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Landfill foes dissatisfied by ANR policy

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) would never pour oil even on troubled waters, but its secretary, Julia Moore, did try to calm tensions before a meeting held in Newport by announcing a three-year continuation of the moratorium on treating leachate in the city's waste water plant.

Secretary Moore's intended audience, opponents of the Coventry landfill, were pleased by the concession. They continue to ask for a permanent ban on even treated liquids from the facility going into Lake Memphremagog.

About 70 people filled the Gateway Center for the August 24 meeting and more viewed the event online.

Representatives from the departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and Fish and Wildlife reported on ongoing research projects having to do with the lake, and representatives of organizations concerned with

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Restaurant supply chain lags behind

by Luke Vidic

Across northeast Vermont, and the nation at large, restaurants and food stores are struggling to get the supplies they need to feed a population released from COVID restrictions.

Companies like U.S. Foods and Black River Produce are troubled by a supply chain suffering from insufficient labor.

"In 20 years I've never had a food service company tell me I ordered too much food," said Isaac Gresser, sous chef at Burke Mountain Academy. For the first time in his career, Mr. Gresser was given not only a minimum order size, but a maximum order size, too.

At the start of the pandemic, demand fell off and suppliers fired or furloughed many of their workers. As restrictions lift, the same companies are trying to fill openings for drivers and warehouse workers. U.S. Foods has job openings offering sign-on bonuses worth over

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Hamilton, safe at home



Hamilton, a rare Baud du Poitou donkey frolics at Arnold's Rescue Center in Brownington. When just born Hamilton suffered from sepsis and had to be rushed to New Hampshire for emergency treatment. It was successful and he is back at home. For the whole story please see page eleven. Photo by Colin Nickerson

Popular Newport officer returns to North Country high school

by Brian Carroll

NEWPORT — A once-familiar face will again be seen in the halls of North Country Union High School.

At a combined meeting of the North Country junior and senior high school boards held August 24 Principal Chris Young told the board Newport City Police Patrolman Royce Lancaster will return as school resource officer for the coming year.

Mr. Young, acknowledged the work of Orleans County Sheriff Jennifer Harlow, who also

represents Holland on the board, in getting Patrolman Lancaster back into school. While he remains on the Newport force, his job as resource officer is a full-time position, and the school will pay his police salary.

The first resource officer at North Country, Newport Patrolman Richard Wells, was hired in 2013. Patrolman Lancaster took over the job the next school year.

Just before the 2016 school year began, Seth DiSanto, the Newport's police chief, told the school his department could no longer spare an

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Charleston Select Board seeks upgrade in lake's status

by Matthew Wilson

CHARLESTON — At the Charleston Select Board meeting on August 26, representatives from the Echo Lake Protection Association (ELPA) asked the board to support their effort to have the lake reclassified as being in pristine natural condition by the state Agency of Natural Resources.

ELPA has been gathering signatures on a petition to ask for an upgrade to better reflect the excellent water quality and gain access to money

set aside to protect the environment.

The association works with property owners near the lake to prevent erosion of the shoreline and safeguard the ecology of the area. ELPA hopes to elevate the classification of the lake to gain funding provided by the state, which could protect such wetland environments below "2,500 feet." In addition to having the town back the petition it is submitting to the Agency of Natural Resources, ELPA also hopes to list Charleston as a co-petitioners as well as have the town provide a

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Police say father and son tried to murder Derby man

Police say they suspect Dante Flowers Sr. and Dante Flowers Jr. of participating in a murderous attack that left James Castrogiovanni, 41, of Derby with life-threatening injuries that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

According to a press release from State Police Detective Sergeant Drew Cota the attack took place on October 14, 2020, at Mr. Castrogiovanni's home at the Derby Mobile Home Park on Route 5.

Sergeant Cota said charges against the two men came after a lengthy investigation. He said the three knew each other "from previous interactions."

The elder Mr. Flowers, 45, of Hartford, Connecticut, first came to public attention when he was shot in the parking lot near Wendy's in Newport on November 30, 2020.

Police say Dante Flowers Jr., 27, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, the son of Mr. Flowers Sr., was one of those who was involved in the shooting. He is currently being held by federal authorities on charges including "knowingly using or carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime."

Mr. Flowers Jr. pled innocent to the charge.

Mr. Flowers Sr. was arrested by federal authorities in June pled innocent to charges of selling fentanyl and crack cocaine in Vermont. He is awaiting trial at the Northwestern Correctional Facility in St. Albans.

His son was also named in the indictment for conspiracy to sell drugs and has pled innocent to those federal charges as well.

Barton arts to host ecosystem art show

Greater Barton Arts will host an art show titled, Ecosystems Services Through an Artist's Eye, on September 19.

The show is composed of art inspired by regional landscapes. Many of the artists worked on area farms that were implementing best practices for soil improvement, soil conservation, and water management supported by grants from the sponsoring agencies. The work is varied and

complemented by informational placards explaining the practices being featured.

Viewing times are Wednesday, September 1, through Sunday, September 19, at the Arts Center, 396 Main Street, Barton, open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. — from Greater Barton Arts

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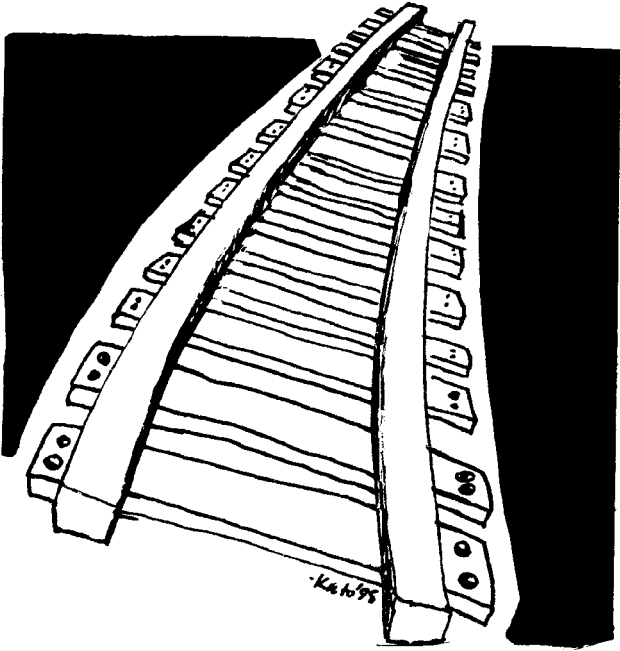
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Yours from the Perimeter

by Paul Lefebvre

Only love can be as secretive as money. Who do you tell when you fall in love with someone? Best friend? Maybe. Your ex-wife? Possibly. No one? Likely, until the cat is out of the bag and your affections have been either accepted or rejected. Money, on the other hand, is a secret you enjoy keeping by and to yourself. Especially money gained when everywhere and everything else around you appears to be the same. No change in circumstances. Nothing sold. No loans taken out or repaid. But suddenly it's there. A windfall from an investment you thought you'd be lucky to break even on, when the time came to cash out. The quote, "money won is twice as sweet as money earned," might have to take a backseat to money gained like a breeze on a hot day is twice as difficult to hold as any secret ever told.

As anyone might tell from reading the above, I'm new to windfalls such as the ones you can fold and hide in places more unsavory than a jelly jar. Years ago there was a story or a damn good rumor of a guerilla gardener of marijuana who hid his profits in a can and buried the can in the back lawn. No one knew how much money he made. It was his secret. He wasn't a big spender or someone who liked to dress in splashy clothes or drive off in the flashiest car on a used car salesman's roadside lot. Next to how he made his money, he was secretive when it came to how or where he spent it. He could have been one of those people who go through life dressed as if they didn't have a pot to pee in, and no one would have been the wiser until wads of cash were found after he died. Ultimately, pigs were his downfall. He bought and sold pigs, big pigs that produced a lot of bacon and earned him a reputation.

Unfortunately, the pigs escaped from their pen one night and during a voracious bout of rooting the cans came out of the ground and the money disappeared into the air. That must have been a literal windfall for whoever found hundred dollar bills that were reputedly lost. That's as much of the story as I knew. Others, though, said it was just a story started by a pig farmer who had become paranoid that competitors in the illicit weed trade were out to rob him.

Usually, the Upper Kingdom is not the sort of place where windfalls are common. More often our windfalls are wishful and as whimsical as flying a kite. Occasionally, someone walks away

with a pocketful of cash from winning the lottery. The best story I heard about that kind of a gain was too good to be kept by anyone as a secret.

The winner, a farm wife, was said to have used her winnings to buy a manure spreader for her husband and a diamond for herself. Most windfalls I'm familiar with are only hefty enough to buy the bar a round of drinks. Although I'm not a player, I've watched countless people spend hours at a bar playing pull tickets, hoping their luck will change with the next pull. Money in those circumstances is not so much a secret of what has been gained, but rather what has been lost. Similar to love.

"How long were you two together before she split?"

"Oh, a couple years or so."

"Were you in love?"

"Hard to say."

When it comes to money and windfalls, I've only had two before this most recent one. And I wasn't directly responsible for either one. As a kid I used to spend some days in the railroad station after school waiting for my father to get done work. My father had a glass-enclosed office inside the station's waiting room. Above a fireplace that I doubt was ever used during my lifetime was a handsome wall clock, which was set in oak and gave time in Roman numerals and a long minute hand. One day while using the restroom, whose access was gained through an adjoining small room shaped like a turret with windows looking across downtown, I found a wallet behind the toilet. It was bulging with cash. I felt guilty just counting it, so I quickly turned it over to my father. The next day we were eating supper when he handed a five-dollar bill to me over the kitchen table. "That's from the owner of the wallet you found," my father, a payroll clerk, said. "He wanted you to have it for turning it in."

My other windfall was much more impressive

and came much later in life. Good fortune came as I was thumbing through pages of books I was planning to discard. I often brought home boxes of books — especially those pertaining to the Civil War — that people or libraries were either giving away or selling cheap. Sometimes boxes with the more disappointing books got pushed aside and remained ignored and stored in some far corner of the house. The year Rocky died I made it a point to keep busy, and to that end, began cleaning by going from room to room and throwing out whatever appeared unneeded or unwanted.

When I found the cardboard boxes stacked one on top of the other, I couldn't resist the temptation for a last look. I opened the boxes and read a few pages in each book. As I picked up one of the books, it immediately fell open to a page deep inside where a stash of what looked to be one-hundred-dollar bills had been secreted. I went through the stash and counted it twice. Fifteen hundred dollars. Suddenly, like an uncontrollable twitch, I went from feeling poor to feeling rich. But as far as a windfall goes, there was no secret to keep. Before the night was out, I had most of the money spent on property taxes and firewood. Still, I only told a few.

Today, I'm more aware than ever that windfalls are a lot like luck: You can't count on them but there would be hell to pay if one didn't come around from time to time. My property taxes have suddenly become more bearable; a trip to the Maine coast promises to be more doable; and a chance to trade in my old refrigerator for one that distributes cold air evenly seems more plausible. My secret of money gained is sweet, but unfortunately can't be shared. Nor is it likely to be duplicated. Stockbrokers regularly tell their clients don't invest if you can't afford to lose. My secret is to invest what you believe in and believe in what you know. And, as every romantic knows, "Better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all."

Info hub launched to guide philanthropists

The Vermont Community Foundation officially launched its Insight Hub to provide charitable Vermonters with information to guide their giving.

The Insight Hub offers webinars, events, briefs, and peer-to-peer experiences that help philanthropists understand where their giving can make a difference in Vermont. The latest brief shares three actions to take today to support Vermont's arts and cultural organizations.

"How do you plan a budget when you don't

know what your box office is going to look like or what your sales are going to look like. It's a profoundly unsettling time," Karen Mittelman, executive director of the Vermont Arts Council, said.

To access the latest brief, visit vermontcf.org/artsrecovery2021. To view more Insight Hub briefs on topics such as home ownership, substance use disorder and opioid overdoses, climate change, and pay equity, visit vermontcf.org/insighthub. — from the Vermont Community Foundation

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Letters to the editor

What research have critical race theory opponents done?

To the editor,

We direct these comments to Senator Russ Ingalls and Ben Morley.

After listening to the latest stunt in your war against critical race theory being taught in Vermont schools, I feel compelled to speak out. I have stood by silently as you have accused educators, particularly aimed at schools in the Northeast Kingdom, of using curriculum which supports this theory.

First, let me share some background knowledge about critical race theory as I understand it. The critical race theory dates back about 40 years ago. It is basically a theory that says that racism isn't just personal bias but is embedded in legal systems and policies. Scholars who have studied CRT look at policies and procedures in the schools that lead to inequality in education and seek to find ways to change them. Some people think that CRT says that all white people are racist and seeks to discriminate against white people to achieve equity. In my opinion, this thinking is dangerous, narrow minded, and fails to see the big picture.

My husband, Ray, and I have been educators in Orleans County schools for almost 70 years combined. Ray taught social studies for 30 years. Additionally, we have raised two strong white children and three strong black children who have been educated in the public school system. This notion of CRT has never guided our thinking or teaching.

We have always supported "culturally relevant" teaching and other strategies to make our schools feel safe and supportive for all our students, including black students and other underserved populations. To that end, having taught next door to Sam Carbonetti, I know that he also supports "culturally relevant" teaching. Many of his students respect him and feel safe in his classroom. For you to try to crucify him because of an ice breaker encouraging the bonding of his class is very unbecoming of a Vermont State Senator. Shame on you!

This leads me to some questions I would like answers to. 1). What resources have you researched to become a champion for Critical Race Theory? 2). How many Vermont teachers have you sat down with to ask questions and hear concerns about equity in their schools? 3). How many classrooms in Vermont have you observed that support your stand that critical race theory is a part of the curriculum being taught? 4). How many students, black and white, have you spoken to concerning equity in their schools?

Ben, when you had concerns about what was taking place in your child's classroom, did you follow the chain of command before going to the press or media? That chain of command would be to first speak to Mr. Carbonetti. If you were not satisfied with this meeting, you would then speak to the principal. If you were still not satisfied, you would speak to the superintendent. If your concerns were still not addressed, you bring it before the school board. Lastly, if issues remain, you bring it to the Agency of Education. If this protocol was not followed, shame on you!

To see the big picture concerning race, equity, and curriculum in our schools, you need to do some fact finding in order to be informed. This would include holding critical discussions with students, educators, parents, and citizens before spouting rhetoric about a problem you appear to know little about. You are creating distrust in our schools, and you are making yourself look ignorant about the important topic of equity. Where we should be celebrating the diversity among all our students, and building unity in our communities, you are building barriers that stymie important conversations needed for our young people to feel safe, valued, and respected for who they are. It takes a village to raise a child; that includes having respect for our schools and teachers.

Sincerely,
Mary Perkins
Ray Perkins
proud educators in NEK

Not convinced by anti-critical race theory rhetoric

To the editor,

The issue around "critical race theory" has become large both locally, and, of course, nationally. While I'm in substantial agreement with some of the excellent letters appearing in recent *Chronicles*, I have some of my own thoughts as well.

I am not in agreement with much of the "anti CRT" concerns, and yes, often paranoia. This whole issue is an incredibly right wing partisan political one, complete with the stoking of white grievance and culture war issues. This of course is my opinion, but I am a close follower, long term, of current events, news and politics, and benefit from many news sources like national and international print, and visual media. Just saying that I feel

informed.

A short time ago, surveys showed that a miniscule percentage of Americans had even heard of CRT, and even now few can explain what it is. Not surprising really, since it is an academic discussion from the 1970s. Prior to the recent presidential election, the former President began talking about his notion that it was a racist theory, and spoke of it at nearly every political rally.

It was assumed to be an issue that would anger his base and encourage them to vote (for him) and was probably successful in that regard. The rhetoric was picked up by lots of other right-wing politicians and pundits, (Florida Governor DeSantis, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, U.S.

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Letters to the editor

Not convinced by anti-critical race theory rhetoric

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Senator Ted Cruz, Tucker Carlson, etc.), many of whom are said to be running for president in 2024. Organizations that keep track of such things report that Fox news has mentioned CRT some 2,000 times in just the past few months.

Thus, the origins of the recent concerns about CRT have me suspect the credibility of claims made. I attended the meeting of (mostly) anti-CRT folks in Orleans, listened, and found most claims

to be anecdotal and hearsay. Some were from Missouri and California (via Russ Ingalls), and stories passed on from young students to parents entrenched in thinking something terrible is happening.

Complaints by the folks in Orleans suggested some teachers are identifying white students as racists, making them feel badly about themselves, and grouping students in inappropriate ways. Despite my own skepticism, school boards and

administrations must consider such claims seriously, but should seek specifics. There are two sides to every story.

Teachers are human, have their own political persuasions, but should know to keep those guarded where their students are concerned (despite efforts by some students to draw out such opinions from their teachers).

