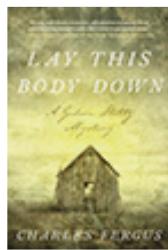


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Four vie for mayor's seat

by Trisha Ingalls and Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT— After serving as Newport's mayor for an unprecedented seven terms, Paul Monette has decided to step down from his position and leave the city's political scene. On Town Meeting Day, March 7, the city's voters will have an opportunity to choose from among the four candidates seeking to take his place.

The Chronicle spoke with the candidates to provide information to help Newport residents make their choice. Their answers are presented in alphabetical order according to last name.

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Waste occupies Derby board

by Matthew Wilson

DERBY — The select board gathered on Monday night and met with the head of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District about a recent change in how the district's budget is approved. The board members also looked at plans for a race that will lead off Derby's Fourth of July parade.

In January, select board member Brian Smith spoke about a conversation he had with someone who works with Casella, who suggested a way of offering a better service for recycling and trash to Derby. Mr. Smith also said he was concerned by Derby's waste district representatives voting in favor of a plan to set its budget without a district-wide ballot. He said he thought their vote did not align with the select board's desires.

Paul Tomasi, the district's director, attended the meeting digitally via Zoom and explained that the district isn't doing anything out of the ordinary. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Tomasi to come to (Continued on page 20.)

Deeefense



Spaulding High School's Yvonne Roberge has a hard time breaking through the Lake Region women's formation in the Crimson Tide's loss to the Rangers on February 15. Sakoya Sweeney (5) and her teammates defended their basket with grim determination that paid off in their 43 – 37 victory. Photo by Matthew Wilson

Wake boats draw a crowd

by Joseph Gresser

GREENSBORO — Boats that make a wake high enough for surfers to ride are making waves in communities based around Vermont's lakes. The boats are a recent arrival in Vermont's waters and are, as yet, unregulated.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) held a meeting on February 15 to gather comments on a rule its representatives said would be the strictest of any in the U.S.

Sixty of the more than 160 people who participated in the hearing remotely and more than 60 people who filled the studio space at the Highland Center for the Arts offered opinions on the state's proposed regulations. The speakers were chosen at random and, in alphabetical order, given two minutes to give their views.

A majority of those who spoke said they

support regulating the boats, but asked for the boats to be kept further from shore than the proposed rules would allow. Several wake boat owners said the DEC's draft regulation was too strict and unnecessarily limited the use of the boats.

The DEC, citing studies of the effects of the waves created by the boats on shorelines and loon nests, is suggesting a rule that would keep the boats 500 feet from shore when operating in surf mode, and allow them only in lakes with an area of 50 acres inside that boundary that is at least 20 feet deep.

Oliver Pierson, the lakes and ponds program manager for the DEC, set out one more requirement for a lake to be opened to wake boat use. The lake must be big enough to allow a straight run of 3,000 feet within the area that meets the other standards.

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Lake Region budget gets all the votes

by Trisha Ingalls

The budgets were passed and a controversial discussion remained civil at the Lake Region Union High School District Annual Meeting on February 15.

Roughly 60 voters turned out to warm up their democratic muscles in advance of Town Meeting Day by remembering to make motions and seconds from the floor, with gentle urging by moderator Kristin Atwood. Ms. Atwood took over as moderator following 52 years of service in that role by her father, attorney William Davies.

“Dad served for 52 years,” Ms. Atwood said. “You’re not getting that out of me!”

Lake Region board member from Irasburg Michael Sanville presented the expense side of the general fund budget. Although voters have approved what Mr. Sanville described as “lean but productive” budgets for the past ten years, with small increases ranging from 0.7 percent to 2.3 percent, this year’s budget is an outlier due to inflation, he said. It called for a 7.1 percent increase over last year’s budget. Mr. Sanville cautioned that next year’s budget may look the same.

Line items with the biggest increases included salaries and health insurance, technology, fuel oil, transportation, and the assessment paid to the Orleans Central Supervisory Union.

Board chair David Blodgett from Orleans presented the revenue portion, which largely comes from local taxes and state funds. The revenue also included a \$659,791 surplus carried over from last year.

A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded, and during the discussion before approval, Vicki Gentler from Irasburg asked what the school choice tuition amount will be in the coming school year. Principal Andre Messier said it will be \$18,500 per student.

Justin Mason from Albany asked whether the higher budget will improve the school’s ranking. Mr. Sanville said the increase in the budget is due to inflation. He went on to say Lake Region is a high-performing school in an impoverished district, with a consistently high statewide

ranking, and board members consider it an honor to work with Mr. Messier, who he said has created “the greatest model in the world.”

This elicited a round of applause for Mr. Messier, and a unanimous vote in favor of the \$7.8-million general fund budget.

The capital fund budget ask was \$84,000. Mr. Sanville described efforts over the years to decrease fuel and electricity consumption, tighten up the building envelope, and explore alternative energy, such as a potential solar array. The board works with Mr. Messier to establish priority projects, many of which are dependent on outside forces, including state regulations. The capital fund request also was passed unanimously.

Article 7 brought up the topic of how school board members are nominated and elected. The question was whether voters would decide to change the current process to the “proportional to town population model, where voters in each district town nominate town residents to fill the town’s apportioned seats on the district school board, and only the district voters in each town can vote on that town’s nominees to fill the town’s apportioned seats on the district school board.”

Though some spoke up in favor of the change, most people spoke out against any change, including Ms. Atwood. She was temporarily relieved of her duties as moderator in order to address some of the issues with the plan; namely, that the former school board jurisdictions no longer exist, and Barton and Orleans are especially complicated.

“There’s no ability to vote the same way as you did before,” she said. She cautioned voters not to jump into something without more information, and she said she was disappointed the board hadn’t asked town clerks for their input on the article. “No offense, guys,” she said, “you dropped the ball by not asking.”

When the vote came, it was a resounding no vote, with only a handful of people voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Atwood thanked all those in attendance for a robust and civil discussion around a difficult topic.

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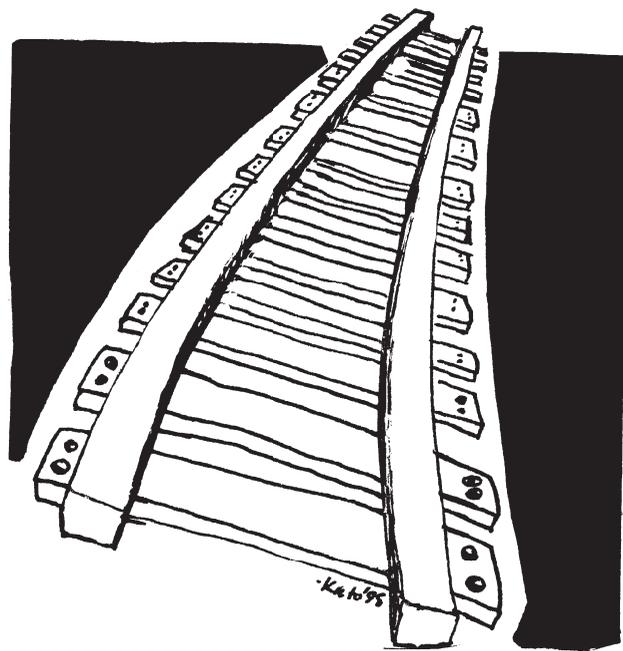
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A defining rural characteristic



Yours from the Perimeter

by Paul Lefebvre

This winter is giving dirt roads a bad name. Fluctuations in the extreme — going from 30 below one week to exotic temperatures the next that have been warm enough to lead us to believe we have lost the right to call ourselves, Northern people — have turned dirt roads from icy today to muddy tomorrow. There has been hardly any snow to speak of, and on those months when it should be snowing, it has instead rained. All in all, bad times for dirt roads.

When I first moved back home, which is to say from Boston to Newark, and bought a house that had gone from a farmhouse to a camp with a sign on the porch door that read, “Balls Hangout,” after the previous owner, dirt road, or back roads, if you prefer, were part of the town’s charm. Only downtown Newark with a seldom-used church at a crossroad where only the road continuing north and south was paved, leaving people going east or west to travel on gravel. There were few if any complaints; most people preferred it that way.

At the time, during the early years of the seventies, there was only one person I knew who was building a home within hollering distance from the town line between Brighton and Newark, and he was on the Brighton side. He was five or six years older than me, but we were each Island Pond natives whose families had hunting camps in the big woods of Essex County. He called me “Le Fever,” and I often referred to him as “Big G” for his formidable size, which in

his mind, I believe, made him a natural for no other branch of service than the U.S. Marine Corps. Many years later when he went to Montpelier to serve in the Legislature, representatives on both sides of the aisle called him, “Tiny.”

Except for a glowing appreciation difficult to put into words to describe a countryside laced with dirt roads, most lacking signposts or names, and as numerous as brooks in the big woods of the Nulhegan Highlands, I initially took Newark’s dirt roads for granted. What else could they be, after all? It was left to Big G to give me an education.

“We’ve got to do something, Le Fever,” he said to me one day when he stopped in at the house for a visit. A restless fellow who was still finding his way after moving home with his family from Connecticut, he usually came early in the morning, catching my wife (his cousin) and me still in bed. He enjoyed talking politics — local, state, and national — and over the kitchen table he would drink coffee as if it were water and pontificate. He had a natural gift for talking, which was quickly recognized by his co-workers on the railroad who nicknamed him, the “Great Northern.”

He wasn’t an educated man but he was perceptive and uncommonly informed when it came to issues affecting rural life. “You know what they want to do,” he asked, as I was pouring his first cup of coffee and trying to catch up with his early morning head of steam. “They want to pave the road right up to the town line, right beyond my house. We got to do something.”

Nothing was ever done. Lack of money coupled with unwillingness by officials to raise taxes to pay for replacing a dirt road with a smooth hardtop with no potholes or ruts quietly killed the project. Big G, whose political life was an uneasy balance between being a union leader and a loyal Republican, went on to other things, such as workers’ compensation and pension-related issues. Besides, while the wheels of justice are known to turn painfully slow, snails move faster, thank God, than the pace of development has in the Upper Kingdom.

Big G, who has long departed this world, may have been prescient in realizing that dirt roads are the first line of defense for a rural society. Replace them with pavement and wider lanes, and open spaces will soon disappear. Yet, starting with my conversation with him that morning, I developed a “save-the-dirt-road” mentality that has stayed with me over the years. Which is not to say there weren’t moments when I wished I were living next to the hardtop, a paved road capable of dismissing changes in temperatures as

effortlessly as some people dismiss unfounded or unwanted opinions with a shrug.

Until recently, winter was not the season that caused a lapse in my championing dirt roads; that came the season after, the Upper Kingdom’s fifth season that gives the Ides of March a wicked twist. Due to spring conditions on dirt roads I have lost everything from mufflers to tailpipes to shock absorbers, and even the hard-won trust of having the family car back in the yard by dark. All the above difficulties can be traced back to a single word: Mud. No matter how many years of experience you have acquired, there is no surefire way of escaping the pitfalls of living on a dirt road in the spring.

There is some consolation in knowing it is not as bad as it used to be. There is a gruesome story handed down through generations of Newarkians of a spring when the depths of one muddy dirt road were said to reach the gates of hell. Reportedly, the story stems from finding an unknown body of someone, a border jumper from Canada or a fugitive, who had frozen to death and whose body had remained concealed until the snow began to melt. Not knowing what else to do with him and having little time to spare, the story goes, those who found him buried his body under the muddy road, where travel by horse and sleigh or wagon had been suspended for the foreseeable future.

It’s a dubious story, as anyone knows whose motor vehicle has been stuck in the mud or has had to be dug or pulled out. To get unstuck takes forever, and often requires an array of tools and skills, such as a Handyman Jack and a board or two to shove under the tires. The longer you’re at it, the ground will likely become increasingly soft and more clinging, until all hopes of an early out collapses. There were times I parked my truck and walked the mile or so home rather than risk getting stuck.

Regrettably, mud season could come early this year, making traveling on dirt roads as uncompromising in the winter as in the spring. Changes are coming. It is no longer possible to know the month by looking out the window. Still, as Big G suspected, paved roads will not un-complicate our lives or help us adjust to climatic changes. Dirt roads may be our best protection to retain our rural landscape and keep it intact.

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Opinion

In defense of libraries and librarians

by Garret Keizer

The recently unveiled plan to digitalize the libraries of our former state colleges (soon to be known collectively as Vermont State University) and toss out the books reminds me of a conversation I had some years ago with master printer Roderick “Rocky” Stinehour, founder of the world-renowned Stinehour Press. There was much talk in those days of books becoming obsolete in the rush to embrace digital technology, but Rocky was having none of it. Pointing to the fact that books had taken shape in response to the capabilities and comforts of the human body, he boldly proclaimed that as long as humans “looked the way we look now,” there would be books. I’m glad he’s been spared this week’s glimpse of what educational leadership has come to look like in the twenty-first century, certainly a little less than human and a lot less than civilized, a destruction of books and a firing of librarians that would have done the Vandals and the Visigoths proud.

