faces, I began to realize the big reason for such a large turnout (the elephant in the room so to speak) was the recent history of large scale energy projects and proposals of industrial scale wind. This region has been the biggest target in Vermont for this type of development, with two projects already built, and the Environmental Court recently removed from the process, developers had their sights on a large scale wind project that would have cut through one of the wildest areas and the second largest wildlife habitat block in Vermont, mostly through Essex County.

Luckily, this environmentally devastating project proposal was dropped. There was fierce opposition from a majority of residents, but the main reason for the cancellation was the

estimated cost of \$80-million to connect to the power grid. There was a time when all major development proposals came under Act 250 jurisdiction. This all changed back in 1988 when Vermont's Legislature decided to move all energy projects to section 248. At that time there wasn't the huge statewide onslaught of energy project proposals. Nor was there the foresight to imagine the recent development pressure on Vermont's most environmentally sensitive areas on Vermont's highest elevations, wetlands, and wildlife habitats.

The time has come to move at least some of the larger energy project proposals back to Act 250 jurisdiction, or maybe place all major development projects under the responsibility of a statewide land use commission. These commissioners should have experience in the environmental regulatory process and the knowledge on how to protect Vermont's most environmentally sensitive ecosystems!

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Sheffield

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S	9/02	77	59	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
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Letter to the editor

We urge Holland voters to become informed about school vote

Dear editor:

The Holland School District will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 11, at 6 p.m. at the Holland school to vote on the future of the elementary school. Essentially the question is: Shall the voters authorize the school board to close the school and "tuition" the students to Derby?

The ramifications of this decision on the town will likely include not only the future education of elementary students, but also such issues as use and ownership of the school building and property taxes. I urge all voters to become informed, participate in the meeting, and vote. As I have said during previous moderating duties: "If you do not vote, you are morally obligated to refrain from complaining."

Sincerely,
Mitch Wonson
Holland School District Moderator



Opinion

What Americans think about their schools

by William J. Mathis

"Schools are not as good as they were in my day. Kids had to mind then. Not like today. Things are out of control."

Said in a variety of ways, over half the population agrees. The truth is that schools are a lot better in many ways — and worse in others.

Among the better ways, since 1971, when reliable records became available, nine- and 13-year-olds have registered steady improvement in reading and math while minority students are closing the achievement gaps. The national graduation rate is at an all-time high of 84 percent, and it has steadily increased since we passed 50 percent in 1948. Serving needy children is now the law of the land. There is less smoking, bullying and drinking. That is not a bad picture.

But the citizens have reason to see it differently.

On the nightly news, the latest school shooting will be the lead, and the villain will be glorified with name, picture and amateur psychoanalysis. (Note to media: Don't give the perpetrators personalized attention). School lockdowns, police tactical squad exercises, allegations of impropriety, privatization lobbyists, religious objectors, sports parents, angry parents, gun toting teachers, juvenile drug pushers, opioids, school closing controversies, publicity seeking politicians, and discrimination charges all find their way into the headlines and ooze into our collective psyche.

To get an even-handed picture of the public attitudes toward education, Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary education society, sponsors an independent national poll each year. This year, it has some

positive results and some things we should worry about. Perhaps the most important finding in this time of calls for charter schools and privatization is 78 percent of Americans prefer to reform the existing public school system rather than replace it with something else. This is the highest support level in the past 20 years and is an affirmation of the public's will to look to the common good. Perhaps people are concerned about the fragmenting of the values that held us all together, the things that make us a nation.

As elections get closer, the perennial question of taxes is raised. Here we might be surprised. Even though the single biggest cost of education is teacher salaries and benefits, two-thirds of the citizenry think that teachers are underpaid while "an overwhelming 73 percent of Americans say teacher pay in their community is too low" and 73 percent would support teachers going out on strike for higher salaries, including about 6 in 10 Republicans. This is the highest support for teacher pay seen in the 50 years of the poll. For the last 17 years, the lack of funding has been named as the biggest problem facing their local schools.

The citizenry also shows a strong commitment to equality even as the news brings us disturbing pictures of some folks wanting to refight the Civil War. There should be extra programs and resources for children with special needs, say 60 percent of the sample. The public also realizes that the achievement gap is also the opportunities gap. While recognizing the racial and geographic differences, the root problem is the income gap. We should be disturbed about the increasing segregation of schools and society. Low-income areas have

lower expectations, lesser resources, and lesser achievement.

As an educator the most discouraging finding is that parents don't want their children to be teachers. The public, nevertheless, has high regard for teachers but that does not translate into a livable wage for half the teachers in the country, reports *Education Week*. Teacher benefits are better than what are provided in other fields, but the astronomical increase in medical and prescription costs is pushing negotiators to ask the teachers to pay an ever-increasing share. Add a crushing college loan debt and the field becomes a poor economic choice. Teachers fundamentally like their work but the finances and ever increasing laws generate a bureaucratic deterrent. We face teacher and administrator shortages in a state that is losing student population.

As a society, we can be proud of our educational system and we honor our teachers. Large crises loom on the horizon particularly as manufacturing is off-shored, middle class jobs are eliminated, medical costs threaten people's ability to afford care and as our nation ages. Of course, the answer is investing in our future and providing the skills and opportunities a new generation needs to sustain our nation and our planet.

The fiftieth Phi Delta Kappa poll can be found at <http://pdkpoll.org/results>.

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Letter to the editor

What is the answer to trash on the roadsides?

Dear editor,

I live in the Boston area, but come up many times in the warmer months to stay at the summer place in East Albany, which my husband's parents bought in the 1960s. I usually walk a six-mile loop daily when up here, which is on both dirt and paved roads. The roadsides have crazy amounts of trash on them and I try, at least once in a while, to bring plastic shopping bags with me and pick up some of it. Earlier this summer on a walk, I picked up the following in a one-and-a-half-mile stretch: one New England Coffee cup and lid; four Bud Light cans; two Canada Dry ginger ale cans; two Budweiser cans (which had a "Please Recycle" message printed on them); one Java Monster can; one Pepsi can; six empty Newport cigarette packs; one empty Pall Mall pack; two Juice Monster cans; one Yoplait yogurt container; one styrofoam Cumberland Farms cup; one Subway plastic cup, lid and straw; one Wendy's cup lid; one 30-ounce Gatorade plastic bottle; one San Pellegrino Blood Orange can; one plastic Pepsi bottle; one glass 20-ounce Budweiser bottle printed with "Please Recycle"; one Wendy's very large paper cup, printed "Please don't litter"; 1 can of Red Bull; five foil lids from Green Mountain Creamery Greek Yogurt; two used paper towels; one eight-ounce plastic bottle Boost drink; two cans Michelob Ultra; 1 unidentifiable plastic bottle; 1 can White Claw Hard Seltzer; 1 Pabst Blue Ribbon can; one 22-ounce Heineken bottle; one blue pine tree shaped car air freshener "New Car Scent"; one Skittles wrapper; 1 Swisher Sweets wrapper; numerous pieces of plastic and paper; and numerous cigarette butts.



On my walk today, I didn't have any plastic bags with me, but there were at least as many pieces of trash, including many redeemable cans.

What is the answer to this problem? I suspect that the people who are throwing the trash out of their vehicles do not read the paper, and it would be impossible to catch and fine these people whom I like to think of as marking their territory like a dog, especially the Bud Light drinker. So, increase the redemption on cans from a nickel to a quarter? Have judges let

people who are found guilty for various crimes choose between a fine and picking up roadside trash? Or, maybe landowners can just walk along the road where their property is and pick up the trash once in a while. And if a neighbor is elderly, maybe pick up their trash for them. That would not be difficult or too time consuming and the roads in this spectacularly beautiful state would not be an embarrassment.

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Letter to the editor

White people need to break their silence

To the editor,

The ongoing campaign of racial hate being directed at Kiah Morris and her family resulted in her deciding to withdraw her candidacy for House representative last week. Racial hatred remains an issue in Vermont and across the nation. As ridiculous and unfortunate as this situation is, at least it shines a light on a reality that exists in the everyday lives of over 31,000 black and brown folks across the state.

The OTHER racism, which has a much more harmful global impact, is systemic racism. Black and brown people are being left out or left behind in the areas of housing, education, employment, health services, economic development and criminal justice every day. The final racism is political in nature and the edifice of policy violence. The current stream of racial inflammatory rhetoric and the administration's decision to overtly run a campaign on it is stoking the flames.

The biggest threat the nation faces today is

white silence, because with it comes complicit consent to escalation of overt hate, resulting in violence in our communities. With this silence black and brown folks will continue to be locked up and locked out as white folks choose to look the other way, pretending to believe the age-old false claims of the inalienable rights of all men. With this silence officials will be elected who, in turn, create policies with the intent of hurting black and brown people, but the majority of the folks impacted will once again be white folks (because while most black people are poor, most poor people are white).

People of color pleaded with the neo-liberal progressive white folk to break the silence in 2016. Black and brown folks even comforted white people and welcomed them to the struggle on November 9. What will it take for white people to come to understand that if we are to save the heart of this nation, they must break their silence?

Mark Hughes

Director of Justice For All VT

School news

Castleton announces new local students

Castleton is excited to welcome the following students who have recently registered for the fall 2018 semester: Jacob Gilcris of Barton, Nathan Gilcris of Barton, Ashley Martin of Derby, Desiree Ouellet of Irasburg, Alexis Rodgers of Barton, and Kylie Wright of Newport. — from Castleton University.

Brown named to SVC president's list

Audry Brown of Morgan was named to the president's list at Southern Vermont College for spring 2018.

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Music festival planned for fairgrounds

by Tena Starr

BARTON — The Orleans County Fair Association Board has been looking at new uses for what has often been considered an underutilized asset, the fairgrounds. This summer they held a monster truck event so popular it might have created the first major traffic jam in Barton's history.

The next event, scheduled for Saturday, September 15, is a music festival.

Fair Director Art LaPlante contacted longtime musician Michael Hahn, of the Michael Hahn Band, to help with the lineup and organization.

Mr. LaPlante said he joined the fair association board earlier this year. One reason was that he's heard people make suggestions about what could, or should, be done at the fairgrounds, and he finally decided to get involved.

He said he knows Mr. Hahn as a customer at the store Mr. LaPlante co-owns, E.M. Brown and Son in Barton, and asked him what he thought about holding a music festival.

Mr. Hahn was enthusiastic.

With his background in the music industry, "he could do all the things I couldn't do," Mr. LaPlante said.

Mr. Hahn put together a proposal for the fair association board.

"They were 100 percent behind it," Mr. LaPlante said. The board has "had a desire to use the fairgrounds for more than the fair," he said.

Given an "economical" budget, Mr. Hahn came up with a solid lineup of music he thinks Northeast Kingdom residents will enjoy.

The first two bands, Northern Flyer and Beg, Steal or Borrow, are bluegrass, Mr. Hahn said. The third is Chickweed, a trio from St. Johnsbury who play acoustic guitar, stand-up bass, and Congo drum. The last band will be Mr. Hahn's.

"We play everything but opera and rap," he said.

The Starline Rhythm Boys will also play.

"They play honky tonk," Mr. Hahn said.

"Country music of a rollicking style."