Howard Gentler
Irasburg

Anti-CRT and Brighton

To the editor,

I read with interest in *the Chronicle* dated August 18, 2021 about the Anti-CRT Brighton meeting. I have wondered for quite some time if Vermont had any politicians with courage enough to stand up to some of the “crap” introduced/taught in our public schools. From this article it would seem Russ Ingalls and Ben Morley have that courage. I would also like to add that I do not know them or any of the participants named in that article.

As citizens, we all benefit or suffer from the education our children receive. They become our mechanics, doctors, teachers, and politicians, etc. Active concern, interest, and participation should not be limited to just the parents who currently have children in school — we are all paying for public education and in more ways than just financial! From my view, the crux of this article are the statements attributed to Samantha Stevens and John Castle.

Ms. Stevens is quoted as saying “We will continue to do that work, because we know that our community respects and believes that that is important, regardless of the presence of this audience.” What arrogance. This audience was also your community, Ms. Stevens. Her statement indicates that even if you come and disagree the educated elites will continue to do what they know is best in educating our youth! This has been the exact problem in public education for a long time. As for Mr. Castle, he just couldn’t seem to resist setting up Mr. Ingalls and Mr. Morley by throwing an “ism” bomb (McCarthyism). Intimidation by name calling.

Critical race theory and the *1619 Project* are meant to produce more students who will turn out to be like Al Sharpton, Louis Farrakhan, and Maxine Waters. Agitators who contribute nothing to society. Vermont has very few racists but there will always be a few. If confronted with racism I suggest using role models like Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Dr. Ben Carson, and Condoleezza Rice as examples for teaching techniques on how to handle situations, gain respect and get ahead. Their stature and contributions to our country have been huge because of character and determination. They did not whine about equity keeping them down. They focused on equality and the role models in their lives.

From the womb to college, our young are being far too neglected and left to the wolves. It is time to end our silence and stand with those willing to fight for all our children.

Rick Bickford
Coventry



Why I am not vaccinated

To the editor,

This letter is to my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and concerned citizens.

I object to receiving the COVID vaccine because of medical, religious, philosophical, psychological, emotional, cultural, or any reason that is personal to me.

I have been brought up with values to respect my body and to take personal responsibility for decisions I make. With every decision I make, there are consequences. One should look at all sides of the issue and come to a decision that you can live with. Right, wrong, or otherwise.

If you have decided that wearing a mask and taking the vaccine is right for you, I can respect that. What I can’t respect is you forcing your decisions on me through mandates. This is a blatant violation of my rights.

It is not right for one individual to sexually violate another. I assume you’d be appalled. No means no.

If a child was being physically or psychologically abused, I assume you’d be appalled.

But you would advocate that an unwanted vaccine be injected into my body against my will. That I wear a mask that is physically and psychologically harming me. And you would not be appalled.

If you received the vaccine and wear a mask because it protects you then you should not be concerned with my decision not to.

Please respect others decisions as you expect them to respect yours.

Segregation of our communities and harassment of our citizens for any reason is unlawful, until now. Be careful what events you set into play as you truly may be appalled by how they end.

This letter could have been written by someone you know.

Smile and be happy,
Janice Halpin
Newark

Algebra and critical race theory

To the editor,

I first heard of algebra in 1950 when I was in ninth grade. I first heard the term “critical race theory” a couple of months ago and then read an article in *the Chronicle* about some people objecting to its being taught in local schools.

I have been involved constantly in the various uses of algebra since 1950 and have participated in many discussions about when it should be introduced to kids. My answer is always kindergarten. I’ll bet that if you and I disagree, it’s because you and I have failed to define what we mean by algebra.

Among other things, I see algebra as the study of patterns and the generalization of arithmetic. If someone else sees it as the study of linear systems, then our discussion about the point of introduction in the school curriculum will be a huge waste of time.

It seems to me that the recent discussions regarding Northeast Kingdom schools and critical race theory suffer from the same dilemma, a complete lack of agreement on definitions. Perhaps it’s my vintage but I don’t have the time to waste in debates where the topic isn’t clearly defined. My guess is that you don’t have a bunch of time to waste either. If you are concerned about something being taught in schools, make sure that the “something” is clearly defined.

Respectfully,
Bill Jesdale
South Lincoln

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- ii. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
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Requests for teacher or paraprofessional qualifications should be made in writing to the school principal. This information may also be obtained through the State of Vermont's Agency of Education Online Licensing System for Educators: <https://alis.edlicensing.vermont.gov/>.

As Title I schools, we receive funds to support the academic success of all learners. Parents shall be notified annually of the level of achievement and academic growth of their child, if applicable and available, on each of the Vermont State required academic assessments. Information regarding school and SU state assessment data can also be found at: <https://schoolsnapshot.vermont.gov/>.

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Lithuanian ambassador honors courage of Craftsbury resident's parents

The ambassador of Lithuania to the United States, Audra Plepyté, recently visited Craftsbury to present Lithuania's state award, the Life Saving Cross, to Vermonter Judita Clow. The award was presented to Ms. Clow to recognize her parents' bravery in saving a Jewish girl, Genia Rudnik, during the Holocaust.

"It is an inspiring story of courage and hope," Ambassador Plepyté said.

Vermont Holocaust Memorial Board member, Rita Schneps of Wolcott, attended the ceremony, bestowing bouquets of local flowers wrapped in the colors of the Lithuanian flag to both Ms. Clow and the ambassador. Ms. Schneps thanked Ms. Clow for the heroism and caring shown by her family during that horrific time in history.

According to the Republic of Lithuania, "The Life Saving Cross is conferred on persons who, despite danger to them, performed acts of bravery in saving the life of other people. The majority of the recipients awarded the Life Saving Cross in recent years are citizens of Lithuania who saved the Jews during Nazi occupation. In case of a posthumous award, the insignia as well as the certificate of the cross are presented to the family. Around 250 persons were awarded the Life Saving Cross for this act of bravery during the Second World War."

For details of this specific lifesaving story see: <https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/righteous-sportsmen/zilevicius.asp>. — from Vermont Holocaust Memorial



Left to right: Rita Schneps, Judita Clow, and Ambassador of Lithuania to the United States, Audra Plepyté. Photo courtesy of Vermont Holocaust Memorial.

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Hunters reminded of importing rules for elk and deer

Hunters traveling outside Vermont to hunt deer or elk need to keep in mind that a regulation designed to protect Vermont's wild deer from chronic wasting disease (CWD) remains in effect, according to a reminder from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

It is illegal to import or possess deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, from states and Canadian provinces that have had chronic wasting disease, or from captive hunt or farm facilities.

CWD is a fatal disease of the brain and nervous system in deer and elk. Abnormal prion proteins produce lesions in the brain that cause disorientation and emaciation in conjunction with other abnormal behaviors. This highly contagious disease is always fatal to deer. For the latest information on CWD, check these websites: www.vtfishandwildlife.com and www.cwd-info.org.

The potential exists for CWD prion proteins to be introduced to the environment through the bodily fluids of CWD-positive deer elk, or moose and then persist in the environment for extended

periods of time.

Some exceptions exist for importing deer and elk:

Meat that is cut up, packaged and labeled with hunting license information and not mixed with other deer or elk during processing.

Meat that is boneless.

Hides or capes with no part of the head attached.

Clean skull-cap with antlers attached.

Antlers with no other meat or tissue attached.

Finished taxidermy heads.

Upper canine teeth with no tissue attached.

Vermont's CWD importation regulations currently apply to hunters bringing in deer or elk carcasses from the following states and provinces that have detected CWD in either captive or wild animals:

Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Saskatchewan,

South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

"CWD is a very persistent disease that can resurface after years of absence," said Mark Scott, Vermont's director of wildlife. "Vermont's CWD regulation is designed to help prevent CWD from infecting Vermont's deer and the drastic population reduction measures that would be required if it appears here."

"Hunters bringing deer or elk from any of the CWD-listed states or provinces into or through Vermont simply have to get them processed according to the regulation before doing so."

A fine of up to \$1,000 and loss of hunting and fishing licenses for one year are applicable for each deer or elk imported illegally.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife is also reminding hunters that using any type of natural deer urine-based or deer body fluid attractant scents is prohibited in the state because of the CWD threat. — from Fish and Wildlife.

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OCSU teachers' bias training explained

by Sylvia C. Dodge

A dispute has blossomed about what is being taught in Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) schools.

According to OCSU Director of Instructional Services Michael Moriarty, the murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin that was caught on video for the world to see, and the racial justice movement that followed, prompted teachers in the school district to ask for support.

They were worried that when school started last fall, students would have questions about the events of the summer, and the teachers wanted training to deal with the many issues the social justice movement had brought to the surface — topics like implicit bias, white supremacy, and systemic racism.

An organization based in the Northeast Kingdom, Building Fearless Futures (BFF), was contracted by OCSU to provide teachers with professional development around those issues. Anti-bias training has been offered to all OCSU staff, Mr. Moriarty said.

Complementing the teacher training provided by BFF is the support the group provides around disciplinary issues. For example, when a student calls a girl a “whore,” or calls a black child the N-word, or taunts a homosexual child, part of the disciplinary plan might involve individual or small group work with staff from BFF. The interaction is done with parental permission, Mr. Moriarty said.

In terms of the overall academic curriculum at OCSU schools, Mr. Moriarty described it as “culturally responsive.” For example, in social studies class, if the topic for the day is the Civil War, there could be discussion about how the enslavement of African Americans in the early years of our nation still impacts life today.

State Senator Russell Ingalls has a different view of the curriculum being offered in OCSU schools. He said the instruction is “dividing kids because of skin color.”

Senator Ingalls describes it this way — when the class is English, the first thing that happens is white students are told they are racist, they are told they should admit it, and they are told they should atone for it. He said the instruction is the same across the curriculum, from math classes to art classes.

This summer, Mr. Ingalls organized several events called “Critical Race Forums” because he said he was contacted by teachers worried about what was being taught in school. He said the teachers reached out to him confidentially, afraid they would lose their jobs if they brought their concerns to school administrators.

The critical race forums were designed to “get people’s opinions on what is going on in school,” Mr. Ingalls said.

After being invited to a race forum in Essex, he organized similar events in Orleans and Island Pond, he said.

Mr. Ingalls said he is working on an event for Derby to occur in early September, and that he has been asked to hold events in Barton, Canaan, and Lunenburg.

He said the training provided by BFF is “driving the curriculum.”

Building Fearless Futures is a project of Wheelock Mountain Farm, an educational nonprofit group. BFF provides programming and intervention in schools around equity and social justice issues.

Besides being contracted to provide services in OCSU, the organization has worked at Montpelier High School, Union 32 High School, Twinfield School, Hazen Union High School, Hardwick Elementary School, North Country Union High School, Cabot School, Orchard Valley Waldorf School, Green Mountain Tech and Career Center, and the Mount Abraham Unified School District. It also has provided services to the business community and civic organizations.

Netdahe Stoddard, one of BFF’s four facilitators, grew up in a mixed-race family in the Northeast Kingdom. As a child he lived in East St. Johnsbury, Sutton, and primarily in Lyndon. Besides his work with BFF, he makes a living doing carpentry.

He and Rachel Stevens worked together at the Peace and Justice Center in Burlington before joining forces with friends, Russell Stoatz and Laura Smith, a few years ago to create BFF. Mr. Stoddard said working for racial and social justice has been a lifelong focus for him, and he strives in the work he does to “not diminish a single human being, ever.”

“When I hear that what we do makes white people feel bad, that is the hardest thing for me to hear,” he said.

Mr. Stoddard said he models his work on the familiar Golden Rule — teach people to treat others the way they would want to be treated, and also on the less-familiar Platinum Rule, which requires listening — treat other people the way they say they want to be treated.

With teachers, the training BFF has provided helps them to deal with issues of racism, sexism, and homophobia, he said.

Much of BFF’s work in schools, Mr. Stoddard said, is involvement in disciplinary response plans. For example, BFF was called in when students made unfortunate comments in a geology class. Some white students joked that they would

like to go back in geological time so they could enslave and beat up people, Mr. Stoddard said.

What might have sounded like a joke to the students who said it, sounded very different to the single black student in the classroom, he said.

Mr. Stoddard said he stresses cooperation, using stories from history involving people of different races working together, when he works with students in such situations.

Mr. Ingalls agrees that students who make racist, sexist, or homophobic comments should be disciplined, “But don’t change the whole curriculum,” he said.

Mr. Ingalls said he has had reports that instead of disciplining individuals, “all of the students are made to feel guilty.”

In terms of academic subjects, Mr. Ingalls said he has no problem with teaching about “all of the ills of slavery” during a unit on the Civil War but he said teachers and families have reported to him, instead, that white students are taught, “You’re racist, you’re white, you need to atone.”

“They’re trying to bend minds,” Mr. Ingalls said.

He said at the critical race forums, many parents and students have given “emotional testimony.”

As well as the critical race forums at which OCSU curriculum is discussed, equity and curriculum issues are discussed regularly by an OCSU group that meets virtually on a biweekly basis.

Another group that meets regularly is overseen by Mr. Ingalls and Ben Morley. It is called Fair Education for OCSU.

“I would love for there to be less division and an ability for all of us to talk,” Mr. Stoddard said.

Mr. Moriarty said anybody interested in participating in the OCSU equity group can contact the central office for the weblink.

Mr. Ingalls encouraged anybody who is interested to attend one of the upcoming critical race forums. He did acknowledge, however, that at one of the recent meetings, when about a dozen teachers showed up to discuss their teaching practices, “The parents came over the top of them.”

NVU accepting entries for writing contest

Northern Vermont University and the League of Vermont Writers has announced the 2021-2022 Vermont High School Writing Contest. The event begins September 1, 2021.

The contest is open to all Vermont students in grades 9 to 12, including those who home school. The deadline for entries is November 15. Winners will be announced on or near January 15, 2022.

The contest categories are fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, and students are free to choose a theme to explore within the 2,000-word limit. One entry per contestant; entries will be judged by three judges in each category.

Winners and runners-up in each category will receive cash awards, a one-year membership in

the league, and the opportunity to have their work published in NVU-Johnson’s *Green Mountains Review* and *League Lines*, a publication of the league. In addition, NVU will host an on-campus event in early 2022 to honor these students and their schools, teachers, and families.

Entry forms and submission requirements are available at NorthernVermont.edu/HSWritingContest.

Questions? Please contact Tyrone Shaw at tyrone.shaw@northernvermont.edu or Henry Parker at hank@hankparkerauthor.com (for the League of Vermont Writers) for more information. — from Northern Vermont University.

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ARPA across the Kingdom

by Luke Vidic

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal aid, is arriving in Orleans County along with a daunting level of planning, complicated by uncertainty.

The process of using the money has only just begun, and many questions remain unanswered even as the first dollars enter town accounts.

Towns across the Kingdom received the first installment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money around the second week of August. In September, likely before Labor Day, towns should receive the first round of county money. That money was meant by the federal government for county use, but, since Vermont lacks strong county governments, the money will be distributed to towns. The county money will be distributed based on a town's population.

In speaking with town administrators, *the Chronicle* found some towns are unaware of how much county money their town will receive, and some are acting without awareness of the additional income.

David Barlow, Coventry's treasurer, said, on August 26, he was unaware of a second payment arriving in September. Mr. Barlow said he had been relying on the websites of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) but didn't know about any additional county money.

Mr. Barlow is not alone. Brighton Town Administrator Joel Cope said he expects his town to receive about \$120,000, which does not include the extra \$228,979.71 in county money.

Irasburg Town Clerk Danielle Ingalls said she had heard of the county money, but didn't know how much Irasburg will receive.

Derby town administrator Bob Kelley was aware of the additional county money, but remains unsure of how much the town will receive. He said there was a possibility some money will go to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

The uncertainty highlights an ongoing theme with ARPA money. Since its announcement, towns have spent hours figuring out exactly what they're getting, and what they can spend it for.

That information is available, but some of it is vague. The VLCT outlines four areas of spending, within which it provides only a handful of examples which are not all-encompassing.

"It's pretty cloudy," Brownington Town Clerk Bev White said. "ARPA regulations are really not clear."

Katie Buckley of the VLCT said in an email, "The VLCT emails all members every two weeks with info/updates on key topics, info about ARPA has been in each one, including the news about the county money. In addition, our [Regional Planning Commissions] are also sharing the same info with their towns."

Ms. Buckley sent *the Chronicle* the amount of each town's allotment, as shown in the table accompanying this article. The information is also available on the Department of Finance and Management's website, and in two places on the VLCT website.

The Glover's Select Board hosted a special meeting on August 23 to discuss ARPA. Ms. Buckley and NVDA Director, Dave Snedeker, attended, and a handful of local towns were invited. The meeting covered all aspects of ARPA, including the county money to come.

Glover itself has not made any decisions on how to spend the money, but is fielding input from its community. Ms. Buckley encouraged other towns to do the same.

An email group exists for town clerks to share information about potential projects. Jay Town Clerk Lynette Deaette said only four to five messages had been shared so far. She said broadband seemed like a popular topic so far, but ideas overall were slim.

"Every town is looking to ask what to do," she said.

Only a few towns have generated ideas, and most are taking it slow, as the VLCT recommends they do.