Still, I can imagine Rocky telling me that I am not seeing the abolition of books but merely their forced “obsolescence” at one admittedly benighted institution. And I would agree, but with a caveat. We are not so much seeing the abolition of books as we are seeing the first steps toward the abolition of men and women like Rocky Stinehour. I mean people for whom the material world and the world of ideas, married together in the world of the physical book, were a big part of what made life worth living.

Rocky is one of the people who come to mind when I think of what it means to be an educated person and a whole person, someone who chooses to work with both his hands and his head. Returning from his service in the Second World War, he went to Dartmouth College on the GI Bill, studying graphic design with the intention of becoming a printer. For reasons I forget he chose to establish his print shop in the unlikely location of Lunenburg where he employed local men and women, some college-educated and some not, and began his illustrious career of producing some of the most beautiful books of the last century.

My guess is that if the college libraries now under attack are fortunate to possess any books from the Stinehour Press, those books will be spared and set aside in “special collections.” Not

so any number of other books, some of them to be digitalized, others discarded either because they do not lend themselves to digitalization or because, regardless of their merits, they’ve not been checked out of the library for a number of years. After all, why keep a book around, even a classic, if no one has taken it out for the past twenty years? That so-called educators don’t know the answer to that question astounds me. You keep that book around for the sake of the student who comes around once every twenty years, even once every hundred years, and who will read that book and go on to change the world for the better. You keep that book around because your imagination still has room for a Charles Darwin or an Emily Dickinson or, yes, a Rocky Stinehour, and you don’t for reasons of class-prejudice rule out the possibility of their attending a small public college in Vermont

It is this want of imagination, coupled with a similar want of any compelling idea of what it means to be an educated person, that I find so dismaying in the decision to dump the library books and put everything salvageable into data banks where it can presumably be found by anyone who looks for it. As if education consisted of finding only what you’re looking for! Such narrow conceptions play well in a culture where we listen only to music that we pre-select and news programs that tell us only what we wish to hear. Those conceptions do not play well, or play for very long, in a well-stocked college library, where even a causal browser is soon confronted with authors, titles, and subjects she never knew existed—yes, and with more books than she might have dreamed existed. Were someone to ask me, a former teacher, what is the first significant step toward anything that might plausibly be called “higher education,” I would not cite the ability to do a web search or write a research paper. I would cite the experience of standing in the midst of a library, among thousands of authors both living and dead, in humble awe and silence. Not quite the same experience as taking a screenshot of the words “awe” and “silence” and texting them to a friend.

My guess is that the last sentence calls to mind some person, possibly younger than you but at least classifiable as “young.” It’s also my guess, **(Continued on page 5.)**

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Opinion

In defense of libraries and librarians

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in fact better than a guess, that the initiative to decimate our state's public college libraries will be justified as driven by "the younger generation," the "workers of the future," the kids with no time for books — or history or literature — so consumed are they by their little screens. They are the ones behind these changes, not the tech billionaires with fortunes to make or the academic administrators with resumé to notch before going to their next job interview armed with the dubious achievement of having reduced a library to pixels. We shove digital devices in our children's faces before they can walk, then we medicate them for the cerebral challenges that result from that premature exposure, then we send them for an education that has little purpose beyond preparing them to be consumers of digital distraction — then we say it was all their idea. The polite word for this is "cant." Samuel Johnson said we must clear our minds of cant, though it seems we prefer to keep the cant and clear our libraries of books instead.

And yet, many students at the institutions being affected by this shortsighted initiative have other ideas. Apparently their purported digital addictions do not preclude an appreciation of books. Apparently they don't need older people like me telling them what is about to be snatched away from their cultural birthright and from the schools where they have chosen to study. Maybe a

few of them remember times when they went to the library depressingly bewildered by their assignments only to be helped by a librarian. (Give me a good reference librarian and I will conquer the world.) Maybe some of them have played hooky in the stacks as I once did and come out having learned more than they did in a week of classes. For whatever reason, they are resisting, they are coming to the defense of their libraries and their librarians, and as I sit here rooting for them with all my heart, I imagine Rocky Stinehour smiling as he looks up from his book.

Garret Keizer is a writer who lives in Sutton.



Letters to the Editor

I support Beth Barnes for mayor

To the editor,

I am proud to say that Beth Barnes is a candidate for mayor of Newport. Beth is a vibrant and knowledgeable young woman who deeply cares about our city. Beth would come to the position with unbiased drive and intelligence. Beth is a teacher and outdoor person who recognizes the beauty and potential of our mountains and lake. She is a "listener" who would like to make our city council meetings welcoming by hearing all points of view so the council members can make informed decisions.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we, as citizens of Newport, could look forward to attending council meetings to learn about the possibilities available for our city, ask questions, and express our opinions without feeling unwelcome?

Please consider Beth as candidate for mayor so we can have civility and a "can-do" spirit that gets things done in a city where every opinion.

Muriel Brown
Newport

Chris Vachon for city council

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Councilman Chris Vachon's re-election to the Newport City Council. Chris and I both volunteered to serve on the city's planning commission in 2020 to fill two vacancies.

At that time, the commission was tasked with formulating an updated municipal plan which was our focal point for the next couple of years. Chris, along with the other members of the commission, provided sound and logical input helping to set the groundwork of what was to become a totally revamped plan that looks toward the future of Newport but doesn't forget its past.

When 2021 came around, Chris decided that

he would like to run for a seat on the city council. Although his resignation was reluctantly accepted, Chris was enthusiastically encouraged and supported by the commission knowing that he would bring the same thoughtful and dedicated spirit to the council that he had shown on the commission. I believe that Chris' first term on the council bears this out.

I fully intend to support Chris Vachon for a second term as Newport City Councilman and sincerely hope that you will, too.

Respectfully submitted,
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reviewed by Tena Starr

Lay This Body Down is a murder mystery. But the mystery itself kind of takes a back seat to the time and context, to what author Chuck Fergus seems to really want to talk about — the hash of laws and attitudes about slavery in the decade that preceded the Civil War, the horrors black people endured, and the broad swath of ways that people responded when confronted with what were, essentially, moral issues.

Don't get me wrong here. Mr. Fergus hasn't written a polemic; he isn't using this novel to deliver a barely hidden lecture. He's written a story, a compelling and complex one that keeps the reader turning pages. It just happens to occur during a time of grave ethical challenges that would soon lead to war.

The book is a thoughtful and heavily researched glimpse into a specific time and place, it being 1837 in Pennsylvania. There were abolitionists who risked much to hide escaped slaves, and there were many, of course — in the North as well as the South — who were flat pro-slavery.

In between were those who exhibited courage or cowardice, opportunism, kindness, cruelty, generosity, indifference, plain evil, and half or quarter measures of all that.

This book is the third in Mr. Fergus' Gideon Stoltz mysteries, and it's his best. A native of Pennsylvania, he now lives in Caledonia County with his writer wife and several horses.

Gideon Stoltz is a Dutch Pennsylvanian who is sheriff in the fictional town of Adamant, despite

his youth and his outsider status. He's not universally accepted although he's generally liked and duly elected.

In *Lay This Body Down*, his initial dilemma is the murder of a newspaper man. The man had apparently been run over by a wagon, then hit in the head with a rock. It's Gideon's job to figure out who killed him. And why. The fellow had been an abolitionist, but not totally embraced by either blacks or whites because of his own ideas about a "solution" to slavery. Like some at the time, he was unconvinced that different races could amicably live together, and thought the best answer for blacks might be to move to their own country.

At the same time, the small black population in Adamant is imploring Sheriff Stoltz to investigate the disappearance of several black people in the community. Some believe they're being kidnapped and sold South as slaves. And they're not all convinced that the sheriff is as committed to investigating vanishing black people as he is to looking into the killing of a white man.

Meanwhile, there are a couple of Southerners in town looking for an escaped teen slave, who calls himself Otis. His owner is likely also his father.

In short, the sheriff is a busy man. He's also got serious soul-searching to contend with: Will he uphold the federal Fugitive Slave Act of 1793 or defy it at his peril?

"A historical novel should be true to the time and place it depicts: in this case, central Pennsylvania in 1837," Mr. Fergus writes in his initial author's note. "Fifty-seven years earlier, in 1780, Pennsylvania had passed a law abolishing slavery. In their quest to be free, enslaved African Americans from Maryland, Virginia, and other Southern states made their way into Pennsylvania and might have passed through or taken up residence in a backwoods town like my fictional Adamant, some eighty miles north of the Maryland border."

Pennsylvania's liberal laws — for the time — prohibited a slaveholder from just showing up, finding his escaped slave and dragging him, or

her, home. In fact, if he attempted it, without going through the state's process, he could be charged with kidnapping and sent to jail.

One of the grim, often mind-boggling standouts of the novel is that each chapter opens with an actual ad from the time seeking escaped slaves.

Here's a few: "Ran away, a Negro Boy, named PETER, about 18 or 20 years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, well proportioned in make, has a pleasing countenance, smiles when spoken to, and is very intelligent. He is easily frightened by the whip, and may be made to tell the truth readily."

"One hundred dollars reward, for my negro Glasgow, and Kate, his wife. Glasgow is 24 years old — has marks of the whip on his back. Kate is 26 — has a scar on her cheek, and several marks of a whip."

"Ran away, a negro man named Squire — had on a chain locked with a house-lock, around this neck."

"Ran away, a black woman, Betsey — had an iron bar on her right leg."

Speaking of the sheriff, Mr. Fergus writes: "He read about women fleeing with their children. Men who were shoemakers, carpenters, ironworkers, blacksmiths, bakers, field hands. For some, their clothing was described. Or shackles and chains. Scars, because many had been wounded or maimed. Broken legs and ankles, hands or feet lacking fingers or toes, eyes missing — often it wasn't clear whether the injuries came from accidents or had been purposely inflicted. Brands, letters burned into faces or breasts. In some of the notices, the subscribers said their charges had 'eloped without any cause or justification.'"

Oh, really.

Threaded through every strand of the story is historical context and Mr. Fergus' gift for writing evocatively about the natural world, horses, and rural life in a time past.

This is a gripping novel that also happens to inform about one of the more morally fraught periods in America.



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Police say rejected suitor turned violent

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — When a woman declined a proposal of marriage, her boyfriend went into a violent rage, police say. According to State Police Trooper Anthony Rice, Ronald W. Carter, 50, of Newport began to yell at his intended fiancée and became physically abusive when she said she wouldn't marry him.

Trooper Rice's affidavit said he was called to North Country Hospital on February 8 to speak with the woman. It says the woman had a large scrape that ran from wrist to elbow on her left forearm.

The woman said she turned Mr. Carter down because her last marriage ended in divorce and she didn't want to make another attempt, Trooper Rice said.

He said Mr. Carter told the woman, "No one is going to come for you, not even the cops, only after you're dead." The affidavit says Mr. Carter then threw her down on a bed and jumped on top of her.

Trooper Rice said the woman managed to kick Mr. Carter off her and tried to put on her shoes. He said Mr. Carter grabbed her again and slapped her face and her privates.

He then pinned her right arm down with his left hand while he squeezed her throat with his right hand, the affidavit says. It says she tried to get up, but Mr. Carter barricaded her in the room at the Border Motel where the incident took place.

According to Trooper Rice Mr. Carter wouldn't let the woman get to her phone to call for help because he said he wasn't done with her yet. He said Mr. Carter told the woman she was going to get her world smashed.

At that point, the affidavit says, the next-door neighbor began pounding on the wall telling them to keep it down. It says the woman got away with only her underwear on when Mr. Carter went out to bang on the neighbor's door and yell at him.

She found someone at the motel who let her into a room and arranged a ride to the hospital.

Trooper Rice said Mr. Carter threatened to rape the woman and strangled her four or five

times for a few minutes at a time. He said the woman told him she still had no voice.

Mr. Carter appeared by video in the Criminal Division of Orleans County Superior Court and pled innocent to first-degree unlawful restraint with risk of injury, first-degree aggravated domestic assault, lewd and lascivious conduct, first-degree aggravated domestic assault by one with a prior conviction, and second-degree aggravated domestic assault by one with a prior conviction. All are felonies. Mr. Carter also entered a plea of innocent to misdemeanor charges of interference with emergency services and criminal threatening.

Judge Lisa Warren ordered Mr. Carter to be held without bail.

