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Cora Nadeau (left) races to join her North Country Union High School teammates as they celebrate their come-from-behind victory in the Division 2 championship game Saturday afternoon. To the right Maya Auger (4) shares a group hug with her fellow Falcons. North Country finished ahead of the Spaulding Crimson Tide by a score of 47-42. For an account of the game and more photos, please see page ten. Photo by Joseph Gresser

Smooth sailing at Derby Town Meeting

by Matthew Wilson

DERBY LINE — Derby voters gathered at the Derby Elementary School here Monday night and after a brief discussion adopted the town and Derby school budgets.

At the start of the meeting, Derby residents took time to recognize Curt Brainard for his many years of service to their town. Mr. Brainard's photo appeared on the dedication page of the 2022 Town Report and Moderator Frank Davis asked everyone to give Mr. Brainard special thanks. Mr. Brainard rose to a standing ovation from his neighbors.

Select board member Brian Smith, who also represents Derby in the House of Representatives, spoke about his work on the committee on Environment and Energy.

"Write some of these numbers down, because they're important," Mr. Smith said, before going on to address a number of bills he thought may affect people living in Derby. Mr. Smith spoke of a hazardous waste bill and another piece of legislation intended to reduce roadside litter. (Continued on page 23.)

LRUEMSD Annual Meeting More money for capital budget

by Trisha Ingalls

At Monday night's annual meeting of the Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District voters brought two new faces to the school boards and a better-than-requested capital budget.

The meeting, moderated by Kristin Atwood with Shelia Martin elected clerk and treasurer, saw little conflict, but multiple nominations for school board members resulted in two paper

ballot elections.

Voters unanimously nominated and re-elected current board members representing Albany, Barton, Glover, and Irasburg, but when it came time to fill the three-year term for Westmore, Kalli Lefebvre was nominated along with current Westmore representative, Linda Michniewicz. Ms. Michniewicz was not present at the meeting, and although Gerry Cahill in the audience assured voters Ms. Michniewicz was ready to pass the torch to someone else, the nomination triggered a paper ballot. Ms. Michniewicz received five votes and Ms. Lefebvre took the seat with 38 votes.

The other paper ballot vote was during the election of school board directors for the Lake Region Union High School District. Michael (Continued on page 26.)

Brighton Town Meeting Voters question authority

by Joseph Gresser

ISLAND POND — About 60 Brighton residents turned out for the town's floor meeting Monday night and they weren't there to be gentle with town officials. New Town Manager Noah Bond, only months into his job was asked almost to his face, if he had dictatorial tendencies. Others fared no better.

Mr. Bond wasn't actually at the meeting, but appeared remotely on a big screen. Town administrator Joel Cope explained that he was in East Peoria, Illinois, where he is to be married.

The evening got off to a spicy start when (Continued on page 24.)



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Morgan Town Meeting Next act for old school considered

by Paul Lefebvre

MORGAN — About 40 residents turned out for the Annual Town Meeting Monday night held here at the E. Taylor Hatton Elementary School.

At some point the fate of the building itself arose during an informal discussion on how the former school will be used after its present tenant leaves in August.

“Our intention is to use the building in a similar fashion,” advised Board Chairman Eric Pope.

The Turning Points School is moving to Newport because of expenses and because of water contamination issues, a continuing issue that has also adversely affected other properties in town.

Board chairman Pope said the town presently is looking at three alternative sites for sources of water, including a spring and a well. He offered no plans as to how the former schoolhouse will be used, but the board reiterated its commitment to find the building a new tenant.

The meeting lasted roughly an hour. No one objected to the ten articles before voters, and incumbent town officers won re-election, running opposed. Among them was Mr. Pope for a three-term on the select board, as well as a three-year term as school director for Tammy LaCourse, who also was returned for one-year terms each as town clerk and town treasurer.

Nearly \$10,000 in appropriations was passed for non-profit organizations. The Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice garnered the highest appropriation at \$3,000; while nearly \$1,500 was awarded Northeast Kingdom Human Services. Closer to home the Dailey Memorial Library received \$1,200, while \$1,000 was awarded the Morgan Historical Society.

Voters will vote by Australian ballot Tuesday on three education-spending articles. They include the North Country Union High School budget; the junior high school budget; and the North Country Career Center budget.

The proposed budget for North Country Supervisory Union is slightly over \$2 million.

Not surprisingly, what appeared to be the most controversial issue discussed Monday was never brought to a vote. The question of whether to return to a traditional Town Meeting held during the day on the first Tuesday in March was discussed and left open for future negotiations. No action was taken because a vote Monday night would have been non-binding and have no legal effect since the proposal was not listed as an article on the 2023 Warning.

Discussion was initiated by Selectman Pope who said the board had been having discussions on bringing back Town Meeting “to the way it used to be done.” He added an article to that effect could not be placed on the Warning before 2025. Debate is likely to dog the proposed return.

Annual Town Meetings are woven into the fabric of Vermont history, and citizens of Morgan and elsewhere are known to tread softly when considering change. One resident, Roger Stoddard, who works during the day, noted a night meeting allows him to participate in town affairs.

Another taxpayer questioned a return to a schedule that in years past was thought to accommodate farmers during their slow time of year.

Voters Monday approved a \$679,622 budget to meet town expenses, and agreed to pay an increase for services provided by the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. The town will pay the department an annual sum of \$24,128, a hike from last year's appropriation of \$22,929. The town will also erect four flashing digital signs to alert motorists traveling through town of posted speed limits.

Newly elected State Representative Larry Labor, also a Morgan select board member, warned voters of bills pending before the Legislature that he said will increase heating and fuel costs. He said he supports electric, battery charged vehicles, but questioned if the vehicles can be effectively used in rural Vermont.

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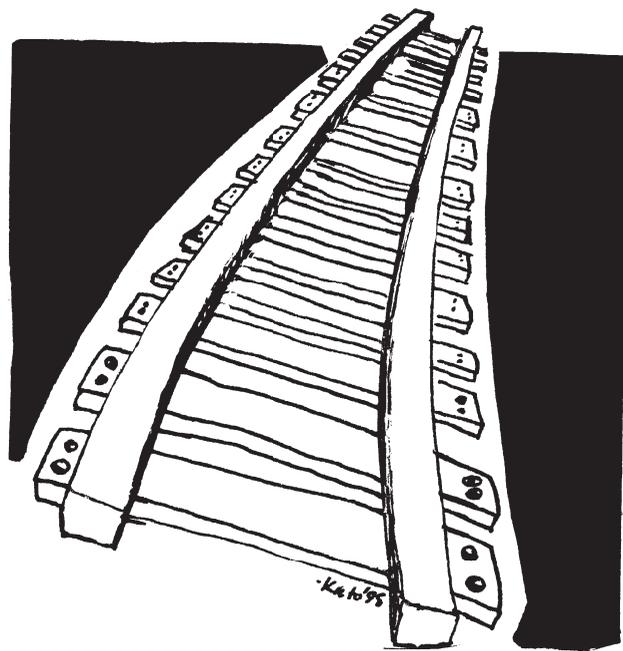
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The plow and the shovel



Yours from the Perimeter

by Paul Lefebvre

At first I didn't miss my shovel. Why should I? There was no snow to shovel, and what little had fallen I could sweep away with a broom and easily clear a path from the house to the woodshed. Until Keith who plows my yard came through on the morning of the season's largest snowfall and asked for a shovel to clear the snow he had pushed up against my kitchen door, the whereabouts of my shovel had passed effortlessly out of sight and out of memory.

It was embarrassing. No Vermonter in the heart of winter wants to be caught without a snow shovel. It's worse than having a flat tire with no jack or no spare. I scurried around the woodshed, but the only shovel I could find was a coal shovel with the initials of the previous ownership seared into the handle, indicating that at one time it had been the property of the Canadian National Railway, which employed most of the people in town during the years I was growing up.

Delighted to have a shovel, any shovel, in my hands, I came out of the woodshed and made my way to the formidable bank of snow in front of the kitchen door and went to work, reminding myself shoveling snow can be hazardous to someone my age. But it is also satisfying. My father knew. When he cut short his only winter retreat to Florida one year, he came home anxious to pick up the one routine that made a snowbound life tolerable.

"Where's my snow shovel?" he asked me. "It's not in the shed where I left it."

I'm proud to say I come from a family of snow shovelers: uncles and grand-uncles who shoveled out railroad track switches in the aftermath of winter storms. To realize I couldn't place my hands on a snow shovel in February left me feeling sheepish, as if I had betrayed a family reputation passed down from one generation to another.

As a teenager I made spending money shoveling sidewalks and driveways. No roofs, though. They were forbidden by my mother who was afraid I might fall off one and break something. Actually, I never built up a clientele; I was too busy playing basketball to be reliable. My grandmother was my most reliable customer, although how do you charge someone who bakes you cookies and buys you comic books?

Until the snowbanks became too high I would help my father shovel off the walkway to our front door. He shoveled the driveway as well, usually with the homeowner next door. They shared a common driveway, and since both were railroad men, they liked to talk shop as they worked. From them I learned that shoveling snow was one way men socialized during winter. And as the winter days became warmer, my father would wax his shovel to prevent the snow from sticking on it.

"Be glad your mother isn't here to see you now, or your roof shoveling days would be over."

Much to his chagrin, I resisted waxing mine; preferring instead to smack the open end on the ground. "Some day you young fellows will learn how to make your work go easier," he said.

I recall how grown-up I felt when he and I went up on the roof of my aunt's cottage and shoveled it off. The cottage sat on a sloping knoll close but away from the shore, and years later I slipped and fell off that roof and became buried neck deep in the snow. "Be glad your mother isn't here to see you now," my father said. "Or your roof shoveling days would be over." I stopped shoveling off the roof at hunting camp once I realized it was much easier to use a snow scoop

and push off the snow; an approach that only works on a roof that is mostly flat.

I lost my scoop a few years ago in a fire that burned down the camp, and despite my intentions, have never replaced it. To procrastinate in the winter often extracts a toll, and I've cursed myself more than once while shoveling snow off a deck when a scoop would have been less work and much more efficient. Moreover, if I still had a scoop, my snow shovel would be easy to find.

Once the entry to my kitchen doorway was cleared, and Keith had finished plowing my driveway, I made a point of hanging the CN shovel on a nail where I could see it and, once again, confronted the mystery of where my snow shovel, the one with the curved blade, could be. Weeks later I found it tucked behind the tall row of firewood at the back of the shed. Not a clue as to how it got there. Unfortunately, to retrieve it required dismantling a long row of two-foot firewood. Did I really want to bother? Winter was half over, so why not retrieve the shovel after the wood had been burned?

I didn't think again about shoveling until the town's massive snowplow, loaded with sand and armed with a wing plow and another attached to the front end, got stuck in my driveway. The snow was deep and slippery, and the driver kept rocking the truck back and forth. I watched as he repeatedly changed the angle of the plows in an endeavor to gain traction by shifting the truck's weight. Nothing appeared to be working. Finally he went to the front of the truck with a shovel and rapidly began throwing one shovelful of snow after another, causing the snow to fly through the air like sand being sprayed at the beach by a digging dog.

Since the plowman was on the side of the truck away from the house, I couldn't see where he was digging. But before I could get my snowpants on, the truck was out and he was gone. The shovel had saved the day. Before four-wheel drive pickups became readily available, we hardly drove anywhere in the winter without packing a shovel. I remember the words of a farmer who warned us never to trust a truck with four-wheel drive and a plow to save us from getting stuck.

"All a four-wheel drive means is that when you get stuck, you're really going to get stuck," he said.

His unstated motto for the winter could well have been: "Never go anywhere or be without a shovel."

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Editorial

Where are the Town Meeting stories?

Many long-time readers may be wondering where all the Town Meeting stories are. The short answer is they can be found online at bartonchronicle.com.

When we started working with a new printer last year, the change came with a new format and a new, firm, deadline. Our old printer allowed flexibility in the time they had to have copy in hand. Our new printer requires us to have the complete paper in by 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. They are not able to hold the presses for late news.

As a result, the days of staying up well past

midnight to get all the articles about the towns we cover — many written by residents of those towns — into print, are over.

Fortunately, we can put full articles up on our website for all to read without charge. We know many of our readers prefer to hold a paper newspaper in their hands, and they can rest assured all the stories about Town Meetings and other doings in Orleans County will appear in our March 15 issue.

JG

Letters to the editor

I support Gina Lyon for Barton trustee

To the editor,

It is my privilege to recommend Gina Lyon for Barton Village Trustee.

I have known Gina for the past ten years, first as an employee at North Country Hospital and then most recently as a trusted friend.

Throughout this time, I've come to know Gina as an incredibly hard working get-it-done individual who, when she sets her mind to getting something accomplished, it happens. Gina's greatest strengths are her ability to communicate at all levels as well as her relationship building skills. Gina's love for her community is second only to her love of her family.

For all of these reasons I whole heartily endorse her candidacy for Barton Village Trustee. I encourage others to do so as well.

Tom Frank
Glover

Correction

In the March 1 edition of *the Chronicle*, the story about Dee McDowell running for the Barton Select Board erroneously described Ms. McDowell's mother as a lawyer, when she was actually a Royer, a family well-known throughout Orleans County. We regret the error.

Westmore article inaccurate

To the editor:

An article appearing in your paper dated March 1, 2023, about an executive session held at a Westmore Select Board meeting contains way too much "creative" journalism.

Apparently a scoop was wanted at any cost by the reporter. The article was inaccurate at best. NO facts were checked. Facts were omitted and he relied SOLELY on hearsay.

Publishing allegations by a single source without attempting to verify accuracy. What was the motivation and intent?

Journalists should at the very least take responsibility for the accuracy of their work, verify information and not misrepresent individuals in the article as to damage their credibility.

I personally did not give my name or make a statement to this reporter as to the content of the article he intended to write about. My first knowledge about the content was reading it in print.

Kathy Holmes
Westmore



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Thanks for your help making these pages thought-provoking, lively, and interesting.

Editorials are initialed by the author and reflect a consensus of the editorial staff of *the Chronicle*. Opinions and letters are the opinion of the author.

Letters to the editor

Protect our waters from wake boats

To the editor,

“Wake boat,” “wake boarding,” “wake surfing,” “wave boarding:” by whatever name, features a boat that makes a big wake. The more powerful the boat, and the deeper it sits in the water, the greater the wake, or wave it generates. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) held a public meeting on February 15, in Greensboro to describe the deep-hull boat, and outline hazards generated by its use (*the Chronicle*, February 22, 2023).