Ladonna Dunn, Westfield's town clerk, said "VLCT is discouraging towns from doing anything." The reason being towns have years to spend the money.

Brighton, unlike every other town spoken to, has already obligated some of its money. It has hired an engineering firm to design an update for its sewer pump station. Bidding on the design began this past week.

Mr. Cope said there was "no time to go for normal funding...We knew this had to be done."

The project does not yet have a price tag, but he expects the cost to fit within the amount of ARPA money received in August.

Newport city manager Laura Dolgin said the city moved its money into a water fund account, and plans on using the money to complete its water tower project. The project was voted on and approved previously, but funding was not secured prior to ARPA funds.

In an email, Ms. Dolgin wrote, "Since the voters already approved the watertower, these funds fit nicely for us to make this important investment into our water infrastructure, with the intention to help offset the costs for our ratepayers."

Most towns are still generating ideas. Speaking for Irasburg, Ms. Ingalls said the town considered ideas related to crime prevention, including paying for more hours from the sheriff's department and purchasing security systems. She said the town also considered updating its emergency shelters. Regardless, she said, the town will hold public meetings for discussion on these topics.

Westfield discussed digitizing their land records at a select board meeting in August. Ms. Dunn said the town is in the process of getting quotes for potential projects.

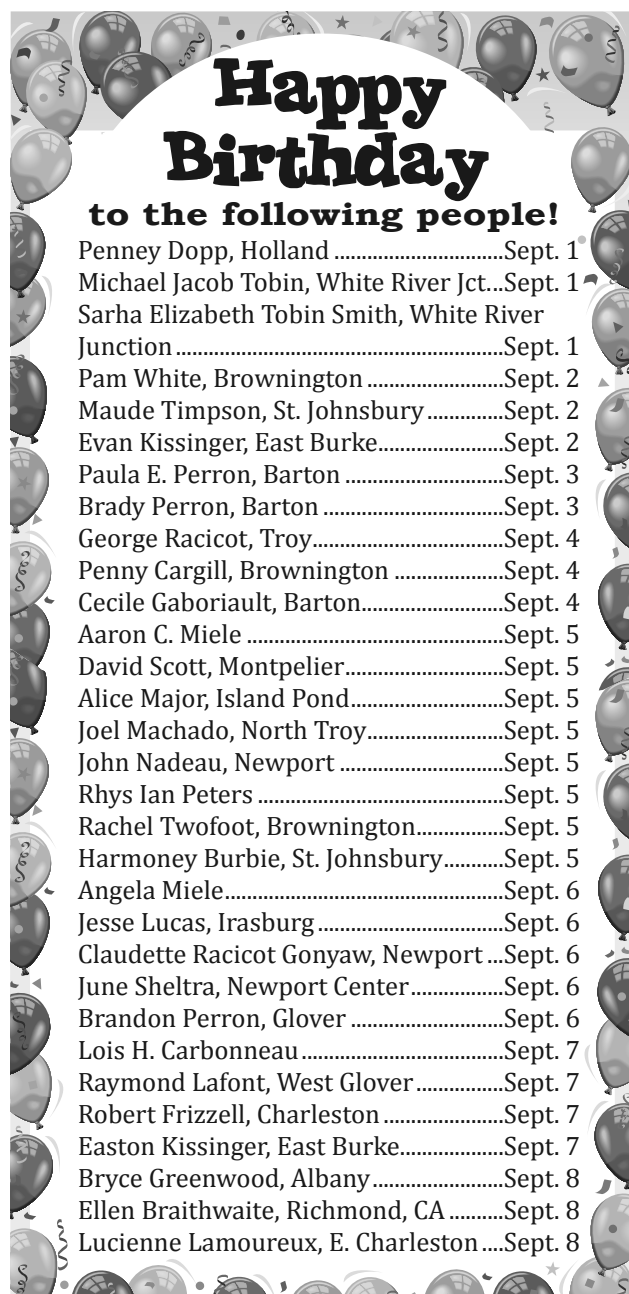
Westmore and other towns have yet to discuss any ideas for the using the federal cash.

Literacy grant available to programs serving at-risk children

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is seeking applicants for its at-risk children grant program.

The grant program provides a Vermont or New Hampshire author or storyteller visit, a new onsite library for the program, an optional family literacy seminar, and two new books for each child to choose. Eligible programs must serve low-income, at-risk, or rural children, ages twelve and under, in New Hampshire or Vermont. Events may be socially distanced or virtual. Past partners have included childcare centers, afterschool programs, English Language Learner classrooms, migrant programs, refugee programs, food shelves, shelters, and affordable housing communities.

Applications are due September 30, 2021 and can be found at www.clifonline.org. — from the Children's Literacy Foundation.




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Burke Town	1,365	\$142,898.78	\$71,449.39	\$71,449.39	\$265,135.26	\$132,567.63	\$132,567.63	\$408,034.05
Charleston Town	996	\$104,269.00	\$52,134.50	\$52,134.50	\$193,461.31	\$96,730.66	\$96,730.65	\$297,730.31
Coventry Town	1,054	\$110,340.89	\$55,170.45	\$55,170.44	\$204,727.13	\$102,363.57	\$102,363.56	\$315,068.02
Craftsbury Town	1,176	\$123,112.80	\$61,556.40	\$61,556.40	\$228,424.20	\$114,212.10	\$114,212.10	\$351,537.00
Derby Center Village	549	\$57,473.58	\$28,736.79	\$28,736.79	\$106,636.81	\$53,318.40	\$53,318.41	\$164,110.38
Derby Line Village	624	\$65,325.16	\$32,662.58	\$32,662.58	\$121,204.68	\$60,602.34	\$60,602.34	\$186,529.84
Derby Town	3,073	\$321,705.46	\$160,852.73	\$160,852.73	\$596,894.19	\$298,447.10	\$298,447.09	\$918,599.66
Glover Town	1,099	\$115,051.84	\$57,525.92	\$57,525.92	\$213,467.85	\$106,733.93	\$106,733.92	\$328,519.69
Greensboro Town	699	\$73,176.74	\$36,588.37	\$36,588.37	\$135,772.55	\$67,886.27	\$67,886.28	\$208,949.29
Irasburg Town	1,139	\$119,239.35	\$59,619.68	\$59,619.67	\$221,237.39	\$110,618.69	\$110,618.70	\$340,476.74
Jay Town	567	\$59,357.96	\$29,678.98	\$29,678.98	\$110,133.10	\$55,066.55	\$55,066.55	\$169,491.05
Lowell Town	797	\$83,436.14	\$41,718.07	\$41,718.07	\$154,807.90	\$77,403.95	\$77,403.95	\$238,244.04
Morgan Town	704	\$73,700.18	\$36,850.09	\$36,850.09	\$136,743.74	\$68,371.87	\$68,371.87	\$210,443.92
Newport City	4,257	\$445,655.76	\$222,827.88	\$222,827.88	\$826,872.30	\$413,436.15	\$413,436.15	\$1,272,528.06
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What's your favorite frozen dessert? Ice cream is one of the world's most popular treats. Read my clues to find out the history of ice cream and to fill in my crossword puzzle:

- The ancient Greeks of Athens enjoyed _____ mixed with honey and fruit (400 B.C.).
- Some people think that the Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought back from the mountains and mixed with _____ or juice and fruit for banquets (Rome, 54-68 A.D.).
- "Ice cream" in _____ during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.), had milk mixed into it and maybe even some rice. Some stories say Marco Polo may have brought fruit ices from China to Italy.
- The popularity of "ice cream" moved throughout Europe with the French people adding _____ to make the ice cream richer tasting.
- Making ice cream was simple at first - sweetened cream in a bowl or pot was put into ice to cool. The _____ it got, the more solid it became.
- In 1843, Nancy M. Johnson of Philadelphia got the first _____ for a small hand-cranked ice cream freezer. It made smoother ice cream.
- Some newcomers to America, like Italo Marchiony from Italy, sold lemon ices and ice cream from _____ in little glasses that people often would walk away with or break.
- He started to make little _____ bowls by hand, which was a lot of work. He invented a machine that could make 10 waffle cups at a time and got a patent for it in 1903.
- In 1904, Mr. Marchiony sold ice cream at the World's Fair in St. Louis. He ran out of waffle cups and began to roll up waffles from a waffle maker into _____ and filled them with ice cream, starting "walk-away" ice cream cones.
- In 1920, Good Humor sold their ice cream from white _____ driven through neighborhoods.
- The _____, a favorite ice cream, was first sold by J. F. McCullough in 1938.
- In 1983, Ben and Jerry's ice cream was used to build the world's largest ice cream _____.
- Thanks to the invention of _____ most people have ice cream in their homes.
- Vanilla is the most popular _____ followed by chocolate!

According to a letter written by his daughter, Mr. Marchiony started to make ice cream sandwiches so that grown-ups wouldn't have to be seen licking cones in public.

Cool Treats!

During summer vacation we keep a lookout for cool treats. We ride our bikes or walk together to the stores with this sign on it. Follow the color key to see the sign:

S = strawberry (pink) C = chocolate (brown)

What Kind of Treat?

Today, there are a lot of different kinds of cold or frozen treats. The U.S. government has regulations that tell manufacturers what they must have in their ice cream to be able to market and sell a product as "ice cream." At home, families can make their own treats using any ingredients that they like. Read the descriptions in the clues below. Fill in the crossword puzzle with the item being made:

- smooth, sweet frozen dessert made of cream, sugar, eggs and flavorings
- sweetened, frozen, has no more than 3 grams of fat per serving
- mostly made of water, sugar, flavoring and a small amount of milk
- like a custard, it is made from milk; it has a slight sour-sweet taste

Astronaut Ice Cream!

Even astronauts want dessert! A sweet, freeze-dried ice cream treat was developed for them. This ice cream doesn't need refrigeration and can be taken on a hiking or camping trip. Follow the color key to see where astronauts take it:

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C = chocolate (brown) V = vanilla (yellow)

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- Kidnapping
- Golf prize
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- Cast a spell on
- Panama is one
- Dishonorable man
- Sea eagle
- Part of the healing process
- Vin's last name
- Wings
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- Intestinal pouches

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- Forged
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- Popular board game
- Attack by hurling
- A vale
- Type of acid
- Tasmania's highest mountain
- No seats available
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Family of genes
- Constrictor snake

See solution on page 32

COVID situation improving, state officials say

by Joseph Gresser

COVID rates appear to have hit a plateau in most of the state and should begin to decrease in coming weeks, said Commissioner of Financial Regulation Michael Pieciak at Governor Phil Scott's weekly press conference Tuesday.

One of the signs that the trend is favorable is a Harvard study that shows a reproduction rate for the virus below one. A rate above one indicates each person with a case of COVID is infecting one or more people, insuring the continuation of the outbreak.

If each person infects fewer than one other person, the number of cases should decline, Mr. Pieciak said.

With the exception of Washington County, rates in all of the state's 14 counties are falling as time goes on.

Mr. Pieciak, who has been keeping an eye on trends during the pandemic, said figures show people who are fully vaccinated are seeing far fewer break-through cases than those who have received only a single dose.

He showed a chart showing the rate of new cases among those not fully vaccinated is just under 35 per 100,000 people. People who are fully vaccinated showed a rate of just under 11 per

100,000.

Mr. Pieciak said those figures testify to the efficacy of vaccines.

Secretary of Human Services Mike Smith said the state is continuing its program of holding numerous vaccination clinics around the state, including ones scheduled for North Country Union High School and Waterfront Plaza in Newport.

He said people with compromised immune systems can get booster shots.

Mr. Smith said he expects federal authorities to authorize booster injections for everyone else in the next few weeks. The state is gearing up to offer such shots starting after September 20.

Governor Scott pointed to another favorable development he said could help keep students in Vermont schools healthy.

"Next, Vermont just passed another important milestone: 75 percent of children between the ages of 12 and 17 have received at least one dose – the first state in the nation to get there," he said. "And we are eagerly awaiting FDA approval of the vaccine for kids under 12, and hope that will happen within the next month or two."

While Hawaii has slipped ahead of Vermont in the percentage of those who have had at least one shot, Mr. Pieciak said the state retains the lead in all other categories.

That includes the category of fewest hospitalizations per capita. About three quarters of those who are in hospital have not been fully vaccinated, Mr. Pieciak said.

There have been cases found at all Vermont prisons, but the outbreak in Newport is the worst, said Secretary. Smith.

He said everyone at Northern State Correctional Facility has been tested and, so far, 21 incarcerated people and one staff member have been to have COVID.

A total of 25 incarcerated people and seven staff members have tested positive and the entire facility is now on lock-down, Mr. Smith said. COVID positive facility lockdown pending results of testing.

Starting tomorrow staff at all prisons and several other institutions around the state will have to show proof of their vaccination status. Those who have not been vaccinated will have to get tested twice a week and wear protective equipment while at work.

Those who refuse will be disciplined, Mr. Smith said.

He said the new protocol is necessary to keep people under state care safe.

Vermont to receive \$2.8 million for sheltering homeless

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will send \$2.8 million to Vermont to reimburse the costs of providing hotel and motel vouchers for emergency sheltering during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$2,827,832 public assistance grant will go to Vermont's Agency of Human Services for sheltering provided to assist the homeless and other vulnerable populations during the coronavirus pandemic between August and November 2020.

During that time the Vermont Agency of Human Services provided hotel and motel vouchers for non-congregate housing for high-risk homeless people in the state, as well as to asymptomatic high-risk individuals who needed

temporary lodging to isolate themselves as a precautionary measure.

The \$2.8 million grant brings the total awarded by FEMA to the state of Vermont for the hotel and motel vouchers program to just over \$25 million. So far, FEMA has provided more than \$275 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's public assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Vermont, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4532>. — from Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Chelsea Daigle named to dean's list

Chelsea Daigle of Derby Line was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. — from Quinnipiac University.

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Miracle donkey Hamilton saved from early death

Hamilton the donkey suffered a close brush with death only hours after being born July 9. Through mishap, the quivering bundle of flesh, bone and spirit slipped from his mother's womb into a filthy puddle at Arnold's Rescue Center in Brownington, a sort of refuge or retirement home for down-on-their-luck critters. By the next dawn, the rare Baud du Poitou donkey was in 'total sepsis' — infected through and through. Hamilton was rushed 160 miles to the Myhre Equine Clinic and Hospital in Rochester, New Hampshire. His death would have been a crusher for the veterinarians, researchers and animal rescue folk trying to revive the ancient line of Poitou donkeys. Hamilton is thought to be the first of the breed artificially foaled in the United States as part of an unusual program to save endangered farm species. At the New Hampshire clinic, there came a dozen days of touch and go in the intensive care unit. Under treatment overseen by veterinarian Ron Vin, Hamilton pulled through — the 'miracle donkey,' they're calling him. But the miracle came through high-powered veterinary skill and dedication. Anyway, Hamilton's now back on the farm — pouncing on his beloved big blue rubber ball and happily chasing ducks. The project to restore the venerable line is led by the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Mom, named Quiche, is a jenny — female donkey — at the Brownington center; Dad was a shot of 25-year-old frozen Poitou sperm. The amiable, long-haired donkeys are descended from medieval France and for centuries were prized for their sturdiness and winning dispositions, say donkey experts. But by the nineteenth century, Poitouts were fast disappearing into the gene pool of ordinary donkeydom. By the 1980s, fewer than 50 purebreds survived. Today, thanks to revival efforts, there are at least several hundred — plus one!

UVM Next: succession planting

by Bonnie Kirn Donahue

Do you ever plant your vegetable garden in the spring and wish that you had more space to plant other crops? With careful succession planting, you can plant more with the same amount of space.

Succession planting is a technique where you stagger plantings of either the same plant or different plants throughout the growing season. This can be done in any sized space, such as containers, raised beds or in-ground gardens.

Certain crops, including lettuce and peas, are considered cool crops and grow only in the cooler temperatures of spring or fall. Others prefer the warmer soil and air temperatures of summer, such as cucumbers and corn. By planning out your plantings based on harvest time, preferred season, and days to maturity, you can plant more crops throughout the year.

If you've already finished planting your garden, you may need to wait until next year to try succession planting. You can, however, still try it with crops such as lettuces or greens this summer.

To start planning, make a list of the plants you plan to grow this season in a column. Next, make a column of the harvest season. Finally, add another column with the days to maturity.

Using a digital spreadsheet could make this easier, as you can quickly sort each category after recording the information. You can find this information on seed packets, through online cooperative extension resources, or on seed company websites.

Next, organize the list by season. This way you will be able to see which plants prefer, or are harvested in, the spring, summer, or fall. Take a look at the list, and think about which plants could overlap, using the same space at different times during the same year.

For example, sugar snap peas are cool-season plants and tend to be sensitive to heat. These can be planted in early spring and

harvested about 60 days later. Depending on the weather and microclimate, if you planted the peas in late April, they would be ready for harvest by late June. This opens up a space in your garden to plant something else from late June through fall.