He said that when Mr. LaPlante contacted him it sounded like a dream come true. For years, he'd thought about hosting music festivals on his own land where there's a natural amphitheater, but he fretted about insurance and security, and eventually got cold feet.

"But then this spring Art said the fair association was working to expand activities at the fairgrounds."

It's a big, underutilized facility, Mr. Hahn said, and he was delighted to be asked to help organize such an event.

"I sent him a proposal and they acted on it. We would love to make it an annual event. Art and I are optimistic, but we are depending on people to come. I don't really know what to anticipate."

Mr. Hahn said he was given \$4,000 to hire

the bands plus a soundman, which was rough to start with since some soundmen want \$5,000.

Economy was a factor, he said, "but so was excellence of music. It's a Kingdom music flavored theme," he said about the lineup.

One of the first logistical problems was the layout at the fairgrounds. The stage is there, and the grandstand faces it, but people weren't going to comfortably attend a music festival sitting on the hard wooden seats in the grandstand.

So the back of the stage has been taken off, and the bands will face the infield rather than the grandstand. The audience will sit, or dance, on the grass in the infield.

People can bring their lawn chairs and spread out, Mr. LaPlante said. There will be tents in case of inclement weather, he said, or just for those who would prefer a little shelter.

There will also be food vendors at the event, he said.

The festival will run from noon to 10 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$20 in advance and can be bought at E.M. Brown and Son in Barton or through Catamount Arts at www.catamountarts.org. At the gate, tickets will cost \$25. Children under 12 who are accompanied by a paying adult will get in free. Also, free parking is available.

"Hopefully, we can get something going at ground level and make it better next year," Mr. Hahn said.

"My goal is to be successful enough so we can build on it," Mr. LaPlante said. "We've got to try something."

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| 11. Animosity | 51. Beloved Mexican dish |
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| 14. One who lives in Burma | 55. Pouches |
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NEK Hunger Council meeting in Barton September 7

Since its start in 2015, the Hunger Council of the Northeast Kingdom has helped to raise the community's awareness of food insecurity and ways to strengthen the anti-hunger system. Over the past few months, co-chairs Colleen Moore de Ortiz, Jeff Pierpont, and incoming chair Ed Sunday-Winters met with Hunger Free Vermont's leadership to strategize, and on Friday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Hunger Council will meet to review opportunities and set the group's direction in the coming year.

The meeting will be held at the Barton Memorial Hall and Senior Center in Barton.

Last year, the Hunger Council identified some promising openings for cross-sectoral work, including the local food movement, the transportation system, the healthcare system, and municipal and town planning. In light of the many great coalitions and organizations working

to strengthen the region, the council has also been working to connect with partners and related initiatives.

During the September meeting, the group will review a proposal to build on existing energy from members, and discuss ways to continue strategically in the coming year.

Meetings and membership in the Hunger Council of the Northeast Kingdom are open to anyone with an interest in combating food insecurity in their community.

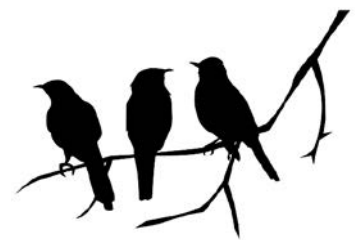
Launched in December 2015, the council brings together leaders in the service provider, faith community, legislative, business, school, and advocacy sectors to make connections and strengthen the region's safety net. The Hunger Council meets quarterly, and will be meeting next on November 9. — from the Hunger Council of the Northeast Kingdom.

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Barton Select Board

No action yet on village plowing

by Joseph Gresser

BARTON — The Barton Select Board and Barton Village Trustees held a joint meeting Tuesday to discuss the possibility of town trucks leaving their plows down when they travel village streets in winter. The combined bodies spent over 30 minutes in executive session to consider the question.

Barton's trustees have secured an agreement from VTrans that will see state trucks plow the parts of Route 16 and Route 5 that go through the village. They had earlier said the village needs to cut expenses to perform needed upgrades.

Nate Sicard, the chair of the trustees, attended the last select board meeting to ask for a similar accommodation from the town. Barton Road Foreman Lenwood Perron said he was not enthusiastic about the idea, and suggested village residents would not be happy if town trucks did not continue plowing throughout a major storm.

The select board elected to continue the discussion with the village.

When select board Chair Lenny Zenonos first proposed going behind closed doors he said it was proper to do so because it was a contract issue. After it was pointed out that state law allows private meetings for contract discussions only when holding such conversations in public would cause potential harm to one side of the negotiation, Mr. Zenonos said it was still proper because the issue also involves personnel matters.

He again accepted a motion from his fellow select board member Kenneth Salzmann (the

third board member, Bob Croteau, was absent) to go into executive session with Mr. Sicard and his fellow trustees Cathy Swain and Tin Barton-Caplin.

After more than a half hour the doors opened, and Mr. Zenonos announced the select board would take no action. It would keep talking with the trustees to see if an agreement is possible.

Orleans Village Manager John Morley stopped by to tell the select board of his community's efforts to become a designated village center under the state's downtown program.

He said doing so could benefit local businesses by providing access to grant money as well as the possibility of tax credits for improvements to their buildings.

Mr. Zenonos said he thought it a good idea and asked Mr. Sicard if Barton Village planned to follow suit. Mr. Sicard said the trustees are interested in the program but need to resolve some issues with the village boundaries first.

The meeting agenda included discussion of distributing appropriation money to Barton Ambulance and Glover Ambulance. Mr. Zenonos said representatives from the defunct Barton

ambulance could not be at the meeting.

He said he has not received requested financial information from the Glover squad or had any contact with them since the last meeting. He suggested tabling the issue until a later date.

Mr. Zenonos and Ms. Salzmann next turned their attention to proposed work on Roaring Brook Road. The town hopes to secure a \$150,000 grant to repave and upgrade the road between the new bridge and the turn-off to South Albany.

An engineer provided two estimates for the cost of work. One, which he did not recommend, would have involved putting road fabric into the gravel base. The other did not.

The second option would run around \$330,000 to complete, Mr. Salzmann said. Mr. Zenonos said he would like to speak with the engineer at length. In the meantime, he said, the estimate is all that is needed to apply for the grant funding.

Finally, the select board set the municipal tax rate for the year. Taxpayers will see a 4.5-cent rise in the rate which will go from the 2017 rate of \$0.6032 per hundred dollars of assessed value to \$.6485 per hundred dollars of assessed value.

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Friday, September 7 — Hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, corn bread, and banana cake.

Wednesday, September 12 — Roast pork, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, and tropical fruit.

Friday, September 14 — Chicken Alfredo, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cherry cake.

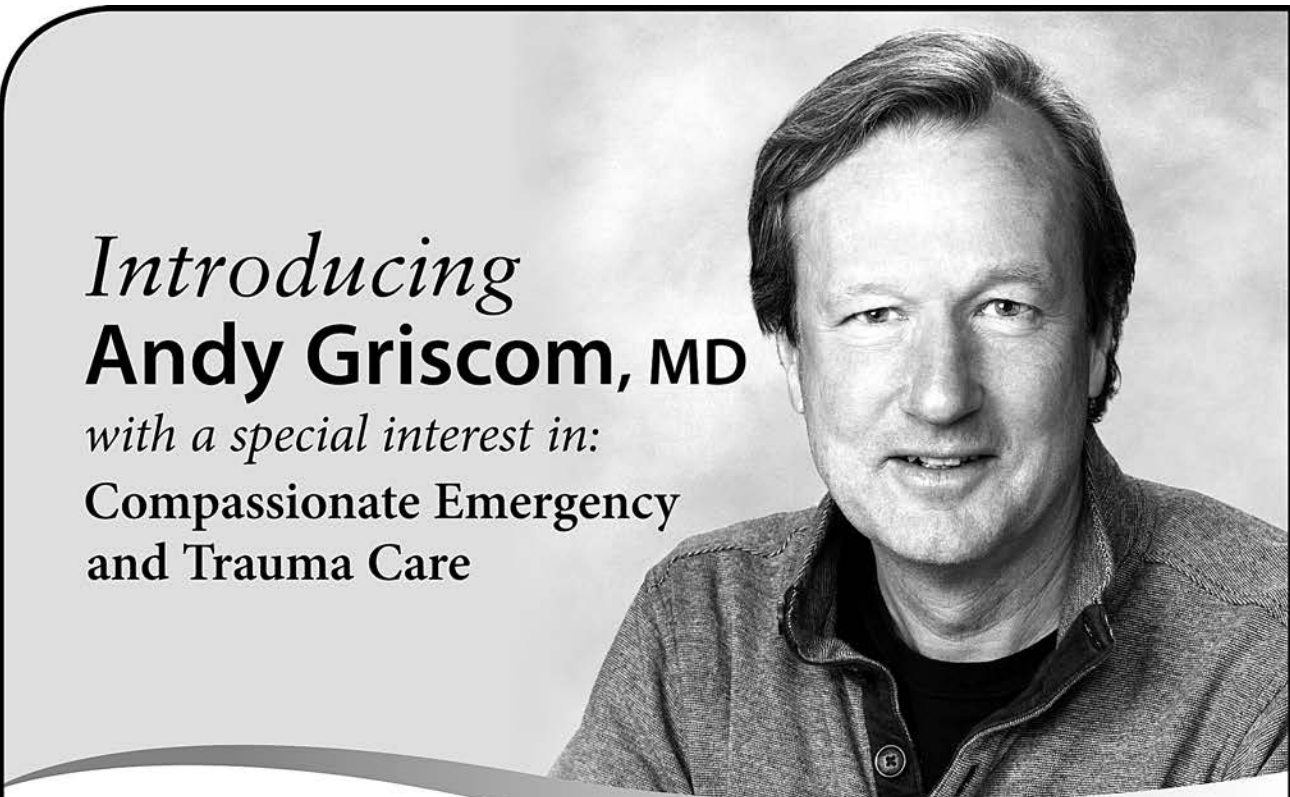
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DiSanto urges patience with drug investigations

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — Around 100 people attended a second meeting last week to discuss the drug problem on Third Street. That was nearly twice the number who showed up for the initial gathering two weeks earlier.

According to Colleen Moore de Ortiz, who lives on Third Street, things have changed for the better since she and other residents went to a city council meeting to complain about drug dealing in the neighborhood.

“Isn’t it quiet?” she asked the crowd, who cheered assent. The meeting, like the first meeting, took place at the United Church of Newport, which happens to be located on Third Street.

Newport City Police Chief Seth DiSanto, the host of the meeting, acknowledged the perceived improvement, but said the public outcry may have impeded investigations into trafficking.

Had representatives from Third Street come to him privately rather than speaking publically, he suggested he might have been able to let them know officers were within a few weeks of making arrests.

Chief DiSanto said drug investigations are more difficult than other types of police work.

“If you stop someone for DUI, it’s instant gratification,” he said. All an officer has to do is slap the cuffs on a suspect, take him to the station, and book him.

In the case of drug investigations, “when someone says my neighbor next door is selling drugs, I know I can only say, I’m going to make you very happy a year from now,” he said.

“First I have to find my way in,” Chief DiSanto said.

Police might be able to persuade an informant to make a controlled purchase while wearing a recording device, he said.

“Are there any defense lawyers here?” Chief DiSanto asked.

Duncan Kilmartin raised his hand.