I learned the term “wake boat” a few days prior the meeting. Last summer, while swimming in Lake Willoughby, I was imperiled by such a boat. At the time I had no idea the huge wake it made was by design. Its prow pointed up, the boat operator didn’t see me... and I didn’t see him until the boat was well past. A person towed behind on a board barely had time to see me in passing.

Back in shallow water, try teaching a child to swim in wakes and waves.

Unlike air, water is a hydraulic medium: liquids don’t compress. Set in motion water possesses momentum. Sound travels through air at 1,125 feet per second (FPS). Sound travels through water at 4,850 FPS — nearly one mile per second. A noise made in air at the south beach of Lake Willoughby may peter out in 150 yards. Launched in water, the same noise travels the five miles from Willoughby’s south beach to its north beach, and does so in about in 1.1 second. Does the powerful motor with its downward-pointing prop generate sub-surface sound waves throughout the hydraulic effect, sound unheard in the air above? In addition to the wake propagation, does prop cavitation from the wake boat amplify mechanical noise to assail aquatic dwellers at great distance underwater? (Noise unheard by human ears.) Do low frequency sound waves harm the lake bottom, the shoreline, fish and bird habitat?

What about two or ten wake boats throwing waves? Do intersecting wakes amplify aquatic turbulence... bottom scour... sediment suspension and sedimentation... bank erosion and collapse... beach washout? Is sequestered phosphorous released by scouring?

Some boat manufacturers offer big sound systems.

A wake boat takes on water to increase its weight (displacement), which in turn throws a bigger wake, or wave. Wake boat manufacturers caution the ballast tanks (or bags) don’t drain completely. Anti-freeze is added for winter storage. Invasive species may hitchhike from a tainted lake, to infest a clean lake. Some sources recommend bleach to kill animal and plant life. A boat that weighs 5,000 pounds. may take on 4,000 pounds of water. Operators are warned to drain tanks before transporting boat. Do you drain ballast water into the lake? Drain on the boat ramp? Adjust ballast on the lake to make a better wake?

Hazardous flora or fauna from a wake boat can contaminate water the boat doesn’t touch. Example: the Clyde River intakes at Island Pond, outtakes at Lake Memphremagog. Along the way the Clyde receives water from, or passes through, nine lakes and ponds. Zebra mussels or milfoil introduced at Island Pond can spread to wetlands in East Charleston, to Pensioner Pond and two other ponds in West Charleston, to Little Salem, then Salem Lake in Derby, to Clyde Pond in Newport, draining into Lake Memphremagog. Invasives can also reach the Clyde from Seymour Lake, Echo Lake, and Derby Pond.

Several of my friends live on the edge of Northeast Kingdom lakes. While their politics cover the spectrum, each resident detests wake-boarding. If wake-boating is allowed, forget the kayak, a canoe, or paddle board. Forget a peaceful swim. Forget an afternoon fly fishing. Forget the health of our lakes.

Vermont law provisions to *protect* our water resource, to conserve wildlife, and support safe recreation on public lands and waters. Where is the enforcement?

Boats designed or altered to generate wakes must be kept off Vermont lakes. *Water is life.* The issue is *protect our lakes.*

David Bradshaw
Charleston

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Letter to the editor

Barton seeks electric rate increase of 18.27 percent

To the editor,

Barton Electric customers may have heard recently about potential rate increases. The Barton Village Trustees are providing an update on the facts of the situation and its plan to move forward through the year. The trustees have worked hard to reduce costs as much as possible. In the end, Barton could not avoid a rate increase as it had a sizeable net income loss in calendar year 2022. It is important the Barton Electric Department remain financially able to pay its bills. After careful consideration and many weeks of reviewing expenses and data, the trustees voted to raise electric rates effective April 1, 2023 by 18.27 percent.

In *the Chronicle* several weeks ago, the paper reported a 28 percent increase expected this year. That number was a preliminary estimate which was based on early budget assumptions for 2023 and before the calendar year 2022 financial statements had been closed. In fact, consultants specifically noted it was too early to say with precision what the rate case would be, but they noted the rate increase would be significant. At that time the range of the increase was estimated to be between 20 percent and 30 percent based on an early outlook of expenses and revenue.

With the close of the financial year for calendar year 2022, and with trustees cutting costs in the 2023 electric budget, the rate increase has been finalized. Barton has filed for a rate increase of 18.27 percent for service provided beginning April 1, 2023.

While still high, this increase is similar to increases sought by other neighboring utilities in Vermont and across the Northeast. The trustees remain committed to the minimum increase necessary to support the reliable electric service to all Barton customers. The trustees are working hard to ensure the utility is financially sound.

A formal rate filing has been developed by the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) on behalf of the Barton Electric Department. The filing made on February 14 meets the standards for a Vermont regulated utility. Every cost and

number in the filing will be checked and reviewed by state regulators and only after it is approved will it become final. Until the filing is approved by regulators, Barton will implement the rate increase as a temporary surcharge beginning April 1. In the event the PUC approves a smaller increase a refund will be issued on bills following the PUC's decision.

Barton is not alone in having to raise rates. Inflationary costs have affected equipment, supplies and labor. The most significant driver of this rate increase is a new contract with VPPSA to provide electric utility operational services. VPPSA began providing line maintenance, meter reading and power restoration in August 2022. Operation related work is provided by VPPSA through a combination of services from our neighboring communities — notably Hardwick, Lyndonville and Orleans, along with the utility contractor Northline. We are pleased with the level of service to date — particularly the response to outages such as that over Christmas 2022. Nevertheless, these services come at an increased cost and this is a major driver in the rate case filing. Power supply costs are actually expected to be lower in the upcoming year, which helped to offset some of the other cost increases. Fortunately, Barton's power supply mix including its own hydro plant, allowed it to avoid large power related increases in the rate year that affected many other utilities. Financial requirements of Barton lenders to hold sufficient reserves (known as Times Interest Expense Ratio or TIER) was also a major driver in the rate case. This was due to a large loss in net income that occurred in 2022 due to higher expense from the VPPSA operation contract and other outside services needed to run and manage the utility.

Recapping how we got to this point, recall that for a three-year period Barton contracted with Vermont Electric Coop (VEC) to provide operations services, while the trustees considered other options. In early 2022, the trustees proposed to sell the utility to VEC. That was turned down by Barton voters last May.

Thereafter, Barton Trustees hired energy consultants to assist with managing the utility and identifying paths forward, as VEC said they would not continue their operation contract after August, 2022. Barton issued an RFP for electric services last summer to replace VEC's work. A contract was awarded to VPPSA, which began operations at the end of the VEC agreement in mid-August, 2022.

Our consultants are actively evaluating options for the future. At present, these include three paths: First, continuing the contract arrangements with VPPSA, but extending the contract renewal commitment to a longer length of time with the goal to reduce costs; second, Barton will evaluate what it would cost to hire staff and purchase equipment sufficient to run the utility as a village department; and third, Barton will solicit bids for the sale of Barton Electric through a formal, transparent RFP process that will begin in 2023 with a vote occurring in 2024. By the end of the year, with these three options in hand, Barton customers and voters will have the opportunity to see all three options and to understand the trustees' decision or recommendation (in the case of a sale) in early 2024. No sale will be proposed to the voters before the April 2024 Town Meeting, and, as described, cost of the other options will also be presented well in advance of a vote on any sale so that all options can be compared and evaluated. Barton will provide ongoing updates to all customers and Barton residents throughout the year as information warrants. Finally, all trustees' meetings are open to the public and we welcome citizen participation.

We thank village residents and Barton Electric customers for their attention to this important issue. We will continue to work hard to provide ongoing excellent electricity services at the lowest cost possible.

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Letters to the editor

The Affordable Heat Act isn't affordable

To the editor,

The Affordable Heat Act (so-called) currently before the Vermont legislature is financially irresponsible and more of Montpelier's virtue-signaling nonsense.

One of my recent heating bills included information that says we can expect permanent 70-cents-a-gallon increases in heating oil costs if the legislation is passed, unless, a household can spend \$20,000 to convert their heating systems to electrical heat pumps.

The benefit of this legislation, according to the Democrats and Progressives supporting it, is to impact climate change.

Let's do some very simple math to evaluate the impact of reducing Vermont's fossil fuel use on the "climate," which of course, is global.

Vermont's current population is 650,000. The Earth's population recently crossed 8 billion. Vermonters represent about 1 in every 12,500 people on Earth. What if 1 in 12,500 people in Orleans County — population 27,500 — that's 2 people — stopped using energy entirely? The impact on Orleans County's climate would be zero.

Or what if 1 out of 12,500 of all 650,000 Vermonters stopped using any form of fossil fuel energy, that's about 50 people spread over our state's 9,600 square miles. The impact on the Vermont climate, would, of course, be so insignificant that it would not be measurable. It would be zero.

Apparently, in their desire to impose their will on Vermonters, the legislators responsible for this madness, just haven't bothered to do any math. Rather, their legislation is intended to exert government control over Vermonters access to traditional forms of fossil fuels, like heating oil, propane and natural gas. It drives up heating prices with excise taxes, while creating yet another expensive Montpelier bureaucracy, unaccountable to the voters. Its impact would be most costly to the poorest Vermonters who spend more of their income on energy than their wealthier neighbors. It would also raise energy costs for Vermont businesses, making them less competitive with other states.

All this, while China completes construction of more than 40 new coal-fired power plants since

2021. Like all Vermonters, and the many tourists who visit us, I treasure Vermont's clean air and water. The Affordable Heat Act does not accomplish its goal of reducing climate change because it can't. Climate change is global, and Vermonters, who represent only 1 out of every 12,500 Earthlings, cannot reduce climate change in any meaningful way — even if all 650,000 stopped heating our homes tomorrow.

This legislation positions the state government to force us away from fossil fuels for heating, before there is an abundant, affordable and available replacement. The solution is not government-based. It never is. When there is an alternative form of energy, that is profitable for the entities or companies that provide it, as always, the entrepreneurial marketplace will solve the problem.

And if you think that increasing the cost of heating fuels is outrageous, if this legislation passes, just wait until they come to regulate gasoline and diesel for your cars and trucks.

Paul Decelles
Newport

Poem — Rememberings

by Tom Streeter

Tried to tell a story to a friend the other day based on some memories of old
 Sure that I was including truthful details in those words of the tale I told
 Attempting to describe the photo-like images appearing somewhere in my head
 Feeling once again connected to that place and those people long since dead
 Heavy frost coated the ground of the yard around our little house on the hill
 My mother racing her little son from the barn when she took an awful spill
 Her ankle badly broken she laid on the frozen ground in shock and disbelief
 Holding on to my hand looking into my eyes help was needed to bring her relief
 A reassuring look and gentle squeeze of my hand telling me I must swiftly go
 Find our neighbor her nurse friend a kind woman whom we both did know
 Her green eyes looking into mine black brown plaid woolen slacks sweater blue
 Hesitant to leave her side look back then moving my young feet as fast as I knew
 Almost sixty years have passed and gone since that little boy ran for help that day
 Memories shaping me emerging then receding as if intercalated into my DNA
 Seasons changing, songs, places, people, smells can often stir and bring them back
 Compounds of our chemistry that leave their mark not a day passing when we lack
 Some glimpse crystallized images, likenesses of who, what, when we were there
 Calling me to remember a person or place offering insight than vanishing into air
 Beyond recognition and recollection exists a place of dreams holding this treasure
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 Perception achieved in weaving tapestry from threads of memory, soul and dream
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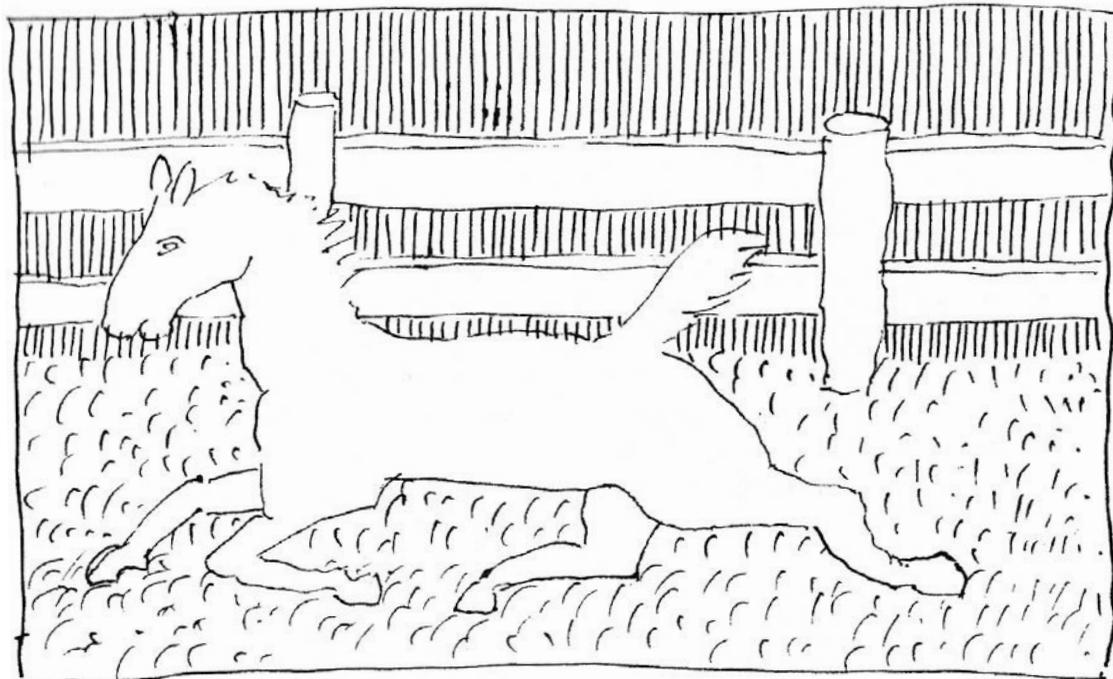
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Hip bells and horses in the Glover area

by Daisy Dopp

Daisy Dopp lived most of her life on the Glover farm that is now home to the Bread and Puppet Theater. When her husband, Jim, died in 1970, Daisy Dopp moved to a home in the village and spent some of her time writing articles recalling life on the farm. Most were published first in the Newport Daily Express. Elka Schumann befriended Daisy Dopp and, in cooperation with the Old Stone House Museum, collected and edited her columns. This is the eighteenth of a series of these columns, with illustrations by Peter Schumann and photographs provided by the Glover Historical Society, that the Chronicle will publish from time to time.