Another charged in taken children case

The story of a woman and her boyfriend who ran off with two children who were supposed to be picked up on orders of the Orleans County Family Court had another chapter added on February 13 when Trevor W. Barry pled innocent to a felony charge of obstruction of justice.

State Police Sergeant Andrew Jensen said in an affidavit that a juvenile pick-up order was issued on June 10, 2022. The order was issued after the court found probable cause to believe the children were in need of care or supervision.

Officers were unable to find the children's mother Shylo E. Bourdeau, 35, of Lowell although deputies from both the Lamoille and Orleans County Sheriff's Departments made several attempts.

In August Sergeant Jensen spoke with one of the children's grandmothers. She said the children were with her and she often babysat for them for days at a time. She said Mr. Barry, the

children's father, and Ms. Bourdeau were no longer a couple.

According to the affidavit the grandmother said she hadn't spoken to Ms. Bourdeau for a couple of years because she disagrees with the way she is bringing up her children. It says Ms. Bourdeau had not sought medical treatment for one child who had a heart condition and another who has diabetes.

Sergeant Jensen said the grandmother said the family lives in a house without running water in deplorable conditions. He said he was told the children fear police because of what their mother has told them.

The affidavit says Orleans County Deputies were sent to get the children, but when they



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Father denies disobeying court order for children

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arrived at the grandmother's house they were told Mr. Barry had stopped by and taken three of the children away with him.

The other two were with her, Sergeant Jensen says, and were taken to the Orleans County Courthouse by Trooper Adam Aremburg. When he got to Newport with the children he saw a SUV parked a few spaces in front of him.

Nearby was a shirtless man, later identified as Dylan Gingues, 35, of Bellows Falls. Sergeant Jensen said Mr. Gingues has a firearm strapped to his right hip.

The affidavit says Mr. Gingues helped get the children into the SUV and while Trooper Aremburg was dealing with him, Ms. Bourdeau drove away with them.

Mr. Gingues has pled innocent to felony charges of obstruction of justice and impeding a public officer, and Ms. Bourdeau has pled innocent to two felony charges of custodial interference and to a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Sergeant Jensen said Mr. Barry was involved

in the incident because he picked up the three children and brought them to Ms. Bourdeau. He said the children were in the SUV and Mr. Barry was standing nearby when Ms. Bourdeau drove off with them.

Sergeant Jensen said he and other officers engaged in a fruitless search for Mr. Barry after the incident at the courthouse and he asked Judge Warren to issue an arrest warrant when he filed his affidavit on September 1, 2022.

After Mr. Barry entered his plea, Judge Warren released him on conditions.

Charleston man denies rape charges

Keith Smith, 43, of Charleston pled innocent to a felony charge of lewd or lascivious conduct with a child and sexual assault on a person under the age of 18.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department Detective Carmen Visan said Abbey Lalime of the Children's Advocacy Center assigned the case to her.

In her affidavit Detective Visan said a mental health worker reported to the Department for Children and Families that a young woman told her that she and her sister were molested by Mr. Smith five years earlier.

Detective Visan spoke with the woman and her sister. According to the affidavit the woman said she was staying with Mr. Smith when she was 12 or 13 and one evening he told her he wanted to show her something on his phone.

The affidavit says after she looked at the video, Mr. Smith attempted to put his hand down her pants. she said no and went into her room. It says Mr. Smith followed her into her room and made another attempt.

Detective Visan said the girl went into the bathroom and waited until she heard Mr. Smith go into his room and shut the door.

The girl said she got into bed, but Mr. Smith went into her room and climbed under the covers and touched her again, the affidavit says. Her sister said she had a similar experience

during which Mr. Smith touched her breasts and thighs, Detective Visan said.

According to the affidavit Detective Visan spoke with Mr. Smith who denied touching the woman and said she "has a long history of lying." Detective Visan said the man could not come up with a good reason for why they might lie or what benefit they might get if they did.

Misdemeanor arraignments

Among those pleading innocent to misdemeanors were:

Cadylynn Reason, 19, of Newport to domestic assault on February 9 in Newport;

Joshua M. Kuhaneck, 21, of Brighton to driving while his license was under suspension (DLS) on June 20, 2022, in Newport;

Alex Becker, 34, of Newport to violating conditions of release on January 4 in Newport;

Jeremy Young, 35, Barton to retail theft on November 2 in Orleans and November 4 in Barton;

Jeremy Lapan-Ward, 20, of Lowell to disorderly conduct by abusive or obscene language and unlawful trespass on land on January 15 in Newport;

Sahara Webb, 23, of Newport to disturbing the peace by phone on January 5 in Newport;

Matthew R. Prue, 43, of Sheffield to DLS on January 4 in Barton;

Keenan James Morin, 22, of Newport to driving under the influence (DUI) on January 28 in Derby;

Francis E. Huard, 57, of Craftsbury to domestic assault and cruelty to a child on February 13 in Craftsbury, and,

Justin E. Lamonda, 39, of Newport to violating conditions of release on November 21 in Brownington and a restricted driver's license interlock violation, leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, providing false information to implicate another person, and violating conditions of release on January 11 in Charleston.

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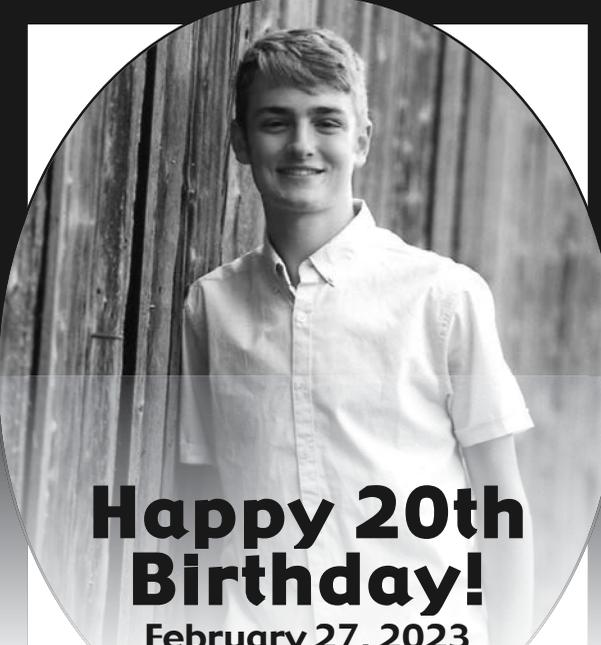


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Craftsbury plans for democracy and parking

by Trisha Ingalls

CRAFTSBURY — The town of Craftsbury will take part in a “groundbreaking” to strengthen democracy. Its planning commission is working on improvements to safety and walkability in the village.

At its most recent meeting, held February 7, the select board was joined again by Susan Clark, coauthor of *Slow Democracy* and *All Those in Favor*, to hear more about the project she is launching in Peacham and now Craftsbury to examine and strengthen democracy in small towns.

Over time the select board has discussed whether or not to ask voters to move certain issues to Australian ballot.

Ms. Clark let the select board know there are three things voters can do at Town Meeting via Australian ballot, if approved: elect officers, vote on budget issues, and vote on public questions. The select board is considering having select board members chosen by Australian ballot.

The warning for Town Meeting reads as follows: “Article 16: Shall the voters elect its town officers by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A., subsection 2680 (b)?” Craftsbury voters overwhelmingly supported the idea at a past Town Meeting, and a yes vote on March 7 would mean balloting for select board members will begin in 2024.

“The choice you’re offering the voters is to split the difference,” Ms. Clark said.

The ballot gives people a chance to elect half the power in the town, the executive branch, while retaining the quality of the Town Meeting on the meaty questions of public policy and the town budget.

“You’re finding what they call a third way,” Ms. Clark said. “It’s not win-lose, it’s not quantity versus quality, it’s finding a way to have quality and quantity.”

James Jones, select board co-chair, said it’s a good compromise.

“It’s a big deal,” Ms. Clark said. “It’s a big change for Craftsbury.”

Select board co-chair Bruce Urie said ballots can bring in around 400 votes, whereas in-person voting brings in about 150 people. That is the issue the pilot project with Ms. Clark is meant to solve.

What makes this work with Craftsbury and Peacham a pilot? Because it’s a specific process that involves looking at democracy itself — the underlying structure of town governance throughout the year.

Such a process is often used in town planning, but this one focuses in on the democratic issue, which Ms. Clark said is unusual, and really needed at this juncture — not

just in Craftsbury, but all over.

“It’s similar to a process I’ve done on lots of different topics,” Ms. Clark said, “but doing it this way about town democracy is really exciting to me. I’m really passionate about it. It’s groundbreaking in Vermont to have this specific kind of conversation.”

The pilot project would involve a pair of gatherings, likely in April or September, two weeks apart, for two conversations. The first would start with a brief presentation on how town government works, then an interactive portion where people would discuss the benefits of democratic quality versus quantity. An example of democratic quality, Ms. Clark said, is the rich conversation that can happen at Town Meeting.

At a previous meeting with Ms. Clark in the fall of 2022, the select board discussed the benefits of having democratic quantity versus democratic quality.

The advantages the select board identified at the time for quantity were that it mitigates an over-reliance on Town Meeting for quality, it gets more people involved, there’s no public speaking required, the vote is private, and addresses what Ms. Clark said is a perception of elitism surrounding Town Meeting; some people can’t get there because of work or other commitments, so it is sometimes seen as an opportunity enjoyed only by the few. The discussion of democratic quantity brought up the need for more opportunities for voters to weigh in. Fewer people attending Town Meeting in person means limited voices.

There were also important advantages to embracing democratic quality. “When we have democratic quality,” Ms. Clark read from the notes of the select board’s previous meeting, “it means we have leadership skill training because we learn public speaking (and when to shut up).”

Also, in-person meetings are a way to connect. A system that relies too heavily on Australian ballot may result in uninformed voters, and a lack of connection. There is no opportunity to ask questions in the moment, or learn more about an issue before voting on it.

For example, when voting on elected positions that are not select board members, like the office of lister, it’s easy during Town Meeting to briefly describe what that position is so someone can raise their hand and volunteer to be nominated. Using Australian ballot puts more onus on the select board to ensure the public is fully informed of what all of the different positions are.

These discussions as part of the pilot project are meant to lead to a conversation around values, so participants can start to choose the ones that are most important to them. This is the plan for the first workshop entitled: “What do we want Craftsbury’s democracy to look like?”

The second gathering will have participants use a workbook to plan actions intended to get more people involved.

Mr. Urie pointed out controversial topics bring out the most people at Town Meeting. Ms. Clark agreed.

“If you look at Town Meetings across Vermont for 30 years as [author] Frank Bryan did, that was his number one finding. You put your finger right on it. People will come if there’s something hot on the warning.”

She pointed out that’s an argument for maintaining the structure of Town Meeting. “Town Meeting might be sleepy sometimes, but it is a structure that works,” she said. There might be boring meetings for a few years in a row, then suddenly something controversial like siting a windmill, and that structure is in place for whatever comes along.

“It’s a flaw in human nature, it’s not a flaw in Craftsbury,” Ms. Clark said. The select board joked that’s a case to put something controversial on the warning every year. Ms. Clark suggested a proposal to make Craftsbury a dry town might do the trick.

The other issue the workshop will address is how to keep the democratic process going the other 364 days of the year other than Town Meeting.

Ms. Clark recommended that select board

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Success will be measured by new faces at Town Meeting

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members drum up volunteers for the workshop during Town Meeting. She said sometimes what emerges is a type of democracy committee — a small group of people who don't have a particular agenda, but whose job is to make sure people are engaged in democracy.

Select board member Susan Houston remembered there was a democracy reading group for at least ten years in Craftsbury and Greensboro, and said maybe she could corral some of its participants to help with this process.

Mr. Urie said he will measure the success of the pilot by seeing 50 new faces at Town Meeting next year, even 25. "Bringing out new people would be exciting for me," he said.

Public Visioning

There were many faces in person and online when results from the public visioning plan were shown on February 15. Consultants from DuBois and King were on hand to present their work so far.

The company's website says, "Founded in 1962, DuBois and King is a multidisciplinary professional consulting firm providing planning, engineering, and construction phase services in the areas of transportation, site development, water and natural resources, water/wastewater, energy production, telecommunications, and building systems."

The town of Craftsbury received a planning grant to pay for consulting work.

The process was led by the planning commission over the last

six months or so, with support from the consultants.

The project summary outlined the reasons for the planning efforts: "Due to ongoing transportation and safety issues in the village such as; lack of parking, speeding, safe walkable corridors for pedestrians, and access to The Genny and the C Village Store, the Craftsbury planning commission began the process of a village plan in the spring of 2022.