“You know, then, if we take the case to court, you’d say, yes, your honor, my client did sell heroin. But it was only one time and he did it in order to buy diapers for his little baby.”

The chief continued, “I need to show a pattern of behavior. So we have to go back and make another buy, and maybe the third time the guy will say, I don’t have any heroin, do you want some crack?”

When that happens, Chief DiSanto said, the state’s attorney can make a case that the person is an all-purpose dealer and get a conviction.

For that reason, the chief said, drug investigations are time consuming, expensive, and dangerous.

He listed some of his department’s recent successes, which, he said, took large amounts of heroin and other drugs off the street.

The most dangerous substance users are seeing is fentanyl, Chief DiSanto said.

“This is jungle fentanyl,” he said. “It comes from a lab in the Mexican jungle.”

The chief said dealers add fentanyl to make their product more potent.

“They throw it in a can and shake it and maybe all the bad stuff goes to one side,” he said. “That’s why the fentanyl ends up in Vermont rather than Boston.”

Chief DiSanto said there are ways to scare off dealers.

“There is no law against one of my officers knocking on a door and asking the person who answers if they are running a service out of their house,” he said. “You can say your neighbors have noticed there is a lot of traffic in and out of your place, and we thought you might have a new business.”

This drew a sharp reaction from one member of the crowd, who said telling a dealer a neighbor reported a lot of traffic at his house might put the neighbor in jeopardy.

“I didn’t say which neighbor,” Chief DiSanto replied.

“A person would naturally assume you mean the next door neighbor,” the crowd member replied.

Chief DiSanto responded saying, “We could just say neighbors, that’s very general.”

That did not satisfy his questioner, who urgently suggested police claim to have noticed the traffic on their own so as not to put anyone living on Third Street in harm’s way.

The chief said he is part of a community prevention partnership that has come up with the Pitr (pronounced like the name, Peter) program, which stands for Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery.

Sunny Naughton who chairs the prevention partnership, remarked on Chief DiSanto’s

propensity for acronyms. She said the other members of the organization include the state Department of Health, Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, and Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, as well as North Country Hospital.

Other partners at the meeting included Orleans County State’s Attorney Jennifer Barrett, State Police Lieutenant Walter Smith, commander of the Derby barracks, Patrick Ryan, director of the Newport office of the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and representatives from the U.S. Border Patrol and Probation and Parole.

Ms. Barrett said she finds that most of the cases her office sees have a drug component, whether they are domestic abuse, driving under the influence, or assault cases.

She said her office is dealing with the flood of drug related cases by establishing a program to steer those arrested for simple possession into treatment programs.

Asked about drug courts, Ms. Barrett said they are out of date.

“They require a judge, they require a prosecutor, and they need a defense attorney,” she said. “That’s expensive and the judge isn’t a drug counselor, the prosecutor isn’t a drug counselor, and the lawyer isn’t a drug counselor.”

Ms. Barrett said the new program has trained people to support users by getting them into a treatment program and directing them to other resources. She said those who fail to comply with the program’s requirements could find themselves in court, but the new program is designed to avoid that result.

“When we have a person charged with selling drugs we immediately ask for a pretrial motion to get the defendant connected with services.” Some people sell drugs to make a profit while others are just trying to support their drug habit, she noted.

A person’s success in making use of the available programs “may mean the difference for him between looking at prison or probation, she said.

Ms. Barrett said her main focus is on “people coming from out of state to sell drugs. Those, we try to put in jail. We will hold accountable those bringing drugs in from out of state or who are selling for profit.”

The meeting closed with promises of more meetings to come, the next on September 20, again at the United Church.



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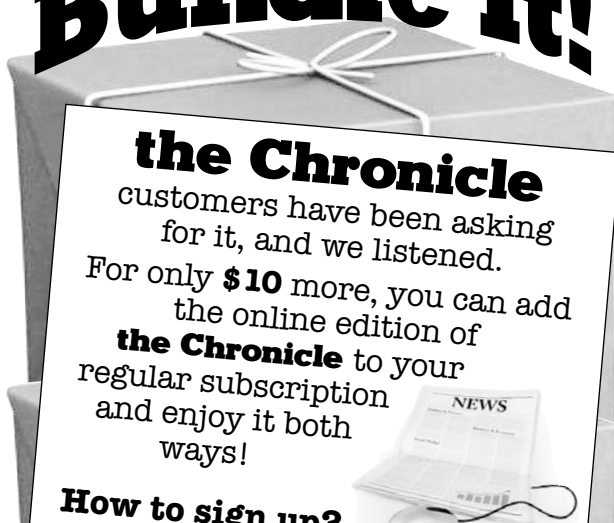
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In Superior Court

Drug sniffing dog causes legal dispute

by Paul Lefebvre

NEWPORT — A case involving a drug dog and a suspected Newport heroin dealer is headed to the Vermont Supreme Court on appeal from Orleans County State's Attorney Jennifer Barrett.

"The question of law sought to be appealed is whether the Vermont Constitution prohibits a dog sniff of a vehicle absent a warrant," says the prosecutor in her request to have the high court hear the appeal.

The state's appeal follows a July ruling by Superior Court Judge Robert Bent that says police overstepped the law when they brought forth a drug dog to check out a vehicle that had been stopped for a minor traffic offense.

On April 14, 2017, two police cruisers followed Trevor Letourneau, 23, of Irasburg into the Circle K mini-mart in Barton. State Police Trooper Steven Fauteux says in his affidavit the truck was missing mud flaps, but police had already been on the lookout for the vehicle and its driver after receiving a tip on the same day about alleged drug trafficking by the driver.

Once inside, police neither blue-lighted nor blocked Mr. Letourneau from leaving, but rather questioned him and his passenger in what Trooper Fauteux characterized as a "consensual conversation."

Orleans County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Jacobs was also involved in the conversation, and according to his supplemental affidavit, told Mr. Letourneau that police had information that he would be returning from St. Johnsbury that day with heroin.

Allegedly, a request by the deputy to use his police dog to check out the vehicle was left hanging in the air when Mr. Letourneau asked if he was free to go. Deputy Jacobs also says in his affidavit that he thought he could smell burning marijuana earlier during their conversation, but he "did not have a reason to stop Letourneau to investigate the source of the odor."

Police say they allowed the defendant to exit the convenience store, only to pull him over for failing to use his turn signal while making a left turn out of the parking lot.

While Trooper Fauteux ran a motor vehicle check, Deputy Jacobs "deployed my police canine, Joshua, to the exterior" of the defendant's truck. The dog tested positively on the driver's door, according to the affidavit, and police say they received consent to search the vehicle. They allegedly found 80 "white glassine bags" containing heroin.

At his arraignment in April 2017, Mr. Letourneau pled innocent to two felonies of transporting heroin and conspiring to sell and deliver the drug. He also pled innocent to a companion misdemeanor of possessing heroin.

As the case wound through court, Public Defender Trudy Miller of Newport filed a motion to suppress the evidence seized during the search and dismiss the charges. She argued police had turned a routine motor vehicle stop into a drug investigation that violated her client's Constitutional safeguards against illegal search

and seizure. Moreover, she clearly believed the police action went beyond what is accepted by the public.

"If police employed canines to check, for example, all vehicles in the Walmart parking lot, or had roadblocks and stopped all cars on Main Street in Newport, or even stopped cars at random — and ran the canines around the vehicles — the instant public outcry against such police state tactics would be beyond deafening," she wrote in a brief to the court on April 23.

Prosecutor Barrett, in turn, submitted findings from other court rulings and argued, "the stop in this case was not extended for the purpose of deploying the police canine."

When it came time to rule, Judge Bent took a more restrained view, but reached a conclusion that sided with the defense.

For starters, he found that a "dog sniff of the vehicle is a search" because it infringes on a citizen's "expectation of privacy." Nor at the time of search did police have any evidence that would confirm the reliability of the tip. Unreliable tips, the judge wrote, "do not establish sufficient probable cause to conduct a warrantless search."

And despite the consensual search of the defendant's truck that followed after the dog's alert, Judge Bent concluded it still failed to pass constitutional muster.

"Using that stop to conduct an illegal search of the vehicle via a canine sniff exceeded the scope of allowable purpose of the seizure, thus rendering the fruits of the search illegal," he wrote.

Aggravated domestic assault conviction

For a felony conviction on aggravated domestic assault, a 37-year-old Newport man will serve 11 months to five years in jail.

The sentence will run consecutively to one he is currently serving, according to court records.

Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Jonathan MacFarlane said in his affidavit that Thomas Tullis Jr. was cited on March 30, following an altercation with a woman at a Derby residence.

Mr. Tullis pled guilty to the charge after the prosecution agreed to dismiss three additional charges of aggravated assault.

According to court records, the defendant has a prior conviction on similar charges, which allowed the state to file the charge as a felony.

Judge Scot Kline approved the sentence that was recommended by the plea agreement.

Once the state amended a domestic assault charge down to simple assault, Windy Bowman, 36, of Newport Center changed her plea to guilty.

As recommended by the plea agreement, Judge Kline ordered she appear before the Community Reparative Board and pay court surcharges of \$147.

An all-night curfew was imposed on Andrew Ladouceur, 32, of Newport after he pled innocent to three companion charges, including aggravated domestic assault, and two misdemeanors of unlawful mischief and interfering with emergency services.

State Trooper Mark Pohlman says in his affidavit that when police responded to a fight on August 28 at a Coventry residence, Mr. Ladouceur had already left the scene, except for a farewell note that allegedly threaten reprisals should charges be brought against him.

Police say Mr. Ladouceur busted a woman's phone and kicked in her bedroom door, causing her to flee the residence.

Seat belt test leads to crash

Alex Martin, 23, whose address was listed as homeless, will serve up to six days in the community on a conviction for careless or negligent driving on May 30, 2017.

Mr. Martin allegedly told police he was testing seat belts when he went off Route 14 in Craftsbury and landed in a ditch.

During the same police interview, however, he told police he was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, according to an affidavit from Trooper Calvin Burns.

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Innocent pleas

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Joseph Clark, 43, of Derby resolved two pending charges of reckless endangerment and driving after his license had been suspended (DLS) through a plea agreement with the state attorney's office.

In return for his guilty pleas, Mr. Clark received a suspended sentence of two to eight months.

Police cited him for roughly treating a woman by throwing her on the ground and flipping her off a porch railing on May 10, 2017, in Barton.

Misdemeanor pleas

Among those pleading innocent to misdemeanors charges were:

Phillip Pemberton Jr., 39, of Newport to violating conditions of release on August 28 in Newport; to domestic assault, unlawful mischief and four charges of violating conditions of release on July 25 in Newport; and domestic assault on April 16 in Newport; and

Brianna Knights, 25, of Island Pond to retail theft on May 20 in Derby.

contact Paul Lefebvre at paul@bartonchronicle.com

Police report

Lawnmower stolen in West Charleston

State Police were notified of a Husqvarna Model YT46LS riding lawnmower that was stolen from a locked shed at the cemetery on the Corkins Road in West Charleston. According to a release from Trooper Amy LeClair, the lawn mower hasn't been used since July.

Burglary in Morgan

State Police were notified of a burglary on the

Toad Pond Road in Morgan on Monday, September 3. Police were advised that a class ring and a set of Hatch kneepads were taken. According to the report by Trooper James Gallup, the engraving on the ring is "Great Valley High, Class of 71."