The first horse that I remember was a big black Percheron whose name was Dick. He was the most gentle of any I ever knew, and was one of a handsome pair owned by a lumberman who delivered logs in the winter to the Lawrence Mills near Shadow Lake off what is now Route 16. If we were to describe him, we would say he was honest and true. To be true today is something we seldom hear much about. This man was very proud of his team.

It drew the largest loads of logs into the mill. It was a ticklish business to take those loads over the narrow high bridge above the stream that ran through the forest.

On this particular day the river was running

high over the rocks from the thawing snow. The man driving the team was, as usual, the first in line to cross. They started to go over when Dick suddenly stopped after the first few steps on the bridge. He snorted loudly and refused to advance. The driver urged them on, and the mare tried to go forward, but Dick stubbornly stood his ground until the driver, shouting profanely, lashed them both with the whip. They surged ahead and the bridge gave way. The driver saved himself by jumping off the end of the load. Horses, logs, and the bridge dropped into the boiling stream.

Dick's mate was killed, but he was not badly injured.

The driver wept over the team of which he had been so proud. "I shouldn't have made them go. I should have known that Dick knew something was wrong. He never let me down in all the time I drove him."

My dad bought Dick and he became my gentle pet.

I was too young at the time to go to school. He soon became as docile and steady as we had heard

he used to be. He was as fine a work horse as ever looked through a collar. My dad would boost me up on his back and Dick and I would follow the path between the rows of corn and potatoes while the cultivator pushed the dirt around the green plants.

About this time a friend gave me a set of brass hip bells, the like of which are never seen today. They were attached to each end of a leather strap about 15 inches long and four inches wide. There were two brass bells on each end about the size of a hen's egg. The long strap was laid over the horse's hips and fastened to the breeching of the harness. One day Grandpa came up from the village and I teased him to harness Dick to the red sleigh, put on the hip bells and take me for a sleigh ride. The road was filled with snow, and it was still falling. Everything was horse drawn, and the snow roller did not get to our place until late. Reluctantly the old gentleman harnessed Dick into the sleigh with me trying to help. I brought out the bells and he anchored them to the harness.

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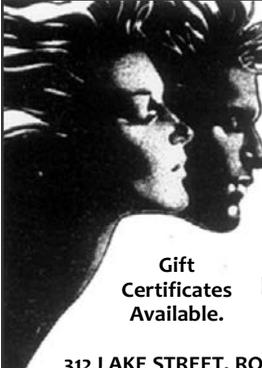
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Gentle horse turns into a demon

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Dick waded through the freshly fallen snow, and up the road we went to Brother's where we turned about and started back for home.

"The bells don't ring much, Grandpa," I said in disappointment.

Gramp smiled, and leaned forward, and shouted, "Ha! Dick!" He pulled the whip out of the socket, and laid it across the horse's fat back sides, just one time. Maybe Dick's thoughts went back to the day he stood on the bridge. Anyway, he lifted his big black head, his eyes widened and rolled so the whites in them showed. He leaped into a wild gallop, with those big brass bells making music aplenty.

Never before had I seen Dick show any life, except with reluctance. Grandpa yelled "Whoa!" and pulled with all his strength. I added my hands to the reins, but we made no impression on the big black horse. The old man sawed frantically and pulled him into the deeper snow beside the path, where he could only make headway by bounds.

Was I ever scared! My gentle Dick had turned into a wild demon! Every leap he made, the old sleigh jumped with him, and the hard snowballs from his feet flew past our heads and some hit us in the face. Grandpa said a lot of naughty words as he pulled. Those brass bells rang out on the frosty air with a clamor of sound I had never heard before.

"Stop him, Grandpa," I sobbed, "I'm afraid." But he was too busy to answer. It must be remembered that I was very young, and I had

supposed that my grandfather would cope with any emergency that should arise, also that Dick would do anything for me. I lost my cool and burst into tears. Then I deserted my two best friends, by leaping into the deep snow. I quickly realized I had made a mistake and wished I was back again.

"Wait for me, Grandpa," I bawled at the top of my lungs. The old man yelled back as he was pulling hard to no avail on the reins. "You can just walk home, leaving me like that!" As they disappeared he shouted angrily, "I'm ashamed of you!"

Away they went for home, and I wearily waded after them through the drifted snow, weeping.

About two years ago I left our farm and came

back to live in the village where I was born. Before I left I found those old brass hip bells and gave them to my friend Polly, who lived as a little girl in our neighborhood and used to ride the ponies with others. She loves bells and now they hang on her door in Connecticut reminding her of Vermont and me.

This simple story has given me a little food for thought — the most gentle people, as well as animals, can sometimes go berserk if there is too much pressure on them.

Sometimes one should listen closer to those inner voices of warning. They may carry a message one should think about. I also learned at first hand, it is not a pleasant feeling when one deserts a friend in an emergency.

Conservation district's annual plant sale

The Orleans County Natural Resource Conservation District (OCNRCD) is hosting its annual plant sale. The fundraiser is an opportunity for community members to purchase quality bareroot trees, shrubs, berry bushes, and other plants, while supporting the district's important conservation programming. One of the goals of the sale is to encourage individual self-sufficiency and land enhancements to private property.

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Falcon women earn their championship trophy

by Joseph Gresser

BARRE — It's a sure bet that no one who made the snowy slog from Newport to the Auditorium here Saturday regrets the trip. Those who braved the weather got to see a rip-snorter of a basketball game from which the women of North Country Union High School emerged as Division 2 state champions.

If the Falcons had any expectation that the Spaulding Crimson Tide would be awed when the announcer noted their 23-0 record for the season, they would have learned otherwise in the first minutes of the game. Spaulding, playing in its hometown but, as third seed with a 19-4 record officially the guests, played tough defense from the first and started the scoring with a short shot within the first minute of play.

North Country hung tough, but even easy shots weren't falling and the Crimson Tide went up 0-4. Then Sabine Brueck, caught in heavy traffic on the left side of the key, shoved off a pass to Emma Fortin standing open on the right.

Fortin didn't waste the opportunity and put up the Falcons' first points of the afternoon.

Spaulding responded with a long shot by Yvonne Roberge, the Crimson Tide's high scorer for the game with 11 points at the buzzer.

With the score 2-7, Brueck again tried to make her way inside from the right, but was fouled as she went up for the shot. She made the two free throws to bring the score to 4-7.

Her efforts were for naught as Sage MacAuley converted two free throws for Spaulding, bringing the



The 2023 Division 3 champions line up with their trophy. From left to right in back are Assistant Coach David Pepin, Haidin Bathalon, Aaliyah Wilburn, Reeve Applegate, Maya Auger, Sabine Brueck, Rileigh Fortin, and Junior Varsity Coach Seneca Smith. In front are Coach Sarah Roy, Cora Nadeau, Emma Fortin, Addie Nelson, and Abby Bathalon. Photos by Joseph Gresser

score to 4-9. Another two-pointer extended the Tide's lead to 4-11, but Cora Nadeau had the remedy — a three-point shot that brought the score to 7-11.

Another long bomb, this one from Maya Auger, almost closed the gap at 10-11. Brueck sank a basket to give the Falcons their first lead of the game — 12-11.

Spaulding took back the lead with a field goal, but Nadeau had the answer. With a minute left to play in the quarter the score was 14-13, and there it stayed.

The second quarter is best forgotten. Over the eight minutes of play the Falcons put up only two more points, courtesy of Nadeau. Unfortunately, Spaulding's players were not similarly restrained, but scored ten points, leaving the court at the half with the score at 16-23.

Falcons coach Sarah Roy, seeing the look of discouragement on her players' faces gave it to them straight. They had the power to change that mindset into one that believed that they were still in the game.

It appears the Falcons took their coach's words to heart. Less than a minute into the second half Brueck nailed a three-point shot and the score was 19-23.

Wary of her skill, Spaulding played Brueck close, a little too close, perhaps. She converted one of her free throws putting North Country only three points behind their rivals. Aaliyah Wilburn sank a short jump shot and the Falcons had cut their deficit to one point in less than two-and-a-half minutes.

Life isn't a fairy tale, though, and the Crimson Tide was not ebbing. A foul called on North Country allowed Spaulding to regain some ground.

Auger, driving to the hoop from the right side, was fouled and put her two points up from the free-throw line. The score with five minutes to play in the third quarter was 24-25.

An ill-timed turnover allowed Spaulding to score and the Falcons were again back by three.

Wilburn was having none of that and dropped another jump shot through the hoop to narrow the gap once more.

Spaulding's Taylor Keel spoiled North Country's little party with a three point shot, putting the Falcons back by four at 26-30.

Auger answered that shot from the outside bringing the score to 29-30.

Addie Nelson sank a field goal and the Falcon's comeback was complete at 31-30 and a new ballgame had begun.

Spaulding took the lead again with a two-point shot and the third period ended with the Crimson Tide holding a one-point advantage — 31-32. Nevertheless they were outscored 15 to 9 in the third and the game's momentum had certainly shifted.

Even though Spaulding scored, North Country knew it could defeat the team that kept them from the finals last year.

Brueck put up a two-point shot and Riley Fortin drew a foul, hitting on one of her free throws, bringing the score to 33-34.

Wilburn muscled her way to the hoop and sank another of her patented jumpers. The Falcons were back on top — 35-34.

The Tide hit a two-point shot, (Continued on page 11.)

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North Country victory is a full-team effort

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but Auger answered from downtown and the game stood at 38-36 with four minutes to play.

As the atmospheric pressure increased so did the number of fouls committed by both teams. Spaulding was the first to hit six team fouls for the half, but North Country was in the same jam a moment later.

With two and a half minutes in regulation time the score stood knotted at 38-38. Brueck, on a fast break, scored another two, putting the Falcons ahead for good.

A minute later Rileigh Fortin got the ball under the hoop and was promptly embraced by a Spaulding player and a foul called. She sank one of her free throws and the score stood at 41-38.

Spaulding's Roberge got her chance at the free-throw line and added two to her team's haul, but the time was late and the Falcons still led if only by a point.

The Crimson Tide made the mistake of fouling Auger who calmly dropped two through the net. At 43-40, the Falcons held a three-point lead.

At the 30-second mark, Spaulding again closed the gap with a two-pointer and the Falcon's were ahead, but only barely at 43-42.

With time short, North Country could have simply held onto the ball and claimed victory, but



Cora Nadeau scores in the first half.



Coach Sarah Roy has the enjoyable job of cutting down the game net after her team's hard-won victory.

Spaulding wasn't going to take that risk. When Brueck began to take the ball up court, she was promptly fouled.

The flaw in the Crimson Tide plan was explained by Brueck after the game. "We practiced for this situation all the time."

Practice paid off, as Brueck made her shots, giving North Country an almost invincible lead. Nevertheless, when Brueck held the ball again after a turn-over at Spaulding's end of the court, the Crimson Tide repeated the experiment.

The results were the same. Brueck sank two, the buzzer sounded only seconds after and with the scoreboard showing 47-42, the Falcons leapt exuberantly into each others arms in celebration.

As Wilburn said of the group that went through a full season without a loss, "We aren't just teammates, we're sisters."



Sabine Brueck rises to the hoop for the fourth-quarter shot that put the Falcons out front for good. Brueck was the game's high scorer with 16 points. North Country's balanced offense also featured Cora Nadeau with 13, Maya Auger with 7, and Aaliyah Wilburn with 6 in a true team effort.

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Cases resolved in Orleans County Superior Court

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT—Keith Sylvester, 33, of Newport will spend between 16 months and seven years behind bars after settling a host of charges in the Criminal Division of Orleans County Superior Court.

The guarantee of time to serve came when Mr. Sylvester admitted violating the terms of probation imposed when he was convicted of unlawful mischief, resisting arrest, and burglary in 2020. The underlying sentence imposed by Judge Robert Bent was 16 months to two years.

All but 70 days of the sentence were suspended and Mr. Sylvester was given a probation term that would have ended in January

of this year. Its conditions called for him “not to be convicted of another crime or engage in criminal behavior,” and ordered him “not to purchase, possess, consume any alcohol.”

When Mr. Sylvester pled guilty to driving under the influence (DUI-2), giving false information to a law enforcement officer in order to implicate another, and negligent driving while eluding a law enforcement officer, Judge Lisa Warren revoked his probation and ordered him returned to prison.

While the sentences for almost all the many offenses admitted by Mr. Sylvester will be served concurrently with the one for burglary, Judge Warren added five years to the maximum for the negligent driving charge.

According to the affidavit from Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Gonyaw, Mr. Sylvester was seen driving on Route 14 in Coventry on December 18. Deputy Gonyaw knew his license was under suspension and attempted to stop him.

Instead of pulling over, Mr. Sylvester pulled his truck into the Agency of Transportation garage in Irasburg and then drove out into the cornfield behind the garage. Deputy Gonyaw did not follow him into the field but watched his truck as it headed toward Back Coventry Road.

Along with deputies Jeremy Cotnoir, Jesse Testut, and Corey Marcoux he searched the area around Back Country Road. Deputy Cotnoir got a tip that a truck had been seen on Currier Hill Road.

Fresh tracks led off that road into another cornfield. Going into the cornfield, deputies Gonyaw and Cotnoir found an empty truck with three sets of footprints headed away from it. About 300 yards away they saw three people walking.

The officers caught up with them. One was Mr. Sylvester who denied driving and said another one of the trio was behind the wheel.

Deputy Gonyaw said he saw Mr. Sylvester driving and would add a charge of false information to his other offense.

“You got me, dude,” was Mr. Sylvester’s reply.

Mr. Sylvester agreed to a breath test which showed a high level of alcohol in his system.

He also pled guilty to a charge of domestic assault, State Police Trooper Logan Miller said in an affidavit that on April 15, 2022, a woman said Mr. Sylvester had assaulted a woman.

Mr. Sylvester said the woman punched him in the face while the two argued over a dog. She said he pushed her into a tree two or three times during the same quarrel.

The state dismissed several charges of violating conditions of release against Mr. Sylvester, but he pled guilty to seven others, based on his contacting the woman he assaulted although being barred from doing so.

Derby man admits obstruction of justice

Travis Chilafoux, 43, of Derby was also in court to resolve a number of charges. He pled guilty to providing false information to an officer, in one case, while the state dismissed charges of driving while his license was under suspension (DLS) and identity theft.