"The Craftsbury Village Plan will explore how the village could improve parking, walkability, recreational access, and manage growth to create a safer and more welcoming street for everyone.

"The plan is built on recommendations in the town plan (2016) and community visit process (2015). Public Engagement via tabling at the July 2022 block party, an online survey, and forums held in summer and fall 2022 with village landowners, business owners, and residents outlined the key dilemmas this plan seeks to address."

Emily Lewis of DuBois and King presented some of the solutions being considered to date.

For short-term improvements to parking, she suggested creating angled spots in front of the Genny for safety and designating underutilized space at the church during off hours. Ms. Lewis said keeping on-street parking has been shown to slow speeding, another concern voiced by residents.

For long-term improvements, Ms. Lewis presented an option of creating angled, instead of just parallel, parking along portions of the road. New spaces would be created by cutting into the hillside of a private property owner to allow for it — assuming the property owner is amenable. Also, parallel parking on both sides of the street was recommended, and spaces at the C Village Store at the Creek Road intersection.

Ms. Lewis presented the pros and cons for walkability options: either built sidewalks or painted paths. Ms. Lewis said there once were built sidewalks in Craftsbury, but they have since gone away.

Traffic calming was identified by the planning commission as a high priority issue. Options presented by Ms. Lewis included changes to line painting, speed humps, bump outs, and rumble strips.

Wayfinding and trailhead signage was also discussed. Ms. Lewis asked the group to consider the best locations for that signage in the village.

The presentation was followed by a walkabout for comments from the crowd.

The next step in the process, after public input, will be a scoping study, to take a deeper look at what has been presented to see what can feasibly be constructed.

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Four vie for mayor's seat

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Beth Barnes

Beth Barnes was born and raised in Long Beach, California, but has made Newport her home for nine years. She earned a bachelor of science in economics from the University of San Francisco, and went on to work in corporate health care in marketing and public relations. She had the opportunity to live abroad in the United Kingdom for 12 years.

"I'm very community oriented," Ms. Barnes said. "I've lived a very adventurous, very blessed life, which has brought me here." She said it feels like her time to do something special and big, and she's never done anything like this before.

"Sense of duty," she said about her reasons for running. When she heard current mayor Paul Monette wouldn't be running again, she didn't know who would be stepping up, and thought it was a sign. "I've considered it for the past six years, but there have been reasons why it wasn't right." Now, she has the time, and wants to make really good use it.

What do you want to achieve?

"So many things," Ms. Barnes said. "Top of the list would be to build a very strong sense of team in the municipal building with department heads, those who work for the city at any level. If you don't have a cohesive team on the football field it won't work and you won't reach the end zone. Without a good cohesive team moving in the right direction it's a set up for failure."

She said she feels like Newport is on that precipice to greatness, waiting to jump, and many things point to that. She mentioned the LGBTQ Rainbow Coalition that has been building strength in Newport. "They have chosen to build a coalition in our town," she said, and her priority would be to make sure they feel embraced, like any group or demographic in the city. She said it's time for city residents to move forward hand in hand, whether they are originally from Newport or not. Ms. Barnes is one of those people who chooses to be from Newport. "I think

Newport chooses who it wants to be here," she said, "and I feel chosen by Newport to be here." In her nine years in the city she has felt embraced by the community and wants an opportunity to embrace them back.

"I want to be mayor," Ms. Barnes said. "If I'm not elected, running for mayor has given me a great chance to meet people I might not have met otherwise."

She said she has been attending city council meetings regularly lately, and will continue to do so even if not elected.

Carl King

Like the other candidates vying for the mayor's seat, Carl King is not a native of Newport. He was born in Rhode Island and moved to the city as an adult. Now 49, Mr. King joined the Vermont National Guard, then seeking a greater challenge signed up with the regular Army where he served until 1998. He did construction work until 2000 when he was injured and fell off a roof.

Since then Mr. King said he has worked to help the community by giving rides to veterans or people who need help getting to the hospital. He said he is a member of numerous charitable organizations as well.

"I'm running because I feel it is my civic duty," Mr. King said in a recent interview. "I believe I can make a difference and I want to give back to the community. I can do it so I should."

This year Mr. King is running for mayor and for a seat on the city council. What if he were to win both races?

He said he thinks he has the skills and ability to perform the duties of either post, but said he would choose to be mayor if given the opportunity.

"Both are dignified and honorable positions," he said. The mayor, though, has an opportunity to do outreach for the city with, for example, developers and business owners and persuade them to come to Newport.

If he wins, Mr. King said his first act in office would be "to identify

what I'm getting into."

"Until you're voted in you don't know how everything works," he said. "You need to get educated really quickly."

He also wants to "stabilize" city government "to make sure everyone is on the same team."

After making sure all city

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No Newport natives in this year's race

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departments are aligned, Mr. King said he would work to figure out “how we can start getting taxes down and get businesses into Newport.”

While he applauds the effort to make Newport a recreational destination, Mr. King said that “unless there is a dollar sign attached,” the city’s natural beauty is little help to residents.

Looking at Newport’s recreation walk and bike path, he wondered if more money went into it than we are getting out of it.”

Nevertheless, Mr. King said, Newport’s beautification efforts could entice builders to come to the city and “build homes that are desperately needed” so business owners can come knowing there will be plenty of workers ready to take their jobs.

Mr. King said he has heard a lot from people who want a safe community. He said he agrees with that desire and thinks the Newport Police Department is doing an excellent job.

“We don’t have a magic talisman to tell us when crime is going to happen,” he said. Newport’s police are very good at doing the hard work to solve crimes when they do take place.

Roderick Owens

Roderick Owens is originally from Columbus, Georgia. He moved to Vermont at age 18 to attend

the University of Vermont as an English major with a minor in small business. He went on to get his master’s degree at St. Michael’s College, and has now been in Vermont 30 years. He moved to Barton 12 years ago, and has been teaching middle school English at the Barton Graded School.

Mr. Owens moved to Newport about three years ago, and feels like he can be more active in the community now that his daughter has graduated from university.

He continues to work in the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to make a difference. “Being a person of color,” he said, “it’s that much more important for me to add diversity to our school district. For some students, I may be the only black man they have ever met.”

In the community he has done equity work and community organizing, and served on the OCSU equity committee. Mr. Owens founded the Orleans County Coalition for Cultivating Equity, LLC, and he’s the managing member. He attends every school board meeting.

“I’ve always had an inclination for public office,” he said. “Anybody who can be activated, should be activated.” Last week he was voted chair of the Orleans County Democratic Committee. He said he knows how important it is in Orleans County for people — especially people of color — to stick around and do the work. He said he wants to use his background in communications, education, and business to make Newport better, and wants to see everyone working together civilly. “It’s going to take everybody at the table, assuming best intentions, and then working to accomplish those goals. I want to be there to help facilitate that.”

“Finding neutral ground,” he said, “and finding steps to move forward over contentious issues. I’d like to reduce property taxes while offering incentives to businesses to bring them downtown. I have a lot of ideas, because being in Vermont as long as I have, I remember Burlington’s waterfront 30 years ago. There is development that has happened there that could happen here to help alleviate tax burdens.” As a middle school teacher, he said he knows how to help people work together. He would like to put more focus on grant writing and other ways to make Newport sustainable. If

elected, he said, he would be the first black mayor in Vermont. “I have a vision for Newport that it will continue to grow and improve. We’re all coming out of the pandemic and six years of EB-5, the biggest scandal in Vermont history. I don’t mind being the new blood people say is needed, and hustling to get things done.”

Nathan St. George

Thirty-six-year-old Nathan St. George is busy, but not too busy to run for mayor. He and his wife have four kids between the ages of four and nine, and another scheduled to be delivered February 20. The Rhode Island native said he has lots of experience with all different kinds of jobs.

“I haven’t tried politics yet,” Mr. St. George said, “but that doesn’t mean you can’t start somewhere. Seems bold of me to jump straight up to the top and run for mayor, but go big or go home.”

He and his family have been living in Newport the last five years, and he runs his own handyman business, Odd Jobs Done Right. His business sponsors kids’ baseball teams and he coaches. He said he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Newport Council. “I’m doing my best to keep myself and family safe and others,” he said.

He said he was at the Pick and Shovel one day — he is in there almost every day — and someone approached him with a petition, and suggested he should run for mayor. That got him thinking about what people have been saying about Newport, and he thought the city could benefit from an outsider’s perspective, which he would bring.

He said he’s tried to stay away from politics to avoid getting into arguments, but changed his mind and ran for mayor because he wants to help build the community back up. Though he doesn’t currently attend council meetings, even if he doesn’t win he would like to attend them in the future.

How would he handle conflicts as mayor? Mr. St. George said he would try to calm it down.

“I’m good at that,” he said. “Get back on track, ask people to cede the floor until they calm down. I would like to encourage people to speak their mind but keep it a calm space. We’re all here to help the (Continued on page 13.)

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Taxes a focus for all

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city, and being aggressive doesn't help the city. Once you become aggressive you won't be heard, even if you have a really good idea." He said council meetings should be a safe space for discussion.

His first priority is to help bring electric bills down for city residents, possibly by getting solar panels and putting them on top of the telephone poles.

"It may seem small and it may take a while, but to save money on everyone's electric bill in the city would make people happy." He would also like to see more community events and fundraisers to benefit the city itself and contribute to the budget.

"They could be used to lower property taxes," Mr. St. George said. "I always hear people complaining about what the rate is, but in my first four years I would like to drop it by 2 percent; help Newport be self-sufficient."

Overall, Mr. St. George wants to see Newport looking the way it did 40 years ago. "A lot has changed, some positive and some negative." He wants to raise awareness of businesses in town and use buildings that are empty.

"In 20 years if we continue to decline the way we are we could become a bankrupt city," which he said he has experienced, and he doesn't want that future for Newport.

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EMS deal set

by Matthew Wilson

WESTFIELD — Select board members from four towns met with representatives from Newport Ambulance Service Wednesday, February 15, to look over the contract for emergency medical services, to review the document together one final time before it's ready to be signed.

The meeting moved quickly, as there was little work left to do in preparation for Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield's switch from the Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service to Newport, the area's fastest growing ambulance service.

Westfield Select Board Chair Jacques Couture suggested at the beginning of the meeting that it would be a good idea for the towns to release a statement about the change, letting people know (Continued on page 15.)

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Four towns ready to sign up with Newport Ambulance

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why they made the change as well as any other important information.

“The media has covered it well but I think it might be a good idea,” Mr. Couture said. The others agreed and it was decided that a notice will be put together.

Only a few last changes needed to be made to the contract that Newport Ambulance Service brought before the various select board members. Jeff Johansen, the chief operating manager with Newport Ambulance, was there with Scott Griswold, a board member from the organization. The pair explained the minor adjustments that had been made after the meeting on February 1.

After the town select boards had made their

requests, the two took the contract back to be reviewed by Newport Ambulance Service once more. Section by section, the group swiftly went through the document as they had once before, only this time there was little discussion over the terms.

Mr. Griswold did have an update about housing for the service and told town leaders that there is a good rental opportunity in North Troy. With living space for two employees to be onsite for continuous service and bays large enough to house the ambulances and necessary gear, the location would make a perfect base of operations for the ambulance service’s western expansion.

Mr. Griswold said the service will keep looking for places where they can build as well, but a preexisting structure will expedite the

process of establishing a permanent ambulance bay for the towns.

A handful of select board members said a location built and owned by the service would be preferable.

While there has been talk alluding to the towns signing a physical contract together, it was decided that each town will receive a contract to sign and the combined documents will provide service to the coverage area.

“That way the town’s aren’t beholden to each other,” Jay Select Board Chair Dave Sanders said. Each select board will get a document to sign at its next meeting or after the Town Meeting, as some of the towns require voters’ approval.



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Wake boat hearing draws a crowd

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Schematic Design:

In coordination with the Owner's civil engineer, architects will prepare conceptual site plan options and concept building plans to review with the Owner. Scope includes site circulation, fire station, and ancillary structures as may be required. Building program, equipment and personnel requirements, building code requirements, and budget costs will be considered. Mechanical, Electrical, and Structural Engineers will be consulted to select building systems and define the scope, scale, and cost. A series of meetings, revisions, and modifications are anticipated until the best solution is agreed upon. Schematic deliverables will include site plan, building plans, building elevations, typical building section, written description, summary of permits jurisdictional requirements, and a Construction Cost Budget. Final Schematic drawings will be used for public engagement and project financing / bonding. The Schematic drawings will be the basis for subsequent phases of Construction Documentation, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction Contracting.

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Oliver Pierson of the Department of Environmental Conservation explains proposed wake boat rules. On the screen behind him a photo of one of the boats was projected. Photos by Joseph Gresser

easily be completely drained, so the draft rule would require a wake boat to remain in a single lake for an entire season unless its ballast tanks can be completely drained and cleaned.