Police are asking anyone with information about the above incidents to contact the Derby barracks at 334-8881.

BASSI September menu

Thursday, September 6 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, and fruit salad.

Tuesday, September 11 — Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and pudding with cantaloupe.

Thursday, September 13 — Shepherd's pie, mixed vegetables, rolls, and banana cake.

Tuesday, September 18 — Baked ham dinner, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and brownies.

Thursday, September 20 — Turkey Tetrazzini, salad, garlic bread, and blueberry cake.

Tuesday, September 25 — Pork stir-fry, bread, and pineapple upside down cake.

Thursday, September 27 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls and banana cake.

Assorted goodies will be served from 9 to 11:30 a.m. All meals are served with coffee, tea, juice, and water. Meals and activities are subject to change. The center is closed if schools are closed due to weather.

Thai Chi is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Bone builder classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Bingo is held every first, third, and fifth Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Wii bowling is available from 1 to 3 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday. Line dancing will be held the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Ongoing card games are held every Tuesday and Thursday morning. For more information, call Patsy at 525-7043 or 525-6565. — from BASSI.

Westfield meal site September menu

All are invited to enjoy a community lunch every Thursday at noon at the Westfield Community Center at North Hill Road/School Street. A \$4 per person donation is requested, with the second Thursday of the month free. Special thanks to Berry Creek Farm and its CSA members for once again providing a harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables during this growing season.

Thursday, September 6 — Juice, chicken bordelaise, carrots and green beans, new potatoes, biscuits, and chocolate zucchini cake.

Thursday, September 13 (free, no donation requested) — Juice, pork chops, zucchini-tomato casserole, new potatoes, ciabatta bread, and Berry Creek Melon Melange and ice cream.

Thursday, September 20 — Juice, meatloaf, cauliflower, mashed potatoes, rolls, and peaches and cookies.

Thursday, September 27 — Juice, bistro beef stew, whole wheat bread, and L and M Special Dessert.

A free RSVP Bone Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly before the meal from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, join the fun and play bingo and card games.

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- female parent
- male parent
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- boy who has the same parents as you
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- a nanny with magical ways to help the Banks family
- growing up in a family with many children
- a Grandpa's adventures with his little brother
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Public meeting on landfill expansion Sept. 10

A group of Vermont citizens who founded DUMP (Don't Undermine Memphremagog Purity) is organizing a public meeting to raise awareness regarding the expansion of the Coventry landfill site. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the Gateway Center at 84 Fyfe Drive in Newport.

At this meeting, several invited guests will participate in a panel discussion, including two representatives of Memphremagog Conservation Inc., Robert Benoit, volunteer president, and Ariane Orjikh, general manager.

The Coventry landfill site, operated by Casella Waste Systems, is the only landfill site in Vermont, accepting garbage from all parts of Vermont as well as from several nearby states. The landfill is situated close to the Black River, Lake Memphremagog's principal tributary. For several years now, MCI has been monitoring the site, and has raised serious concerns regarding the increase in Casella's operation of the site. The capacity of the site, initially 270,000 tons annually, was increased to 370,000 tons annually in 2005, and to 600,000 tons annually in 2013. A permit application has now been submitted to increase the size of the site to 129 acres (an increase of 51 acres), which will allow the site to continue operating for another 22 years.

The landfill is situated at the top of the Lake Memphremagog watershed, from which 185,000 people get their drinking water, including the cities of Sherbrooke and Magog. MCI believes that this site poses a real danger to the public and that a principle of precaution should be applied. MCI also believes that this site, parts of which are less than 100 meters from the Black River, should never have been authorized in the first place. An

operational failure, a natural disaster, a flood or an earthquake would have disastrous consequences for the lake and the population, and therefore the site should be closed.

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MCI also believes that the leachate, often referred to as garbage juice, should be treated elsewhere than at the Newport treatment plant, whose effluent is emptied into Lake

Memphremagog. This plant was not designed to treat leachate and does not carry out any toxicity tests required to assess its impact on the quality of the lake's water. An independent study should be undertaken to assess the danger that this landfill site poses to the quality of Lake Memphremagog's water. — from Memphremagog Conservation, Inc.

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Brent McCoy, a Hardwick native who co-founded Vermont Vaudeville in 2009, says that the local, open-call format is a natural progression from the troupe's grassroots beginnings. "We started by performing for our friends, families, and neighbors. They kept coming back, and our productions kept growing. Now, a decade later, it's time to invite them to take the stage." So, anyone with a piece of stagecraft: a song, a joke, a heartfelt story, or a trick, is invited to join.

Applications for "Who Wants to Be A Vaudevillianaire" are open to the public until Saturday, October 6 at www.VermontVaudeville.com.

Vermont Vaudeville has a legacy of "laugh till your face hurts" productions, and Vaudevillianaire will be no exception. Recently awarded a Seven Daysies for "Vermont's Best



Comedy Troupe," their semi-annual productions have become must-see events in the region. Mr. McCoy hopes that the enthusiasm of Vermont Vaudeville's loyal fan base will spill over into this new project, and that it will entice hidden talent out of the woodwork. "You never know who's out there, who's got something brilliant to share," he said. "It might be your punning uncle, your niece who loves card tricks, or your teenager with a dazzling voice. We want to create a supportive

opportunity for anyone interested in performing."

Anyone and everyone with a diamond-in-the-rough talent, a wacky idea, or a little piece of theater, is encouraged to apply. "Who Wants To Be a Vaudevillianaire" starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp on Saturday, October 20. Admission will be by suggested donation of \$10 at the door. More information is available at www.vermontvaudeville.com. — submitted by Rose Friedman.

Take action to end hunger

This September the Vermont Foodbank, together with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks, will mobilize across all 50 states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 41 million Americans, including nearly 13-million children, are food insecure, according to the USDA.

In Vermont, 153,000 people turn to the Vermont Foodbank for help finding their next meal. That number includes one in four kids who may not have enough to eat.

September marks the eleventh year the Feeding America network of food banks has organized this annual call to action. This year the campaign will focus on the strong connections between hunger and health.

The Hunger Action Month 2018 campaign asks people to consider how it must feel to live with an empty stomach, which puts a healthy life and a promising future at risk.

"Together, with the help of our fellow Vermonters, we are working hard to ensure that

everyone in our state has access to enough healthy food to reach their full potential," said Vermont Foodbank CEO John Sayles. "When everyone comes together to take action against hunger, we can make our state a place where everyone can thrive and our children can grow up strong and well nourished. Join us this Hunger Action Month to make that a reality."

Hunger Action Day, the second Thursday in September, is a day where efforts across the country are focused for greater impact.

This year, on Thursday, September 13, the Vermont Foodbank asks supporters to share what they couldn't do without adequate nutrition by writing on an empty plate, "On an empty stomach I can't _____," and filling in the blank with something that couldn't be achieved without the nutrition needed to thrive.

These photos can be posted to social media with #HungerActionMonth, @VermontFoodbank and @FeedingAmerica to join the conversation.

The Vermont Foodbank is also offering several other fun ways for Vermonters to take action this September.

They invite individuals, groups, and businesses to visit a local orchard this Hunger Action Month to Pick For Your Neighbor. At participating orchards, people can pick and purchase extra apples for donation to the Foodbank to help get fresh, healthy food to people facing hunger. For a list of participating orchards and to learn more, visit: vtfoodbank.org/PFYN.

To shed light on the issue, the Foodbank is collecting stories from Vermonters about how hunger has affected them and their communities and why they feel it is important to end hunger. Stories can be shared anonymously at: vtfoodbank.org/share-your-story.

And all Vermonters are encouraged to take action by donating, volunteering, and helping raise awareness about the issue of hunger.

To learn more about the Vermont Foodbank and other ways to get involved for Hunger Action Month in Vermont, please visit vtfoodbank.org/HAM. — from the Vermont Foodbank.

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The Outside Story

A plague of ticks: scientists search for solutions

by Susan Shea

On a hike this spring, we walked through a clear-cut area with tall grass and brambles. Afterwards, our pant legs were crawling with blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as deer ticks, the kind that carry Lyme disease. Scientists with the Vermont Department of Health recently examined over 2,000 ticks and found that 53 percent of blacklegged ticks tested positive for Lyme disease. A small percentage of the ticks carried pathogens that cause anaplasmosis or babesiosis, two other tick-borne diseases that can make people gravely ill.

Understanding the two-year life cycle of the blacklegged tick can help prevent Lyme disease. In the spring of the first year, tick larvae hatch from honey-colored eggs in the leaf litter. The six-legged larvae, about the size of a poppy seed, soon seek their first blood meal. The larvae may become infected with the bacterium that causes Lyme disease through this blood meal; it all depends on what kind of animal they find as a host. If it's a white-footed mouse, they're very likely to contract the Lyme spirochete. If it's a chipmunk or shrew, they're somewhat likely. If it's a squirrel or a larger mammal, they probably won't.

After feeding, the larvae drop off into the leaf litter and remain dormant until the next spring. In the spring of year two, these larvae molt into eight-legged nymphs, the size of a pinhead, and seek another blood meal. While most feed on mice and chipmunks (and have another opportunity to contract Lyme disease), pets and humans may become unsuspecting hosts.

In late summer and fall, the adult ticks, now the size of an apple seed, attach to large mammals, usually deer, where they feed and mate. People and pets are susceptible to picking up ticks at this time, although at this stage they are easier to see and feel. After this last blood meal, the females lay up to 3,000 eggs and the two-year life cycle begins again.

Lyme disease was first recognized in the U.S. in 1975, after an unusual outbreak of arthritis in Lyme, Connecticut. Today, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates there are over 300,000 cases in the U.S. every year. A CDC map of Lyme cases shows that most are in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic, upper Midwest, and West Coast. Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York are all considered high-incidence states and the number of cases of Lyme has risen in recent years.

The reasons for the increase in Lyme disease are many. Climate change is probably part of it. Milder winters have allowed ticks to expand their range and emerge earlier in the spring, as well as leading to a surge in the deer and mouse populations that feed them. Forest fragmentation has contributed to an increase in mice, which thrive in small patches of woodland, while their predators need larger forests to survive. In his groundbreaking 2011 book, *Lyme Disease — The Ecology of a Complex System*, disease ecologist Richard Ostfeld of New York's Cary Institute advocated for biodiversity — managing our landscapes for ecological health to promote human health. A diverse woodland is home to many other animals besides mice and deer that attract ticks but don't infect them. Some, like opossums, even eat ticks.

Mr. Ostfeld and Bard College ecologist Felicia Keesing predicted that 2017 would be a bad year for Lyme disease because of high mouse populations last year, due to an abundant mast crop in 2015. In some areas, said Ostfeld, 90 percent of mice harbor Lyme disease, which translates into correspondingly high infection rates for ticks.

Mr. Ostfeld and Ms. Keesing are searching for methods to control ticks and Lyme disease. Their Tick Project, in partnership with the CDC, New

York Department of Health, and others, is in the second year of a five-year study in Dutchess County, New York, which has one of the nation's highest incidence of Lyme disease. The study will determine whether two tick control methods, used separately or together, can reduce the number of cases of Lyme disease in twenty-four neighborhoods. This spring, small bait boxes that attract rodents were placed in the study area. When an animal enters the box, it receives a dose of fipronil, the active ingredient in many tick treatments used on dogs and cats. The other tick control method in the study is a spray containing a fungus that occurs naturally in northeastern

forest soils and has been shown to kill ticks. This fungal spray was applied to vegetation in the study area. If these methods are found to be effective, they are already commercially available and others could begin using them immediately, offering hope in the battle against ticks and Lyme.