Sheriff’s Deputy Chase Walters said in his affidavit that he pulled Mr. Chilafoux over on February 27, 2020, after a check turned up no record of the license plate in the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) database.

Mr. Chilafoux gave a false name to Deputy Walters and Trooper Paul Pennoyer who saw DMV information showing a different appearing man with the name given.

In a second case, the state dismissed 14 charges of violating conditions of release and Mr. Chilafoux pled guilty to two such charges and one of obstruction of justice.

An affidavit from State Police Sergeant Joshua Mikkola said Mr. Chilafoux, while incarcerated, attempted to contact a woman he was not supposed to be in touch with and, at one point, using coded language tried to get her to say she had lied in a complaint about him.

Judge Warren gave Mr. Chilafoux a sentence that allows him to remain free as long as he does not commit another offense. If he does he will face a maximum of five years in prison without the state having to institute further legal proceedings.

Theft charges settled

Robert S. Ingram, 38, of Island Pond received a similar, but shorter sentence when he resolved pending charges.

Those charges included a misdemeanor charge of possession of cocaine, on December 8, 2021, retail theft from Tractor Supply in Derby on April 5, 2022, retail theft from J.B. Colton in Orleans on May 19, 2022, retail theft from Kinney Drugs in Derby on April 12, 2022, violating conditions of release and retail theft from Vista Foods in Newport on June 25, 2022, violating conditions of release and resisting arrest on August 19 in Newport, violating conditions of release and disorderly conduct by fighting on August 26 in Brownington, and disorderly conduct by making too much noise in Newport on September 8, 2022.

Mr. Ingram pled guilty to all charges but the fighting offense, to which he pled no contest. If he does not commit a further offense he will remain out of jail. If not, he could spend as much as 12 months behind bars.



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Events at Craftsbury Public Library

There are two events happening at the Craftsbury library this weekend.

The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) and the Craftsbury Public Library are offering a fun, do-it-yourself beeswax food wrap workshop on Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m.

Beeswax food wraps are a reusable, breathable, and antimicrobial alternative to single-use plastics and aluminum foil for food storage. The wraps can be reused hundreds of times.

There is a supply of fabric available, but if people have any fabric scraps at home, this could be the perfect use for them.

Fabric must be 100 percent cotton (if it isn't, the wax won't stick). Because hot irons and the beeswax itself will get quite hot, participants must be age 14 and above unless accompanied by an adult.

Registration is limited to the first 12 people to sign up. Contact the library at (802) 586-9683 or director@craftsburypubliclibrary.org to reserve a spot.

The library will also host traveler Amelia Fritz on Sunday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., to share photos and stories about her December 2022 trip to Kenya.

Her slideshow "Toward the Rains" will illustrate some of her experiences as she traveled throughout the country. Ms. Fritz stayed at three camps in three different conservancies and saw lions, cheetahs, zebras, rhinos, giraffes, elephants, and more.

She visited young, orphaned animals at Reteti Elephant Sanctuary and helped monitor endangered rhinos with anti-poaching rangers. She met with Dorcas, a public health nurse, and her community. As she traveled north, the rains came and what a tremendous difference that made for all living creatures, as her slides will illustrate. — from the Craftsbury Public Library.

Essay challenge

For the third year in a row, the Attorney General's Office is holding an Earth Day essay challenge and asking fifth and sixth graders to submit essays on the environment.

The Attorney General's Earth Day Essay Challenge is open to any fifth- or sixth-grade student in Vermont. The challenge will run through April 7.

For more information on the Attorney General's Earth Day Essay Challenge, including how to submit an essay, visit ago.vermont.gov, click on "environmental protection," then click on "Earth Day essay challenge." — from the office of the Attorney General of Vermont.

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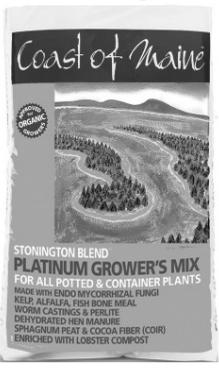


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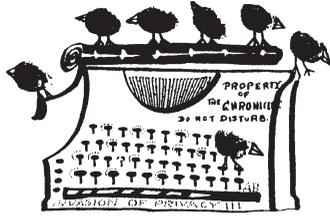
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Ten years ago

March 6, 2013

Lowell Town Meeting Voters cut town taxes to zero

by Sam Thurston

LOWELL — The town of Lowell is starting to receive the first of the promised money from the owners of “Kingdom Community Wind” for the wind towers sited here, which will be \$535,000 for this year. None of this money can be used for the schools, only for the municipal tax.

Article 8 at Town Meeting asked that the money be used to bring the municipal tax to zero. An objection was raised to that idea by Larry Chase, who thought that wiping out the entire municipal tax would make town expenses be inclined to go up. He suggested that not all but only a portion of the payments go to reducing the municipal tax.

Selectman Richard Pion felt this change to the article should be rejected because the reason a lot of people were in favor of the wind project in the first place was the expectation it would lower taxes. Mr. Chase’s amendment was defeated and the article passed as proposed.

It was also noted, and added as an amendment to a related article, that any money that is in excess of what is needed to reduce the municipal tax to zero, which will be put into a savings reserve fund, can only be spent after a duly warned Town Meeting or the regular March Town Meeting.

Oftentimes over the last 20 years when the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department request for appropriations came up, complaints were made regarding the quality of the service, and sometimes the appropriation has been reduced. This time when

the article was read an immediate request to pass over the motion was voiced. Passing over an article means to drop it altogether. The “pass over” was done by ballot. The result was 59 for passing over and 56 for discussion. So by a margin of two voters Lowell for the first time declined to send any money to the sheriff’s department. It was done without discussion. It was the only funding request not approved.”

Twenty years ago

March 5, 2003

Greensboro Town Meeting Greensboro voters didn’t go home before dark

by Lewis Hill

GREENSBORO — When darkness began to peek through the windows of Fellowship Hall in Greensboro Tuesday afternoon, the voters decided finally that they had had enough. While each of the 15 articles up to that time had drawn speaker after speaker to the front, the last four were approved in record time.

Over 200 people crowded into the hall, standing in back and filling the hallways and stairs, a far cry from the days when 70 voters might appear. Since much of the large crowd arrived early, Bobbie Nisbet took the opportunity to present power-point pictures of the building of the new park in Greensboro Bend. Constructed by adults in the community and young people in the Bend, it provides a spot for games including basketball, that is much safer than playing in the street.

At the beginning of the meeting, Herb Harris listed errors in the town report, which kept voters busy for some time adjusting the figures. Tim Nisbet was re-elected moderator and Bridget Collier as town clerk. George Young then presented the prestigious Greensboro Award to William Eisner Sr., listing the many talents that Bill has shared with the town, including his piano and accordion music, work in the library, the kazoo band, the school, organist at the church in East Hardwick, and much more. His award was a beautiful blue pitcher made by Lucas Lonegren, a local glass craftsman.

Representatives David Bolduc and John Rodgers spoke briefly, mostly on the importance of Act 60 reform, and what the Legislature was trying to do. Both said the House version was better than the Senate’s, as the House version would do away with funding education by property taxes and eliminate the sharing pool....

Thirty years ago

March 3, 1993

Tax sale of asbestos mine rescheduled

by Tena Starr

LOWELL — A tax sale of property owned by Vermont Asbestos Group (VAG) in Lowell has been rescheduled for March 27.

The sale was originally set for last Saturday. It was postponed because of a technicality. One of the parties that would be affected by the sale had, through an oversight, not received proper notification, Lowell Tax Collector Barbara Beattie said. The tax sale was called because property taxes on the asbestos mine’s Lowell property for 1991 and 1992, totaling almost \$150,000, are unpaid. Under the law, a town has the right to sell property to recoup the amount owed in taxes.

Unpaid taxes for 1991 were \$81,092. For 1992 they were \$68,537. VAG’s property is in both Eden and Lowell, with about half its 2,800 acres in each town.

Asbestos, which resists fire, was once widely used in buildings. Since the substance has been linked to lung cancer, however, its use has declined.

The mine is owned by Howard Manosh. Ms. Beattie said the taxes remain unpaid.

In mid-1988 the mine was one of only two remaining asbestos mines in the country. The other was in California.

Vermont Asbestos Group was once the country’s biggest worker-owned industry. The mine’s 178 employees bought the place in 1974, after its owner, the GAF Corporation, said it would close rather than pay for improvements needed to meet federal pollution standards.

Forty years ago

March 2, 1983

Barton Town Meeting Barton elects new constable

by Bethany M. Dunbar

BARTON — Neal White, new town constable, shouldn’t have any trouble fulfilling his campaign promises. He promised the voters he would do absolutely nothing, and he will have the chance because the town voted him into office over the incumbent, Romeo Vezina, 161 to 36.

Elected as a write-in candidate a year ago, Mr. Vezina encountered stiff opposition from the selectmen when he tried to take an active role in local law enforcement. The constable has not traditionally been active in Barton, and Mr. White’s “do-nothing” campaign gave voters the opportunity to retire the office once again....

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Falcon boys buy a ticket to the Aud

by Matthew Wilson

NEWPORT — The North Country Union High School Falcons and Mount St. Joseph Green Wave faced off on the basketball court Friday night, a match that saw the

teams go toe to toe until the last quarter. Each battled hard to earn a trip to the Barre Auditorium for the semi-final round of Division 2 championships Saturday evening.

In the first quarter the Falcons were caught off guard by the Green

Wave's O. Traynor, who brought Mount St. Joseph ten points. In the next quarter, the Falcons defense locked Traynor down, refusing to allow him to run up the score further. The Falcons adapted to the opposition and kept the ball on the move. Falcons Jordan Driver and Cooper Brueck scored point after point as North Country began to pick up momentum. At halftime, the score sat at 24 to 20 with the Falcons on the rise.

The Falcons continued to press forward through the third quarter, but the Green Wave returned to the court with renewed strength. Their defense was staunch and the Falcons found it difficult to secure more than a few baskets. What small edge the Falcon's found was worn away. By the end of the third quarter, the score was nearly even. The Falcons led but only by two points.

With the score so close and the stakes so high, the final quarter got a bit rowdy. Nearly 30 foul shots were taken throughout the quarter, as the Green Tide's players battled across the court.

More and more desperate to win, Mount St. Joseph fought on, never giving up. The Green Wave's determination may have been present, but they just couldn't keep up as Brueck and Driver continued to score.

The Falcons ran up another 25 points in the fourth quarter alone, as they charged towards victory, their eyes on semifinals. They ended the game up by 54 to 38.

North Country will move on to the Barre Aud, where the third-seeded Falcons, who boast a 20-2 record, will go up against the second-seed and undefeated Fair Haven Slaters on March 8.



Falcon Jordan Driver, 4, easily pierces the Green Wave's defense on his way to racking up 23 points. He was the game's high scorer. Photo by Matthew Wilson

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Sharing the magic of gardening with children

by **Deborah J. Benoit**
Extension Master Gardener
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Spring is in the air, and what better way to celebrate a return to gardening than to share its magic with children? It's not too early to start planning now.

Consider dedicating a small piece of the garden this summer as a spot where the kids in your life can experience the magic of gardening firsthand. To keep things simple, consider limiting the plant varieties from which they can choose.

They can help pick out seeds to start indoors in early spring or join in choosing starter plants at the garden center later. When planting time arrives, guide them through the process and show them how to care for their plants. A small watering can and kid-size garden tools will make it easier for them to take part.

If there's no space for a tiny garden plot, containers are good alternatives for a child's first garden. After planting, place the containers in good light where your child can easily observe the wonder of plant growth.

Whatever form your child's garden takes, it all begins with a seed. A tray of seed-starter mix or pellets that expand with the addition of water are readily available at garden stores and easy to use.

Creating your own seed-starting blocks is a project you can do together. Using a soil block maker, press moistened potting soil into the device,

then eject onto a seed-starting tray. It takes a little practice, but that's half the fun.

When helping your child choose what to plant, consider something easy to grow to help ensure success. Sunflowers are quick growing, showy, and sure to bring a smile.

Local stores should have a number of varieties available. Seed packets contain growing information, including when to plant outside, how tall the sunflower will grow, and how long it will take to flower.

For a bit of garden magic, check young sunflower flowers at different times during the day during the growing season. They begin the morning facing east and slowly turn toward the west, following the sun. When mature, the sunflower's seeds can provide a welcomed meal for local birds or roasted as a tasty snack for the young gardener.

For another gardening idea, what could be more fun for kids than growing their own jack-o'-lantern for Halloween?

Pumpkin seeds can be started indoors about three weeks before the average last frost date for your area. Or purchase starter plants from a local nursery. Transplant outdoors or direct sow seeds in the garden after all danger of frost has passed.

Bush beans and snow peas also are fun options for kids to grow. They're quick growing and can be eaten right off the vine. Other possibilities include radishes (harvest in less than a month!), cherry tomatoes and marigolds. For more on seed starting, see <https://go.uvm.edu/startseeds>.

Whatever plants you choose, be sure to involve your children in planning, preparing, planting, growing, and harvesting the garden. If you're so inclined, save some of the seeds from this year's harvest for next year's adventure so they can see how the magic continues.

When you venture into the garden with children, introduce them to the magical presence of nature: fat bumblebees buzzing among the blossoms, the sound of birds singing as they go about their days and devouring insect pests, and even the persistence of weeds. Don't forget the frogs, toads, salamanders, and garter snakes that help with pest control. How many can they identify?

Introducing the magic of gardening to children can be rewarding on so many levels. Along the way, you just might reawaken your inner child and find yourself smiling at the magic yourself.

Deborah J. Benoit is a UVM Extension master gardener from North Adams, Massachusetts, who is part of the Bennington County Chapter.

New fish and wildlife board member from Irasburg

Governor Phil Scott has appointed Paul F. Noel of Irasburg as the new Fish and Wildlife Board member from Orleans County.

Originally from the northern Adirondacks, Mr. Noel earned his bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife management from the State University of New York at Cobleskill.

Mr. Noel's many outdoor pursuits include fishing, hiking, hunting, nature photography, skiing, snowshoeing, and trapping. He currently volunteers as a chief instructor for the fish and wildlife department's hunter and trapper education programs and let's go fishing program.