One idea for the space left by peas is to plant cucumbers, which can reach maturity in about 50 days. If you are feeling creative, perhaps you could even come up with a trellis that works for peas and cucumbers!

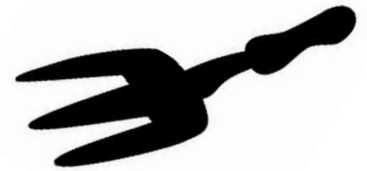
Lettuces are an easy crop to succession plant. Choose cool-season lettuce varieties for spring and fall, and heat-tolerant lettuce varieties for summer. Or start with lettuce in the spring and early summer, followed by kale or Asian greens such as mizuna or pak choi in late summer for a luscious fall crop.

Seed companies often have charts that suggest how often to plant certain crops to maintain a continuous supply.

Another form of succession planting is interweaving two types of plants that share the same space but reach maturity at different times. For example, this year I planted a row of cilantro in a raised bed filled with onions. The cilantro is fragrant and ready to pick now, while the onions are still fairly small, so there is plenty of space for each.

Dill seems to reseed itself each year in my garden, and this year it shares space with garlic. The open-leafed structure of the garlic works well with the airy shoots of dill, and they seem to compliment one another without competing for light and space.

Succession planting is a great way to get more variety and abundance out of your garden, whether big or small.



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Newport's new look

by Luke Vidic

NEWPORT — New crosswalk indicators, streetlights, bump-outs, and a seating area will soon grace the intersection of Field Avenue and Main Street. The additions are the first steps in the city's expansive facelift, first laid out in 2018.

Heavy machinery has turned the parking lot and sidewalks between the Goodrich Memorial Library and the Newport Municipal Building into a barren patch of ground. In its place, a new parklet will be built, complete with greenery and seating.

Each corner of the intersection will feature a "rapid flashing crosswalk beacon," and the corner near the library will be expanded. This expansion will increase the distance between parked cars and the intersection, where accidents have occurred in the past, according to City Manager Laura Dolgin.

A grant will also provide the street with new lights.

Ms. Dolgin said the project is likely to take another four weeks, although the initial timeframe was an overestimate.

She added, "The work should start to be less messy now that they've started installing the pavers."

The parklet will cost \$50,000 to build. Construction costs are being covered by a combination of grants and a large private donation worth \$100,000. Only \$35,000 of the donation is going to the parklet, with the rest being used for other projects around the city.

Work on the intersection is being paid for by an \$85,000 Downtown Transportation Grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, along with a dollar-to-dollar match.

Consulting firm Stantec and the AARP identified multiple Main Street intersections as sites for renovation in 2017. The intersections of Main Street and Central Street, Main Street and Coventry Street, and Railroad Square were all similarly identified.

The little park and intersection are just the first of many steps towards realizing the city's comprehensive Waterfront and Downtown Master



3D designs show the vision for the parklet. Similar renovations are planned for Main Street and Pomerleau Park. Image courtesy of Laura Dolgin



Machines prep the municipal building's former parking area for construction.

Photo by Luke Vidic

Plan. A primary goal of the plan is to promote Newport's outdoor recreation economy. Ms. Dolgin said the city will tackle the easiest projects first. Next on the docket are expanding the Prouty path, improving the Waterfront

intersection, and aligning the Gardner Park intersection. The potential timeframe for these projects range from two years to multiple decades.

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Rural broadband expanding and board members needed

The Vermont Communication Union District Association (VCUDA) lauds Governor Phil Scott's signing of H.360, the 2021 broadband bill, which puts communities in charge of investing once-in-a-generation federal funding for the expansion of rural broadband networks. The state's nine communication union districts (CUD), which together represent 190 individual municipalities, are dedicated to the mission of bringing broadband to all on-grid homes and businesses in their communities.

"We want to thank Governor Scott and the legislature for backing a CUD-centric approach to accomplishing the goal of making broadband ubiquitous in our state," said F. X. Flinn, chair of VCUDA and ECFiber. "ECFiber is proof of the concept that CUDs can get the job done for rural Vermonters."

ECFiber became Vermont's first CUD in 2016, and now serves roughly 6,050 customers in 31 towns of east central Vermont, from Windsor to Newbury along the Connecticut River and west to the Green Mountains.

The new law creates the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) to direct the use of the new Vermont Community Broadband Fund, seeded by \$150-million in American Recovery Plan Act appropriations. The role of the VCBB is to provide time-limited leadership for coordinating the expansion of broadband by Vermont's communications union districts and their partners, for developing financing mechanisms to fully support that expansion, and to support policies and programs designed to accelerate community efforts that advance the state's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable, and fixed broadband. The law gives VCUDA the right to appoint one of five board members.

"It's a formidable task, but we are anxious to get going," said Ann Manwaring, chair of DVFiber, a CUD in the Deerfield Valley region, and VCUDA treasurer. "We look forward to working with the new broadband board and its executive director on making a real difference in the lives of rural residents."

VCUDA's board of directors invites people interested in serving on the VCBB to submit applications for its consideration. In addition to the VCUDA appointment, two will be appointed by the Governor, and one each by the Vermont House and Senate. Applications should be emailed to vcbb@vcuda.org, and include a submittal letter discussing the opportunity along with a c.v. or resume. VCUDA is particularly interested in receiving applications from full-time Vermont residents who support community ownership of fiber networks and who understand the current economic and logistical challenges of rural broadband deployment.

By law, the directors of the VCBB may not have any financial interest in or be owners, employees, or members of, a governing board of an Internet service provider or a communications union district. The VCUDA appointment will be through January 31, 2024, and compensation is provided in the form of per-diem payments and expense reimbursement.

This is an opportunity to play a key role in resolving Vermont's broadband delivery challenges and securing the digital future for its citizens. The VCUDA board expects to make its appointment by mid-July.

"We are casting a wide net because we know there is a lot of talent and interest to serve out there," said Jane Campbell, chair of Lamoille Fiber and VCUDA secretary. "If you want to help

bring true broadband to every Vermonter, we look forward to hearing from you."

The Vermont Communications Union Districts Association consists of the nine municipalities that have formed in Vermont since 2016 and is modeled on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. VCUDA seeks to provide a forum for CUDs to exchange ideas, seek opportunities, and develop programs for the mutual benefit of the districts. — from Vermont Communication Union District Association.

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Boards adopt equity policy without dissent

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officer. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department then posted Kyle Ingalls at North Country for a year.

In 2019, former Orleans County Sheriff Kirk Martin was faced with a shortage of deputies and had requests for resource officers from both North Country and Lake Region Union High School. He decided to give Lake Region precedence based on the school's distance from other departments, and Deputy Ingalls was moved to Lake Region.

North Country then signed a contract with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, for an officer.

The return of Patrolman Lancaster means the wheel has moved full circle.

Speakers at recent public meetings held in Orleans and Island Pond have criticized what they say is the teaching of critical race theory and called on parents to attend school board meetings to protest the adoption of an equity policy proposed by the Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA). Local school officials also urged members of the public to go to meetings and see for themselves what school boards are doing.

Despite that, the only parents who showed up for the joint meeting of the North Country Union High School and North Country Union Junior High School boards on August 24 had personal business to discuss.

As a result, no voices were raised in opposition as members of both boards unanimously voted to sign on to the North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU) equity policy, based on the model offered by VSBA.

As adopted the policy includes definitions of "equity" and "culturally responsive practices" as well as guidance for how to put them into practice.

The boards also unanimously approved an NCUS policy dealing with students experiencing homelessness. It gives schools in the supervisory union guidance and the responsibility of making students who are without homes access to full education services and transportation as requested by the parents.

In addition to being a meeting day, August 24

was the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

In his report, NCSU Superintendent John Castle reflected on the COVID pandemic in relation to the opening of schools.

"Back in June, we were much more optimistic about the start of the school year," he said. "A year ago at this time, the case count in the county was 20 and we know now that count is much higher."

Mr. Castle said the delta variant and the case numbers present "variables we have to contend with. The wearing of mask issue and those parents who may refuse, puts us in a tough spot."

Although he is unable to provide evidence for his belief, Mr. Castle said he thinks most of the schools' faculty members are vaccinated.

"I have no doubt that, through our staff and administration, we will get through it," he said.

NCSU elementary schools all started school on August 24 and all reports were positive, with one exception, Mr. Castle said.

The Coventry school couldn't start due to a mold issue, which requires extensive carpet cleaning.

Ms. McGillivray asked Mr. Castle about the stated goal of 80 percent vaccinated and how that number was determined.

"Do we know what the percentage of students and adults are vaccinated?" she asked.

Mr. Castle said the 80 percent figure is an arbitrary number developed by the state. He told Ms. McGillivray he really doesn't know the answer to her second question, but hopes to receive further information from the state.

Board chair Scott Boskind asked Mr. Castle about the reported requirement of the Harwood Union School District that all staff be vaccinated. Mr. Castle said he agreed with the policy but would have some concerns if implemented in the NCSU. It might be hard to find staff if schools require everyone to be vaccinated, he said.

Given the current job market, people can easily find work elsewhere, he said.

"Whether we're wearing masks or not, my entire soccer team and all my friends are excited to get back to school," said Makenzie Parenteau, a junior at the high school and a student board representative. "A lot of my friends have been vaccinated and those that aren't, want to get vaccinated."

She said she is optimistic that the school year will get off to a good start.

Colleen Storrings, assistant principal at the junior high said, "I can echo that teachers are excited to get back in the building. There's always that undercurrent of worry but everyone is doing what they can to keep kids safe."

Ms. McGillivray asked about the status of the "lost population" from last year due to COVID. Reports said as much as 10 percent of high school students had slipped off the radar during the period when classes were held remotely.

"I don't have the numbers," Mr. Young said. He went on to describe the continued identification of students needing "credit recovery." They will have a variety of options to support their need to catch up.

In other board business, two parents came before the board to ask that their child be allowed to attend a school outside his home district.

Eric and Kristy LeBlanc asked the junior high school board for tuition assistance for their son who previously attended Troy Elementary School.

"We found out before school that my son's class would not have any other boys," said Mr. LeBlanc, "so we decided to pull him out of Troy and enroll in the junior high."

Mr. Boskind asked how the board wanted to proceed? North Country Junior High Principal Nicole Corbett said tuition for her school is \$16,600, higher than the \$12,000 charged by Troy.

"So with this being a supervisory union student, there's taxes that were collected for North Troy, how does this all work?" asked Ms. McGillivray.

Mr. Castle said Troy is a separate district and there are no provisions for school choice within the supervisory union. He said there are two options, either the receiving school can waive or adjust the tuition or the sending school can offer to pay tuition to the receiving school.

"I would have real reservations having the junior high waive tuition," Mr. Castle said.

"It's a big nut to swallow, I know you guys have to hold the precedent but we do pay taxes in Newport and Coventry," Ms. LeBlanc said.

Mr. Boskind asked board members if anyone disagreed with Mr. Castle's recommendation.

"I understand but I'm hoping that sending schools would be more open to accommodating these requests," Ms. McGillivray said. "In my opinion, if Troy collects \$12,000 and we need \$16,000, then the parents would make up the difference."

"If Troy collects \$12,000 in tuition and NCJHS collects \$16,000, where does my \$12,000 go?" Mr. LeBlanc asked.

Members of the board explained how tuition is budgeted and applied to all students.

In the end, Mr. Boskind told the LeBlancs the board could not grant their request.

The second request came from Courtney Sanville, a former parent at the high school, who moved to Enosburg Falls last year. Because she works in Newport, Mr. Castle granted her request to extend her daughter's enrollment at North Country through the school year until the end of October 2021.

Mr. Castle said he recently got another request from Ms. Sanville who asked that her daughter's enrollment be extend through the end of the current school year.

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High school will train new driving teacher

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Mr. Castle told the board of his concerns about the request. After a discussion similar to the one about the LeBlancs' situation, the board recommended Mr. Castle adhere to the original October 2021.

April Touchette, named NCSU Director of Finance following the recent retirement of her predecessor Glenn Hankinson, told the board the junior high school finished its year with a \$272,200 surplus. Asked the reason for the surplus by Ms. McGillivray, Ms. Touchette said she isn't sure because she didn't create the budget.

Both Mr. Boskind and Ms. McGillivray suggested the surplus be used toward debt reduction. Rose Mary Mayhew, board chair for the high school, said North Country ended its year

with a surplus of \$238,613.

Mr. Young asked for money for a drivers' education teacher. The position remains unfilled and Mr. Young said the plan is to get a staff person trained become an instructor.

He admitted the lack of a driving teacher has been a problem for a while but asked the board to keep the program because students in our area are dependent on vehicles.

Mr. Young asked the board for money to pay a paraeducator, currently employed at NCUHS, to obtain certification as a driver's education instructor. The board unanimously approved the request.

The board also approved \$14,500 to replace the outdoor sound system at the NCUHS football field.

There has been high staff turnover over the

past year at the junior high, but Ms. Storrings said she has confidence in the "crop of new teachers."

Newly appointed North Country Career Center Director Gwen Bailey-Rowe reported that 216 students are enrolled in the career center.

She told the board, "We're still experiencing scheduling challenges with Lake Region due to different bus schedules."

Ms. Bailey-Rowe went on to say that the high school will need to slightly shift the lunch schedule to accommodate the transportation challenge.

The career center still needs a licensed nursing assistant instructor, which she describes as a very important position to fill.

Gwen Bailey-Rowe is North Country Career Center Director

Gwen Bailey-Rowe began her new position as the director of the North Country Career Center on July 1. She hopes to develop a schoolwide vision that focuses on providing the best learning opportunities in the best learning environment. Ms. Bailey-Rowe will try to increase local employer engagement in the regional advisory board, program advisory committees, and work-based learning partnerships.

Ms. Bailey-Rowe began her career pathway in education in 2001 as a paraeducator at North Country Union High School. Through the peer review process, she secured her teaching license and became the English teacher at North Country Schools Alternative Program (NCSAP). For nine years she worked with students who had challenges accessing mainstream education but thrived in a project-based learning environment.

While teaching at NCSAP, Ms. Bailey-Rowe completed her master's in education in 2010 from Lyndon State College with a concentration in curriculum and development and continued with graduate level coursework to attain a Vermont principal's license, and then a career center director's license.

Ms. Bailey-Rowe was the assistant director for adult education at the North Country Career Center from 2013 to June 2021, where she played an active role in developing statewide and local training programs to help adults upgrade employment skills and attain industry recognized



Gwen Bailey-Rowe.
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credentials. Building relationships with employers and students has given Ms. Bailey-Rowe a strong understanding of this region's workforce development needs, and the aspirations of community members. — submitted by Liz Butterfield.

Local students graduate from CCV

The following local students were among Community College of Vermont's spring 2021 graduating class: Mikaila Elayne Burrill and Savannah Marie Glodgett of Barton; Jasmine Lane of Brownington; Mrs. Misty L. Allen of Craftsbury; Haley Paige Briggs-Dutton and Katina Pauline Ortiz of Derby; Christine Dawn Patenaude and Amy Calissa Rouleau of Derby Line; Kyle Roy Eugene George of Glover; Eric Pilbin of Greensboro Bend; Tiffany M. Little of Irasburg; Erin Hill and Brandi R. Thornton of Island Pond; Taylor L. Wesolow of Lowell; Donna Marie Baker, Jennifer J. Bernier, Megan L. Hosford, Matthew D. Irish, Chelsea N. Kellogg, Robin Ann Martin, Kansas R. Mendala, Elizabeth Y. Stevens, Jesse M. Testut, and Betsy M. Trucott of Newport; Desirae M. Leo, Mariah Dawn Poutre, and Tina M. Tripodina of Newport Center; Sasha Prue of North Troy; Makayla M. Baraw, Rachel Justice Butts, Bryanne Marquis, and Desirae L. Sicard of Orleans; Sage Willow Conrad and Augusta Raeline White of Troy; and Jennifer J. Lamoureux of West Charleston. — from the Community College of Vermont.

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Senate president asks Senator Ingalls to apologize

Vermont senate president pro tempore Becca Balint issued the following statement on Tuesday, August 31, regarding a social media incident earlier this week related to a back-to-school activity at Irasburg Village School.

"I was made aware on Sunday of the incident concerning Senator Russ Ingalls and a classroom teacher at the Irasburg Village School. I have spent the last 48 hours gathering information from the teacher, from townspeople, from educators, and from Senator Ingalls. I have taken this situation extremely seriously and have done due diligence to gather the details about what happened. I also met with Senate Secretary John Bloomer to discuss whether Senator Ingalls violated any official Senate Rules by his actions. Although Ingalls has not violated any of our written rules, it is clear that he violated our general principles of decency and professionalism by his conduct on social media.

"I've spoken with Senator Ingalls, and he understands that by sharing a private citizen's

email in the manner that he did, it appears that he was using his elected position to target a constituent. Ingalls has expressed regret and remorse to me over his actions, and he will be reaching out directly to make amends to the teacher for his poor judgement. He also plans to make a statement to the press soon. I made it very clear to the senator that we must take to heart our role of serving the people. No constituent or private citizen should ever feel targeted by us through our actions or words. Our words and actions matter.