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Storm was likely a microburst

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power had gone out from 4 to 10 p.m., but she knew of no damage, and the town had received no calls.

District Seven Transportation Agency General Manager Bill Jewell said, “the storm was very localized with Irasburg being the only one hard hit.”

The town seemed to be capably handling the mess on its own, Mr. Jewell said, and had not asked for help.

At the U.S. Weather Service in Burlington, meteorologist Paul Sisson said that, judging from the pictures he’d seen, Irasburg experienced a microburst, a storm characterized by severe winds of 60 to 100 miles per hour, and torrential rain. Microbursts are usually of fairly short duration, he said, and are a type of storm that has been occurring for a very long while.

Often people mistake microbursts for tornadoes, but even though they can cause tremendous damage, they don’t have the same wind pattern.

Mr. Sisson said that, again, from the pictures he’d seen of damage in Irasburg, the storm was probably “middle of the road” for a microburst.

High temperatures fuel those kinds of storms, he said, and in Burlington on Monday a new heat record of 93 degrees was set.

“Very unusual for this time of year.”

Paul Lefebvre and Tena Starr contributed to this story.



Damage was largely limited to a radius of about two miles from Irasburg’s common. Power went out in Albany from about 4 to 10 p.m., but no serious damage had been reported, Town Clerk Debra Geoffrey said.

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Another unfortunate car in the way of downed trees.

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Trees were broken or blown down on Irasburg’s common.

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Damage was pretty much limited to village



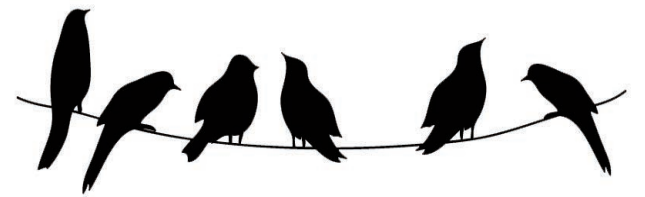
Felled trees took down power lines and closed some roads, said Irasburg Road Foreman Chad Tollmann. Photo by Caitlyn Paige Ainsworth



Rain was briefly torrential. Trees and power lines in the Black River. Photo by Caitlyn Paige Ainsworth



The two big, three-storied mansard roofed homes on Route 14 in Irasburg were hit hard by Monday's storm. Trees were blown down in both yards, which are generally beautifully landscaped. Photo by Tena Starr



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relations and consumer services.

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Sheffield Labor Day 2018

by Joseph Gresser

SHEFFIELD — Last Labor Day the Sheffield Field Day celebrated its seventieth birthday. It almost didn't see its seventy-first.

In between the ears of hot, buttered corn she was helping to dispense on the midway Monday, Bobbie Bristol explained how the annual celebration recovered from its near death experience.

"We, the elderly guard, called a few meetings and said we need volunteers to keep going," she said. "Nobody showed up. So we said, if nobody shows up we can't go on."

"When we finally announced we couldn't do it without new blood, new blood showed up, and they are fabulous," she concluded.

Ms. Bristol said the person most responsible for organizing the squad of young residents who have taken over the reins is Lindsay Hale Miller.

"She's the granddaughter of Edwina Corliss, who used to be postmistress in Sheffield," Ms. Bristol said.

Ms. Miller wasn't hard to find. One just had to head for the center of activity. She stood in Sheffield's Municipal Building between a bingo game and a row of tables festooned with baked goods.

When asked if she's the person who saved the field day, Ms. Miller said, "I'm not the only one. I'm the one who ran into the road and waved over William St. Peter." He's Sheffield's town clerk, and Ms. Miller stopped him to say the field day had to go on.

"I said I was not going to let this go," Ms. Miller said. "My grandmother was a big help to the field day while she was alive. She would be heartbroken if it went away."

Ms. Miller said her grandmother "gave us quarters throughout the year to play games and get food at the fair."

She put together a committee made up of a group of friends who feel the same way and, with support from the "elderly guard," took over the field day.

Ms. Miller said the new guard has already changed the event a bit. She pointed to the bingo game, which in past years would have been held outside under a tent.

It was a good call. Outside, the day was hot and humid. In the hall the air felt cooler.

Ms. Miller was pleased at how well things were going. The parade, she said, was bigger than she had hoped.

"The Cars of Yesteryear people came down with their old cars," she said. "That helped a lot."

Ms. Miller said she and her fellow volunteers rethought the children's events. To begin with, they moved them over next to Miller's Run School, where the horseshoe tournament and Pat O'Hagan Memorial Fiddlers Contest are held.

In prior years a booth at one side of the midway hosted games, including ones that offered prizes to children who popped balloons with darts, threw a baseball through a hole, or tossed a ring so it fell around a bottle.

The ring toss could stay, the new guard decreed, but the other games had to go. They were replaced by activities meant to appeal to a wider range of ages, Ms. Miller said.

Among them were a bouncy castle and, a major innovation, a dunk tank.

Ms. Miller said she brought an extra set of clothes with her in case she needed to take a seat as the guest of honor.



Lindsay Hale Miller takes the plunge after Jacob Berry hits the target with his fastball. Ms. Miller had already taken a different plunge when she organized a committee of youthful Sheffield residents to take over management of the town's annual festival. Photos by Joseph Gresser



Alex Gonyaw peers out from behind his grandfather Dean Gonyaw's team, Jack and Pride, Monday at the Sheffield Field Day pony pull.

"It's the right weather for it," she said.

Behind the Municipal Building, Margaret Martin was staring intently at a thermometer. She wasn't worried about the weather, but trying to make sure the more than 300 chicken halves she was cooking would be properly done.

In the shade of the building, people gathered at picnic tables waiting for the results of Ms. Martin's efforts.

Across the road, past the large awning under which people sat and tapped their toes to music from the Sutton River Boys, one could walk left from the children's pony rides and down a little hill. At the bottom of a miniature amphitheater a

yellow loader was at work placing a half-ton concrete block on a metal boat while eight teams of ponies stood nearby waiting to show their stuff.

Up on the nearby slope a small crowd watched what is always is one of the sweetest pulls in the state. The ring in Sheffield is open, and family members sat on a trailer and watched the friendly competition.

Long-time Glover puller Dean Gonyaw was in the ring with a couple of teams, but he wasn't driving.

"You noticed that, did you?" he said to someone who remarked on his absence.

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New organizers step up

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He pointed to his grandson Alex Gonyaw, who held the reins of Jack and Pride, one of Mr. Gonyaw's teams.

Here was another person happy to see the youth movement at the field day.

When one field day visitor wandered over to Millers Run School to hear the fiddlers play, he found himself wandering by the dunk tank. There on the seat, as promised, sat Ms. Miller

soaking wet in a red shirt and shorts.

A boy whose face was painted into a red mask wound up and fired. His ball met its mark and Ms. Miller took another surprise trip into the water.

While the dunk tank is a standard feature at fairs, it's a device most often used to raise money. Not so in Sheffield. Youngsters weren't charged for their throws, and the smaller folks were encouraged to stand closer to the target.

Instead of a fund-raising event, Ms. Miller



The Pat O'Hagan Fiddlers Contest traditionally finishes with a performance by contestants who want to join in together. On Monday the roster of those playing such favorites as "Redwing" and "Golden Slippers" included (from left to right) John Royer, Delvin Warner, Zack Johnson, Adam Cook, Tony Washburn, Sarah Hotchkiss, Paul Daniels, John Mowad, Courtney Drew, and Larry Davis. Nancy Warner, seated, ably accompanied them on piano.



Courtney Drew took first place in the adult division of this year's Pat O'Hagan Memorial Fiddlers Contest Monday afternoon. She also claimed the title of Fiddler of the Day, a special judges' prize.



Margaret Martin keeps an eye on the temperature of the chicken she is barbecuing for the seventy-first annual Sheffield Field Day.

and her friends had created an activity that almost guaranteed every child the experience of tossing an adult into a tank of water.

If the motto of the field day is, "The Future Belongs to the Young," the memo didn't arrive at the fiddlers contest. There were three contestants in the youth division made up of teens up to 17 years of age. The junior division chart was blank. No one under 12 signed up this year.

The other categories were well stocked with fiddlers from around Vermont and Quebec, and the large audience got the show it expected.

Fintan Letzelter of West Glover earned first place in the youth division. Quebec fiddler Courtney Drew headed the adult category with Winooski's Sarah Hotchkiss in second place. Ms. Drew also took home a new judges' award for the best player in the contest.

In the senior division, John Mowad, another Winooski fiddler, came in first, followed by Dick Cook.

Tony Washburn and Lawrence Earle topped the super senior divisions, taking the first and second spots, respectively.

Millers Run Principal Patrick Ham almost lost control of the proceedings during the last phase of the event. By tradition, many of the contestants get on stage and play together while the judges deliberate.

Mr. Ham found it easier to get the performers started than to stop them once they were on a roll.

Fortunately, one of the thunderstorms that hit the area Monday knocked out the lights for a moment. The players, thinking the stage light had been doused as a hint, stopped playing and Mr. Ham was able to announce the winners.

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Whiteway long spoke out for tolerance

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A week ago on Sunday, Mr. Whiteway, who lives in Craftsbury, was honored with a special legislative resolution presented by Representative Vicki Strong of Albany. It's a long resolution, which recognizes his overall service, as well as his role as liberator of concentration camps.

Friends and family showed up at Eric and Anne Hanson's home for the ceremony, where Mr. Whiteway, now 91, told Representative Chip Troiano of Stannard, a Vietnam War veteran, how frustrating it was to come across starving concentration camp survivors. Many were so far gone, he said, that if you fed them a cracker, they would die. Their digestion systems couldn't handle that much.

What Mr. Whiteway saw in those camps, in war in general, scarred him, but also shaped much of his subsequent life's mission. He's done with public speaking, but for years he talked in schools and elsewhere about the importance of tolerance, the need to end hate of difference. He's well known as a Holocaust historian.

Longtime Charleston elementary teacher Peggy Stevens said she asked him to talk to her class for many years about his experiences. At the end of the school year, she'd ask her students what had been their most meaningful educational moment. Without fail, she said, it was Mr. Whiteway's talk.

Curtis Whiteway was born in Massachusetts, and that's where he lived until he went into the Army. That's where he returned when he got out and got work in the flooring department of a Boston corporation. He moved to Vermont in the late sixties. In 1983, he accepted an invitation to Israel, where he was nationally honored as "a righteous Gentile" for his role in liberating concentration camps. That was just one of many times Mr. Whiteway has been recognized.