That rule is intended to keep wake boats from inadvertently carrying invasive aquatic species from lake to lake.

Mr. Pierson said the rules are being developed under state law meant to balance normal uses of Vermont's waterways. Normal, he explained, are those existing in 1993. Should a wake boat regulation be adopted wake boating would become a normal use.

"Public waters, under the rule, can be used for a variety of recreational activities including wilderness solitude, wildlife watching, motorized recreation, boating of various kinds, and there is language and the rules about maintaining appropriate mix of recreation which is what we have in mind," Mr. Pierson said. "We're looking at what lakes are suitable for different types of uses, including wake boats."

When there is a conflict in public uses of the state's waters the "DEC must resolve that conflict in the least restrictive manner which adequately addresses the conflict," he added.

It is possible to ask for a prohibition on some activities in a particular lake, Mr. Pierson said. For instance, jet skis aren't allowed in Greensboro's Caspian Lake even though it is large enough under the state rule to accommodate them.

Mr. Pierson went on to explain how the DEC (Continued on page 17.)

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How far from shore boats should stay is an issue

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decided on the terms of its proposed rule. The study that was given greatest weight was one conducted by the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory at the University of Minnesota. Researchers there ran two different wake boats and two different types of traditional water-skiing boats at different distances from a shoreline.

Using sensors in the water, the researchers tried to find a distance at which the waves from a wake boat hit the shore with no more than force generated by the water-skiing boat at 200 feet from the water's edge.

According to Mr. Pierson the study suggested the distance at which that happens is greater than 500 feet. He noted that water-skiing boats generate their biggest wake before they get to skiing speeds, at which point they are planing.

Laura Dlugolecki, an environmental scientist with the DEC, explained the reason the draft permit calls for wake boats to be operated only where the water is at least 20 feet deep. Because the aft of the boat is so deeply submerged, so as to make the biggest wake, it has the potential to stir up the bottom of a lake.

The sediment there contains cyanobacteria and phosphorus, Ms. Dlugolecki said. When stirred up it makes the water cloudy, and worse, brings blue-green algae and phosphorus, a fertilizer, to the surface where it can create toxic blooms.

Mr. Pierson said the 3,000-foot rule was included in the proposed regulation because that is an average run for surfing with the boats.

The current stage of the process is merely setting the stage for issuing the actual regulation. Mr. Pierson said at the current phase of the process it is permissible to limit public testimony. When hearings are conducted on the actual regulation, all who wish to speak about their

concerns will be able to do so without a time limit. He said that means there will have to be at least several long hearings, most probably in the Montpelier area.

When the floor was opened for comments from the 60 chosen speakers, it became clear that many were singing from the hymnbook prepared by Responsible Wakes for Vermont's Lakes, an organization petitioning for a more restrictive rule.

Instead of a 500-foot distance from a lakeshore, Responsible Wakes is asking for a 1,000-foot buffer. The organization also calls for a somewhat larger minimum area — 60 acres instead of the DEC's proposed 50 acres.

Many of those who spoke in favor of the alternative to the state's proposal said they live or boat on lakes which would be open to wake boats if the limit is 500 feet, but closed to them under the 1,000-foot standard.

If Responsible Wakes' proposal is adopted 16 of the 31 lakes that would be open to wake boats under the state's initial proposal would be taken off that list, leaving only 15 lakes for wake boat use.

Among that 15 seven of those lakes are in the Northeast Kingdom — Echo Lake, Island Pond, Crystal Lake, Salem Lake, Seymour Lake, Caspian Lake, and Lake Willoughby.

If the 500-foot standard is adopted Parker Pond, Shadow Lake, and Holland Pond would be added to that list.

Many of those who spoke have experience with wake boats, either sharing a lake with them or piloting them.

June Bascom said the introduction of V-hulled boats into Caspian Lake has already caused erosion, undermining the vegetation that stabilizes the lakeshore. In addition, Ms. Bascom said, the rules do not come with an enforcement

mechanism.

She said she agrees with the idea of allowing people to enjoy the state's waters but that shouldn't come at the expense of habitat destruction.

Ms. Bascom concluded by saying, "wake boats pose a serious threat and active threat to water quality, aquatic life, and the integrity of lake ecosystems."

Eric Splatt, who came up to the meeting from Castleton, disagreed about the need for regulation

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Many Kingdom lakes would be affected

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of wake boats.

“This proposed petition and rule does not seem like the Vermont I know,” he said. “Why are we taking such extreme measures? And why not put educational programs together to help people be aware of best and safe operations.”

Mr. Splatt had a proposal to make it easier for boaters to follow rules about distance from shore. “I believe 300 feet is a great compromise and easier to enforce than the 500 or 1,000 foot rule,” he said. “Many people can judge a football field on a daily basis. Three hundred feet is a great compromise.”

Jim Carroll, who boats on Iroquois Lake in Hinesburg, had a problem with the rule requiring wake boats to stay in a single lake for the season.

“I find this rule to be favoring those that are wealthy with waterfront properties where they can leave their boat in a single place for the entire year,” he said.

Mr. Carroll said other types of boats can carry invasives from lake to lake, and it should be possible to come up with a do-it-yourself solution to the problem.

He also criticized the 500-foot rule saying the current rule against fast boats coming closer to shore than 200 feet is already widely ignored. A 500-foot regulation, he said will have neighbors at each others' throats.

Another wake boat owner brought a different opinion to the meeting. Kim Mackey, whose family has camped on Great Averill Lake in Averill for more than five decades said he owns a wake boat and enjoys wake surfing.

“I don't bring my wake boat to Great Averill because it just doesn't belong in that setting,” he said. “Wake surfing is a totally different activity than all the other things we do on this type of Vermont lake.”

He said the boats have 400 horsepower at a minimum go up to 450 to 600 horsepower in a 20-to-22-foot boat. Mr. Mackey said he has a boat that is more appropriate for the lake, an 18-foot ski boat with a 150-horsepower engine.

“The wake's impact on the shore and loons and people has been dismissed at times as nothing more than what a big storm would do,” he said. “Well, no one goes out kayaking or swimming or stand up paddle-boarding in a storm and wake boats deliver these disruptive waves from a source with no warning like a rogue wave.”

Mr. Mackey said the danger of transmitting invasive species in ballast tanks is real. He said the 1,000-foot limit is fine for people on shore, but does nothing for others who are one the water, and suggested tighter rules should be considered.

Richie Berger, who summers on Caspian Lake said, “Allowing wake boats on pristine lakes such as Caspian Lake is a recipe for disaster.”

Mr. Berger noted regulations requiring people living along the lake to allow downed trees to remain in place and barring them from planting lawns. He said he supports those rules, but thinks it strange that concern for the health of the state's lakes won't keep wake boats out of Caspian.

Peggy Stevens, of East Charleston, spoke up on behalf of Echo Lake, pointing out its waters are rated A-1, one of the highest categories for purity. She called for the state to adopt the 1,000-foot



The crowd at the Highland Center for the Arts is more than matched by the numbers of those waiting to speak remotely. Only a small portion of those who attended online could be seen on the screen.

standard and not write a regulation that favors wake boaters, who she described as “people with too many dollars and too little sense.”

Bob Martin of Woodbury began with a chamber of commerce-style pitch for his town.

“I'm from the town of lakes and ponds,” he crowed. “We have 26 lakes and ponds. No one else comes close.”

Mr. Martin's presentation quickly turned serious. He said he has long been a lister in his town and anyone can ask him and his colleagues to visit their property once a year. The listers are usually invited when a property owner thinks something will bring an assessment down.

He said the value of the lakefront property in his town is close to \$7-million. If harm from wake boats reduces the value of the property by even 10 percent, it means a loss of a million from the town's Grand List, Mr. Martin said.

In fact, he added, the likely drop in values could be as much as 20 or 30 percent, meaning a huge burden will be placed on town government.

Mr. Martin said wake boats are outfitted with huge sound systems which would add to the disruption they can cause on quiet lakes.

Christopher Walton, a retired engineer who volunteers as a monitor at Fairlee Lake did some calculations.

If, as the DEC has said, around 5 percent of the boats registered in Vermont are wake boats, that means there are 1,340 on the state's waters. If they are restricted to operating on 31 lakes, as they would be under the 500-foot rule, each of the lakes would have an average of 44 wake boats.

That number would jump to 88 per lake if the 1,000-foot rule is put into place with no restrictions in the number of boats operating in a lake.

Mr. Walton said the studies of the effects of the wakes on the shore were based on a single boat making a pass. There has been no consideration of what will happen if numerous

wake boats start operating in a single lake.

While he appeared ready to propose a remedy to the problem, Mr. Walton's time ran out before he could share it.

Several people living along Joe's Pond in Danville spoke of the effect of having wake boats in their neighborhood.

Richard Gagne said he built a retaining wall in 2010. Two years after the first wake boat appeared in the lake, he said it needed to be replaced. Even so, he said he is constantly backfilling.

Mr. Gagne said a friend swims regularly in Joe's Pond with a buoy attached to her. He said she was rolled over by a wave generated by a wake boat and the small granddaughter of a friend was knocked into a wall while playing near the shore.

Another Greensboro speaker, select board member David Kelley, gave grudging thanks to the DEC, saying he supports the proposed rule because “it's better than nothing.”

Nevertheless, Mr. Kelley blasted the need for the regulation.

“Putting wake boats on pristine waters, A-1 waters, or lakes like Caspian is like putting horseradish on ice cream,” he said. “They are simply incompatible. There are values far greater than an adrenaline rush. Healthy wildlife and clean water are among them. We want to preserve those here and we need to do something to keep these wake boats off our lakes here in the Northeast Kingdom.”

Mr. Pierson said the process will continue. The next step will be the drafting of a final regulation, followed by a hearing process to give all a chance to express their opinions about the proposed rule. If all goes smoothly, he said the final rule could be signed by Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julia Moore by the start of next year's boating season.

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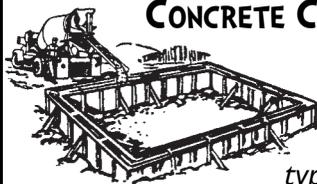
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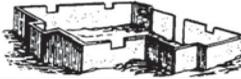
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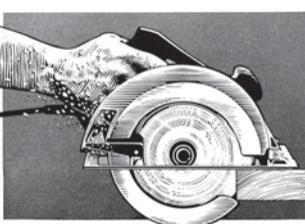
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Waste occupies Derby Select Board

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talk about the topic further, and called on the town's board representatives to come and explain their votes. Mr. Smith also hoped to have a representative from Casella attend as well.

Mr. Tomasi and the town's two representatives were present, but Mr. Smith said he couldn't reach his Casella contact.

The board heard Mr. Tomasi explain why the decision was made to move away from individual voting.

"Over half of our towns don't have any other Australian ballot initiatives," he said. "So, for Derby and a few of the larger town's, this obviously isn't an issue because you have balloting, but think about Holland for instance. I don't know how long their Town Meeting goes but I imagine it's over by noon. They have to pay

somebody to sit there until seven at night in hopes that somebody shows up to vote on our budget."

Mr. Tomasi also noted that the district is the only one that sought approval from the people on the budget. He said allowing the district's board to approve the budget helps take that burden from smaller communities with little voter turnout.

"I think people get the impression that our budget is developed in a vacuum, but we are the largest solid waste district in Vermont by a number of towns," Mr. Tomasi said. "What we're asking to do is to just to do business as every other district in Vermont does, and allow the board of supervisors to approve the budget."

"It does," Mr Tomasi replied. "We require that all haulers register with the district. They report monthly and they report residential waste, recycling, organics, commercial and industrial waste, and construction and demolition waste. That gives us data that we can use to promote and implement different programs.

"When Derby joined the waste district some 20-plus years ago, you were paying \$18,000 a year to have single-stream recycling picked up at the current location," he continued. "Your annual cost for district membership last year was \$8,600. I can't speak to what that service would cost you today, but I guarantee you that it hasn't gone down in 20 years. If anything, it's probably more that doubled. The more you recycle, the lower your costs are."

Mr. Tomasi pointed out that the district runs hazardous waste events in Derby every spring.

"Some towns are faced with the situation where they have to pay \$10,000 just to get a company to show up on a Saturday for a hazardous waste event," he said. "That's before they even unload their truck and pick up a gallon of waste."

"There's a lot of different calculated and confusing numbers involved in waste management," Mr. Smith said. "That's why I wanted to have someone here that could lay the cards on the table. I understood that the taxpayers could save money, but if a person in Derby is going to save just \$50 or \$60 a year it's not worth doing anything different because you offer a lot of good services."