"This situation highlights several important issues for me as the leader of the Senate. We need additional and continued training and education for our citizen legislators about what is an appropriate way to conduct ourselves in all arenas of our jobs: in public, over email, over Zoom, and on social media. The demands of the job have changed dramatically over the years and so has the (sometimes) fraught dynamic with our constituents.

"We also need to reexamine and update our Senate Rules to reflect the digital world in which we all do our jobs in 2021. We must continue to balance tradition with recognition of how the work world is changing and we must create protocol and policies that work for this new world. Our rules must keep us accountable for our behavior.

"Finally, this situation has highlighted for me that our Senate Ethics panel may need to be expanded to include issues of discrimination and professional conduct. As our policy now stands, it is unclear where a matter like this should be heard and addressed. This must be rectified.

"I am grateful to all the Vermonters who have engaged with me on this issue over the past few days. I am confident that with patience, compassion, understanding, and accountability, our state can be a model of how to respectfully engage those with whom we disagree. A model our country so desperately needs right now." — from the Office of the President Pro Tempore.

Hardwick bookshop to host author

The Galaxy Bookshop will host a celebration for the publication of Hardwick author Brett Stanciu's new memoir, *Unstitched: My Journey to Understand Opioid Addiction and How People and Communities Can Heal*.

Stanciu will discuss her book at the Hardwick Town House on Tuesday, September 14, beginning at 7 p.m. Books will be available to purchase at the event. Everyone in attendance is asked to wear a mask.

During Ms. Stanciu's time as the librarian for the Woodbury Public Library, it became apparent that a local man, known to be a drug addict, was repeatedly breaking into the library after hours. One night, after being surprised by a trustee, the man fled and committed suicide in his parents' house. Questioning her own role in the events leading up to the man's death, Ms.

Stanciu became determined to understand addiction. Who becomes addicted? Why? Do individuals and communities have a meaningful role in healing addiction? Her search for answers led her on a journey which became personal as it led to a deeper understanding of the broader context of the opioid crisis.

Ms. Stanciu is a writer living with her two daughters in Hardwick. She has published one novel, *Hidden View*, and writes a blog at stonysoilvermont.com. Brett is also a former Galaxy Bookshop bookseller.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (802) 472-5533 or visit galaxybookshop.indielite.org for a full schedule of events and for online shopping. The Galaxy Bookshop is located at 41 South Main Street in Hardwick. — from Galaxy Bookshop.

Craftsbury library to host author

Author Ann Slayton will give a reading at the Craftsbury Public Library on Sunday, September 5, at 3 p.m. from her new book *Accidental Grace*.

In poetry and prose, Ann Slayton takes on wide-ranging subjects, sometimes imagining herself into an array of voices. Among them, the historical Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672), "We Have from the First Been Singers"; Hester Prynne's young daughter Pearl, "The Spell"; and even Henry Moore's great sculpture, "Reclining Figures at Lincoln Center."

A long-time summer resident of Craftsbury, Ann Slayton will share selections from her book. Light refreshments will be served, and books will be available for sale. For more information, contact the library at (802) 586-9683. — from Craftsbury Public Library.

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The Outside Story

The misunderstood milksnake

by Lee Emmons

Walking down my road on an early June afternoon several years ago, I spotted a snake attempting to cross into the underbrush. Covered in colorful splotches, it quickly slithered across the pavement and out of sight. I knew this wasn't a gartersnake, a familiar visitor to my garden, and later identified the reptile as a milksnake. This was my first encounter with the species, and while I spotted another milksnake two years later, I might be hard-pressed to see one again. Milksnakes are secretive and largely nocturnal.

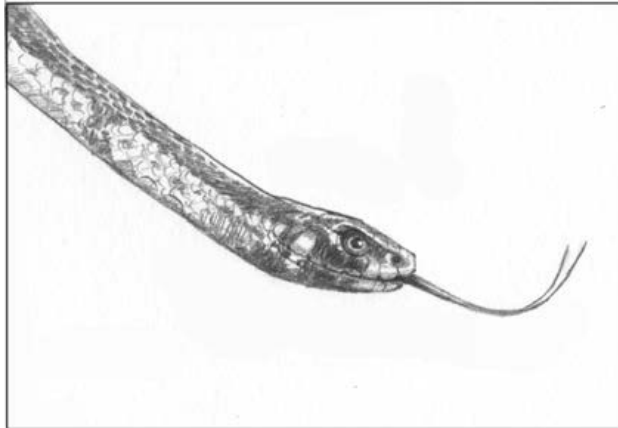
The eastern milksnake (*lampropeltis triangulum triangulum*) is brown or gray with red-brown blotches on its back and a black and white checkerboard pattern along its belly. A light-colored Y- or V-shaped marking on a milksnake's head points toward its tail. Normally two to three feet in length, some milksnakes may grow to four feet or more, and the average size reported in Vermont is 40 inches, according to the *Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas*.

Milksnakes in the northeast region tend to be more brown-colored, while western milksnakes are reddish in hue.

Milksnakes can sometimes be confused with rattlesnakes due to their tapered tails and quick tail movements. When a milksnake vibrates its tail very quickly in dry leaves, it sounds very similar to the noise of a rattlesnake's rattle. Unlike rattlesnakes, however, eastern milksnakes lack a physical rattle and are non-venomous.

Eastern milksnakes live throughout the Northeast, except in the uppermost reaches of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The snake's range extends south into Georgia and as far west as Oklahoma. Milksnakes survive our northern winters by retreating into hibernacula. These sites can include stonewalls, barns, or basements.

These snakes live in both forested and more open habitats. "They can frequently be found under rocks and debris in abandoned agricultural areas and grassy meadows, and under logs in and along the edges of woodlands," wrote Whit Gibbons in his book *Snakes of the Eastern United*



States.

Their regular proximity to barns contributed to the false belief that milksnakes drink cow's milk. In reality, it's the availability of rodents and sources of cover at farms that attracts milksnakes.

Mating season occurs in May or June, with clutches as large as two-dozen eggs laid inside logs or in clumps of vegetation. Baby snakes emerge two months later. As milksnakes grow, their diet expands to include fish, earthworms, small birds, slugs, insects, rodents, amphibians, and smaller snakes. A milksnake detects food sources by smell, using its flickering tongue to collect scent particles, and then interpreting those with a specialized organ in its mouth. The snake then hunts or ambushes its prey, which it will swallow whole, usually after constricting larger animals.

Hawks, carnivorous mammals, and larger snakes such as racers all prey on the eastern milksnake. When threatened, a milksnake will move its tail rapidly, emit musk, and may bite. The snake, however, will typically stay still or try to escape first. In general, all snakes attempt to avoid confrontation. Creatures of the night, milksnakes spend their days basking in secret places or hiding out under convenient sources of protective cover such as logs or rocks. By doing so, they can evade natural predators as well as humans.

Like many snake species, eastern milksnakes are threatened by habitat loss, road mortality, and deliberate targeting by hostile humans. As Gibbons noted in his book, "The best hope to protect the natural habitats of snakes and prevent malicious killing lies in changing public attitudes through education." With increased awareness about the role that milksnakes (and others) play in controlling rodent populations, more people can learn to coexist with this non-venomous species that inhabits our backyards, farms, and forests.

This summer, if you happen to see a milksnake in your garden or exiting your stonewall, don't grab a shovel. Instead, control the reflexive shudder that accompanies snake sightings for many people, and acknowledge a misunderstood and maligned animal that has survived despite increasingly tough odds. Our native snakes deserve some understanding — and, perhaps, even some love.

Lee Emmons is a nature writer. He lives in Newcastle, Maine. The illustration for this column is by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: www.nhcf.org.

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Colorful pollinators monitored and helped by VTRANS

by Sylvia C. Dodge

Ten sites along Interstate 91 between Orleans and Newport, and two other sites on I-91 north of Newport, are being monitored by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) for monarch butterfly conservation.

Why should we care about the monarch butterfly?

“We should care about butterflies in general, especially the monarch, because they contribute to the balance of our ecosystems,” Anna Rubin, Director of External Relations at the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury said. They are important pollinators, moving pollen within and between flowering plants, which allows the plants to propagate by producing seeds.

“Pollination is essential for producing fruit, which in turn feeds other animals. Monarchs are just one example of pollinators that are vital to healthy forests, meadows, and wetlands,” Ms. Rubin said.

The orange and black monarch butterfly is best known for its twice annual 2,000-mile migration between central Mexico and southern Canada. In the spring, the butterflies travel north to breeding areas, and in the autumn they return to the south.

In 2017, the Center for Biological Diversity reported that the population of the eastern monarch butterfly was approximately 29,000 and the population has decreased even more since then. Two decades ago, the monarch butterfly population was estimated at 1.2 million.

Why has the population of the monarch butterfly experienced such a steep decline? Because humans have been eradicating milkweed. If there is no milkweed there can be no monarch butterflies.

Milkweed, which used to be common along roadsides and at the edges of farm fields, is the primary food of the monarch. Unfortunately, humans have considered the plant a useless weed



One biologist identified this butterfly as a monarch, and another identified it as a look-alike butterfly called viceroy. The viceroy butterfly can be found throughout most of the contiguous United States, but unlike the monarch, it does not migrate. Both monarch and viceroy butterflies feed on nectar, but the viceroy will also eat dung, carrion, and fungus. Both the monarch and the viceroy feed on milkweed, which gives them a taste that birds dislike.

Photo by Sylvia C. Dodge

According to a Fish and Wildlife press release, “Sometimes early conservation efforts can prevent the need to list a species under the Endangered Species Act.”

In April, VTrans joined the federal CCAA effort to protect the monarch butterfly. If the monarch butterfly is ever given full endangered species status, the agreement will “provide assurances that minimize project and other work delays so that daily operations and construction activities can continue seamlessly,” senior biologist for VTrans Glenn Gingras said.

A total of 42,534 acres of Vermont land is included in the agreement, and 3,403 acres of highway right-of-way were “adopted” by VTrans to begin monitoring monarch butterfly habitat this year, as required by the agreement. Sampling sites that are about 1,500 square feet in size were selected alongside roadways managed by VTrans.

“We completed 50 sites this year,” Mr. Gingras said.

“A Tier II pollinator scorecard was completed at each site and electronically submitted to a national database,” he said.

Milkweed surveys at the monitoring locations have also been completed.

“We are working on the maps and the best ways to portray this information,” Mr. Gingras said.

The conservation practices that will eventually be implemented on the selected highway right-of-way lands include conservation mowing, rotational mowing to leave some lands idle, brush removal to create open lands, native seeding, plantings to restore habitat, and the

monitoring of pollinator habitat. The abundance of milkweed and the number of flowering nectar species will be counted with an eye to improve the acreage as monarch butterfly habitat.

Drivers on Interstate 91 between Orleans and the Canadian border this summer will probably not notice anything different alongside the road.

“In the next few years, they may be seeing signs for no mowing zones or larger patches of milkweed left unmowed,” Mr. Gingras said.

The first nationwide Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances was initiated in 2017 when the University of Chicago partnered with 45 energy and transportation organizations.

“AOT’s participation in this national program exemplifies the commitment by the Agency and the State of Vermont to protect wildlife and approach all transportation-related work as stewards of our beautiful Green Mountain State,” Mr. Gingras said in a press release that announced the conservation project earlier this year.

The monarch is Vermont’s state butterfly. It was given that designation by the Legislature in 1987 after the idea was proposed by a fifth-grade class at Cornwall Elementary School.

At the Fairbanks Museum, during the summer months visitors can learn about the lifecycle of butterflies at the Shippee Eye Care Butterfly House. The butterflies that grow from larva, to pupa, to adult butterflies are released each autumn when the weather becomes too cold for them to survive in the museum’s enclosure.

“It’s inspiring to see the joy on the faces of children and teachers when the butterflies are released,” Ms. Rubin said.

“In the next few years, they may be seeing signs for no mowing zones or larger patches of milkweed left unmowed.”

and assiduously mowed much of it down.

In December 2020, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service announced that the listing of the monarch butterfly as an endangered species is warranted, “but precluded by higher priority listing actions.”

In lieu of endangered species status, the Fish and Wildlife Service announced it will review the butterfly’s status annually, and a voluntary conservation program has been created called the Nationwide Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for Energy and Transportation Lands.

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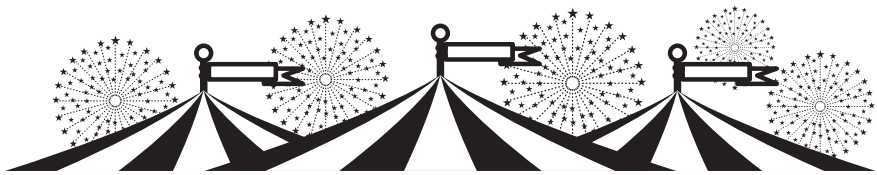


One-year-old Jack Grenier of Troy finds a novel way to enjoy the inflatable slide Saturday. Much to his father's dismay he decided rolling down the slope would be more enjoyable than sitting as other, less imaginative, children did.



Allen Brown of Kingdom Eatery, assisted by his grandson Jason, dishes out huge portions of cotton candy at the Coventry Day festivities held Saturday. Despite his apparent skill with the spinning machine, Mr. Brown said modestly that he is nowhere near as good at the craft as his grandmother was. Photos by Joseph Gresser

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Water samples taken in ten spots on lake

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the health of Memphremagog offered responses.

The meeting was civil and, at times, cordial. Nevertheless, members of Don't Undermine Memphremagog's Purity (DUMP) and the Quebec-based Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI), remain highly skeptical of what the ANR has to say.

A third group, the Memphremagog Watershed Association, shares its sister organizations' concern for the health of the lake, but is also involved in projects designed to mitigate what the state says are its most urgent problems, particularly excess phosphorus from storm water runoff.

While the ANR has given priority to limiting the amount of phosphorus in Memphremagog, it is also taking part in a cross-border project with U.S. and Canadian researchers sampling water from different parts of the lake to determine the level of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in its waters.

PFAS are a large family of chemicals used in a wide variety of products, notably to waterproof clothing, keep furniture and rugs from getting stained, and prevent food from sticking to packaging.

While PFAS can be very useful, they also can have serious effects on health of living organisms even in vanishingly small concentrations. The state standard for any one or a combination of five members of the PFAS family is only 20 parts per trillion.

Vermont has the tightest standard of any state, but many at the meeting asked for an even lower

limit, down to zero parts per trillion.

That could be a tall order. Scientists have found traces of PFAS in the most remote parts of the planet, in part because they can be carried by winds and fall anywhere on the globe.

To make the problem worse, the chemicals have such strong bonds between their constituent atoms, they are practically indestructible.

PFAS are found in high concentrations in the leachate formed at the landfill when rain or snowmelt passes through layers of trash including old couches, waterproof clothing, or discarded carpeting, all of which contain PFAS. The leachate is collected under the landfill and, for a number of years, was trucked to the Newport treatment facility where it was processed. The effluent, the treated water, was then discharged into the Clyde River near Lake Memphremagog.

PFAS is also found in sewage flowing into the plant from households and businesses hooked up to Newport's lines as well as septage brought to the treatment facility by truck.

Testing for PFAS contamination is taking place in three stages. The first tests were done on July 28, the second on August 20, and a third round will be carried out in September.

In addition to checking water for PFAS, scientists caught fish in various spots around the lake and will check them for the chemicals as well. Samples are being tested in labs on both sides of the border and a few samples taken from the same spot in the lake are being tested in each lab as a check on the labs' accuracy.

Rick Levey, one of those who sampled water on the U.S. portion of the Lake Memphremagog watershed, explained the process and gave preliminary results from the first round of testing.

He said, scientists gathered water samples using stainless steel containers to avoid contamination. Mr. Levey said they were collected from a depth of around a foot under the surface to limit the possibility of surface deposition from the atmosphere.

Ten sites were sampled in U.S. waters, three in the lake itself, one on the Canadian border, two farther south. In addition a sample was taken near the Johns River; two from the Clyde River, one above the Newport treatment facility and the other where the river joins the lake; two sites on the Black

River, one above the Coventry landfill and one at the river's mouth; a site on the Barton River and one on South Bay.

The good news, Mr. Levey said, is that PFAS was measured in samples from only two sites, one at the mouth of the Johns River, one at the mid-lake point. At the Johns River the rate detected was 2 parts per trillion, in the lake the rate was about 2.4 to 2.8 parts per trillion. Two parts per trillion is near the limit for detection of the chemical.

Mr. Levey said the tests are designed to look for 36 different types of PFAS, not just the five regulated by the state.

There were some discrepancies in results from the Canadian and U.S. labs, which Mr. Levey said are under investigation. A final summary of the tests is due out in late fall.

Another major concern in the lake since 2012, when they were first noticed, is the high percentage of brown bullheads with cancerous lesions. Fish biologist Peter Emerson said bullheads with melanomas can be found in all parts of the lake up to Magog in Quebec.