The Fish and Wildlife Board is a citizen panel that sets Vermont's rules regulating fishing, hunting, and trapping. Board members serve six-year terms, with one board member from each of Vermont's 14 counties. — from the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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

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District Quality Standards.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P004

AGENCY: Agency of Education

CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed new rules describe core elements inherent in a high quality system of local education delivery. The rules establish standards regarding critical (i) business practices (in re: budgeting & accounting, risk management & internal controls, personnel management, and data management); (ii) facilities management and safety practices; and (iii) governance priorities, protocols, and processes. The proposed rules describe a system of self-evaluation, publication of metrics, and Agency support and oversight for school districts/supervisory unions/supervisory districts to attain the stated standards. The rules are written to acknowledge that although 16 V.S.A. § 165 speaks of "districts," other statutes assign responsibility for duties related to business, facilities, and governance to (i) supervisory unions to perform on behalf of their member school districts and (ii) supervisory districts (i.e., single school districts that serve as their own supervisory unions) to perform on their own behalf.

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AGENDA FOR SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2023, 8:00 A.M.

Albany Town Clerk's Office

Call Meeting to order.

Additions to or deletions from the Agenda.

1. Yearly meeting with Derby AOT.
2. Any other business.
3. To adjourn.

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Holland Town Meeting will return to Tuesday

by Matthew Wilson

HOLLAND — The roads were snowy Saturday morning, but that didn't stop the people of Holland from conducting their annual Town Meeting. Members of the community heard from their state representative, who shared information about a few bills moving through the Legislature that he thinks may affect rural Vermonters. Town residents also decided to use surplus roadway money to establish a reserve fund to help pay for a needed town garage. They also discussed whether or not to go back to having a Tuesday meeting next year.

Representative Larry Labor of neighboring Morgan spoke to the gathering ahead of its regular business. He first mentioned bill H.23, which would change state law so active voters get a mail-in ballot upon request rather than automatically.

Mr. Labor said its intent is to make sure people only vote once in the place where they are legally registered.

"You've got three stovepipes in the state," he said. "The clerk's offices, post offices, and the secretary of state." Mr. Labor said it would make things simpler to have the ballots sent only upon request to keep offices from receiving invalid mail-in ballots.

"If the town clerk is doing their due diligence, that won't happen," Town Clerk Diane Judd said, before explaining how the system by which the ballot is sent out is designed to keep a void ballot from going to its recipient.

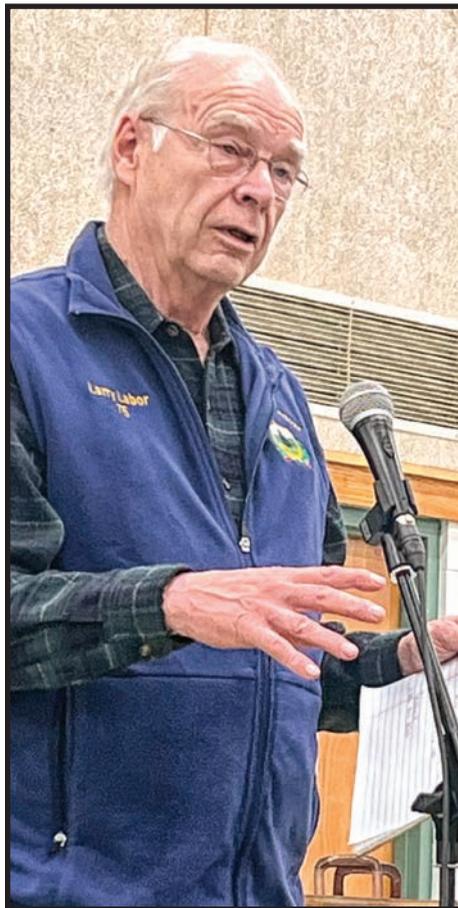
Mr. Labor then talked about a Right to Repair Act designed to allow people the right to fix their electronics. Specialized electronics usually must be sent away to authorized repair services when they break because access to schematics are guarded.

"Turns out tractors have a lot of electronics," he said. The bill, if it becomes law, will allow farmers to maintain their machines rather than having to wait for a dealership to send a technician.

The last piece of legislature Mr. Labor wished to bring to the people's attention was the Clean Heat Standard Act. The bill is intended to reduce reliance on fossil fuels to help cut pollution.

Mr. Labor said that if the bill passes the price of gas is estimated to rise by 70 cents a gallon.

"These things are going to have a zero climate impact from 650,000 people in Vermont," he said.



State Representative Larry Labor reports on doings in Montpelier at the Holland Town Meeting Saturday. Residents thanked Mr. Labor for showing up. Several said they can't remember the last time a state representative attended Holland's meeting.

Photo by Matthew Wilson

Once Mr. Labor was done, the meeting moved on to Holland's regular business.

No major changes were made in town officials. Andrew Bouchard retained his seat on the select board on Jennifer Harlow's nomination. A few members of the community volunteered to be on the planning commission, but it seemed that no one wanted to deal with Holland's trash as nobody stepped forward for the solid waste district representative position.

The budget — \$849,843.23 — passed quickly, but that wasn't the only large financial issue on the agenda for the day.

Select board member Trevor Gray told residents that some years there is a surplus at the end of the year. In the past that extra money has been used to offset the cost of paving or lower taxes. Mr. Gray suggested that the town use such money to establish a reserve fund to help to pay for a new town garage.

"A lot of our equipment is parked outside right now," he said. "Expensive equipment. The measure attracted no opposition, and the fund was started with the \$79,726 left over from 2022.

Scheduling next year's meeting

stirred up a lot of discussion. One citizen said that while it seemed the Saturday scheduling had drawn a larger crowd in 2022, the crowd present for the meeting was small this year.

"I can remember having 120 to 130 people here," town resident Ernie Emmerson said. Whether due to inclement weather or the scheduling, only 37 people attended the meeting.

Tom Scherer, another resident, said that he felt a meeting earlier in the day was harder for people with jobs to attend. Some conversation

centered on holding the meeting later in the evening as other towns do. It was suggested that Monday night may be a good option, but that was quickly shot down.

Eventually, a motion to return the meeting to Tuesday was put forward. A voice vote was too close to call and raised hands produced a difference of only three votes.

Mr. Bouchard suggested that the vote go to a paper ballot. In the end, 19 people voted to move the meetings back to Tuesday, with 14 voting for different options.

WARNING

BARTON VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING

March 14, 2023

The legal voters of the Village of Barton, in the Town of Barton, in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barton Village Memorial Building HALL in said Barton Village, March 14, 2023 at Seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening to transact the following business, from the floor:

Article 1: Elect a Moderator for one year.

Article 2: Elect a Clerk for one year.

Article 3: Elect a Trustee for three years and elect a Trustee for two years.

Article 4: Elect the following officers for one year.

Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Article 5: Shall the Village compensate the following elected officials for 2023. These funds will be raised through operating budgets from the Village departments as allowed. Trustee - \$1500, Clerk - \$210, Treasurer - 1% of taxes collected, Delinquent Tax Collector - 8% of Taxes Collected.

Article 6: Shall the Village raise \$65,000 through taxes upon the grand list for the funds requested in the 2023 Annual Village Budget and the ensuing year, and direct the Trustees to assess a tax on the grand list sufficient to meet the same. (See Village Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Article 7: Shall the Village raise \$338,100 through taxes upon the grand list for the funds requested in the 2023 Annual Highway Budget and the ensuing year, and direct the Trustees to assess a tax on the grand list sufficient to meet the same. (See Highway Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Article 8: Shall the Village raise \$68,804 through taxes and user fees for water department capital debt retirement and water capital reserve funds, such funds will be used for major repairs, replacement and upgrades to the structural components of the Village water system. (See Water Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Article 9: Shall the Village raise \$57,200 through taxes and user fees for wastewater department capital debt retirement and wastewater capital reserve funds, such funds will be used for major replacements and upgrades to the structural components of the Village Wastewater System. (See Wastewater Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Article 10: Shall the Village appropriate the sum of \$5,000 in funds to be used as matching funds for grant applications that demonstrate direct benefit to the Village of Barton community and/or its residents with requirements for said appropriation to be a report of income and expense and instruct the Trustees to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?

Article 11: Shall the Village collect its taxes due and payable within 60 days without discount. Interest to accrue on delinquent taxes at the maximum rate allowed by law and an 8% penalty assessed on all delinquent taxes and postmarks are not acceptable as payment dates?

Article 12: Shall the Village authorize the Board of Trustees to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2023 annual budget article adopted at the 2022 annual meeting during the period from January 1, 2024 until the annual village meeting held in March 2024.

Article 13: A Public Information Session regarding the future of the electric company.

Article 14: To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article 15: To Adjourn.

Dated at Barton Village, this 6th day of February, 2023

/S/ Jacqueline Laurion, Trustee

/S/ Justin "Tin" Barton-Caplin, Trustee

/S/ Nathan Sicard, Trustee

Attest:

/S/ Shelia Martin

Barton Village Clerk

Area 4-H'ers compete

Thirty-seven 4-H club members, ranging from Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) to 4-H teens, took part in the 2023 Northeast Region 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contest at Waterford Elementary School on February 12.

The afternoon event got underway with the hippology contest, which included a written test, tack identification, measuring a girth, and hippology boards. The latter are skill-a-thon stations on different horse-related topics that involved matching a picture to an answer in a provided word bank on the board.

Placements were as follows:

Seniors (14 and older): Renee Payton (first) and Abby McReynolds (second), both from Danville; Josie Thomas, Waterford (third); Ainsley Kendall, Ryegate (fourth); Lily Call, Waterford (fifth); and Elizabeth Gamble, Peacham (sixth).

Juniors (12-13): Annabelle Jensen, Charleston (first); Makenna Amadon, Cabot (second); Willa Davis (third) and Paige Hemond (fourth), both from Waterford; Kassandra Koehler, Newport (fifth); and Lexie Vinal, Troy (sixth).

Juniors (10-11): Lillie Royer, Newport Center (first); Vera Acheson, Troy (second); Penelope Longe, Newport (third); Jayde Hopkins, Derby (fourth); Desiree Jenson, Charleston (fifth); and Laney Cahoon, Waterford (sixth).

Juniors (8-9): LeighAnn Judd, Wolcott (first); Isla Beattie, Danville

(second); Maggie Guyer, Morgan (third); Aubree Giddings, Waterford (fourth); and Bailey Tallman, Wolcott (fifth).

All participants also competed in the horse quiz bowl, earning points for being the first to buzz in with the correct answer to questions relating to horse breeds, colors, anatomy, nutrition, and other equine topics.

The winners in each age group were:

Seniors: Abby McReynolds, Danville (first); Lily Call, Waterford (second); Elizabeth Gamble, Peacham (third); Ainsley Kendall, Ryegate (fourth); Renee Payton, Danville (fifth); and Josie Thomas, Waterford (sixth).

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Four 4-H Cloverbuds participated



The Kingdom Hoofbeats 4-H Club of Derby Line had a strong showing at the Northeast Region 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contest, held February 12 at Waterford Elementary School in Waterford. Participating in the events were: Front row (left to right): Taylor and Brooklyn Peck, Sheffield; Maggie Guyer, Morgan; and Nora Acheson, Troy. Back row: Vera Acheson, Troy; Lillie Royer, Newport Center; Desiree and Annabelle Jensen, Charleston; Penelope Longe, Newport, Jayde Hopkins, Derby; Kassandra Koehler, Newport, and Lexie Vinal, Troy.

Photo courtesy of Kristie Acheson

in hippology and quiz bowl in a non-competitive, fun way to learn about horses. They were Nora Acheson, Troy; Olive Adams, Barnet; Zayne Franko, Wheelock; and Brooklyn Peck, Sheffield.

The event was sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H and coordinated by UVM Extension 4-H educators

Lindy Birch and Holly Ferris. Several adult volunteers and parents assisted with the competitions.

To learn more about 4-H in Essex and Orleans counties, contact Lindy Birch at (802) 334-7235. — from UVM Extension 4-H.

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The Chronicle has a part-time opening in our production department. As a production assistant you would be creating ads, laying out pages, as well as sending files to press.

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The job consists of strenuous physical labor, working with sewer/water lines, nighttime shifts, on call during the winter months, snow plowing/removal and long hours. Candidates must be willing and able to study and learn new techniques as they apply to the position.

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Graphic novel tells tale of Alexander Twilight

by Trisha Ingalls

BROWNINGTON — A new biography of Alexander Twilight was officially released February 26 at the Old Stone House Museum, this time in the form of a graphic novel. Artist Bill Tulp, who wrote and illustrated *The Life and Times of Alexander Twilight: A Graphic Biography*, presented to about 30 people who made their way to the former Orleans County Grammar School in a snowstorm.

Dana Karuza, associate director of on-site education at the Old Stone House Museum, introduced Mr. Tulp, and said the gathering was not just a celebration of the book, but a celebration of the legacy of Mr. Twilight. She said she hopes all local schools will get copies of the book and integrate them into their curricula.

Mr. Tulp was selected as one of four “Open for Interpretation” artists to work on grant-funded interpretive art projects at the Old Stone House Museum.

He began his presentation by going back to when he first got started with what he called visual storytelling. Mr. Tulp said he always loved art and drawing, and used to get comic books at the drug store as soon as they came out.

“I was fascinated by the integration of the words and the pictures,” he said. “The ways you could manipulate the drawings and the panels, the ways you use the narration and the word balloons, and you basically tell a story. You create your own world, you can interpret somebody else’s stories; I guess it felt similar to film in a lot of ways, but it was something you could do more personally. With film you had to have all these people to

do it, but with comics you could tell your own story, with just a couple of people collaborating. You could tell the whole story with that.”

Mr. Tulp’s first major experiment with graphic storytelling took place when he lived in Missoula, Montana, and became involved in a social justice movement for El Salvador, which led to his first comic book. It was called *El Salvador: A House Divided*. Holding it up, he showed his audience how he starts with a large piece of Bristol board and creates the story to a scale that will then be reduced for printing. The lesson he learned with his first project was not to do the whole thing at once without checking how it would look printed — it came out too dark, and he had to go back and do much of his artwork again.

Mr. Tulp talked about early challenges of where his work fit — or didn’t — in the literary world. When comic book stores opened they wanted to focus on superheroes and science fiction, whereas traditional bookstores didn’t see comics as serious enough for them to sell. Things turned around in 1978 when Will Eisner wrote *A Contract with God*, four short stories in comic book style about growing up in the Jewish tenements of New York City. He may have been the one to coin the phrase, “graphic novel.”

Following that, *Maus* by Art Spiegelman was the first graphic novel to be admitted to bookstores as a serious piece of art, and many graphic novels for adults and children followed.