"That's part of the bigger picture too," Mr. Tomasi added. "There are things that we collect at your recycling center that you can't put in single-stream recycling. I did put together a rough list of things like batteries, hard-covered books, fluorescent light bulbs, used oils. It really only amounts to about four or five tons a year but that's more material that you have to find another way to manage."

Mr. Spates mentioned that the town had received letters regarding issues with the compost. "The letters we get sometimes are ridiculous," he said. "There was a sticker on a banana skin or a

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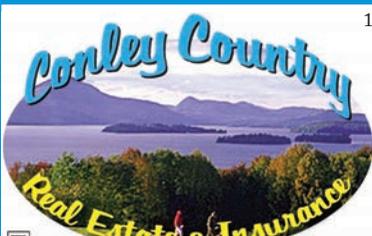
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Over the last two years, the board had to do so because pandemic restrictions moved Town Meetings away from being all on the same day.

Select Board Chair Grant Spates asked Mr. Tomasi why the state won't allow smaller towns to use a Town Meeting vote as opposed to Australian ballot. Mr. Tomasi said that the budget can only be voted on by one means.

"If you start mixing hand tallies, Australian ballot, and select boards voting, it gets muddled," Mr. Tomasi said.

"When we joined the district in 2002 it was pretty much the only show on the road," select board member Stephen Gendreau said. "Now we've got some people who send their garbage to Casella and their multi-sort or whatever you call it and some people do their recycling here and some people do both. Does that tonnage track back to you?"



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July 4 road race considered

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sticker on an apple. 'If this continues, we're going to up your charter.' I'm not a scientist, but I'm assuming that sticker is going to break down or is it a plastic sticker?"

Mr. Tomasi confirmed the chair's suspicion. "It's plastic and that's the big problem," he said. "If you think about a tote, a 48-gallon tote. We collect 30 or 40 totes a week. That's the only thing you'll see in a farmer's field, those little stickers curled up."

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"Currently, all of our organics are fed to chickens, so they don't

want the chickens eating them," Mr. Tomasi said.

Paul Chambers of the Northern Border Running Club approached the board with a plan for a race at the beginning of the Independence Day parade. He asked the board about having a race along the parade route, starting from the Elks Lodge and ending at North Country Union Junior High School.

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Obituary

Brenda Lee Magoon

Brenda Lee Magoon died February 18, 2023, at her daughter's home in Thetford, after a short battle with liver disease.

Brenda was born February 4, 1949, the daughter of Orerson L. and Margaret Edith (Guyette) Jacobs. She grew up in Vermont and graduated from Hartford High School in 1967.

In the summer of 1966, Brenda met Robert E. Magoon in Cornish, New Hampshire. They fell in love and were married on October 14, 1967, at the Center Road Church in Cornish Flat. Brenda and Bob made their home in the Upper Valley until they purchased their home on Sanborn Road in Thetford in 1980. In the 55 years of their marriage, their family grew to include three children, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Along with raising their children, Brenda worked at the Chanel Mills, The Norwich Inn, and then for several area fuel oil companies, including Valley Fuels, Irving Oil,

Cota and Cota, Perry Oil Company, and finally as a greeter at the Bradford Rest Area. In 2011, she started retirement, and Brenda and Bob purchased a piece of land off Lake Willoughby, Brenda's true happy place. They enjoyed camping there and she would travel north regularly to attend church and play cards with her dear friends.

Brenda's door was always open, ready to share a cup of coffee or dessert, especially coffee and doughnuts with her dearest friend Margaret Bailey. Her home was warm and inviting, adorned with photos of their life and family. She loved to host, and holidays found their home filled with family. She took pride in her role as "Grammie" and her face lit up each time she held one of "her" babies.

She also loved the color red, making pies, and especially fixing strawberry shortcake for her friends and family. She was a force behind the annual Strawberry Shortcake Social at the North Thetford church

for many years, always enjoying the strawberry picking and breakfast out after.

She served as a church deacon, justice of the peace for the town of Thetford, and was a dedicated volunteer at the Thetford food shelf. Brenda was a devoted member of the United Church of Thetford in North Thetford, and in her later years, at the Brownington United Church of Christ in the Northeast Kingdom.

She loved all things Vermont, and especially Lake Willoughby where she even participated in the Polar Plunge on a few New Year's Days.

Brenda was predeceased by her parents.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert "Bob" E. Magoon, and their dogs Sophie and Sadie; by her son Scott Magoon and his wife, Melissa, of Newbury, and by her two daughters: Tracy Borst and her husband, Dirk, of Thetford, and Jennifer Garrow of Fairlee; by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren,



several cousins, as well as her countless friends.

Calling hours were held February 21, at the Knight Funeral Home in White River Junction. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 22, at 11 a.m., at the United Church of Thetford on Route 5 in North Thetford.

A reception will follow in the church hall.

Following her cremation, a graveside committal service will be held in the springtime at the Ridge Cemetery in North Thetford.

Condolences to Brenda's family can be left at an online guestbook at knightfuneralhomes.com.

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Obituary

Elmer C. Maxfield

Elmer C. Maxfield Sr., of Jay, died peacefully on January 2, 2023, at the age of 91. Elmer grew up in Post Mills. His parents were Andrew Maxfield and Ella Bowker. Elmer had eight siblings. He is survived by his brother Melvin Maxfield (85), and his sister Anna Hines (97). He was predeceased by his siblings Clyde, Arlene, Norman, Kenneth, and Earl Maxfield.

Elmer married Jackulene (Jackie) Judd on August 20, 1947. Together they had three children: Christopher "Elmer" Maxfield, Janet Maxfield, and James "Jim" Maxfield. Jim predeceased Elmer in October of 2021.

Elmer had six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, with one on the way, and two great-great-grandchildren. Elmer had many beloved nieces and nephews. He loved and cherished his family.

Elmer was a star athlete in baseball at Thetford Academy and a skilled pilot at a young age. He spent many hours with his brother packing down snow in the winters to make some enjoyable ski runs.

Elmer learned his craft as a chef growing up in a house of 12 people.

He started his professional path of preparing food around the Lake Morey area, where he met his wife, Jackie.

He enjoyed traveling and was an outdoor sports enthusiast. He took his family on many vacations, visiting historical sights and trips out west. As a family, they enjoyed waterskiing and boating on the Connecticut River, hunting with the Judds, ice skating, and skiing throughout the twin states, until the snow left. Elmer loved capturing their precious moments on film.

Elmer and his wife, Jackie, left the Upper Valley to start a restaurant venture together. They owned and operated Dot's Restaurant in Irasburg for 25 years. Elmer was the head chef and developed the menu. Jackie managed the dining room and the bookkeeping. It was a family establishment, working alongside their children throughout the years. Elmer and Jackie taught their children how to run a business.

Dot's Restaurant was loved and cherished by the community.

In their spare time, they enjoyed their cottage on Lake Salem. There, they boated, waterskied, sailed, and enjoyed having their children and grandchildren visit. They motorcycled together and played for numerous years on a bowling league, winning many events. Elmer took up snowmobiling and became the president of the local VAST charter. They made time to hunt and enjoyed deer camp and time with the Judd side of the family.

When Elmer officially retired, he sold his log home near Irasburg and moved to Jay to be closer to Jay Peak Resort. He enjoyed skiing and golfing close by. Elmer alpine skied until 89 years of age, and celebrated many birthdays there, including his ninety-first. Everyone knew him at the mountain, and he was known for being fast on the hill! He golfed in the summer and would practice his swings behind his house in the clearing.

He had a wonderfully full life. It



was filled with adventure, family, love, food, and sports. He left a legacy and family tradition of skiing that is passed down to multiple generations. He was loved and revered by his family, and will be missed.

Services were held at the former Dot's Restaurant in Irasburg on February 19. The family appreciates those who shared their stories of Elmer.



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Obituary

Marilyn Beauregard

Marilyn Beauregard, 89, died in Newport, surrounded by her loving family. On February 9, 2023, Marilyn realized her fond wish to return home to the Lord.

Marilyn was born to Gladys Bushaw Barton on March 16, 1933, in Barton. She graduated from Steven's High School in St. Johnsbury in 1952. She was a prolific reader and always had an expansive library in her homes.

On March 2, 1957, she married Raymond Beauregard. She defined her marriage as the happiest time of

her life. Ray spoiled her and made her feel special. They built a home in Broad Brook, Connecticut, and worked at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford for 29 years. Ray's passing in July 1986 left a void. Marilyn's faith in God brought her the strength to create a new life in Charlestown, New Hampshire.

She became a member of the Catholic Daughters of Charity and AARP Claremont Chapters. She was a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Ladies Club, and Bible study group at St. Catherine's Church in

Charlestown. Marilyn volunteered for Surplus Food and Daffodils for Cancer.

Marilyn loved German shepherds. Degan, a therapy dog, was a favored companion with whom she volunteered at nursing homes, hospice, and homebound visits through her association with Charlestown Area Christian Fund.

In 2009, she moved to Derby to be near her beloved sister. She became a member of St. Edward's Church. Marilyn also volunteered at Michaud Manor with her furry

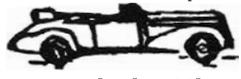
Yorkie friend, Jeter. When she moved to Newport, she attended Mass regularly with her niece at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 18, at St. Mary's Cemetery in Claremont, New Hampshire, at 10 a.m. A memorial Mass of Christian burial will follow at St. Mary's Church on Central Street in Claremont at 11 a.m.

Marilyn's wish was that any remembrance be in the form of a donation to St. Mary's in Claremont or a charity of choice.

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Obituary

Georgeane Burton

Georgeane "Georgy" Burton, 76, of Newport, formerly of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, died on February 12, 2023, at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, due to health issues related to dementia.

Georgy was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on December 19, 1946, and was the daughter of George and Elva Jean Cooper.

She grew up between Youngstown, Ohio, and Tampa, Florida, where she attended Hillsborough High School and graduated in 1964. She had fond memories of high school and enjoyed returning for class reunions where she had many friends and longtime acquaintances. She later went back to Youngstown, where she then attended Youngstown State University.

While back in Ohio, and in her youth, she lived at Sandy Knolls horse farm in North Jackson, Ohio, with a close family friend, Edna Mesmer, who was like a second mother to her.

It was here where she was trained and learned to ride American Saddlebred horses. She became an accomplished rider and participated in horse shows in Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, whereby

she won many ribbons and awards that were proudly displayed in the tack room in the barn. Needless to say, the farm and horses were an important part of her life.

Georgy had many administrative jobs in her life, but the majority of her career was a combined twenty-eight years as an executive administrative assistant at Ilford Imaging U.S.A., in Paramus, New Jersey, and Boston Scientific Corporation in Marlborough, Massachusetts. She loved her positions tremendously and all of the people she worked for, the social interactions, making many friends and long-term acquaintances along the way. Georgy was the epitome of organization and took extreme pride in her work.

Georgy is survived by her loving partner and companion of 33 years, Ron Ellis, of Newport, and by Ron's daughter Stephanie MacInnis and her husband, Andrew, and by her grandchildren Jackson and Ava. She is also survived by Ron's niece Heidi Brown, and his nephew Sean Brown and his wife, Christie, and their children Keith and Sierra. She had no siblings.

Together with Ron, while living in Massachusetts, they would enjoy frequent motorcycle trips throughout

the Northeast. Ron had difficulty getting the motorcycle out of the garage without Georgy on the back; she loved to ride. They rode with friends and made many friends along the way.

She was predeceased by her parents, George and Elva Jean Cooper, and by Edna Mesmer, with whom she lived on the farm. Also, by her three miniature schnauzers that she had over the years: Tish, Abby, and Lily, that she adored and never took second place when it came to setting priorities that included the dog.

A graveside committal service in the spring will be planned for friends and family. A luncheon in celebration of Georgy will follow.

Memorial contributions in Georgy's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at 75 Talcott



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Obituaries

Anna Moore Gilfillan Curtis

Anna Moore Gilfillan Curtis, 87, died February 4, 2023, at Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Arnold Curtis.

Anna was born January 5, 1936, in Brownington, to parents Nye and Marion (Moore) Gilfillan, who preceded her in death. Anna graduated from Orleans High School, married, and moved to New York in 1958. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts and a homemaker for many years before attending Duchess Community College and acquiring her Registered Nursing license in 1977.

Anna was employed as a nurse at Wassaic Developmental Center in Wassaic, New York, for many years

before retiring in 1991. Anna loved to travel and spent many summers in their Vermont camp on Brown's Pond in Westmore, these past 30 years. She was an avid card player and stamp collector and loved gardening in her younger years.