He said about 20 to 40 percent of the lake's bullheads are suffering from the disease, a situation he called "unique."

Early research ruled out the most obvious potential causes, including PFAS and contamination left over from the railyards along the banks of the lake, Mr. Emerson said.

"So, we've collected a lot of fish of three species from Lake Memphremagog," he said. "We were looking at yellow perch, we were looking at bass and we were looking at the bullhead."

He said the survey looked for 60 different chemicals the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) suggests be checked for when investigating fish with contaminant concerns.

The study, conducted in 2017 and 2018, also looked for the same 60 chemicals in sediment and water samples,

"We didn't find anything that was a smoking gun," he said. The fish do not appear to be suffering from high doses of any of the contaminants the research looked for.

"But that didn't solve the problem," Mr. Emerson said. "We still have fish with melanoma tumors in the lake."

He said the current plan is to partner with cancer researchers at the University of Vermont Medical School. Fish and Wildlife will look for the

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Pre-treatment permit set for late September

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\$200,000 needed to study the bullhead genome and then look at the fish's DNA to see what might be causing the cancers.

Mr. Emerson said it appears the cause might be a new type of virus. In the meantime, he said, there is no information suggesting that people shouldn't eat fish caught in Memphremagog.

Although the state has extended the moratorium on trucking leachate to the Newport treatment plant through 2026, liquid from the landfill still has to go somewhere. At present, that means the Montpelier treatment facility, which releases its effluent into the Winooski River and, from there, to Lake Champlain.

As part of the Department of Environmental Conservation permit allowing the landfill's current expansion and its operation for another ten years, Casella Waste Systems, the landfill's owner, is required to investigate ways to treat leachate, either at the landfill, or off-site, to remove harmful components.

Peter LaFlamme, who heads the DEC's Watershed Management Division, told the crowd that Casella is seeking a pretreatment permit. Such a permit is a federal requirement which the state is empowered to grant, he said.

Mr. LaFlamme said his division hoped to have the permit out for public comment before the August 24 meeting. Instead, he said, it will be ready by the end of September.

When the draft is released there will be a meeting in Newport to gather public comment, Mr. LaFlamme said. He then laid out the broad outlines of the permit.

"We are requiring that Casella develop within the first four months a plan to pilot technology to remove PFAS from the leachate, and to submit that plan to us for review," Mr. LaFlamme said. "We've set a standard they'll need to devise the pilot program to meet."

Once Casella offers its version of the pilot program and the type of system it hopes to use to clean the leachate, the Watershed Management Division will study the proposal and, perhaps, make some changes to it.

Once approved, the pilot system will be put into operation, so state officials can study it.

Mr. LaFlamme said it will have to run from at least two full seasons and, in the third year, Casella will have to present a comprehensive report on how well the process removes PFAS and other contaminants across different seasons of the year. The report must also discuss the economics of the chosen process, he said.



Rick Levey, an environmental scientist for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, draws water from the Clyde River in Newport during a second round of testing for PFAS analytes in the Lake Memphremagog Watershed. Mr. Levey was one of the speakers at the August 24 Memphremagog Community Forum in Newport, announcing results from the first of the three planned samplings of the watershed for PFAS contamination.

Photo by Sylvia C. Dodge

Mr. LaFlamme said the state will monitor the system and watch what happens when the treated leachate is processed in wastewater treatment plants. Those plants are designed to eliminate organic contaminants, but do a poor job in removing inorganic chemicals such as PFAS.

Mr. LaFlamme was followed to the lectern by Henry Coe, who spoke for DUMP. After thanking Secretary Moore for setting up the meeting, Mr. Coe got down to business.

"Our challenge today is to ask what will Lake Memphremagog be like in another fifty years?" he said. "Unfortunately, the most important stakeholders to the future of our Lake are not here. They are our grandchildren and their grandchildren. We must think of them."

Mr. Coe said he regretted Secretary Moore's decision not to declare Memphremagog a "lake in crisis," despite a petition signed by 3,900 people urging her to do so.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Moore said she was not able to grant the petitioners' request because the law does not allow her to do so. She said the issue was whether land values for property on the lake have fallen. Since they have not, Ms. Moore

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State urged to adopt “precautionary principal”

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said, the law says Lake Memphremagog does not qualify as a lake in crisis.

Lake Memphremagog, he said, is unique in serving as the source for drinking water for 175,000 Canadians.

Mr. Coe said the cancerous lesions on the lake’s bullheads are linked to contaminated waters and pointed to the Coventry landfill, which over a ten-year period sent between 36 million and 40 million gallons of leachate to the Newport treatment plant.

He said the landfill is located too close to Lake Memphremagog and its tributaries.

“We respectfully call on ANR to end Vermont’s dependence on a single landfill distant from population centers,” Mr. Coe said. “There are alternative sites. The time has come for the state to revive its mandate to develop a comprehensive solid waste plan based on zero-waste principles and regional depositories closer to population centers. Do not grant automatic ten-year renewal permits. Let 2018 be the last expansion of the Coventry landfill.”

Mr. Coe also urged the state to adopt the “precautionary principal,” which he said “says that when scientific evidence is uncertain about an environmental or human health hazard, then no action should be taken until it is demonstrated there is no harmful effect.”

He repeatedly demanded the state allow “no leachate in the Memphremagog watershed, ever.”

Robert Benoit, a member of DUMP and president of Memphremagog Conservation Inc., its Canadian counterpart, carried Mr. Coe’s argument further.

“Any contaminants entering the lake in the U.S. watershed may end up in the Sherbrooke-Magog water supply.

“Allow me to say, Mrs. Secretary Moore, that

not only is it morally wrong for individuals to pollute a good neighbor, but it’s wrong for groups of people to allow it to,” Mr. Benoit said.

He went on to say, “No leachate should be treated or disposed into Memphremagog or anywhere in its watershed ever again. Why? Because bioaccumulation is a quiet monster, it starts slowly and goes from bad to worse in your body. And when you get sick, my friend, it is too late. You may try to sue the company or the wastewater treatment plant or your municipality. I wish you good luck in your battle, because nobody — nobody — will be held accountable for killing you slowly with these chemicals.”

MWA board member Stan Chop took a different tack. Although he also said his organization supports the extended moratorium on sending leachate to the Newport treatment plant and will pay close attention to the planned test of pretreatment technology, MWA is more focused on practical activities to benefit the lake.

Mr. Chop mentioned a couple of these, one a partnership with Newport that helped pay for the design of a large settling basin meant to keep pollutants carried by storm water runoff out of the lake. Another project was a recent volunteer effort to cut down phragmites, an invasive reed that crowds out other vegetation along the Memphremagog shoreline.

In addition, the watershed association offers environmental education programs to area schoolchildren, many held at Prouty Beach. Mr. Chop said students get a lot of information about the lake, including how it serves Canadians living near its banks as the primary source of drinking water.

Mr. Chop said his group supports efforts to open a new landfill away from Lake Memphremagog. In the meantime everyone has a responsibility to reduce the amount of trash

headed for Coventry by reusing and recycling whatever they can.

Gilles Bélanger, who represents Orford in the Quebec National Assembly spoke remotely. As did Mr. Benoit, he said he misses the opportunity to visit Newport in person. While U.S. citizens can travel to and from Canada, the border is not yet open to Canadians headed south.

Mr. Bélanger told the gathering that both the Quebec and Canadian federal Legislatures have voted to ask Vermont authorities to keep leachate from going into Lake Memphremagog.

He said any change in the current moratorium must be based on clear scientific evidence showing there is no undue risk.

“The standard we set for scientific certainty is very, very high,” Mr. Bélanger said.

The listed speakers were followed by more than twenty members of the public to come to the microphone to express their opinions.

Almost without exception the speakers shared the positions taken by DUMP and MCI.

Walter Medwid, who participated remotely, asked why, if the state keeps compost, cans, and electronics out of the waste stream, it doesn’t adopt, as a policy, banning all leachate, forever.

Secretary Moore said, “Whereas each of the products or constituents of our waste stream mentioned there are able to be pulled out of the waste stream, the leachate is generated by virtue of the things that we still throw away.”

Because part of the landfill will always be open to the elements, and because things that are thrown away will break down over time, “the leachate is a residual of what’s left behind, she said.

“That’s why reducing our waste streams is so important,” Ms. Moore continued. “Anything we do to reduce the volume of material being sent to the landfill is in service of reducing leachate. But it’s not something that can be eliminated, as long as we’re throwing things away.



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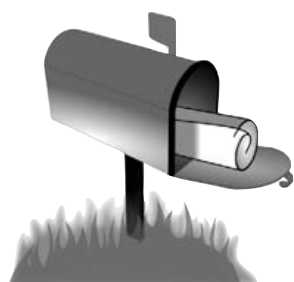
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Restaurant shipments are unusually small

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Mike Conner, of Brownington, is a driver for Black River Produce. He was a bus driver during the school year, and transitioned to deliveries in June. He said Black River Produce, like many other business, furloughed many of its drivers at the start of the pandemic.

"It was insane," he said when describing work at the beginning of the summer.

He said the July 4 holiday compounded problems, too. Deliveries increased and the whole process became "overwhelming," according to Mr. Conner.

But, he said, "It's been getting better."

Black River Produce has found a few new drivers.

Neither U.S. Foods nor Black River Produce responded to requests for comment, but both report experiencing labor shortages in recent Securities and Exchange Commission filings. U.S. Foods says orders from restaurants are returning to pre-pandemic levels, but its ability to fulfill the demand is not.

All restaurants spoken to — Newport Natural Market and Café, Parker Pie, Parson's Grill, East Side Restaurant, and Burke Mountain Academy — reported the same issues.

Sterling Trail of Parker Pie called the current situation a "whirlwind."

Parker Pie usually receives two food shipments a week. Before the pandemic, these shipments usually held at least 80 cases. Recently, both shipments have been

consistently down 30 to 40 cases of food, resulting in a shortfall of 80 cases a week.

Cheese is Parker Pie's most important supply, Mr. Trail said. He said a distributor tried to replace their usual Italian cheeses with an American cheese that could be more easily sourced.

Mr. Trail said no, and had to find a new source for cheese on his own.

Overall, the smaller shipments haven't changed the menu too much — Mr. Trail will usually run to a nearby grocery store when an ingredient is needed — but Parker Pie has had to remove a few items.

Mr. Trail said people have been understanding.

"It's fair to be out of corn chips for a bit," he said.

Parson's Grill, who is supplied primarily by Black River Produce and Sysco, also reported issues.

Steve Vazzano of Parson's Grill in Barton said he couldn't get calamari for about a month. From fisherman to drivers, he said a lack of workers had stalled his deliveries.

He clarified his statement, and said his real issue has been with incorrect deliveries. He blamed a lack of experienced and qualified drivers.

Like many other restaurants in the area, Parson's is also struggling to find servers. Many of its employees are students, who are returning to school this time of year. An employee at The East Side Restaurant and Pub in Newport expressed the same problem.

Mr. Gresser said the situation now is worse than during the height of the pandemic. The price of meat

has gone up by 50 percent, Black River Produce went from delivering six days a week to four, and shipments normally averaging 75 pounds now arrive closer to 50.

Mr. Gresser and his team is responsible for feeding 70 athletes plus staff at Burke Mountain Academy. The academy's deliveries are supplemented by many locally sourced foods, like chicken, which has helped reduce some of the strain.

While he said no one's gone hungry and he hasn't had to run to a grocery store yet, the issue still looms and recovery may be slow.

U.S. Foods is looking for workers at every stage of the supply chain, including night pickers. Mr. Gresser said the job of night picker — the ones filling trucks — has

always been a tough sell. The work is grueling and, he said, companies struggled to fill the position prior to the pandemic.

Lucrative sign-on bonuses could help companies find more labor, but this remains only part of the problem. As multiple restaurants reported, commodity prices have gone up across the board. A complete recovery would require all aspects of the supply chain, from picking soybeans to delivering cases of beef, to return to normal.



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Protecting Echo Lake is worth the effort

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letter directly expressing its support.

Select board members seemed optimistic about the proposal as it was brought forth by ELPA member Pete Ingles and Holly Bull, who is a board member with the association.

"If you let a lake go, it turns into a swamp and then people lose interest in it," Mr. Ingles said.

He said reclassifying Echo Lake is a big effort, but protecting the lake is worth every bit of it.

If the waters aren't preserved, the lake's quality and beautiful aesthetic could be lost, and the once clear reservoir could turn into a green, algae-ridden eyesore, Mr. Ingles said. Such a change could be irreversible.

Holly Bull said Echo is a "cold-water lake," and if the water's temperature increases, its ecosystem could suffer and the trout population would be affected.

Money made available to lakes classified as A1 could help prevent such long-term damage to the lake and its environment. Echo is currently classified as B2, though it meets all criteria to be reclassified as ELPA desires.

State regulations call for waters classified as A1 to be completely clear, have minimal amounts of e coli bacteria, and be populated by fish and wildlife as it would be with minimal human presence.

Under an A1 designation, the state would be responsible in maintaining that classification, which would afford more protection to Echo Lake as a result of the decision.

Select board member Larry Young asked how the change in the lake's classification could impact home and landowners near the watershed. Ms. Bull said that the reclassification would prohibit septic systems that discharge 1,000 gallons or more of water.

"A house would have to have 14 bathrooms to put out that much," she said, jokingly noting that there aren't any properties of such scale near Echo Lake.

Select board member Peter Moskovites moved the issue be sent to the planning commission, so ELPA can receive the letter of support it requested along with Charleston's co-sponsorship of the petition. Both he and Mr. Young supported

the motion. Select board member Pat Austin was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Bull and Mr. Ingles thanked the board for its time.

The two select board members voted to table most agenda items so they can be considered at a later date when all three are present.

The board briefly discussed the funds appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Charleston has received \$52,135, half of the total it will get under the act. The other 50 percent will arrive during the second half of next year.

Select board members earlier sought clarification as to the type of projects ARPA money can pay for, especially whether getting roads ready for the coming winter qualifies.

Assistant Town Clerk Colleen Kellogg said the ARPA coordinator said towns have broad authority in spending the money, and that Charleston may use the money to maintain the roof of the town garage as the select board wished.

Rifle sighting events in East Haven, Woodbury

Members of Vermont 4-H Shooting Sports and Back Country Hunters and Anglers will be at shooting ranges to offer instruction on sighting rifles.

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required.

Events will occur at the following locations on the following days.

West Mountain Range on the South America Pond Road in East Haven on September 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walter Cabell Range at Buck Lake Conservation Camp off Route 14 in Woodbury on

September 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walter Cabell Range at Buck Lake Conservation Camp off Route 14 in Woodbury on September 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Mountain Range on the South America Pond Road in East Haven on September 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — submitted by Nicole Meier.



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Gardner park playground proceeds with environmental assessments

Structures which occupied the playground since the 1980s were removed in the spring due to safety concerns and to prepare for a new playground and splash pad.

Gardner Park's scenic location on the shore of Lake Memphremagog is a sizable hurdle for the first major park improvement initiative in decades. The city has spent the last nine months navigating the permitting process required for construction on both a former landfill and in a flood zone.

"We recognize the value this project brings to the community and the city is committed to seeing it through," City Manager Laura Dolgin said.

The site was originally a swampy tract of land later developed using undocumented fill in the 1950s. A variety of soil contaminants that surpass health standards set by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation exist. As a result, the city must explore remediation options before moving forward with construction.

The contaminated soil needs to be removed or covered to protect the health of park users. One alternative is to add a layer of clean soil on top to act as a barrier and protect against exposure. The park, however, is located on a sensitive shoreline in a floodplain area, and raising the elevation of the park by bringing in another layer of soil could have negative impacts on the flood water capacity. The consequences of this are being studied now.

Lynda Provencher, from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Waste Management and Prevention Division, reviewed the findings and compared them to the state's regulatory standards. "The type of contaminants and concentrations detected are indicative of a property that may have been a former landfill and where industrial facilities are located nearby. While the thresholds are above state standards, their presence is not unexpected given the history of the park and are certainly not uncommon in Vermont and elsewhere."

The next step in the testing process is a Supplemental Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, which includes seven soil sites and nine water testing sites around the playground. The additional testing represents an unanticipated expense for the playground project.

Irene Nagle, senior planner for Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA), has been working with the city to bring the project forward and identify possible funding sources to help cover the cost of testing. "This situation is not unique to Newport and comes up frequently when undertaking redevelopment projects on properties that have been used by the public for centuries," Ms. Nagle said. "Thanks to the city's proactive work assessing environmental conditions Newport is in a good position to secure additional funds from both private and public sources to cover this expense."

The city has received funding to cover the next phase of testing through the EPA Brownfields Targeted Assessment Grant and the additional assessment work will be underway this fall. — submitted by Laura Dolgin.

Services

Harold G. Tolman

Visiting hours for Harold George Tolman, who died April 14, 2020, in Greensboro, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, at Northern Vermont Funeral Home, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, at St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Hardwick. A joint burial for Harold and his late wife, Lorraine Tolman, will follow in the family lot in the Greensboro Village Cemetery.