Mr. Tulp said he applied for the grant to take on the project at the Old Stone House Museum because he had worked for the museum before and found Mr. Twilight an



Bill Tulp, author of *The Life and Times of Alexander Twilight: a Graphic Biography*, talks about his lifetime of creating graphic stories and his process for creating Mr. Twilight’s biography. Photos by Trisha Ingalls

interesting, charismatic character who would lend himself well to being portrayed in a graphic novel.

He used ink wash to create his artwork; except for the cover, the graphic biography is in black and white. Mr. Tulp said a creative story would have been faster to write and draw, but because this one involved extensive historical research it took him about six months. The story spans the years 1795 to 1857. He started with the life of Mr. Twilight’s father, Ichabod, because he thought his story showed a lot of what was happening in this area during that time period.

Sometimes, Mr. Tulp had to

imagine what things looked like, or rely on historians for his efforts. For example, there used to be a bell tower on the building of the grammar school, but it was removed when the school itself was moved. Bob Hunt, associate director of operations at the Old Stone House Museum, found him pictures of what it could have looked like so he could draw an accurate bell tower on the grammar school.

In another panel, he drew Mr. Twilight at Middlebury College surrounded by boys and girls; however, William Hart let him know there wouldn’t have been any girls at Middlebury College at that time, and Mr. Tulp had to change them to boys.

William B. Hart, retired professor emeritus of history at Middlebury College, was an important resource for Mr. Tulp during the creation of the graphic novel. Mr. Hart is writing a biography about Alexander Twilight and the ambiguities of race, something which Mr. Tulp conceded was difficult to navigate in his artistic portrayal of Mr. Twilight.

“His race was ambiguous,” Mr. Tulp said. “His father and grandfather were both biracial, his students described him as olive-skinned. It made it hard to work with.”

In an interview following the book launch, Old Stone House Museum Executive Director Molly Veysey addressed the ambiguities of Mr. Twilight’s race and the importance of his legacy.

“Alexander Twilight was the first person of African descent to graduate from a U.S. college — Middlebury in 1823 — and also to have been an elected state official anywhere in the country when he was elected to the Vermont House (Continued on page 21.)

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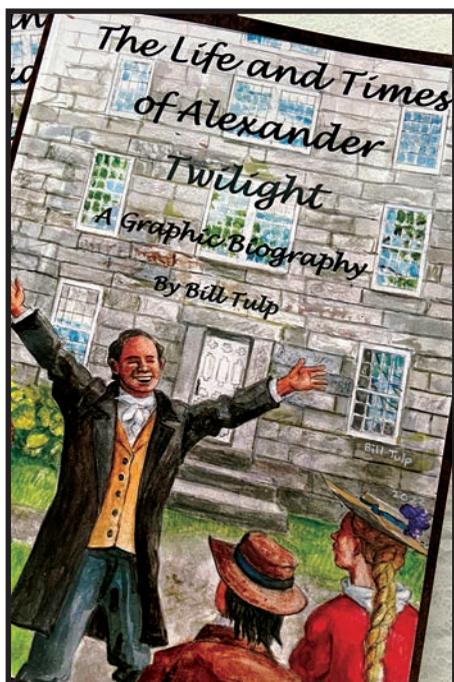
Graphic biography engaging representation of his life

(Continued from page 20.)

in 1836,” Ms. Veysey said. “Mr. Twilight’s racial ambiguity is dispelled by early census records, which clearly identify Alexander’s father and family unit as African American. Artists, like Mr. Tulp, have to do an enormous amount of research and imagining to turn the one daguerreotype of Mr. Twilight available into images with personality and motion.”

During the creation of the story Mr. Tulp would send drafts of the texts and drawings to Mr. Hart and others for review. For the introduction to the book, he drew on an article written by late Irasburg author Howard Frank Mosher published in *Vermont Life* magazine titled, “Alexander Twilight and One of the Last Best Places.”

“I like the way the Stone House still looms up on that hilltop, where the wind blows all the time,” Mr. Mosher wrote. “There it sits, unshaken and monolithic, as I write this sentence and as you read it,



The cover of *The Life and Times of Alexander Twilight: a Graphic Biography*, written and illustrated by Bill Tulp.

every bit as astonishing today as the day it was completed.

“What a tribute to the faith of its creator, the Reverend Alexander Twilight: scholar, husband, teacher, preacher, legislator, father-away-from-home to nearly 3,000 boys and girls, an African American and a Vermonter of great vision, whose remains today lie buried in the church-yard just up the maple-lined dirt road from his granite school, in what surely was, and still is, one of the last best places anywhere.”

The graphic biography itself is an engaging visual representation of Mr. Twilight’s life, beginning with the birth of his father, Ichabod Twilight. It is divided up chronologically but also thematically into sections, like Mr. Twilight’s youth as an indentured farmworker, and his early teaching years. It goes on to describe “the difficult years,” his legacy, and a page called

“fact or legend?” that Mr. Tulp said he did in a different style — without the story panels — to give Mr. Twilight a mythic quality similar to Paul Bunyan. One page includes samples of notes written by Mr. Twilight’s students in 1888, who seemed to regard him fondly.

The slim volume also has information and color photos from the Old Stone House Museum and an extensive bibliography that bears out Mr. Tulp’s extensive research efforts.

The book, published and distributed by Onion River Press, will be selling for \$12.99 at local bookstores immediately, and at the Old Stone House Museum Gift Shop bookstore in the spring. The book can also be purchased directly from the author by emailing billtulpart@gmail.com.

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While college fairs — events in which colleges eager to recruit and prospective students anxious to explore their options come together — are a normal part of the process for high school juniors and seniors, opportunities for secondary school students who may not be college-bound are hard to find.

This spring, with help from a grant through the Vermont Community Foundation's NEK Fund, Lyndon Institute plans to change that by offering a career and apprenticeship fair, the first of its kind in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

Like much of the country, Vermont is experiencing a shortage of workers in certain labor sectors. And while schools like Lyndon Institute and other high schools that sponsor tech centers are producing students with marketable skills who are well-prepared to enter the workforce and contribute to the economic vitality of the region, it is often difficult to connect them directly with potential employers and local resources that can help them earn a livable wage.

Angela Ryan, the fair's organizer, has designed this event to help with this challenge. "We hope that by having a more interactive experience, students will be able to network with area employers eager for skilled workers and make those important connections," she said.

Research from the McClure Foundation shows that 70 percent of Vermont's highest paying occupations require some kind of credential after high school graduation.

"Seniors are typically anxious about the transition out of high school. And this is just as true for those who aren't going directly to a four-

year college," Ms. Ryan said. "For years students have been told that college was the best pathway out of poverty, but little attention has focused on other pathways to high-demand, high-paying jobs, such as certifications, apprenticeship programs, and other credentials of value. This fair will provide an opportunity for students to learn about area training programs or other local programs for those who want to stay and put down roots in our community."

Ms. Ryan indicated the fair has another potential benefit for those who may not necessarily be graduating this spring. "Our event may be able to connect students with businesses who have summer employment opportunities, as well," she said. "Summer jobs are important chances for students to build their resumé, enhance their college applications, gain firsthand knowledge about what it takes to be an employee, or even explore possible future careers."

Lyndon Institute is hoping to expand the reach of the fair to high schools not only in Caledonia County, but Orleans and Essex counties, as well, and would like to see it become a yearly event. Lyndon Institute hopes to collaborate with area businesses and colleges, trade unions, the NEK Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Labor Apprenticeship coordinator, Lyndonville Rotary, and VSAC GEAR UP.

Lyndon Institute plans to hold the fair at the Fenton Chester Arena in Lyndon Center in April. Businesses and community organizations who are interested in participating are encouraged to contact Lyndon Institute's work based learning

coordinator, Michelle Parson, at michelle.parson@lyndoninstitute.org. — from Lyndon Institute.

Seed swap in Hardwick

It's time for the Swap Sisters' annual Seed Swap. Please join the Swap Sisters on Sunday, March 12, at the Hardwick Memorial Building, 20 Church Street in Hardwick.

All are welcome, whether they are a new gardener in need of seeds or an old pro with homegrown or extra seeds to share.

From 1 to 2 p.m., the Swap Sisters will welcome Ian Maas of Great Brook Nursery in Plainfield to introduce the idea of a new regional seed saving collective and discuss how to encourage local seed production to further strengthen regional food and farm security. Bring input and find a place in this exciting local venture.

The free-for-all seed swap will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. In years past the swap has offered a lot of donated seed from local seed companies as well as seed saved by gardeners themselves and older or excess seed purchased from seed companies that neighbors are willing to share. All are encouraged to attend this free event whether they have something to swap or not.

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Smooth sailing at Derby Town Meeting

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“You’re going to be paying an extra five cents for a juice box or a bottle,” Mr. Smith said. “They’re good cleanup bills.”

Mr. Smith also spoke about a bill meant to preserve the natural landscape. “They’re calling it the 30-30 and 50-50 bill,” he said. The state wants to preserve 30 percent of the land by 2030 and 50 percent by 2050. Right now, the Northeast Kingdom is at 43 percent in 2023, so it’s kind of a moot point for us up here but Chittenden County is only 8 percent preserved. I suggested to the committee that they do a little bit of work around Lake Champlain to get them to put a little more effort into their cleanup.”

The last piece of legislation that Mr. Smith wanted to talk about was S.5.

“I call it the Unaffordable Heat Act,” Mr. Smith said. “They want to electrify cars and heating in the state. If this bill passes the way it is, all of us in here are going to be paying a lot more for fuel, diesel fuel, and it’s gonna put loggers out of business.”

He explained further, saying that the bill was amended to include a study and in January of 2025 the bill would be revisited.

“This bill is essentially dead now,” Mr. Smith said, thanking Senators Russ Ingalls and Bobby Starr for the work they’ve done to halt the measure.

Members of the town’s school board then gave a Powerpoint presentation about the budget,

highlighting the major costs. The primary factors influencing the school’s budget this year include an increase in staffing costs as well as healthcare costs. There was little discussion of the education budget, but one resident was curious to know if the school board had considered any green initiatives, particularly solar or electric buses.

Members of the board said that they had not, they tend to keep their focus on immediate needs such as upcoming sewer maintenance that will be required in coming years.

Mr. Smith spoke about the idea of electric

these buses. I asked him how they’re going to power these furnaces and he said it’ll either be fueled with propane or diesel. The electric school buses are probably great in Pasadena, California, or Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but they’re not that great up here in the Kingdom. Right now, I don’t think they’re advanced enough to take the cold.”

Mr. Davis went through a few of the appropriations before select board member Karen Chitamber moved to have the articles combined in a single measure. Some small discussion was made over the appropriations. One resident

“I call it the Unaffordable Heat Act.”

buses. “When I was on the transportation committee last year, we had a gentleman from the Transportation Department boosting up electric school buses and he said we have ordered for the state of Vermont 25 school buses,” he said. “Living in the Northeast Kingdom, it does get cold and we’ve got children who get on these buses and they have to travel twenty miles or more. You turn a heater on in an electric bus and it’s not going to last long. He told me that they’ve solved that problem. They put furnaces on the roof of

asked who was managing funds to combat Eurasian milfoil in Derby Pond. Another question was about an increase in the cemetery’s funding. Mr. Brainard, who has been Cemetery Commissioner since 1980, explained that they had hired another employee and raised wages. All the appropriations passed, for a total of \$173,512.89.

The town budget quickly passed. Residents decided to spend \$2,964,457.71 for the services Derby requires.



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Brighton voters question authority

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freshman Moderator Bruce Rumball-Petre asked if there was any discussion about a measure on the Australian ballot that would allow the town to borrow \$400,000 for ten years in order to buy a new grader.

Road Foreman Andy Martin said the current John Deere was built in 1993 and has needed a lot of costly repairs. Brighton wouldn't be looking for a brand-new model, he explained, but is hoping to turn up a used grader, perhaps with a bit of warranty remaining.

He was immediately besieged with questions about the need for a new machine. Some said they pride themselves on running their equipment right into the ground before looking for a replacement.

Mr. Martin said he likes that idea, but for a town where only seven of 42 miles of road is paved, having the grader in the shop for a month might be a major inconvenience.

Mr. Cope said, "You don't have a road department if you don't have a grader."

Discussion on the article that, if passed, would permit cannabis retailers to operate in Brighton picked up from where it left off the last time the measure was on the ballot — last year. This is the third year where proponents of a pot shop have petitioned to put the measure before the people of Brighton. It was rejected each time.

Molly Cook, a leading opponent of allowing such businesses in town, argued from Colorado's experience, which she said has not been positive.

In addition, she said, state law says once one such store is allowed to open, the town cannot keep others from setting up shop in Brighton.

The mood in the room was markedly not in favor of such operations. The person who hopes to start such a store in Brighton is not a town resident and his request to speak at the meeting was turned down by a single vote 19-18.

Unusually, there were sharp questions about town officers' reports, particularly the water and sewer department.

Some asked why the budget has increased. Water Commissioner Mark Vaillancourt explained that after the death Marty Frizzell, the chief operator of the water and sewer system, in 2021 the company he worked for said it would no longer be able to provide someone to tend Brighton's plants.

Mr. Vaillancourt said he and his fellow commissioners found a company that is also working for Lyndonville and offered to take on Brighton at a fair price.

The big problem, he explained, is that the system went for 40 years without significant maintenance and the bill is coming due. The work needed to run the plants is complicated and state requirements are strict, he added.

Another issue that drew significant comment was a proposal to have the select board appoint a town clerk and town treasurer rather than having voters elect candidates for that office.

Some said a state law could bar people from holding two elective offices at once. If enacted

that would require current Clerk and Treasurer Teresa DeBonville to give up one of her jobs and would force the town to hire another person.

Mr. Cope said he doesn't think that is the major issue. The core of the matter, he said, is that "a town clerk needs a lot of skills."

If it remains an elective position, voters could choose someone who doesn't have the ability to do the work required by the town and by the state.

That didn't sit well with some including Erica Petre who rose to ask, "So you're saying the select board is qualified to select a clerk, but the voters are not?"

Mr. Cope said he believes select board members have a better idea of what the job entails and more time to check out candidates.

That comment appeared to hit a nerve, as several people asked why citizens are not given the opportunity to participate in such hiring decisions.

Anne Budrewicz, said she thought the process used to hire Mr. Bond was closed to the public. Select board members Heather McElroy and Stacey Roesse disagreed, but said they will welcome public participation in further hiring decisions.