Anna is survived by her husband of 64 years, Arnold Curtis; by her son Whaden Curtis and his wife, Barbara, of Brookfield, Connecticut; by her daughter Laurie Wilcox and her husband, Brian, of Sharon, Connecticut; by her granddaughter Morgan Underwood and her husband, Kerry, of Valley Falls, New York; and by her grandson Alex Curtis of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is also survived by her brothers Eric Gilfillan of Derby,

and Willis and his wife, Betty Gilfillan, of Island Pond; by her sister-in-law Marlene Gilfillan of Holland; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Anna was preceded in death by her brothers Gilbert Gilfillan and Raymond Gilfillan, and by her nephew John Gilfillan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-7023, or online at <https://diabetes.org>.

Services will be at the convenience of the family, at Lakeview Cemetery in Westmore.

Online condolences can be made at Legacy.com by searching Anna's name.



Jeannette Louise Deslandes

Jeannette Louise Deslandes, 88, of Newport Center, died on February 6, 2023, at her home. She was born on February 13, 1934, in Irasburg, to the late Lorenzo and Rosilda (Landry) Girouard.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilt making, playing the piano, fishing, hunting, playing bingo, and traveling with her husband, Nelson.

Jeannette is survived by her children: Raymond Deslandes and his wife, Brenda, Marcel Deslandes, and Yvette Marsh and her husband, Danny; by her step-grandchildren: Amy Barrup and her husband, Lee, and Christopher Marsh; by three step-great-grandchildren, as well as by her sisters-in-law Alice Charbonneau and Rita Deslandes.

She was predeceased by her parents, by her husband, Nelson Deslandes, by her brother Jean-Paul Girouard, and by her sisters Irene Fournier and Lorette Girouard.



Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 2, at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Troy, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated with Father Roger Charbonneau officiating. Interment will follow at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Lowell.

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Doreen C. Cornell

Doreen C. "Queenie" Cornell, 76, died on February 15, 2023, in Newport. She was born on June 18, 1946, in Newport, to the late Charles and Claire (Kennison) Young. On December 24, 1999, she married Amos Cornell, who survives her.

Doreen graduated from North Country Union High School, class of 1964. She worked as a supervisor for Slalom Ski Wear for many years.

She is also survived by her children: Tammy Wing of Newport, Cindy Daigneault and her husband, Steve, of Jay, and Robin Wing of Ontario, Canada; by her grandchildren: Jason Wing, Jasmine Seguin, Nicholas and Kristin Daigneault, Kayla Young, and Katia Marleau; and by seven great-grandchildren, her sister Debbie Lane, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her



sister Diane Young and brother Allen Young.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

THERESA CIANCIOLO FUNDRAISER

A fundraising Trunk Show Jewelry Sale for the needs of Theresa Cianciolo will be held, at the Morgan Church, Morgan, on Friday, February 24, from 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. Local checks and cash for payment. Sponsored by beadScapejewelry.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

HAIKU POETRY SLAM IN EAST CRAFTSBURY

A Haiku Poetry Slam will be held on Saturday, February 25, at 5 p.m. in East Craftsbury. Bring seventeen syllables to life at this informal, fun sharing of Haiku. This event will be at the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, which is well-known for its excellent acoustics. Bring your own haiku, or another's, or simply come to listen. Free. For more information, email jwsimpsonmemorial@gmail.com

CONNIE'S COFFEE AND CANVAS IN ALBANY

Join local painter Connie Beaudry for a paint and sip (with tea and coffee) on Saturday, February 25, at 3 p.m. in the Albany Town Hall. All materials provided. This program is for adults. It is free. Space is limited - register early! Save a spot by emailing albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com.

TREASURE THE LIBRARY SNOWSHOE AND SKI ADVENTURE IN CRAFTSBURY

The Craftsbury Public Library brings back the popular Treasure the Library Snowshoe and Ski Adventure. From February 25 to March 7, participants can explore magical trails, find literary and culinary treasures, and support the library at the same time. This fun event is for individuals and families of all skill levels. Participants may ski or snowshoe on a narrow maze of trails in a cedar swamp at 400 Post Road in Craftsbury, Allison Van Akkeren's and Adrian Owens' homestead. They may find as many treasure sites — points in the woods indicated on a map — as they like. Every site will have a quote or reading. Some will have other treasures, such as sweet treats to enjoy and a little free library. Visit the library website or call 802-586-9683 to learn more, donate, and reserve a spot for this special fundraiser.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BRUSH UP YOUR CIVICS IN DERBY LINE

Derby Line's Frank Davis, a retired educator who has taught civics and history at all levels, from kindergarten to college, from North Country high school to Northern State Correctional and CCV, will offer a free, ten-session, civics series examining how the U.S. Constitution and government impacts citizens. He will introduce the series at First Universalist Church in Derby Line, Sunday, February 26, at the regular 10:30 a.m. service. Nine free follow-up sessions will be held in the church hall at times convenient to the interested participants. To sign up or get more info, call the church at 802-873-3563. Leave your name, number, and state you are interested in the sessions.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PLAYDOUGH FUN DAY AT JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 28 will be a Playdough Fun Day from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Jones Memorial Library located at 1 Water Street, Orleans. Pre-K to 2nd grade, but all are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

STEM FUN DAY AT JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 28 will be STEM Fun Day from 1-5 p.m. at the Jones Memorial Library located at 1 Water Street, Orleans. Any school-age child.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

GUIDED PAINTING FOR KIDS AT JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Guided Painting for kids in 3rd to 8th grade on Thursday, March 2 at the Jones Memorial Library located at 1 Water Street, Orleans. Any school-age child. Two sessions, 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Reservation required.

COMMUNITY MEALS & FOOD SHELVES

ALBANY FOOD SHARE

The Albany Food Share is open every Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the entrance to the Albany Town Hall, Route 14. The Albany Food Share is open to all. Registration is not required. If you live in Albany or Irasburg and are physically unable to pick up a Food Share, delivery can be arranged by calling Nadine at 802-755-6703 or Hannah at 802-793-4642. The Albany Food Share is part of the Hardwick Food Pantry and the Vermont Food Bank.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH OF ISLAND POND

567 Route 105, West Charleston Rd. www.gmbiblechurch.org. 802-723-6143. Free community dinner served every third Monday at 4 p.m. Food distribution every third Monday at 4:30 pm.

ISLAND POND CONGREGATE MEAL-SITE

Lunch is served Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at noon. Island Pond Community Service is located at Sunrise Manor, 94 Main Street in Island Pond. For info, call 802-723-6130. Suggested donation is \$5 per meal, but only pay what you can. All are welcome. Also provided are Meals-on-wheels for the following areas: Island Pond, East Charleston, West Charleston, Morgan, Norton, Canaan and Bloomfield. If anyone needs Meals-on Wheels, call 800-642-5119 to sign up.

ORLEANS FEDERATED CHURCH

The Orleans Community Food Shelf continues to operate each Monday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. with a prepacked bag distribution. No sign up needed. "Everyone Eats" free to-go meals from local restaurants distributed on Fridays from 10-11:30 a.m.

ST. MARK'S FOOD SHELF

St. Mark's Food Shelf, in the Parish House, Second St., Newport, is open every Monday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 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 if available.

TROY & AREA LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY/SENIOR MEALSITE

All are welcome to enjoy the weekly meal at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street). The

meal is served at noon each Thursday. A donation is appreciated. To protect the health of senior citizens, as well as volunteer servers, it is required that you be fully vaccinated to have a sit-down service. Takeout orders are available for pickup around 12:15. For pickup orders call 802-744-5466 after 10 a.m. on Thursday.

ONGOING

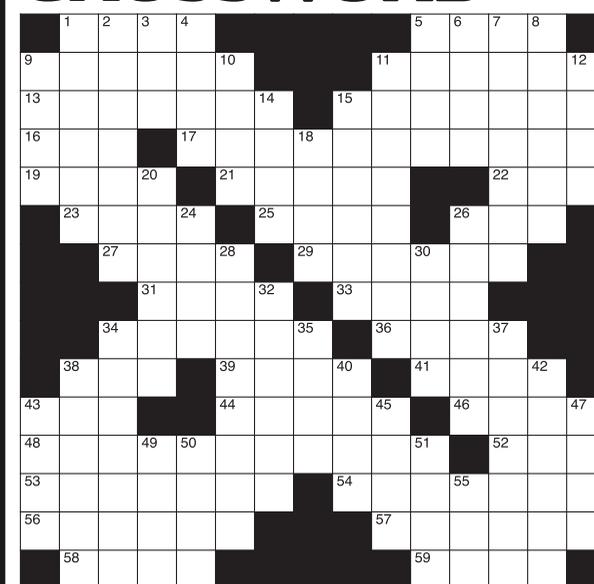
AL-ANON "LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP"

Al-Anon meeting "Live and Let Live Group" every Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Zoom only <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3531766441>. Meeting ID: 353 176 6441. No password required.

AL-ANON - ST. MARK'S, NEWPORT

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 in-person meeting dates and times are listed on the VT Al-Anon website: www.vermontalanonlateen.org. The

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sea grape
- 5. European public health group (abbr.)
- 9. A way to delight
- 11. Appetizers
- 13. Ancient heralds' wands
- 15. Make a booking
- 16. * ___ death do us part
- 17. Pearl Jam frontman
- 19. Spider genus
- 21. Fill with high spirits
- 22. A major division of geological time
- 23. Catch
- 25. An independent ruler or chieftain
- 26. Electronic music style (abbr.)
- 27. Influential Spanish cubist painter
- 29. Illegally persuades
- 31. A way to derive
- 33. British School
- 34. Appear alongside
- 36. Surely (archaic)
- 38. Harsh cry of a crow
- 39. A day in the middle
- 41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
- 43. The longest division of geological time
- 44. The first sign of the zodiac
- 46. Appetizer
- 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. A bacterium
- 53. In a way, forces apart
- 54. Cheese dish
- 56. Combines
- 57. In an inferior way
- 58. Colors clothes
- 59. Dried-up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gastropods
- 2. Confusing
- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. The rate at which something proceeds
- 5. A prosperous state of well-being
- 6. Asked for forgiveness
- 7. Makes less soft
- 8. Part of speech
- 9. Outside
- 10. Advice or counsel
- 11. Badness
- 12. Protein-rich liquids
- 14. Not moving
- 15. Call it a career
- 18. Poetry term
- 20. Not wide
- 24. Pastries
- 26. Turns away
- 28. Satisfies
- 30. Gift adornments
- 32. San Diego ballplayers
- 34. Manufacturing plant
- 35. Check or guide
- 37. Dogs do it
- 38. Chilled
- 40. Scorch
- 42. Unproductive of success
- 43. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 45. Attack with a knife
- 47. Feel bad for
- 49. Enclosure
- 50. Assert
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Midway between east and southeast

See solution on page 36

The Irasburg Church Fair is SEEKING CRAFT AND ANTIQUE VENDORS.

The Fair will be held on July 15, 2023. Space is available on the Irasburg Common or in the Town Hall. For more information, call Deborah Johnson at 303-324-6115.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Takeout ONLY

Where: Pick up at ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

When: Preorder for March 3rd, no later than February 24th

Prices: Adults \$15
Kids: \$10

Meal includes:
Golden Battered Haddock,
Baked Potato, Coleslaw,
Rolls and Dessert



More details and pre-order by calling 802-525-3711 between 1-4 p.m.

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Newport in-person weekly meeting has returned to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (in the Parish Hall behind church) on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. at 44 Second Street, Newport.

ALBANY LIBRARY WRITING GROUP

This will be a creative space, where writers support each other in facing down the blank page. The group will be facilitated by assistant librarian and writer Krista Mayer. Teens and adults are both welcome. Writing prompts provided. This group meets from 2-4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at the Albany Public Library.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

For anyone who thinks they have a problem and would like help, virtual meeting 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.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS IN-PERSON SUPPORT GROUP

Newport (VT) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group provides support and informative exchange with those caring for someone with dementia. Offered monthly, In-Person, every 4th Tuesday, 3:30-5 p.m. Goodrich Memorial Library, Main Street, Newport, 2nd floor. Informal and confidential. Elevator access and handicap parking in rear of building. Contact Suzi, 802-673-9499 or suzi_dix@sympatico.ca for any questions.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #7 HARDWICK

51 North Main Street, Hardwick. Ongoing bingo every Monday night. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. The kitchen will be open serving a small menu until 8 p.m.

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.

BOARD GAME GROUP IN ALBANY

Board Game Group at the Albany Public Library meets on the second Saturday of each month. Questions, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or aplvtassistant@gmail.com. Albany Public Library, 830 Main Street, in Albany.