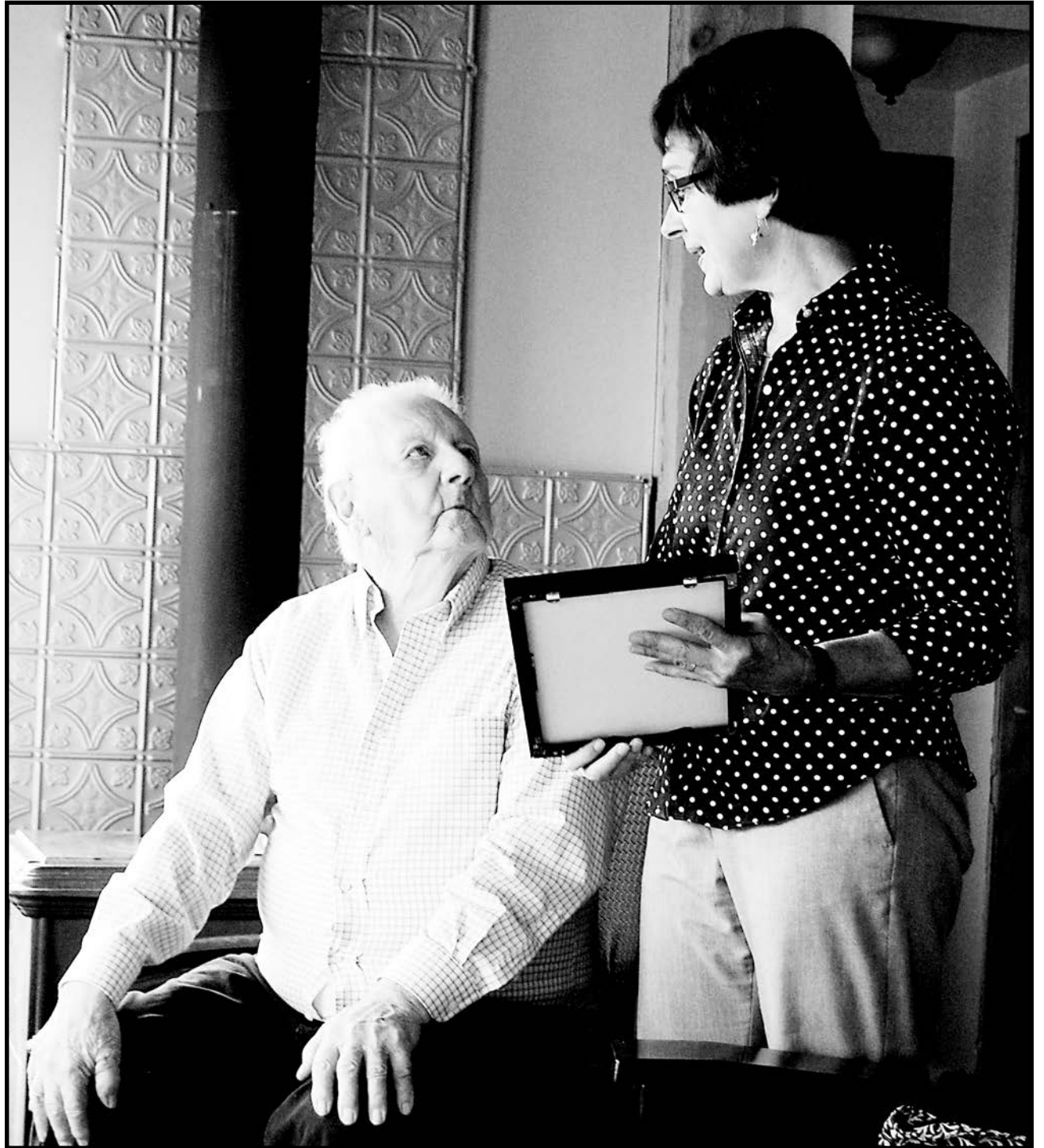
Also, it apparently was the opening he needed to start talking about his experiences in World War II and his belief that such hate, bigotry, and cruelty must never happen again.

The following is gleaned from his two books — *Brave Men Don't Cry*, a memoir, and *Forget Me Not, WWII Army Rangers Fight Against Hate* — as well as remembrances of friends and family, a 2007 *Times Argus* story, and a nearly four-hour interview with him. That interview is available on YouTube through the Shoa Foundation and is well worth watching.

Curtis Whiteway was a child in Massachusetts during the Great Depression. He recalled his mother dividing a can of evaporated milk into sevenths, pouring one-seventh into a bowl for him, another seventh for his sister, then breaking a piece of bread into each bowl. Years later, he realized that she had left nothing for herself and wondered how she'd survived.

He was drafted when his eighteenth birthday arrived in November of 1943. By his own account, he wasn't standard Army material, if that means blind obedience. Mr. Whiteway seems to have been a feisty fellow from the start, refusing to wait on officers, and fighting with Southerners who didn't like Yankees.

In his memoir, he wrote that, in 2007 or 2008, a California professor called for a phone



Representative Vicki Strong was worried that she'd get a little too emotional as she read the Vermont House resolution honoring Curt Whiteway. The resolution recognizes "his exemplary military service," noting that he was awarded three Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and a Silver Star. It also notes that he participated in the liberation of Nazi concentration and death camps — Hadamar, Hemer, Hammelburg, and Dachau 3-B — and has been a passionate Holocaust educator. Representative Strong, who was instrumental in getting the resolution, made it through the presentation just fine. The concurrent resolution was offered by Representative Strong, Representative Sam Young of Glover and senators Bobby Starr and John Rodgers. Photo by Tena Starr

interview. He was writing a book on the 99th Infantry, the division Mr. Whiteway commanded. "He asked me if I'd ever killed a man.

"Yes, many," I replied.

"Really?" he asked.

I repeated. "Yes, really. That is what we were there for.

"The professor sounded surprised. 'I have interviewed close to a hundred men in your unit and they all say that they never fired their weapons.'"

"I hung up on the professor.

"I wondered as I sat and thought about the professor's comment. Who did he think destroyed the German Army if no one had fired their weapons?"

Following the Battle of the Bulge, Mr. Whiteway was in command but had almost no one to command. He was given a choice of new troops, and largely chose American Indians. He wrote that, after losing most of his previous buddies, he didn't want to get close to his men again, but he ultimately found that near impossible. His previous unit, he said, had included men of a variety of ethnicities; his new one was heavy on Indians, who he viewed as courageous and intelligent men, who he'd handpicked.

Neither in the book, nor in interviews, is Mr. Whiteway terribly specific about location. Sometimes he just didn't know exactly where they

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Soldiers saw horrors they'd never contemplated

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were. (And sometimes this reporter could not tell clearly enough from the interview where the location was.)

It may not matter much in the big scheme, though some of his interviewers were clearly looking for specifics for historical purposes. Names of the bigger, more notorious, concentration camps are familiar to most people – Auschwitz, Dachau. But Mr. Whiteway writes and talks about sub camps and lesser known names like Hadamar, which he ran across, and where 35,000 people were killed, often through poison.

What comes across in many of Mr. Whiteway's narratives, verbal or written, is the god-awful horror of that war, as well as his personal compassion and morals.

Somewhere in central Germany Mr. Whiteway writes, they ran into a bombed town. In the rubble, he saw a rag doll with a little hand reaching out from under a fallen building.

"I knelt down and began removing the stones that were lying on this little girl. She was still alive, but terribly injured. I knew that it would not be long. The men continued moving forward, protecting me as I held her in my arms. I could not help her, for the injuries were too severe. At one point she opened her eyes for a short moment. Then she was gone. I laid her carefully on a piece of cloth that one of the men found and brought to me. We moved on. Someone would find her and bury her properly, I thought. I placed the rag doll in her cold hand."

He describes a time when he and a friend were briefly captured by the Germans and badly beaten. Despite the fact that their hands were wired together, they fought back. The German captors, who he calls Jerrys, were shot by two U.S. soldiers who had come looking for Mr. Whiteway and his friend, the Indian named Goggleye, who he remained close with throughout the war.

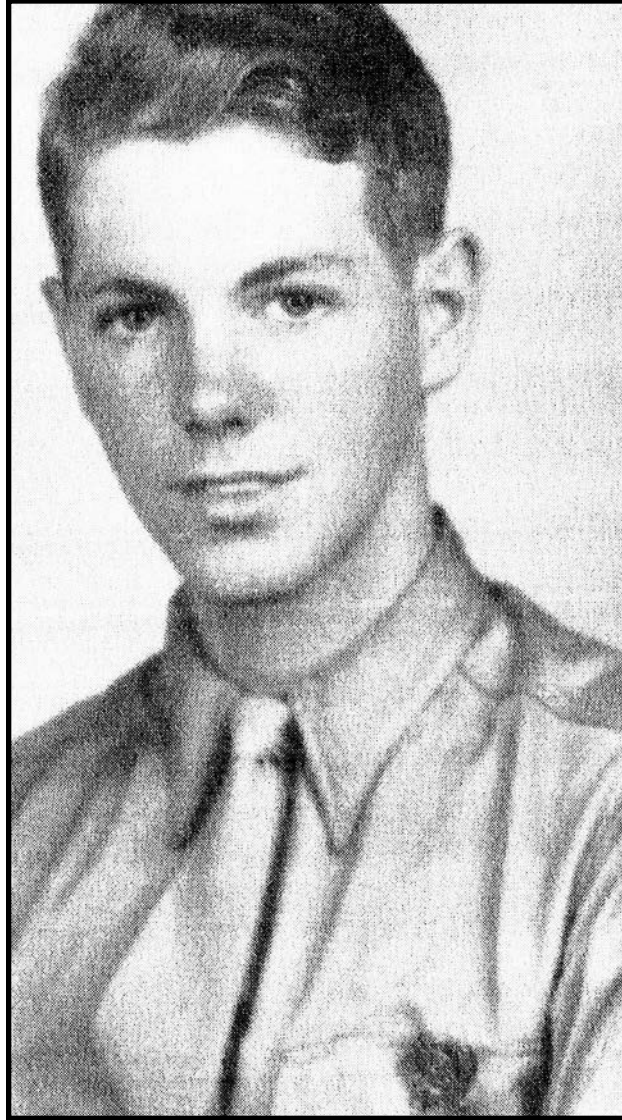
"Today as I age, I have many after effects of that beating," he wrote. "I received broken fingers, a chipped spine, and injured intestines. But I survived, as did Goggleye, thanks to our buddies."

And he writes about officers he viewed as incompetent, or less than brave, one who ordered a bayonet attack, in improbable circumstances.

"I looked up at that huge open field with the Germans dug in far across it commanding that whole field of fire. Not a man would make it standing up even part way across. I couldn't believe the command Premozic had issued. 'Fuck you,' I called out while I was still shooting at the Germans."

As the 99th moved forward, they reached into the heart of Germany, and "that's where we started to first run into concentration camps," Mr. Whiteway says in the Shoa interview.

According to him, it took a while before American troops realized what they were seeing. He said that, at the beginning, U.S. troops didn't go into the camps. Their mission was to engage the German Army, so they split up and went around them. "Only a handful went into the camps."



Curt Whiteway in 1944 at 19 years old. Photo from *Brave Men Don't Cry*

"We would see a bunch of prisoners standing there. We were thrown off guard at first. They'd be waving to you, waving and smiling, start laughing and smiling. We thought they were alright and we kept on going."

He said his unit went by at least three camps that way, not realizing that the smiles were about potential liberation, not knowing what exactly the

camps were, and that there might be many more people in far worse shape hidden from their view.

"We just kept on walking." Their mission was to engage the German Army.