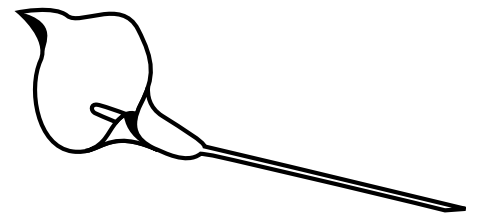
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The town of Greensboro has established the Tolman Recreational Fund to honor Harold's memory. The fund will be used to support the continuation of youth sports at Tolman Corners.

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Janet I. Kokaly

Janet I. Kokaly, 88, of Newport died at 8:42 a.m. at North Country Hospital in Newport on Thursday, August 26, 2021 with her husband of 30 years, Jacob, and her son Steve Casey at her bedside. She went peacefully to her Lord in heaven.

She was predeceased by her parents: Doris and Verne Mckee; sisters: Betty Roberts, Velma Stedman, and Mable Gross; brother Verne "RIP" Mckee; her former husband George Casey; and sons: George and Chris E. Casey.

Survivors include her husband; her son Steve and his wife, Bonnie, of Connecticut; her sister Doris Sherman of Maine; her nephews Paul Sherman of Oakfield, Maine, and Sterling Sherman of Portland, Maine; by daughter Bonnie Ouellette of New York; stepsons: Jim of New Jersey, Jon of Louisiana, and Paul Stout of Florida; stepdaughters: Jeane Willcut of New Jersey, June McMakin of Pennsylvania, Joy Lanigan of New Jersey, and Ruth Ann Worshaw of New Jersey; her

grandchildren include: Chris Casey Jr., Timmy Casey, Jeremiah Casey, Liam McMakin, Ruth Kokaly, Kristina Kokaly, Suzie Powers, Jamie Kokaly, James Kokaly Jr., Kelly Ommundsen, Tommy Lanigan, Andy Wilson, Tammy O'dell, Michael Wilson, Faith Casey, Naomie Stout, and Sarah Stout; and numerous great-grandchildren scattered all over the United States.

Janet's hobbies were knitting, crocheting, and watching Christian TV shows. She also loved traveling in the motor home, camping, and making a cross-country trip to Vancouver and a seven-day Alaskan cruise. She enjoyed cruises off Florida and trips to Disney World. She loved all members of her family and all the years that she had here on Earth.

Services will be held at the Life in Christ Fellowship Church on Saturday, September 4, at 10 a.m. with Reverends Janet and Allan Bishop officiating. Interment will take place at a later date in Island Pond. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be



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Rocky Arnold Cady

Rocky Arnold Cady of Barton died on August 23, 2021.

He was born January 4, 1970, the son of Shirley Cady of Newport and Raymond Cady of Morrisville (deceased).

Rocky's greatest joy was his grandson Bentley.

Rocky is survived by his life partner, Paula Firkey, of Barton; and his two children: Dylan Cady of Barton, and Natasha Cady of Barton.

His siblings are Ricky and Raymond Cady of Spokane, Washington, and Laurie Cady Carpenter of Newport. Rocky had many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

The family will have a private celebration of life on Saturday, September 4.



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Obituaries

David Yves Sheltra

David Yves Sheltra, 57, died suddenly at his home on December 30, 2020.

He was born on March 29, 1963, in Haverhill, Massachusetts, the son of Arnold and Alma (Gagne) Sheltra.

A resident of Brentwood, New Hampshire, for the last 28 years, David grew up in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, and was a 1981 graduate of Pinkerton High School. He was also a graduate of New Hampshire Technical College in Nashua and Great Bay Community

College where he received an associate's degree.

He was employed as a machinist for many years at Insight in Londonderry, New Hampshire, and Arch Medical in Seabrook, New Hampshire. As an avid outdoorsman he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the Brentwood Sportsmen's Club. He became an Eagle Scout in 1983 with Troop 33 in Hampstead, New Hampshire.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Carolyn Sheltra of

Brentwood; two sons: Timothy M. Sheltra of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Zachary D. Sheltra of Exeter, New Hampshire; and his mother, Alma Sheltra, (formerly of Troy, Vermont) of East Hampstead, New Hampshire. He also leaves his uncle, Stanley Sheltra, Newport; aunts: Gabrielle Page of Berwick, Maine, Margaret Meunier of Newport Center, and Marie Gagne-Raboin of Newport; sister-in-law Terrie Apiz of North Hampton, New Hampshire; and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his

father, Arnold Sheltra, (formerly of Newport, Vermont) on June 4, 2013.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 4, at 11 a.m. at the Newport Center Cemetery, Route 100, Newport Center with Reverend Neil Perry officiating.

Donations in David's memory may be sent to Community Dialysis Center, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, Vermont 05855 or Troop 33 Hampstead, New Hampshire, 183 Central Street, East Hampstead, New Hampshire 03826.

Marcel R. Fontaine

Marcel R. Fontaine, 59, of Newport, died suddenly on August 22, 2021, in Newport.

He was born on June 10, 1962, in Newport to Albini and Jeanne-Mance Fontaine.

Marcel was a carpenter by trade and truly enjoyed doing intricate woodwork. He also enjoyed hunting, loved to work in his gardens, and spending time with family and friends. Marcel had a way of making everyone close to him feel like they were a part of his family. There were so many lives

that Marcel touched and people that he considered family that it would be difficult to list them all.

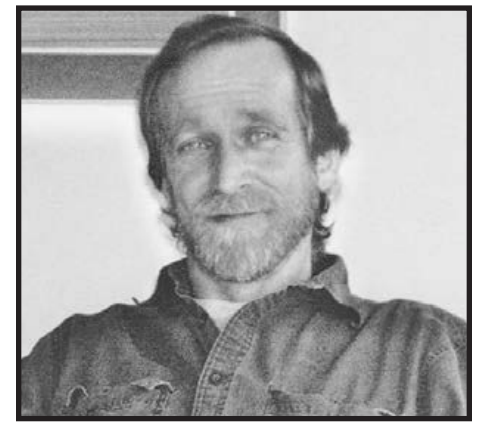
He is survived by his beloved partner of 15 years, Sharon Thibeault; his children: Nicholas Fontaine, and Melissa Waterhouse and her husband, Jason; his grandchildren: Briana Inskeep and Olivia Fontaine; his siblings: Noella Roy and her husband, Raymond, of Massachusetts, Peggy (Pierrette) Collins and her husband, Lee, of Barton, Aline LaMadeleine of West Charleston, Diane Mudgett and her

husband, Mark, of Glover, Real Fontaine and his wife, Rose, of Irasburg; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Marcel was predeceased by his parents, Albini and Jeanne-Mance Fontaine; the following brothers: Lionel, Gerard, Leonard, Ronald, Alan, Claude; and by his sister Nicole.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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Obituary

Richard Pray



Pray, Judy Valley, and Ronald Pray and his wife, Joyce; sisters-in-law: Rachel Pray, Regina Ovitt, and Sherry Green and husband, Hubert; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Arnold and

Richard (Dickie) Lyle Pray of Albany died on his birthday on August 26, 2021.

He was born in Randolph and lived in Tunbridge until the age of seven. He was the son of Herbert and Alice (Martin) Pray. They moved to Albany. He attended Albany school and later married the love of his life, Capitola (Cappy) Moulton of Charleston. They were married for 64 wonderful years.

His hobbies included tinkering on cars, camping, playing cards, barbecues, and get-togethers with family and friends. He was employed by Ethan Allen for approximately 40 years and for a short time by Butterfields.

His wife Capitola survives him, along with their children: David Pray and his wife, Paula, of Johnson, Candy Cubit and her husband, Marvin, of Irasburg, Terry Pray of Albany, and Susan Glodgett and spouse, John, of Barton.

Survivors also include 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; siblings: Gerald Pray and partner, Linda Chase, Carl

Roger Pray.

Sincere thanks to Rose Shattuck, granddaughters: Samantha Pray, Savannah Glodgett, and Ann Johnson, as well as all the caring people at the Barton Medical Clinic and Orleans and Essex Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.


Special thanks to their children for all their love and care during this difficult year.

Graveside service will be held at



the Albany Village Cemetery, on Saturday, September 4, at 2 p.m. with Reverend Nathan Strong officiating, followed by a celebration of life at Dick and Cappy's home. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers please send contributions in Dickie's memory to Orleans and Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc. One may also share memories and condolences by visiting awrfh.com.





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the day that God took you home.

Our names are Omer and Pierrette Piette, Ricky F. Besaw's mom and stepdad. I want to publicly say a big thank-you to all who came to my son Ricky Besaw's Celebration of Life held at the American Legion on July 24, 2021. As you enter the hall of American Legion you knew Ricky was there. The tables were decorated with Ricky's favorite colors, red and white tablecloths. Also, the tables had 26 red star balloons and 25 white star balloons. The 51 balloons were a reminder that Ricky passed at the age of 51 years old.

Ricky loved his pop-tarts. The first thing when he would come to the house he would say, "Mom, do you have pop-tarts?" He also loved his M&Ms. I had my grandchildren wrap the pop-tarts and M&Ms with pieces of Ricky's clothing. Everybody was welcome to take a pop-tart and M&M packet as a memory of Ricky. All around the American Legion were beautiful quilts, shawls, and pillows, all made of Ricky's clothing. We had movie slides from the date Ricky was born until his passing. And we had a book made by my sister, called "The Love Of Our Family." In the book was some of Ricky's text and letters he had sent to his siblings with his own handwritten letters he wrote to me (his mom), everyday saying how much he loved us. Also a sign book that everybody would write a memory about Ricky.

I do not want to forget the food. What a blessing from Heaven!!! It was great! Thank you so much to Terry & Tracey Davis. Also, thanks to my granddaughter, Diamond, who made some great homemade desserts. I want to thank all my family who came to help, and decorated late Friday night and Saturday morning. Thanks, love you all!

We had spiritual songs while the pictures were being shown on the screen slide show. *Only Can Imagine, Watch Who Left the Door Open, and Jealous of the Angels.* We finished the celebration with a DJ who played Ricky's favorites: *Old Time Rock & Roll, Florida-Georgia Line, Friends in Low Places, Alabama,* and more.

On July 25, 2021 at our home, we lit off lighted lanterns as a remembrance of how much we loved Ricky. This is one of the texts Ricky sent: Love today, it will never come again. Tomorrow is not a promise, but a gift.

Ricky had and still has so many, many wonderful family and friends!! Everybody who met Ricky would fall in love with him. Ricky loved life. He loved to have a great time wherever he was. He was one-of-a-kind!

Ricky, we didn't know on March 13, 2020, that we would get the worst news. No one would ever want to hear that it would be our last time we would hear your voice, get an encouraging text every day, to see your smile, to get your hugs, and coming over to help me decorate for the holidays and putting them on Facebook because you were so proud. We had great times together. It will never be the same. We couldn't even say goodbye. We prayed it was just a dream.

Ricky always made our troubles seem so small. Ricky, you were always there to pick us up when we fell. You are our hero and our angel, and watching over us. We will be together again. What a reunion that will be! Ricky would always say "before you go to bed at night call (not text), your loved ones and tell them how much you love them, because we never know when God will call us home.

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CANCELLATIONS

SHEFFIELD FIELD DAY

Sheffield Field Day has been canceled for this year due to concerns about COVID.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Lowell Historical Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the history room in the Lowell Town Clerk's Office, 2170 VT Route 100. There will be a review of the new History of Lowell book and discuss new projects now that the book is done.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

WESTMORE FINAL BAKE SALE

The final bake sale of the summer will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5, in Westmore starting at 9 a.m. Location is at the old town building across from Fellowship Hall. There will be many items of baked goods including pies, bread, cookies, rolls and all items are home made. The Treasures Shop will also be open starting at 8 a.m. for shopping of an array of good used and new household items. Many new items arrived during the past week. Proceeds benefit Westmore Church community projects.

TWILIGHT STARS PARTY AT THE OLD STONE HOUSE

On Saturday, September 4, enjoy the return of the annual Twilight Stars Party featuring LIVE music, food, a beer garden and astronomy with Bobby Farlice-Rubio from the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium. Gates open at 5 p.m., music from 5:30-8:30. Star party starts at 8 p.m. Food and drinks available. Then catch the sounds of Vermont rock band Evansville Transit Authority, enjoy games for families with children of all ages. 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the Old Stone House. Tickets on sale now at \$8 for ages 12 and up, \$4 for children 5-12, and children under 5-years-old are free. On the day of the event, tickets cost \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for children 5-12, and children under 5-years-old are free. Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village members are half price (\$5) no matter when you buy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEETS IN WEST GLOVER

The NEK Section of the Green Mountain Club will be at Parker Pie in West Glover on Sunday, September 5, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The club is an active hiking group always looking for new members. The NEK has a network of over 38 trails. To learn more, stop by or visit NortheastKingdomSection@greenmountainclub.org.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ALBANY DAY 2021

Albany Day 2021 will be held on Labor Day, September 6 on Main Street in Albany. Parade starts at 11 a.m. followed by the traditional chicken barbecue at noon of half a chicken, mashed potato, coleslaw, corn on the cob, roll, beverage, and pie for dessert. Take out will be available. \$12 per meal. 50/50 raffle. A horseshoe tournament will take place at 1 p.m. at the old ball field. \$20 entry fee per team. Winning team will receive 25% of entry fees collected. Call (802) 755-9240 if you wish to be in the parade, enter horseshoe tournament, or have any questions. All proceeds from barbecue and horseshoe tournament will benefit the Albany Volunteer Fire Department.

SEPTEMBER 8-12

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR

The 153rd Orleans County Fair will be held September 8-12. This event is subject to change, based on the COVID Health and Safety Guidelines determined by the Governor and Vermont Department of Health.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

VFW 3RD ANNUAL VETERANS BARBECUE

The VFW 798 Auxiliary at 141 Central Street in Newport will be hosting their 3rd Annual Veterans Barbecue on Saturday, September 11 starting at 5 p.m. The barbecue and live music are free to all veterans and active military personnel, family and friends by donation. Please dress for the weather.

FROM THE PARLOR TO THE POLLING PLACE: STORIES AND SONGS FROM THE SUFFRAGISTS

Join singer and historian Linda Radtke, in period garb and wearing a "Votes for Women" sash, to celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment. This free talk will be held at 7 p.m. on September 11 at the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village will highlight the decades-long persistence of Vermonters, both women and men. Both the songs and stories in Radtke's engaging presentation, accompanied by pianist Cameron Steinmetz, highlight Vermonters' efforts from 1840-1921, as they lobbied at churches, parlor meetings, town halls and at the Vermont State House for total enfranchisement.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER IN NEWPORT

The Annual Chicken Pie Supper, sponsored by the United Church of Newport, 63 3rd Street, will be held on Saturday, September 18. This year will be take-out only. Dinners can be ordered by calling (802) 673-1176 no later than Monday, September 13. A time will be given between 4 and 6:30 p.m. to pick up your order. Containers will be provided.

PAINT N' SIP AT THE OLD STONE HOUSE

Natalie Guillette, owner of Creative Buzz Paint Events, will lead a paint and sip on sap buckets event at the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, on Saturday, September 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available during the class. Fun trivia based on the museum will be thrown in. Register at www.OldStoneHouseMuseum.org/adult-enrichment-classes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

KYLE BUTTICE "CATCH THE CURE" MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kyle Buttice "Catch the Cure" Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 19 at the Newport Country Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The format is a four-person scramble, Vegas style rules, prizes, raffle, music and more. A breakfast at 7:30 a.m. is included. Four chances to win a car on all par 3s. The cost per player is \$100. Team price is \$400. All proceeds go to the Catch the Cure Foundation/Kyle Buttice. Funds will help others who are battling cancer. For information, call Vince or Trish Buttice at (802) 274-2300.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

BEFORE VERMONT: AN EARLY ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORY

Before Vermont: An Early Archaeological History (with a concentration on the Northeast Kingdom) presentation on Wednesday, September 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 26 School Road in Holland. State Archaeologist Jess Robinson will give an overview of Vermont's precontact native history from the arrival of its first inhabitants approximately 13,000 years ago through to the first Abenaki contacts with Europeans. A question-and-answer session will follow. The event is free.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AMISH BENEFIT BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

The Brownington Amish community will hold a benefit chicken barbecue dinner on Friday, September 24, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at 91 Old Cemetery Lane, Brownington, at Arnold's Rescue indoor arena. Seating inside and out - takeout meals available. Proceeds to benefit the medical care costs to repair Baby Levi's multiple heart defects at Boston Children's Hospital.