BRIDGE CLUB - ARTHUR AIKEN DUPLICATE

The Arthur Aiken Duplicate Bridge Club meets Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at 160 Railroad Street in North Troy. For more info, contact Eric McCann at 802-988-4773 or Denny Lyster at 802-744-6839.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Northeast Chapter of The Compassionate Friends meets every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at Orleans Federated Church, School St. in Orleans. Losing a child is the worst loss any parent can endure. Join in sharing the life of your child, bring a photo, maybe a poem, you need not walk alone. Call if you are attending or for questions contact Fran Smith at 802-673-9910 or Bev Gage at 802-673-9027.

DEATH CAFE IN ALBANY

An informal conversation about death, facilitated by Kelsey Crelin. Refreshments are provided. This group meets on at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Albany Public Library.

GREATER BARTON ARTS OPEN MIC NIGHT

396 Main Street, Barton (across from the Post Office) open mic night every Friday from 7-9 p.m., "Starving Artist" dinner of homemade soup by donation.

JOURNEY TO RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

212 Prouty Drive, Newport. 802-624-4156. <https://jtr-cc.org/>. Lunch Chats at noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon – bring your lunch, have a chat. Mondays: Moms in Recovery 10 a.m. Tuesday: Narcotics Anonymous 6 p.m. Wednesdays: Dads in Recovery 10 a.m. Thursdays: Seeking Safety 2 p.m., Al-Anon Anonymous 6 p.m. Fridays: Families in Recovery 10 a.m., All Recovery 1 p.m. Sundays: Alcoholics Anonymous 9 a.m. All groups are accessible over Zoom, excluding lunch chat. Links can be found on the website.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – TROY

All you can eat breakfast every third Sunday 8 to 11 a.m. - benefit families in need. All you can eat for \$9. Kids 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.

MUSIC JAM SESSION IN DERBY LINE

Jam is 1-4 p.m. every fourth Sunday of the month at Derby Line Town Hall. All music players are welcome. For more info, call Donna 802-673-9101.

NCSU TRAVELING PLAYGROUP

Children ages 0-PreK and their caregivers are invited to attend playgroups led by NCSU early childhood paraeducators and community resource staff. To learn more contact Diane at 802-334-5847, ext. 2046, or diane.nicholsfleming@ncsvt.org. **Troy:** Friday mornings 8:30-10:30 a.m. March 10, April 14, and May 12. **Lowell:** Fridays (includes lunch) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 10, April 14, and May 12. **Holland Community Center:** Wednesday afternoons 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (includes lunch), March 15, April 26, and May 17. **Charleston:** Monday afternoons 12:15 -2:15 p.m. (includes lunch) March 13, April 10, and May 8.

NEK RAINBOW COALITION

PO Box 1331, Derby. Email connect@nekrc.org. Meets weekly every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at 44 Second St., Newport, VT (Behind St. Mark's Episcopal Church) All LGBTQ+ community members and allies welcome.

NEWPORT ELKS LODGE #2155

3736 US Route 5, Derby. Wednesday - Pool tournaments 6:30 p.m. \$5 buy in. Thursdays - Dart tournaments 6:30 p.m. -\$5 buy in. Bingo 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Fridays - Pub night 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cornhole at 6:30 p.m. bags fly at 7 p.m. \$7 per person. Shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m. \$6 buy in. All activities are open to the public.

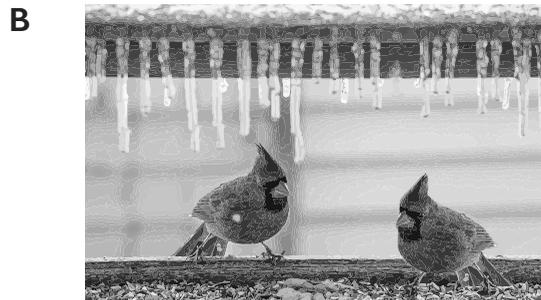
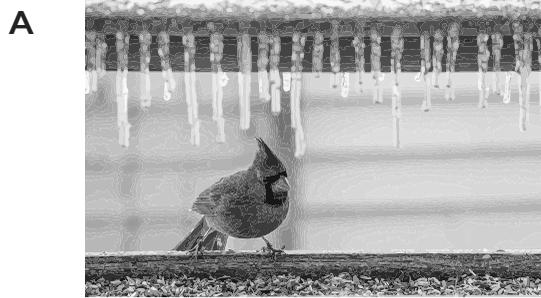
sudoku solution

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1	6	5	2	8	9	3	4	7
4	8	2	6	3	7	1	5	9
9	1	8	7	5	2	6	3	4
3	7	6	8	1	4	5	9	2
5	2	4	3	9	6	7	8	1



What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



AVIARY

a large cage, building or enclosure to house birds

Answers: 1. Bird has white spot 2. Missing icicle 3. Feanuts in dish 4. Second cardinal

Recipe Corner

the Chronicle

Spinach & Orzo Salad

Ingredients

1 (16 ounce) package uncooked orzo pasta

1 (10 ounce) package baby spinach leaves, finely chopped

1/2 pound crumbled feta cheese

1/2 red onion, finely chopped

3/4 cup pine nuts

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar

Directions:
Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add orzo and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and rinse with cold water. Transfer to a large bowl and stir in spinach, feta, onion, pine nuts, basil and white pepper. Toss with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Refrigerate and serve cold.

Have a recipe you want to share?

Send your favorite recipes, typed or clearly written, to: the Chronicle Recipe Box, P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822 or e-mail to: ads@bartonchronicle.com. Be sure to include your name, address (and telephone number in case we have a question). We are now only printing recipes when readers send them in.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER

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NORTH COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD

The North Country Quilters Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of God on the Crawford Road (behind the Community Bank). New members are welcome anytime regardless of skill level is welcome. Contact Valerie Rittershausen at vkremail@msn.com or Noreen Hinton at noreen.hinton@comcast.net to be included on the email list. For more info, visit www.northcountryquiltersvt.com.

STAMP CLUB IN NEWPORT

The Memphremagog Stamp Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at CALLICO, 326 Bluff Road in Newport from 7-9 p.m. Call Denis for details at 802-334-6001. All stamp collecting interests are welcome.

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 is on Friday nights from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Dine-in or takeout. Call 802-334-7717 for questions and to place your order. Visit Facebook-VFW POST 798 Auxiliary to view the menu. First Sunday of the month All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast held from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$6.

CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

ALBANY METHODIST CHURCH

906 Main Street, Albany. 802-754-2790. Sundays, at 10 a.m. Nursery – teen Sunday School.

BROWNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Hinman Settler Road, Brownington Village. pastormaryucc@yahoo.com. Sunday service at 11 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF GOD IN DERBY

295 Crawford Road in Derby. www.newportcog.com. On Facebook @Newport-VT-Church-of-God.

EAST ALBANY CHURCH

2881 Creek Road, Irasburg. 802-323-7667.

EAST CRAFTSBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1773 Ketchum Hill Road, Craftsbury. Sunday Bible study 10 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. YouTube at 11 a.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF DERBY LINE

112 Main Street, Derby Line. 802-873-3563. Rev. Susan-Lynn Johns. Service at 10:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom, email 1uuderbyline@gmail.com for zoom information.

GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

3 VT Route 14, Coventry. 802-754-2363. Pastor Scott Libby. Worship service Sundays at 10 a.m. Handicapped accessible. Nursery provided and children's church during sermon. Bible studies in homes. Call for details.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH OF ISLAND POND

567 Route 105, West Charleston Rd. www.gmbiblechurch.org. 802-723-6143. Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study at 6 p.m. Friday Family Fun Night at 6 p.m. Free community dinner served every third Monday at 4 p.m. Food distribution every third Monday at 4:30 pm. Community Closet (free gently used clothing and more) Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Join livestream worship services Sunday at 10 a.m. www.guccvt.org.

HARDWICK BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

296 South Main Street, Hardwick. 802-472-5294.

IRASBURG UNITED CHURCH

Pastor Reverend Avril Cochran. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Communion first Sunday of every month. Steeple Light for February is In loving memory for Arnold Ewet from his sister Bonnie.

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

February services at Barton United Church at 10 a.m. Children are welcome. Activities and/or Sunday school available during worship. Reverend Evelyn Coupe, 802-525-3607.

LIFE IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

81 Weaver St., Newport. www.lifeinchristvt.org and on Facebook. Reverend Eileen Drew.

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; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at St. Theresa's in Orleans; Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's in Barton. Check the bulletin or call the rectory at 802-525-3711 to confirm weekday Mass times.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM QUAKERS

Sunday Meeting for Worship at 10 a.m. in the downstairs community room of the Barton library followed by sharing of Joys and Concerns. Zoom available. Vee at 802-754-2029 or email Linda at nekquakers@gmail.com.

ORLEANS FEDERATED CHURCH

24 School Street, Orleans. 802-754-6486. Orleansfederated@gmail.com. Sunday worship at 9 a.m. A Zoom link is available. Zoom only during February. Email for Zoom invitation.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Creek Road, Craftsbury. For Mass schedules, go to www.mqasvt.org.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

7068 VT-105, East Charleston. 802-723-4833. The church is handicap accessible.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

37 Concord Avenue, Newport. 207-812-8088; 802-334-3096. Saturday Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service at 11 a.m. Pastor Josias Baez-Roman.

SHEFFIELD FEDERATED CHURCH

Berry Hill Road, Sheffield. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Rob Perkins.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39 West Church Street, Hardwick. 802-426-3671. Sunday service at 10 a.m. and on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m., a brief prayer service is held on Zoom.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

44 Second Street, Newport 802-334-7365. www.stmarksnewport.org. Services in person every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with coffee hour following. Services are also on Zoom. See Facebook page for Zoom link or email info.saintmarksnewport@gmail.com. Food shelf is open to all every Monday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

270 The Bend Road, Greensboro Bend. Regular Sunday Masses 10:30 a.m. For Parish information, go to www.mqasvt.org.

ST. NORBERT CHURCH

193 Main St., Hardwick. Regular weekend Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. For parish information, go to www.mqasvt.org.

SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH

802-525-4214. Pastor Mark Heinrichs. Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. and on YouTube.com at Vermont Country Pastor.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CRAFTSBURY

7 Church Lane, Craftsbury Common. 802-586-8028. unitedchurchcraftsbury@gmail.com. Sunday service is 10 a.m. Past services are available to view online at www.unitedchurchofcraftsbury.com.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT

Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Services broadcast on NEKTV and on YouTube. Bags of food are available at the church from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Everyone Eats free to-go meals will now be Fridays only starting at 10:30 a.m.

WEST CHARLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH

1028 VT Route 105, West Charleston. 802-895-4509. Sunday service at 9 a.m. Social time following. Bible study Wednesday at 6 p.m. Interim Pastor, Glenn Peterson.

WESTMORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

27 Hinton Hill Rd., Westmore. www.WestmoreCommunityChurch.com. Westmore Community Church is temporarily closed. Join for Palm Sunday service on April 2 with Rev. Dr. Bob Leibold.

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PER WEEK MINIMUM

Road hogs a problem in Lowell

by Matthew Wilson

LOWELL — Roaming hogs occupied the attention of the Lowell Select Board at its meeting on Valentine’s Day. Board members also heard a request from a retiring lister.

Board members also spoke with Lowell Animal Control Officer Ashley Callahan and the owner of the pigs that have been roaming in the road and onto her neighbors’ property. Shylo Bourdeau, the pigs’ owner, told the board she has been working to contain the animals better.

Ms. Callahan confirmed that there have been fewer calls lately, but said there were a lot of calls coming in complaining about the pigs on Tenaki Drive during the warmer months.

Ms. Bourdeau said she’d been working to make sure her hogs were penned, but the type of medium-sized breed she raises tends to be a bit more independent, and likes to roam.

Nonetheless, she said she has taken action to keep them out of the road. The board also asked her to keep an eye on the dog that protects the animals and her property.

One of Lowell’s long-time listers said he will not seek reelection and had a request for the board members regarding his position.

Lerry Chase said 14 years is enough for the job.

“After turning 80 years old, I’m thinking 80 years old is long enough,” he told the select board. He said he’s found someone who wants to be a lister and wants to

train her as he heads out the door. The catch is Mr. Chase wants the town to pay his trainee.

“I wouldn’t want them to do it and not get paid for it,” he said. “I’m wondering if there’s a way we can provide an hourly compensation for a few months until the election at the Town Meeting.”

He said that he knows of no one else looking at the position and thinks his candidate is likely to be elected to the job.

“If she doesn’t get elected, it could make some of us look foolish, but I’ve looked foolish before,” Mr. Chase said.

Board members discussed how to bring the prospective lister in to learn the ropes. The process has been done before, but they want to make sure they are doing things appropriately. After some small discussion, the board said it would find a way to work out the suggestion.

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