Approaching Giessen, they came near what looked like a city that had been destroyed by bombs and fire. "We had been in combat for quite some time and thought we were used to the smell of war and death," Mr. Whiteway said. "The terrible smell coming from the city was so different. The main building had a big chimney and out of the building was that appalling heavy brown smoke. It was a terrible terrible smell we couldn't identify."

He said he has pictures, but on this day the pressure was low, and the smoke "was coming down and laying over the whole city."

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Whiteway and his men liberated four camps

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"We finally came to the main gate and charged up the side of the hill. I could see a group of one-story buildings on my right, typical of Army barracks. There was a group of slaves as we called them in those days, for lack of a better word. We had already seen thousands and thousands of slaves, but they weren't in the same condition as the concentration camp slaves."

These people were wearing blue and white striped uniforms but were so filthy it was hard to discern color or pattern, Mr. Whiteway said. "The uniforms hung like they were many times too big." But, in fact, the people who wore them had literally shrunk to skin and bones.

He says the prisoners didn't know that Americans were a mere 60 miles behind German lines, the "slaves" did not know who they were, or what was happening.

"I could smell them. Body odors, lice had bitten them. I've never forgot one man close to me, with a horrible open sore. The prisoners had no flesh, and "their eyes were sunken right back in their heads," he said. "All the hair on their bodies was shaved off."

And then it got worse. He and his men moved on and found a sanitorium, or hospital, where people were in what he called the T4 program, or euthanasia. They'd believed they'd been admitted to the hospital as patients but were actually being deprived of food and water.

"These people were put in this ward and all food and water was shut off to them. They thought they were patients. They were in deplorable condition. They were actually starving whole wards of men and women to death.

"This was becoming overwhelming because you weren't prepared for any of these things. Beside the pile of hair there was a pile of eyeglasses. I couldn't understand. How many human beings does this represent because not everybody wears eyeglasses?"

He said he went back to the main camp entrance and asked if anyone could speak English. "One man answered much like a zombie. I said we are American soldiers, it's alright. We were all crying. We were overwhelmed by all the things we were seeing

and still not understanding, but every man was crying. It was an incredible experience."

The "slave" he'd managed to communicate with "didn't look at me, he didn't blink his eyes. He was looking over my shoulder at some of my men and then he started to cry, then began to sob, and then he collapsed on the ground in front of me."

In Yiddish, that man told the other captives that it was done, the Americans had liberated them.

Mr. Whiteway moved on. At one camp, he said, one of the worst sections involved Russian prisoners. They were denied food and water, but German guards would "play games," he said. "They would play games and throw morsels of food," then shoot those who went after them. He said he later learned there were 99 Americans in that camp as well.

"We pushed through down to Nuremberg. We pushed through right into the heart of Germany, Bavaria, the heart of God knows how many concentration camps in Bavaria."

Flossenburg was bad, he said, but the camps on the west side of the Dachau system "were the most incredible of horror camps." Those, he said, were camps where human experiments were conducted. "They dissected people alive."

"What appalled us," he said in the Shoa interview, were occasions where "a group of slaves would show up, and a soldier would shoot them down for no reason. We asked the German civilians why they did this. We never found a German soldier or German civilian that would take responsibility for their own actions. They would blame Hitler. Hitler told me to do it. Or if it was a soldier, it was an officer told him to do it."

On one occasion, Mr. Whiteway said, he and his men heard screaming and crying on the road ahead and ran across "a huge column of slaves, men and women, and SS troops, and they were beating these people to death, bayoneting them." That, he learned was the "Flossenburg death march" to Dachau in 1945. He said some of the German soldiers ran, some fired at them. He motioned for the prisoners to get down.

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After the war, President Truman called

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“Everybody started laying down, and soldiers started running, and we shot every one of them.”

As Mr. Whiteway’s memoir, and the end of the war, wind down, chapters get shorter, almost as if he’s too weary of reliving horror and cruelty at that point and wants to get it over with.

There was plenty left. Even though the Germany Army was doomed, war straggled on, and there was no less danger for a GI.

And then there was the aftermath. Mr. Whiteway writes about the abandoned children trying to survive however they might, including theft; French farmers trying to pull plows with their own bodies, or with starving cows because the horses were all dead; food shortages; the German prisoners of war who wanted to go to the U.S. rather than return to Germany, where they knew home, and life as they knew it, were probably destroyed.

Mr. Whiteway came home in 1945, and admits to nightmares that diminished as he eventually talked more about his experiences. He was honored as a liberator, and he ran across people who embraced him, family of those who knew he was commander of the 99th Infantry and had liberated relatives.

President Harry Truman called him and asked him to continue his leadership in civilian life.

“Of course, I was honored and a little proud,” Mr. Whiteway wrote. “That was the first time I had ever talked personally with a President.”

The prelude to Mr. Whiteway’s memoirs is written by Holly Snyder, archivist and acting director of oral history at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

It starts with this: “What Curt told the men under his command as they were about to enter a camp: Just because the other guy goes below that line and becomes an animal does not mean that we shall. An eye for an eye does not put an end to anything and that is what we believe we are here for, to put a stop to all the human misery and go home. We are proud Americans whom the world looks up to as we set the standards for others to follow.”

In Craftsbury last week, Mr. Whiteway was often referred to as a “national treasure.”

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Curt and Ruth Whiteway at their wedding.

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Both buyers and sellers were at the mercy of middlemen

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The Dean settlement resulted in payments of about \$3,000 to each of the 9,000 farmers in the 11-state region covered by Milk Order 1. The farmers' lawyers split a \$6-million check for their work.

Dean Foods admitted no wrongdoing, and no actions were ordered to resolve farmers' complaints about the company's business practices.

think their clients stood much chance of success if the case went to trial.

While some farmers suggested the lawyers were just looking for a quick payday, which they estimated would amount to \$16-million, the lawyers said the deal was an arm's-length transaction and in the best interest of their clients.

Those farmers who objected to the settlement, by letter or by personal appearance, seemed to be concerned about the size of the compensation package, but even more disturbed by the so called "release" that shielded DFA and DMS employees, officials and affiliates from further lawsuits.

Those who protested the settlement included all but one of the so-called "class representatives,"

Ms. Allen said a bigger problem is the U.S. government's unwillingness to enforce antitrust laws. Without federal attention to the problem, the farmers that sued DFA and DMS did about as well as they could have hoped, she said.

Alice Allen, of Ryegate was one of the lead farmers in both cases, and her name appears first in the list of plaintiffs.

On Tuesday she said most farmers got checks of more than \$4,000, "closer to \$5,000, depending on the amount of milk they produce.

"I always knew this case wouldn't solve all the problems of farmers," she said. Nevertheless, she said, if it get farmers to pay more attention to markets it will have done a great service.

Ms. Allen said a bigger problem is the U.S. government's unwillingness to enforce antitrust laws. Without federal attention to the problem, the farmers that sued DFA and DMS did about as well as they could have hoped, she said.

According to the farmers' lawsuit, it was difficult or impossible to sell milk to bottlers without going through DFA and its associates and equally hard to buy bottled milk except from Dean Foods and processors controlled by the cooperative. Thus both buyers and sellers of milk were at the mercy of the middlemen.

Ms. Allen said she is especially pleased at the creation of the ombudsmen job.

"Before, farmers who had complaints about the boss had to complain to the boss," she said.

She said Ms. Nelson is the ideal person for the job.

The \$50-million figure was first put forward by DFA and DMS in early 2015. The companies admitted no misconduct and presented a long list of people who, under the terms of the settlement, would be shielded from further legal action by farmers. In addition, there were no conditions about behavior other than a requirement that the companies obey the law.

Judge Reiss refused to give preliminary approval to that version of the settlement and held a hearing in January 2015 at which farmers lined up to protest the shield provision as well as the deal's financial terms. Many pointed to an earlier, larger settlement on similar charges signed by DFA and farmers in the Southeast.

In arguing against the settlement, the farmers found themselves in opposition to their own lawyers, who told Judge Reiss they did not

the farmers whose names appeared on the case.

In April 2015 Judge Reiss agreed with the settlement's opponents and refused to accept it. She focused on the shield provision, which she termed "astonishingly broad," and the lack of conduct provisions.

Judge Reiss noted the case began because DFA and DMS were accused of not following the law.

The lawyers returned with the current agreement several months later, and at a hearing in May 2016, most farmers approved of the settlement.

In June 2016, Judge Reiss gave the deal her approval. Seeing the new deal, Ms. Allen said she was happy Judge Reiss had not followed her initial advice.

Much time since then has been spent collecting applications from farmers who are eligible for the payments. This brought out a group of third parties who tried to mislead dairy producers into thinking they needed to pay a portion of their check for help in filing claims.

In May, Judge Reiss thwarted that business by ordering checks to be sent directly to the farmers. They could determine what, if anything, they owed to the third parties, she wrote.

Ms. Allen said she has been getting messages and calls from farmers, most of whom are very pleased at receiving an unexpected check.

"I asked one farmer, didn't you believe me?" Ms. Allen said. The farmer she was speaking with admitted he lacked faith.

Ms. Allen said a group of farmers that opted out of the settlement have decided to go to trial. The group of about 100 people is called Farmers United and, according to Ms. Allen, has so far not made much progress in its suit.

"I'm keeping my eye on it," she said.

The surest sign that the suit is surely over came on August 27 when Judge Reiss allowed the farmers' lawyers to take fees and expenses from the escrow account in which money for the purpose was kept.

She allowed them a total of \$7.2-million in fees and \$3.85-million in expenses.

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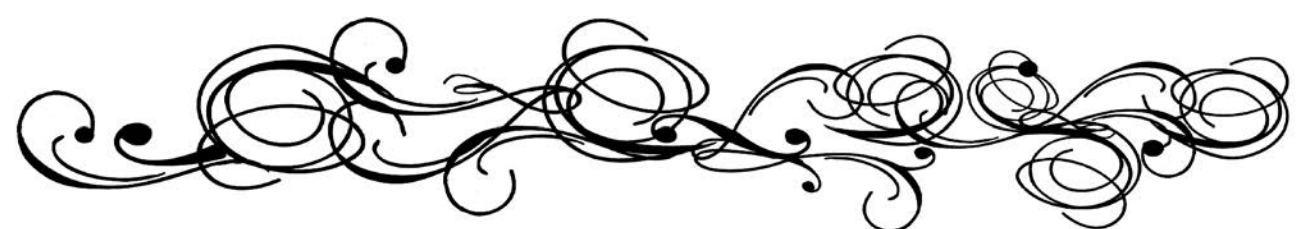
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JOB REQUIREMENTS
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For additional information contact:
Tina Royer, Recruitment Coordinator
Human Resources
North Country Hospital
189 Prouty Drive
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802-334-3210, ext. 407
E-mail: troyer@nchsi.org

School news

CCV president's list

The following students at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) were named to the spring 2018 president's list: Luc Capaldi of Newport, Renee Fortin of Newport, and Amber Minnie of Newport.

This honor recognizes full-time students with a 4.0 grade-point average. — from CCV.

Lapointe-Deptula named to Plymouth State's president's list

Vincent Lapointe-Deptula of Montgomery Center has been named to the Plymouth State University president's list for the spring 2018

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semester. Mr. Lapointe-Deptula is an interdisciplinary major at Plymouth State. To be named to the president's list, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.7 or better for the spring 2018 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. — from Plymouth State University.