The matter was settled when Ms. DeBonville said she had been asked if she minded being appointed. She did not, she said, noting that she always faced the chance of being voted out under the present system. Should that happen, Ms. DeBonville said, she would just leave the town

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Property transfers

Town of Derby— July 2022

Recorded	S = Seller B = Buyer	Address	Description	Acres	Price Sold Grand List	Recorded	S = Seller B = Buyer	Address	Description	Acres	Price Sold Grand List
7/5/22	Simoneau Cody (B) Martin Daniel M (S) Chute Adelaide (B) Creelman Christopher (B)	Johns River Drive	OL	2.02	\$35,000 \$41,900	7/21/22	Dumas Christine S (S) Johnson Michael G (S) Hux Johanna (B) Hux Tyler (B)	1542 Dumas Road	PR	11.65	\$405,000 \$236,300
7/5/22	Baraw Melissa (S) Stevens Martha (S) Aldrich Alden (B)	470 VT Route 105	PR	1.46	\$196,000 \$132,900	7/25/22	Lantagne Joyce L (S) Lantagne, Jr. Francis A (S) Spates Family LLC (B)	40 Jayview Drive, Lot #4	PR	2.03	\$280,000 \$202,600
7/5/22	Bathalon Gaston P (S) Bathalon Rose M (S) Brackett-Fortin Amy (B)	Upper Quarry Road	OL	11	\$44,500 \$42,100	7/25/22	Perry Ethan (S) Buchanan Ryan G (B) Fessenden Sarah E G (B)	318 Wallace Road	PR	10.35	\$400,000 \$304,600
7/5/22	Lormac, Inc. (S) T&T Mtn Investments Llc (B)	3693 Route 5	Comm.	1.1	\$1,205,000 \$568,400	7/25/22	Abbott Reginald (S) Gould Brian (B) Menize Valerie J (B)	60 VT Route 111	PR	0.46	\$199,900 \$206,200
7/11/22	Estate Of Caroline Queeni (S) Willey Todd (B)	2477 US Rte. 5 Lot D 6		—	\$31,000 \$28,500	7/27/22	North Country Health Serv (S) Agape Ministries, Inc. (B)	2853 Route 5	Comm.	11.25	\$750,000 \$862,100
7/13/22	O'Rourke Shannon M (S) Lima Suzana P (B) Salcedo Gamiz Juan M (B)	67 Highland Avenue	PR	0.45	\$245,000 \$137,900	7/28/22	Muzerall Tracy L (S) Szymanski Richard W (S) Eastman Sara L (B)	300 Palin Farm Road	PR	0.52	\$230,000 \$164,500
7/18/22	Petrangelo Jennifer (S) Petrangelo Vincent (S) Sokoloski Adam (B) Sokoloski Taylor (B)	1024 4h Road	Seas.	0.16	\$500,000 \$232,400	7/28/22	Racicot Samantha (S) Khalife Cosette (B) Khalife Michael (B)	2655 UU Route 5	Comm.	1.28	\$200,000 \$93,300

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Voters want town gym opened for summer use

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offices without the opportunity to help her successor learn the ropes.

Mr. Cope said the select board would certainly appoint Ms. DeBonville if given the opportunity by voters. Those present gave their town clerk and treasurer a hearty round of applause and agreed to let the select board appoint her.

Voters hesitated to approve a measure sending \$1,000 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School when it was pointed out that the organization's program gets \$6,000 a year from the Brighton Elementary School.

The organization helps students in their garden and teaches about locally grown foods. It was only when someone saw the extra money was to maintain the garden when school is closed, that voters gave the expenditure their nod.

Voters, with some reluctance, agreed to give up having town reports mailed to them after hearing it costs \$2.69 to send each one out. They were assured the reports would still be printed and an attempt will be made to make it convenient to get one.

There was little discussion about the \$1.6-million town budget, which Mr. Cope said is a 4 or 5 percent increase over last year's budget. It easily passed.

Mr. Bond's work as town manager came under direct scrutiny at the end of the meeting when he was asked what his leadership style is.

He said he wants to see a master plan created with input from everyone in the community. Once that is in place, he said, his job would be to carry it out.

One of his recent decisions, not to open the town gym to public use in the summer drew a great deal of criticism. Many said they pay for the building with their taxes and should be able to use it.

Doug Niles said he coaches young people in basketball. Some in his program may be good enough, if they work hard, to be North Country Union High School varsity players. That work, he said, requires them to practice on wooden floors rather than on concrete.

Mr. Cope said the town hall is a "129-year-old fire trap," and it is necessary to curb public use as



Brighton Town Manager Noah Bond, in Illinois for his wedding, appears at Town Meeting remotely.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

a matter of public safety. He said earlier attempts to open it up have led to serious acts of vandalism.

Mr. Bond said he made the decision to close the gym after hearing from the recreation committee, but he expressed openness to finding ways to allow some public access in the summer.

He also agreed to include members of the public to help find a new recreation director for Brighton. The town has found it hard to keep the position filled, a blow to its attempts to draw visitors to the events it holds.

Mr. Bond said he currently has several applicants for the job.

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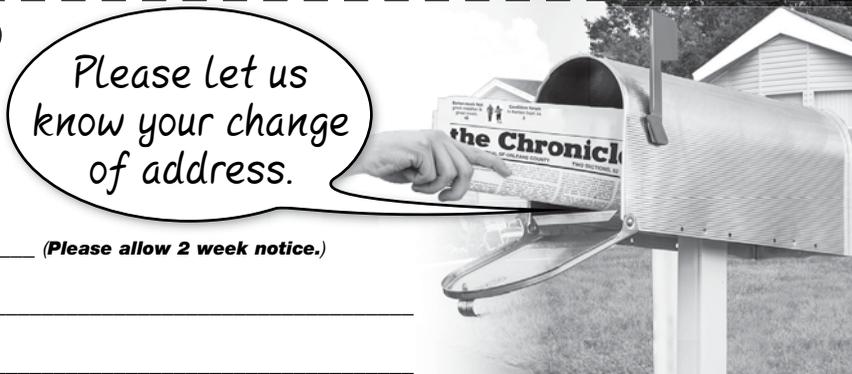
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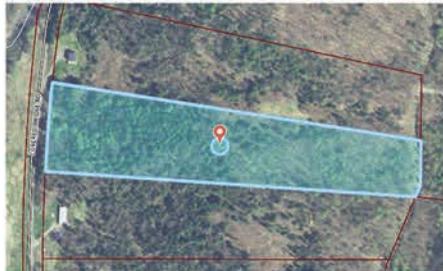
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New members added

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Sanville, member from Irasburg, did not run after nearly two decades on the board. During Monday night's meeting, both Angelique Thomas, who currently serves on the elementary-middle school board, and Jerry Piette, retired middle school teacher, were nominated. Another paper ballot saw Mr. Piette with 28 votes and Ms. Thomas with 20.

Debbie Brunelle, member from Brownington, presented the a budget request of \$14,334,284 to operate the Orleans Central Supervisory Union's six schools. The proposed budget assumes the Irasburg seventh and eighth grades will continue to be sent to other schools in the district. After minimal discussion, the budget passed with only one "nay" vote.

Dan Rook, member from Albany and a member of the facilities committee, presented the capital budget. He said his committee initially identified 31 projects needing serious attention across the six buildings, and whittled it down to 14 projects needing immediate attention. Those 14 projects include:

In Albany, replacing the siding and trim, exterior painting, and a new well pump; in Barton, a new elevator or significant repairs, estimated at \$100,000, as well as gym insulation and wall repairs, and paving and drainage work in the parking lot; in Brownington, a new lock system; in Irasburg, a new roof, estimated at \$50,000; a new security system in Glover; and in Orleans, replacement of a section of roof, repairs to the front steps, and work on the delivery entrance. In addition, all schools require some level of accessibility repairs.

Mr. Rook estimated those projects will cost \$422,500. The current balance in the capital reserve fund is \$288,000. In order to pay for the balance of the projects and retain \$125,000 in the reserve, the board asked voters for \$259,500.

There were questions and discussion about the budget, including one from LRUHS district board member Richard Carbonetti, who asked if some of the spending



Kalli Lefebvre is Westmore's new representative on the Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District board.
 Photos by Trisha Ingalls

might not be throwing good money after bad on old buildings. Mr. Rook said that was the question most front of mind for his committee, and in fact, for the state. To that end, the state will inspect all school buildings in Vermont this year and make recommendations. Regardless of those outcomes, Mr. Rook said, the projects listed need to be done in order to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Voter Jeff Everett expressed concern that fewer than half of the needed projects would be funded with the amount requested by the board, so when it came time to vote on the capital budget he moved to authorize \$400,000 instead of the \$259,000 requested. The motion was passed with 29 votes in favor and five against.

The meeting concluded with a round of applause in recognition of William Davies, who was not present at the meeting but who served as moderator for over 50 years. His daughter Kristin Atwood has taken up the torch for now, and she pointed to her daughter, who is eager to carry on the family tradition.

Earlier in the evening, the LRUEMSD board held its regular meeting. The document outlining behavioral expectations has been
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PCB testing will continue at four schools

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finalized and is being implemented immediately. It will be posted on the supervisory union's website and available in schools. Ms. Michniewicz, who joined the meeting remotely, mentioned a recent article

by *the Chronicle* about the behavioral improvements at Albany Community School and said she would like it to be a model for other schools.

During privilege of the floor, Meghann Roberts asked the board

about progress toward creating a middle school committee. Neil Urie, chair of the board and member from Albany, said since so many seats were up for election that night the board had deemed it more appropriate to move that discussion to the next regular meeting, in case of significant turnover.

The facilities committee

reported PCB testing will continue at four schools from April through June. Two schools have already been tested. Davi Bock, member from Glover, said he has been in touch with Representative Katherine Sims about possible grants available for schools, and he asked the finance committee to investigate them.



The Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District board listens to moderator Kristin Atwood at the podium. Pictured seated from left to right are Shelia Martin, annual meeting clerk, Bryanne Marquis, member from Orleans, Davi Bock, member from Glover, Dan Rook, member from Albany, Toni Eubanks, member from Barton, Neil Urie, board chair and member from Albany, Krista Mayer, member from Glover, Angelique Thomas, member from Irasburg, Debbie Brunelle, member from Brownington, Freddi Very, member from Barton, and Carmen Cook, member from Orleans.



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Obituaries



Henry Gile Blanchard Jr., 97, died unexpectedly at home in White River Junction on March 1, 2023.

He was born December 3, 1925, in Hanover, New Hampshire, a son of Henry G. and Grace (Carter) Blanchard. Following his graduation from Hartford High School, Henry enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at age 17 to serve in World War II. During the war he served in the Pacific Theatre and was stationed in Guam for much of the war.

He was honorably discharged in 1946 as a corporal and returned home to marry his sweetheart, Jane Henderson. They made their home in White River Junction, where they raised their four children and were married for sixty-five years until Jane's death in 2011.

Henry Gile Blanchard Jr.

Henry later served in the Army Reserves from 1956 until 1959. After his honorable discharge from the USMC, Henry worked for a time as a mechanic at Roger's Garage in Hanover, before beginning his nearly 30-year career with the U.S. Post Office, retiring as an injury compensation specialist in 1986.

Henry was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2571 and the American Legion, both in White River Junction, as well as the Hartford Elks, and was a lifetime member of the Hartford Rod and Gun Club. He enjoyed reading, especially *Reader's Digest* and books on military history. He also enjoyed gardening and hunting with family and friends. Above all, Henry was a cherished family man, who was deeply loved.

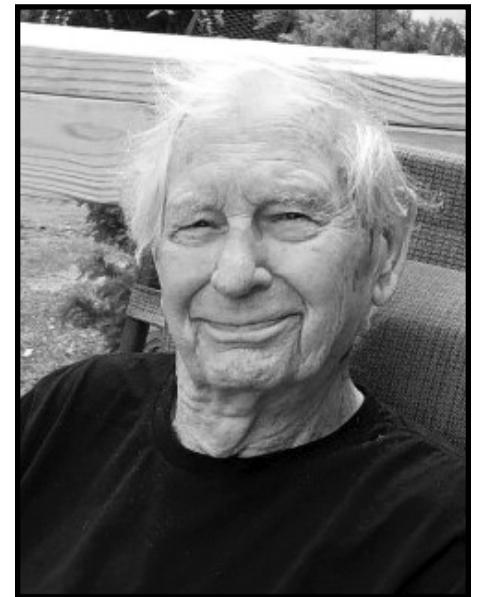
He was predeceased by his wife,

Jane, in 2011; by his son Robert "Rob" in 2000; by two brothers Richard and Jack, and his sister Gloria.

He is survived by his children: Rick Blanchard (Rachel) of West Glover, Jill McKay (Daniel) of Centerville, Massachusetts, and Cindy Potter (Chris) of White River Junction; by his grandchildren: Kristopher, Kevin, Jaci, Kali, Whitney, Linsi, Thomas, and Cassie; by 14 great-grandchildren; by his sister Melva, and by several nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family, with burial with his wife and son in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in White River Junction.

Condolences to Henry's family may be made in an online guestbook at knightfuneralhomes.com.



Contributions in his memory may be made to Special Olympics Vermont, 16 Gregory Drive #2, South Burlington, Vermont 05403.

Paul E. Chicoine, 91, of Newport, died on March 1, 2023, in Newport. He was born on March 9, 1931, in Upton, Quebec, to the late Raoul and Philomene (Pare) Chicoine. On August 13, 1955, Paul married Alice Blais, who survives him.

Paul owned and operated his own farm with his wife, Alice, for many years before going on to work for 16 years at Columbia Forest Products and three years at Kraft Foods. He enjoyed traveling with Alice, ice fishing, and maple sugaring.

Paul E. Chicoine

He is survived by his children: Lorette Hohenshelt of Utah, Rejeanne Gilding and her husband, Mark, of St. Albans, Claude Chicoine of Newport, Bernard Chicoine of Virginia, Adrien Chicoine and his wife, Rose, of Arizona, Gisele Cook and her husband, Steve, of Washington, and Lucille Chicoine of Barre; by 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; by his brother Juliene Chicoine, and sisters Rita Laroque, Yvonne Cabana, Agathe



Pare, Aline Daviau, Claire Sefkind and her husband, Nathan, Nicole Chicoine, and Michele Laliviere and her husband, Rejean, all of Quebec, Canada, as well as sisters-in-law Therese and Pauline Chicoine of Quebec, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister Cecile Vanier, brothers Henri, Louis, and Gerard Chicoine, sister-in-law Louise Chicoine, brothers-in-law Gene Pare, Fernand Daviau, and Paul-Emile Cabana.