PRE-REGISTRATION

ALZHEIMERS CONFERENCE

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) will be holding a free virtual conference on September 30 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The conference will provide Vermont residents with information about Alzheimer's disease, brain health, caregiving, care planning, support services and more. The free educational conference will be held virtually over the Internet and is open to everyone. For more information or to register, visit <https://alzfdn.org/event/educating-america-tour-vermont/>

COMMUNITY MEALS & FOOD SHELVES

ALBANY (FREE) FOOD SHARE

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East Hardwick Grange Supper is a free to all curbside meal for the community. The simple takeout dinner will be served each Wednesday between 5 and 6 p.m., at the Caledonia Grange, 88 East Church Street in East Hardwick. For questions or to arrange delivery, call (802) 472-8987 or email easthardwickgrange@gmail.com.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY MEAL

On Monday, September 13, Holland Community Church will serve the community meal. Everyone is welcome and there will be time for visiting. The meal will be served at 12 noon. Donations are welcome, but not required. If you have any questions, please call Anna at (802) 895-5319.

ST. MARK'S FOOD SHELF

St. Mark's Food Shelf, in the Parish House, Second St., Newport, is open every Monday 11:30 to 12:30. It makes no difference where one lives, or financial standing. Anyone in need of food, please come. Each will receive a bag of groceries with additional food offerings available from time to time.

TROY & AREA LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY/SENIOR MEALSITE

The Troy and Area Lions Club regularly meal served every Thursday at noon. Thanks to Berry Creek Farm, and its CSA Members, they will be offering another season with fresh fruits and vegetables. All age groups are welcome to enjoy the weekly meal at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street). A \$4 suggested donation is appreciated. For more info, call (802) 744-2484.

UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT

Bags of food are available at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Everyone Eats" Free to-go meals will now be Fridays only starting at 10:30 a.m., through the end of summer.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY & SENIOR MEALSITE

All are welcome to enjoy a weekly meal each Thursday at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street). The meal is served at noon. A \$4 suggested donation is appreciated. Please note: To protect the health of senior citizens, as well as volunteer servers, the Troy and Area Lions Club, sponsors of the Westfield Mealsite Program, require that you be fully vaccinated in order to have a sit-down service. Otherwise, you are welcome to order a takeout meal and pick it up at 12:15 p.m. For pickup orders please call (802) 744-5466 after 10 a.m. on Thursday. For additional information, call (802) 744-2484.

FARMERS MARKETS

CRAFTSBURY FARMERS MARKET

The Craftsbury Farmers' Market open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and every Saturday until October 2 offering locally produced food and crafts and there will be many new vendors offering products that have not been available at our market before. Free family-friendly entertainment every Saturday and special events throughout the season. For more details, visit www.CraftsburyFarmersMarket.com.

GLOVER FARMERS MARKET

Glover Village Green on Route 16. Open Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September 26. Local produce, fresh seafood, arts and crafts, farm products, live music, Bread & Puppet banners and prints. Flea market the last Sunday of the month. For more info, go to www.gloverfarmersmarket.org.

HARDWICK FARMERS MARKET

Atkins Field, 140 Granite Street, Hardwick. Open Fridays through October 8 from 3 to 6 p.m.

NEWPORT FARMERS MARKET

246 Causeway across from Waterfront Plaza, Newport. Open Saturdays through October 16 and Wednesdays through October 13. Rain or shine. EBT and debit cards accepted. Farm-to-family coupon site. Crop Cash coupons available. For more info, call (802) 274-8206 or (802) 334-6858.

ONGOING

AL-ANON

Troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use? Attend an Al-Anon meeting. Personal anonymity, as well as confidentiality of members sharing in the program, creates a safe place to get help. Virtual and live meeting dates and times are listed on the VT Al-Anon website: www.vermontalanonlateen.org. The website includes local and statewide meetings. There is an in-person meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, 46 Lakemont Road, Newport.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

For anyone who thinks they have a problem and would like help, Alcoholics Anonymous is available during this time of COVID-19. Virtual meetings dates and times are listed at Vermont Area 70 website: <https://aavt.org>. Click on blue virtual meeting links or call the NEK area confidential hotline at (802) 334-1213.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #21 NEWPORT

The American Legion Post #21 is located at 5 Veterans Avenue in Newport (next to the high school). Ongoing events include Bingo every Friday at 6:30 p.m. and every Sunday at 12:30 p.m., and live music from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays. Horseshoes Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Visit their Facebook page for more info.

BOBBIN MILL PLAYERS MUSIC JAMS

The Bobbin Mill Players will be having a music jam every Wednesday morning at the St. Ignatius Parish Hall, in Lowell from 8 to 11 a.m. All levels of singers and musicians welcome. Admission \$3 each. Refreshments available. For more info, please call Amy and Lyle at (802) 334-2419. Proceeds benefit local charities.

BRIDGE CLUB - ARTHUR AIKEN DUPLICATE

The Arthur Aiken Duplicate Bridge Club meets Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the Orleans Federated Church, 34 School St. For more info, contact Eric McCann at (802) 988-4773 or Denny Lyster at (802) 744-6839.

COMMUNITY SEED EXCHANGE AT THE BARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Community Seed Exchange (CSE) at the Barton Public Library is open to help with your gardening needs. The CSE is a public service of the Barton Public Library, which provides free seeds to gardeners in the Northeast

Kingdom for vegetables, herbs and flowers. Seeds are available during library hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requests can also be sent to nekseeds@gmail.com. Many varieties of seeds are available. For seed savers, or anyone with a surplus of purchased seeds donations are welcome. GMO seeds are not accepted or distributed. For questions, email nekseeds@gmail.com or visit Facebook.

COVID TESTING AND VACCINATIONS

Testing is held at North Country Hospital's modular unit in the east employee parking lot to accommodate Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday. Register online at www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested. Appointments have priority however walk-ins are welcome. Walk-in COVID vaccine clinic schedule at North Country Hospital: Monday, Thursday and Friday noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 to 6 p.m. The testing clinic can direct you to the main hospital entrance for check-in.

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GLOVER E-BIKE RENTALS

Up to September 10 two Local Motion e-bikes may be loaned out for 2 full days for free. The bikes must be requested through the Local Motion website at www.localmotion.org/travelingebikes. Pickup of the bikes is at 1501 Shadow Lake Road, Glover for the 2-day loans, contact Sara Gluckman at 525-3188. The e-bikes are also available at the Glover Farmers Market on Sundays from 11 a.m. till 2p.m. for a 1-hour loan.

GREENSBORO SELF-GUIDED HISTORY EXPLORER WALKS

The Greensboro Historical Society has updated and expanded the Self-Guided History Explorer Walks co-sponsored by the Greensboro Free Library. The walks include stops in both Greensboro and Greensboro Bend villages. Brochures guiding the walks can be found at Smith's Store in the Bend or at the Greensboro Free Library or the Greensboro Historical Society in Greensboro. The brochures include a series of questions that can be answered by reading the signs along the walk. Completed questionnaires will earn a prize at the Greensboro Free Library.

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Paw Patrol: The Movie (G) 6:15
Candyman (R) 6:30

Sat., Sept. 4 & Sun., Sept. 5 Matinees:
Shang-Chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG-13) 12:00 & 3:00
Paw Patrol: The Movie (G) 12:15 & 3:15
Candyman (R) 12:30 & 3:30

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under five are free. St. Andre Bessette Parish, Troy Church Hall, 130 South Pleasant St., Troy. Sponsored by Council 7943. For more info, contact (802) 673-7510 or (802) 323-2470.

TOPS #135 IN ISLAND POND

TOPS #135 of Island Pond, meets every Monday at the Brighton library for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting. New members are always welcome. Call (802) 723-5907 with questions.

VFW POST #798 & AUXILIARY

VFW Post #798 located at 141 Central Street, Newport. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:05 p.m. Pub Night - Thursday nights takeout only from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Call (802) 334-7717 after 4:30 p.m. to put in your order. Cash sale only, no ATM available. Visit Facebook-VFW POST 798 Auxiliary to view the menu. First Sunday of the month All You Can Eat Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. - adults \$9, children 12 and under \$5.

WESTMORE TREASURES SHOP

The Treasures Shop is open for the summer on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. located in the old town building across from the fellowship hall in Westmore. There are many nice and antique items available. Donations accepted when the shop is open of good used items and no electronic equipment. Proceeds benefit Westmore Church community projects.

CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

ALBANY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School fall season begins at Albany Methodist Church, 906 Main Street, on Sunday, September 12, at 10 a.m. Nursery - teen. Celebratory hotdog picnic at 11 a.m. Call (802) 754-2790 for more information or to get a ride.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN ISLAND POND

30 Paradis Mountain Road, Island Pond. (802) 487-0229. Pastor Ian R. Gilpatric.

CHARLESTON GRACE MOVEMENT

Rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15. For Bible study time and location, call (802) 723-4831

GREEN MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH OF ISLAND POND

567 Route 105 West. (802) 723-6143 or Pastor Neal at (802) 754-2396. Sunday services 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service at 6 p.m. Family fun night Friday at 6 p.m. Community Closet: Gently used children & adult clothing is open Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food Distribution is the third Monday, at 4:30 p.m. or during closet hours.

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

All are welcome to join live stream worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m. Access these services on www.guccvt.org and follow the link on the home page.

IRASBURG UNITED CHURCH

Pastor Reverend Avril Cochran. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Communion first Sunday of every month. Steeple lights for September are lit in memory of Leon and Wanda Kesler and Gordon & Rose LaClair from Diana LaClair.

LAKE REGION PARISH - BARTON UNITED CHURCH, GLOVER COMMUNITY CHURCH & WEST GLOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

For questions, call Rev. Evelyn Coupe (802) 525-3607.

MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Barton, Orleans and Irasburg. Mass times: Saturday at 4 p.m. at St. Theresa's in Orleans; Sunday at 8:15 a.m. at St. John Vianney in Irasburg, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's in Barton; Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's in Barton; 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at Maple Lane Nursing Home; and 10 a.m. every third Friday at Union House Nursing Home.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM QUAKERS

Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. Zoom Host Call: (802) 525-6961. Info: (802) 754-2029 or (802) 525-6961.

ORLEANS FEDERATED CHURCH

The Orleans Federated Church will hold in-person worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the dining room with access to ventilation. Masks are optional if you are vaccinated and signing in required. If interested in receiving worship service by mail or email, please email Orleansfederated@gmail.com or leave a message at (802) 754-6486. The Orleans Community Food Shelf continues to operate each Monday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with a prepacked bag distribution.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Craftsbury are on Saturdays at 6 p.m. For info on updated Mass protocols, go to www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

West Church Street, Hardwick. Doors are closed for now, but join on Zoom for weekly worship service, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. For the link, email stjohnthebaptistvt@gmail.com or call (802) 472-5979 on Wednesdays, between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

ST. MARK'S IN NEWPORT SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 Service every Sunday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 Second St., Newport. Also, on Zoom at the same time. Link can be found on Facebook. For more info, call 802-334-7365 or email info.saintmarksnewport@gmail.com.

SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services available in person/at church at 10:15 a.m. Please respect all applicable COVID 19 measures. Regular Sunday services are available on YouTube.com at Vermont Country Pastor. Contact Pastor Mark Heinrichs for more info at (802) 525-4214.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT

The United Church of Newport is open for in-person worship again, every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Services will be broadcast on NEKTV every week and on YouTube. Bags of food are available at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone Eats free to-go meals will now be Fridays only starting at 10:30 a.m., through the end of summer.

WESTMORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church service Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Bob Leibold officiating. Due to Covid, the service will be held during September in the church park, across the road from the church. Bring your chairs and dress accordingly for outdoor park services. If inclement weather, service will be held in the church. There will be special music with Mark Violette, organist and choir director. Cold drink and finger food will be served after the service. On Facebook and online at WestmoreCommunityChurch.com.

GALLERIES & MUSEUMS

CATAMOUNT ARTS

15 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury, VT, (802) 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org.

CRYSTAL LAKE FALLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Crystal Lake Falls Historical Association Barton Museum - Pierce Houseils closed for the season. Brick Kingdom Park is open daylight hours.

DERBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

37 Junior High Drive, P.O. Box 357, Derby. Open Sundays from 2-4 or by appointment. Call Bonnie Shattuck at (802) 766-8080 for inquiries or visit Facebook for additional information - Derby Historical Society.

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM

1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-2372. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Safety measures will be in place for hand washing and distancing space. Masks will be mandatory. Outdoor tours and demonstrations will include architectural tours of the building and planetarium-like shows in outdoor spaces. Ticketing will keep guests safe to limit the number of visitors at any given time. For details, visit www.fairbanksmuseum.org.

GREATER BARTON ARTS

396 Main Street, Barton. Email greaterbartonarts@gmail.com. Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday 1 to 8 p.m. *Ecosystems Services Through an Artist's Eye*. This art show sponsored by Vermont Agency of Agriculture and Food & Markets, Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District and the Memphremagog Watershed Association is composed of art inspired by regional landscapes. Wednesday, September 1 through Sunday September 19.

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On exhibit, "Highland Cattle: Proud Heritage." Highland Cattle are an award-winning heritage breed that has been a part of the town for over fifty years. Learn about these impressive animals as well as other breeds of cattle from across the state and around the world through display boards, trophies, a quiz board, flip card games, and more, all provided by Shat Acres Highland Cattle, a local 4H group, and dedicated volunteers. While there, visit the permanent exhibit, "The Hill Family Legacy." Museum hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

HIGHLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

2875 Hardwick Street, Greensboro. (802) 533-2000. www.highlandartsvt.org. Open Wednesday - Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by reservation only.

MAC CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Summer exhibition, "Green, an Exploration of the Colour." Downstairs Gallery, MAC Center for the Arts. Free event, all welcome. www.maccenterforthearts.com. 158 Main Street, Newport. (802) 334-1966. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Monday.

MEMPHREMAGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Memphremagog Historical Society of Newport Museum and Exhibits presents a permanent display of panels: Crossroads Before & Beyond Abenakis Culture and Timeline, Remembering the City of Newport's Vanishing History of Legends, and Celebrating Confluence. These exhibits are open to the public at the Emory Hebard State Office Building, 100 Main Street, Newport, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please wear a mask and follow distancing. For information, contact Barbara Malloy at (802) 334-6195.

MORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Morgan Historical Society at the corner of Route 111 and Toad Pond Road in Morgan will be open Mondays 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. through September. Notebooks of the history of many families in town. For questions, call (802) 723-5907.

MUSEUM OF EVERYDAY LIFE

3482 Dry Pond Rd., Glover. www.museumofeverydaylife.org. (802) 626-4409. Unvaccinated individuals are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. Life in Lists and Notes exhibition is currently on display. Admission by donation. The exhibition will be on view through the end of the year. The Museum of Everyday Life is a self-service museum, open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and is located at 3482 Dry Pond Road. (Rt. 16) in Glover, a short distance south of the Shadow Lake Road.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS' GUILD

Back Room Gallery at 430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. (802) 748-0158. www.nekartisansguild.com. Open Tuesday-Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *The Art of the Book: Is It a Book?* A group exhibit by the Books Arts Guild of Vermont through September 18.

OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC VILLAGE

109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington. (802) 754-2022. www.OldStoneHouseMuseum.org. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with regular tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (walk-in tour requests accommodated as possible). The historic grounds, Alexander Twilight Educational Trail and free WiFi Hot Spot are open every day of the year. Questions? Email info@oldstonehousemuseum.org.

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THE SATELLITE GALLERY

71 Depot Street, Lyndonville. (802) 229-8317. [facebook.com/thesatellitetevt/](https://www.facebook.com/thesatellitetevt/). Open Wednesday and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

LIBRARIES

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

530 Main Street, Albany. Open Monday 9 to 4 p.m., Wednesday 2 to 6 p.m., Saturday 2 to 4 p.m. Story time for all ages Monday at 10:30 a.m. Chess club at Monday at 3 p.m. For more info, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or call (802) 755-6107.

BARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours: Monday 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. Curbside service is also available during those hours. Please call the library for more info or requests at (802) 525-6524. The Barton library will be collaborating with the Barton Community Giving Garden for other activities including music, art, exploration, and gardening activities. For more info, email bartongivinggarden@gmail.com or bartonkidsread@gmail.com. Wednesday Poets is back face-to-face every other week from 6 to 8 p.m. – Poetry writing workshop welcomes writers of every age and experience. For more info, contact Toni at (802) 525-6524 or Adrien.adrienhelm@gmail.com or (802) 525-3740.

COBLEIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

14 Depot Street, Lyndonville. (802) 626-5475. www.cobleighlibrary.org. Hours: Monday noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday noon to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For current COVID updates please visit the website. Summer Reading Program – All programs are free. Full details are listed on the website and on the Facebook events page. Fishing gear is now available to borrow.

CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Church Lane, Craftsbury Common. (802) 586-9683. Email craftsburylibrary@gmail.com. Quick visits and foyer service is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. For full details, visit www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org.

DAILEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

101 Junior High Drive, Derby Center. Open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday by appointment (call a day ahead) and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outdoor story time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Face coverings are required. For more info, call the library at (802) 766-5063, visit www.daileymemoriallibrary.org or check Facebook page.

GLOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours: Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. Curbside service is also available during those hours. Please call the library for more info or requests at (802) 525-4365.

GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, call (802) 334-7902 or visit the website at goodrichlibrary.org.

GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY

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