Gaboriault named to University of Maine at Farmington dean's list

Connor Gaboriault of Barton was recently named to the University of Maine at Farmington dean's list for the spring 2018 semester. UMF maintains a dean's list each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade-point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with high academic achievement. — from the University of Maine at Farmington.

McAllister named to Springfield College dean's list

Springfield College has named Daniele McAllister of Barton to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2018 term. McAllister is studying human services.

Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.500 for the semester. — from Springfield College.

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JOB OPENING

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Australia to meet Newfoundland at the Music Box

Newfoundlander Rik Barron and Australian Randy Bulpin have a musical partnership of many years' standing.

Rik Barron, ex-Mountie and now a resident of Woodbury, is a master of the guitar, mandolin, and banjo, and a founding member of The Fousty Toutons, Newfoundland's most famous folkabilly band. His collaboration with bass and guitar virtuoso Chili Taylor has earned three Canadian Folk Music Award nominations and two East Coast Music Award wins. Through his long relationship with banjo icon and innovator Tony Ellis, Mr. Barron has forged a unique instrumental style combining the elements of Celtic, Maritime, and American music. He is a three-time East Coast Music award winner, a three-time Canadian Folk Music award nominee and a two-time Indie

nominee. Randy Bulpin, born in England, raised in Australia, plays both acoustic and electric guitars, specializes in slide and dobro, and has extensive experience as a professional touring and recording musician, while also achieving success as a songwriter and producer. He has shared the stage and studio with many international stars including, Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, John Prine, Ricky Nelson, Joe Cocker, Bo Diddley, and Stefan Grappelli. Mr. Bulpin also performs with his wife, the fiddler, Leslie Campos in a duo known as Laslo Cameo. It will be held on Saturday, September 22, at 8 p.m., at the Music Box in Craftsbury.

Donations at the door. For more information call 586-7533 or www.themusicboxvt.org. — from the Music Box.

notices

WARNING

The Orleans Snowstormers snowmobile club will hold their Annual Meeting election of officers and directors on Tuesday, September 18, at 7 p.m., at the residence of Raymond Rodrigue, 48 Natural Hill, in Coventry. If you need more info or directions please call (802) 334-6179. All members are welcome.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BARTON

There will be a public hearing before the Barton Town Development Review Board at the Barton Town office, 34 Main Street, Barton, VT, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, at 6 p.m., to consider the following application(s):

A board hearing has been scheduled to review a zoning application for a subdivision permit from Mrs. Carmen LeMarche, Mr. Norman LeBlanc, and Mrs. Paulette Riendeau. They are seeking a subdivision permit for property located at 64 Maple Street, Orleans, VT. The application requests a subdivision of the property into two lots. One will be approximately .25 acres and the other lot is approximately .43 acres.

Further information is available at the Town of Barton Zoning office, 34 Main Street, Barton, VT.

Joyce Croteau
Zoning Administrator, Town of Barton.

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE HUDSON ROAD IN CHARLESTON

Bridge #5, located on Hudson Road approximately one-half mile east of VT Route 5A, will be closed 1-2 weeks for replacement beginning September 10th. Detour via VT Routes 5A and 105.

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Notification of Management Plan Availability September 2018

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act requires that written notification be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at the address given below. Management Plans are available for the following school districts:

- Albany School District
- Barton School District
- Brownington School District
- Glover School District
- Irasburg School District
- Orleans School District
- Lake Region Union High School
- Orleans Central Early Childhood Program (COFEC)

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WARNING HOLLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

The legal voters in the School District of the Town of Holland, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Holland School building in said town on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 6 p.m., to transact the following business:

Article I:
To elect a Moderator

Article II:
Shall the voters of the Holland Town School District authorize the Holland School Board to close the Kindergarten to Grade 6 Holland Elementary School and to provide for elementary education of the pupils residing in the district by paying tuition, in accordance with Title 16, Section 821(a)(1), to the Derby Elementary School which shall be known as the designated school district?

Article III:
To transact any other business to be brought before said meeting.

Article IV:
To adjourn the meeting.

Dated at Holland, Vermont, this 7th day of August, 2018.

Town of Holland
Board of School Directors
Lincoln Petell
Louise Campbell
Kim Champney

Received for record this 9th day of August, 2018, at Holland, VT.
Attest:
Diane Judd, Town Clerk

WARNING

BRIGHTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Brighton Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Elementary School building on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 7 p.m., to transact the following business:

Article I:

Shall the voters of the Brighton Town School District vote to remain a single town school district and reject the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of Education to become a Unified Union School District with the Brighton Town School District?

Article II:

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, Vermont, this 8th day of August, 2018.

Board Approval:
Katie Mientka, Chair
Jeanne Gervais
Cass Lyons
David Yasharian

Received for recording and posting this 9th day of August, 2018.
Teresa Potwin, Town Clerk of Brighton

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Justin Russell Darling
LATE OF: Barton, VT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of the estate of Justin Russell Darling, late of Barton, VT.

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Publication Date: September 5, 2018
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Orleans Probate Division
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Executor/Administrator:
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TOWN: Sutton, VT 05867

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF DERBY TAXPAYERS

2018 Property Tax Bills were mailed out on August 20, 2018.

2018 Property Taxes are due by **5 p.m., Monday, OCTOBER 15, 2018.** The Derby Town Treasurer's office is open Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., **closed on Fridays. We have a black drop box out front.**

If you have not received your 2018 tax bill, please notify the Treasurer's office at (802) 766-4906.

NOTICE

Town of Brownington Road Closures

- The Parker/Moulton/Hinman Settler Road intersection will be closed the week of September 10-14, 2018, for repairs.
- The Center Road will be closed the week of September 17-21, 2018, for the replacement of a box culvert near the Brownington Center Church. Please seek alternate routes.

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at: <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Stormwater Management Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 18P042

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources
CONCISE SUMMARY: This Rule is being repealed because it is being replaced by the Chapter 22 Stormwater Permitting Rule, which is a comprehensive rule for regulating all stormwater discharges.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Padraic Monks, Agency of Natural Resources, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620. : 802-490-6169. E-mail: padraic.monks@vermont.gov. URL: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed>

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Sheriff's Department: Keep student walkers, bikers safe

It's that time of year and kids have returned to school. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department wants to utilize this opportunity to express the importance of pedestrian and bicyclist safety on the roadways. The National Highway Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration designated pedestrian safety as their top priority and strive to raise awareness of the dangers on roadways. Parents are encouraged to speak to their children and relay the importance of being safe and alert while traveling to and from school. Here are some helpful tips for parents to teach and encourage their children to use with various types of transportation.

Walking: Always wear bright clothing when walking to be more visible to drivers. Always walk on the sidewalk. When no sidewalk is available, walk on the shoulder of the road towards oncoming traffic. Don't allow children under 12 years of age to cross the street alone. Parents are always encouraged to walk with their children to and from school. Always use a crosswalk. Stop at the curb and look left-right-left before crossing. If a vehicle is parked near the crosswalk, stop at the edge of the vehicle and look left-right-left again before crossing. Continue looking left-right-left, as well as listening for traffic, until

safely on the other side. Never assume a vehicle will stop. Always be a good role model and display safe habits.

Biking: Always wear a helmet. Ride in the same direction as traffic and follow traffic signs and signals. Stay in the bike lane if available. Use the sidewalk if needed, and watch for other pedestrians. Never use electronics while riding.

For more information regarding either walking or biking safety, please visit: <http://pedbikeinfo.org/>, <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>, or <https://www.nhtsa.gov/pedestrian-safety/child-pedestrian-safety-curriculum>.

Bus: Teach S.A.F.E. when your children use a school bus:

Stay five steps away from the curb.

Always wait for the bus driver to tell you when to board.

Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.

Exit the bus when it stops, look left-right-left, and take five steps away from the bus past the curb.

Driving: Have a safe driver. The driver shouldn't move until everyone is buckled up. Use appropriate and required car seats or booster seats for younger passengers. Finally, remember "Heads up, phones down" when driving. — from the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.



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Holland Community Church meal September 10

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Concerns remain about the building

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Ms. Bouchey's proposal of merging Holland and Derby to create a single school district, which could be imposed on the towns by the state Board of Education, made a quick decision imperative.

At a June meeting to discuss possible actions, Holland residents said they worried a new district would take ownership of the only building in town, the school, that could serve as a community center.

Since that meeting the state Board of Education has issued proposed interim articles of agreement, which, if finalized, would allow a

district to sell a school to a town for \$1. In addition, the proposed interim articles would not permit school closings sooner than two years after a merger.

On Tuesday Mr. Castle said the interim agreement may not be strong enough to rely upon. He said it can be changed and it is unclear who can make such a change.

If Holland accepts a merger with Derby, he said, the town school board will disappear. If it votes to close its school and tuition students, it won't.

Should circumstances change, he suggested, it might be possible to talk with Morgan and work

together to reopen the school.

Mr. Castle said voters will be asked on September 11 to vote on a warned article asking if they want to close their school and designate Derby Elementary as the town elementary school.

Since the earlier meeting, some Holland parents have asked if school choice might be a better option. Mr. Castle said they will have a chance to make their case during discussion at next Tuesday's meeting.

Because it is a floor meeting, he said, voters can seek to amend the wording of the warned article to allow school choice if that is their pleasure.

Authors Fest coming to Craftsbury

The first annual Authors Fest and Book Signing by Vermont authors will be held at the Craftsbury Farmers Market on Saturday, September 15 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is planned to "come and meet" Vermont writers.

Local writers and poets will be participating and offering their books for sale, signing books, and talking to visitors.

Larry Bohan, who is spearheading the event

at the Craftsbury Farmers Market, has indicated 15 authors have signed up to participate. The authors represent a wide range of genres—including children's books, murder mysteries, Civil War history, historical novels, poetry, and non-fiction.

The authors present will include John Churchman, Howard J. Coffin, Jerry Johnson, Daphne Kalmar, Beth Kannell, Dan Close, Tyler

A. C. Mason, Peggy Sapphire, Skip Sedore, Patty Oliver-Smith, Granny (Brenda) Snow, and Tanya Sousa.

For further information please check the website at craftsburyfarmersmarket.com, which provides a link to Authors Fest Vermont and Book Signing. Each author who is participating is listed with links to his or her website, Facebook, or Twitter. — submitted by June Cook.

MAC holding fall exhibition in Newport

As part of the Newport's Centennial year, MAC Center for the Arts will hallmark the fete with an exhibition entitled "NEWPORT!" and will open Friday, September 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., with a reception in the Lower Gallery. This exhibit will feature work by MAC members, as well as

the Plein Air artists. Donna Walsh has organized the paint outs for Plein Air throughout the summer in the greater Newport area and their creative interpretations will be highlighted in this exhibition. In addition, some of the iconic images of vintage Newport will be on display to mark

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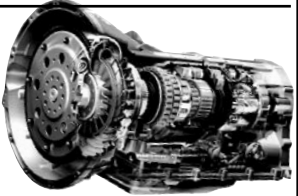
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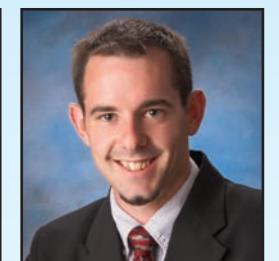
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