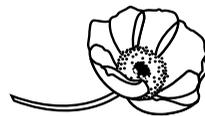
Funeral services will be held in the spring.

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Obituary

Rupert C. Chamberlin

Rupert C. Chamberlin of Barton died on February 26, 2023, at the age of 88, after a recent decline in health. He was born on December 24, 1934, in Barton, to Max and Linnie Chamberlin, who predeceased him. He was also predeceased by his brother Harris and his wife, Edna, and by his sister Vivian Brown and her husband, Foster. Rupert married Muriel Rocheleau on November 25, 1960, to whom he was blessed to be married for 62 years. Together, they had two children, Timothy and Tammy.

Rupert was a dedicated farmer. He purchased his first registered Jersey in 1947 for his first 4-H dairy project. He started showing at the Orleans County Fair that year with one animal and continued to show at that fair for many years, along with other local fairs. He graduated from Barton Academy in 1952, and attended the Vermont School of Agriculture (now known as Vermont Technical College) for one year, graduating second in his class. He came home to farm, formed a partnership with his parents in 1954, and purchased the farm in 1959. Over the following years, he and his wife, with the help of their children, developed a herd of registered Jerseys that was well-

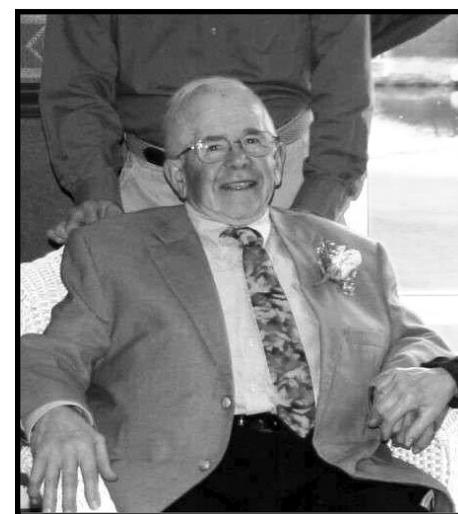
known and respected throughout the Northeast. Their favorite family pastime was exhibiting cattle at shows throughout Vermont and New England, where they established many lifelong friendships and found many young people to mentor.

Rupert served his community in many ways. He served on the Barton School Board and was a Barton Town Selectman for 21 years. He served on various committees for the Barton United Church. He served on the Welcome O. Brown Cemetery Committee and as its chairman. He served on the Orleans County District Soil Conservation Board, including serving as chairman, for several years. He had various roles at the Orleans County Fair, including superintendent of cattle, director, vice-president, and president. He served as president of the Orleans County Farm Bureau and as president of the Vermont Farm Bureau for 12 years. He was an active member of the Vermont Jersey Breeders Association and served as a member of several committees and as president. He also served as president of the New England Jersey Breeders Association. He was a director on

the Yankee Farm Credit Board. He was actively involved in the Orleans County Maple Association and helped plan the State Maple-rama Meeting.

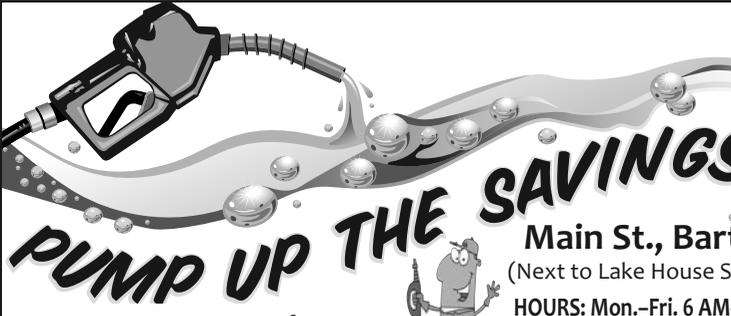
Over the years, he was honored with numerous awards and recognitions for his accomplishments and contributions, including being inducted with his wife into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2017, and receiving the Orleans Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award in 2010. His involvement in organizational leadership gave his family several opportunities to travel to national meetings, which was always a time they cherished. Rupert and Muriel also traveled extensively after their retirement. Other retirement pastimes included attending Lake Region Union High School basketball games and music performances.

Rupert is survived by his wife, Muriel; by his son Timothy and his partner, Heidi Brown, by his daughter Tammy and her husband, Neil Wiggett, and by his grandchildren: Seth Wiggett, Emily Wiggett and her partner, Johnathon Duquette, and Jared Wiggett. He is



also survived by his nieces and nephews: Terry Chamberlin and his wife, Kathy, Valerie Hinton and her husband, Dale, Dale Hanson and his wife, Diane, his niece's husband, Alfred Carrier, and by several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his nephew, Ulric Chamberlin, and by his nieces Barbara Carrier and Linda Calloway.

The family will hold a private service at their convenience and will host a celebration of life for the community later this summer.



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Obituaries

Pauline Therese DeLaBruere

Pauline Therese DeLaBruere, 88, of Irasburg, died on March 4, 2023, at her home. She was born on December 9, 1934, in Quebec, to the late John and Elmarilda (Breault) Ducharme.

Pauline worked as a dairy farmer for most of her life. She enjoyed gardening, reading Danielle Steele romance novels, playing cards and dominoes, and loved her casino adventures. For many years her home was always open to her children and grandchildren. She always had the coffee on, plenty of

snacks, and she would make her family feel like they were more important than anything else in life. Her family came first. In recent years her greatest passion was spending time reading her French Bible.

She is survived by her children: Donald Cotnoir and his wife, Noella, Francine Cotnoir and her husband, Remi, Rejeanne McBreaury and her husband, Elbridge, Yvette Patenaude and her husband, Norman, Richard Cotnoir and his wife, Dinah, and Denise and Larry Royer; by many

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild; by her sister Theresa Peterson and her husband, Pete, sister-in-law Irene Ducharme, and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Marcel Cotnoir, who was father of her eight children, by her second husband, Maurice DeLaBruere, by her daughters Doris Ryan and Linda Drageset, and by her brother Andre Ducharme.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m., on Friday, March 10, at the



Curtis-Britch and Bouffard Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Road, Derby.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 11, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport, with Father Curtis Miller officiating, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated.

Spring interment will be held at St. Theresa's Cemetery in Orleans.

Memorial contributions in Pauline's name may be made to the Mary Wright Halo Foundation, 1073 Upper Quarry Road, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Online condolences may be made at curtis-ritch.com.

Michael Brunelle

Michael Brunelle, 60, died February 28, 2023, after a long illness.

Michael was born July 13, 1962, in St. Johnsbury, to Frank and Lorraine Brunelle.

He graduated from Lake Region Union High School in Orleans in 1981. He was a fixture in his hometown of Barton, working at several local businesses during his lifetime.

He enjoyed football and baseball, especially the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

Michael is survived by his sister Fran Sargent and her husband, Bill, of Christiansburg, Virginia; by his nephew Chris Sargent and family of Wallingford, Connecticut; and by his

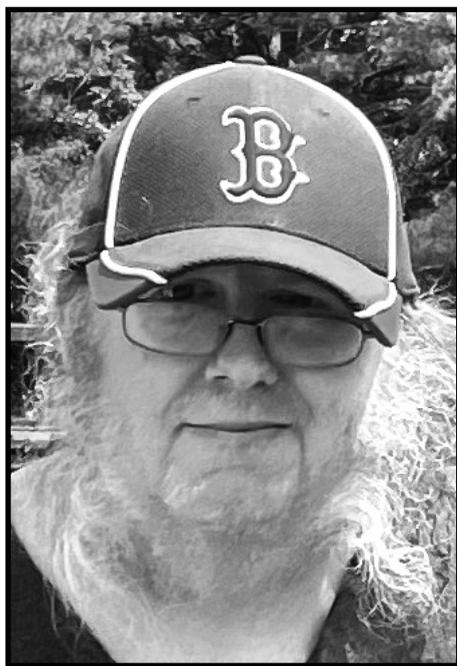
niece Andrea DeLaura and her family of San Diego, California.

He is also survived by his dear friends who were so supportive during his illness: Mike Tanguay, Mike and Julie Healy, the Thibeault family, Sara Davies Coe and the whole Davies family for all their love and support during this difficult time, and especially Pam Poginy for all the loving care that she showed for Mike.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lorraine Brunelle.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, May 8, at Mount Calvary Cemetery in St. Johnsbury.

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Betty-Jane Durkee

Betty-Jane Durkee, 90, of Lake Placid, Florida, and formerly of Newport, died on February 28, 2023, at the Oaks at Avon in Avon Park, Florida, with her daughter by her side. Betty-Jane was born on June 17, 1932, in Lynn, Massachusetts, to the late Frank and Eleanor Spates.

In 1945, the Spates family moved from Lynn to Newport to buy and operate what was to become Spates the Florist. Betty-Jane (along with her Boston accent, which remained deeply ingrained all her life) finished school in Newport and graduated from Newport High School in 1950.

She worked for a period of time at C.R. MacLean, Inc., followed by a stint at Butterfield's. On September 2, 1956, she married George A. Durkee of Andover, Massachusetts, and together they became the parents to three children: Gary, Todd, and Tammy.

Betty and George established Durkee's Market on East Main Street in Newport, which they operated until it closed in 1978. Ever the entrepreneurs, she and George owned and operated seven lakefront cottages as well as a couple of apartment buildings. After the Durkee's Market era,

Betty spent several years as the voice on the phone at Spates the Florist, which was then owned and operated by her brother Doug, and finished her working career as the business manager at Sacred Heart High School.

Always civic minded, Betty became a member of the North Country Union High School board and served conscientiously from 1971 to 1977. In 1978, she won a seat on the Newport City Council and served there until 1982. In 1982, she became Newport's first female mayor and served in that position until 1985. The Newport City bandstand was one of her favorite initiatives, and upon its completion it was dedicated to her as well as long time beloved local band director "Bud" Seguin.

After the death of her husband in 1991, Betty moved to Tequesta, Florida, where she spent many wonderful years sharing a condo with her cousin Beverly Richardson Trow. She was able to remain there for several years following Bev's death in 2015, but problems with her health caused her to move to Lake Placid, Florida, to live with her daughter in 2018. In February of 2020, when more physical care

was necessary, she became a resident at Oaks at Avon in Avon Park, where she lived until her death.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, George; by her parents, Frank and Eleanor Spates; by her brother Frank Spates Jr. and his wife, Jeannette; by her brother William Spates; and by her son Gary Durkee.

She is survived by her son Todd Durkee of Exeter, New Hampshire, and her daughter Tammy Dopp of Lake Placid, Florida; by her sister Joyce Stanwood of Newport, her brother Douglas Spates and his wife, Vivian, of Derby, her sister-in-law Hilda Spates of Lynn, and her brother-in-law Jay Stanwood of Hooksett, New Hampshire.

She leaves seven grandchildren: Jennifer (Chad) Binette, Jolene Durkee, Karisa Durkee, Tiffany (Lance) Berry, Christina (Ryan) Blakeman, Ashley (Joshua) Clinger, and Bradley Dopp; three nieces whom she thought of as grandchildren: Andrea (Andrew) Carbine, Elia Spates, and Alicia Spates; as well as seven great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.



There will be a memorial service to celebrate her life at the United Church of Newport on August 12, at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Newport Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 166, Newport, Vermont 05855, where the tax-deductible funds will be used for local Rotary programs.

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Obituary

Donald M. Buschman

 At 99 years young, Donald M. Buschman died peacefully at the Respite House in Colchester on January 29, 2023, with his family by his side. The world has lost another hero of the "greatest generation."

Don was born on August 29, 1923, in New York City, to Herman and Tillie Buschman. He graduated from the Farmingdale Institute for Agriculture in 1942, then attended Cornell University. After enlisting in the U.S. Army in October 1942, Don was a forward artillery observer in the American Division in the Pacific Theater. He served in campaigns in Bougainville and the Philippines, finishing the war in Japan. Though proud of his service, Don did not often talk of his time in the Pacific.

Honorably discharged in October of 1945, he returned to and graduated from Cornell in 1947, then received his master's degree in agriculture from the University of Florida in 1949.

After purchasing and running a farm in New York for several years, in the late 1950s Don moved to northern Vermont to manage the Eagle Point Farm in Derby, remaining there until it ceased operation. In 1965 he married Lucile (Wood) Harper. They bought a home in Derby Line where they lived for over 50 years. Lucile died in 2011.

Many Vermonters throughout the state remember Don as the manager of the Newport branch of the Farmers Home Administration, providing Northeast Kingdom

families the opportunity to purchase their homes and farms via the lending program, now the United States Department of Agriculture. Upon retirement, he ran his own farm appraisal business until he was well into his 80s.

Don was active in many civic capacities in Derby Line, including on the select and cemetery boards, as a lister, and he also served on the Haskell Free Library and Opera House board of directors for many years. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, swimming, and walking. He also had a passion for good food.

Don could be gruff at times, but was always kind, fair, and very witty, as well as intelligent with an excellent memory. Honest to the point of bluntness, he had a true old fashioned "grit" that served him well. Moving to the Burlington area in 2017 to be near family, Don maintained a very independent lifestyle to the end.

He was survived by his dear four-month older cousin Bernice Klein of Palm Beach, Florida, who just died on February 24.

He is survived by his late wife's children: Linda Ryan and her husband, Ted, of Shelburne, and James Harper and his wife, Linda, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition, he had three grandchildren: Jennifer Ryan, Stephanie Ryan, and Eileen Harper, and a great-grandson Schyler Ryan.

A celebration honoring the life of Donald M. Buschman will be held on June 15, at 1 p.m., at the Curtis-Britch Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Road, Derby.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, June 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., at the Curtis-Britch and Bouffard Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Road, Derby.

Burial with military honors to follow the service at the Derby Line Cemetery.

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Curtis Walker

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To those who knew him, that is how Curtis Walker will always be remembered. Synonymous with all that is good and steady, as strong as he was gentle, as ready for peace as he was for pursuit of the hard-to-fix, the never-too-small detail, the “whatcha-mah-call-ems” of the world, and the unending putter of daily triumphs that brought joy to all who encountered him.

If you asked him, he would have told you that he was raised in Underhill. But you wouldn't have had to ask. Vermont was written all over him. He wore the state about his person like he wore his sweet, lopsided smile. The lakes, the fields, and the early winter frost gathered together in his eyes when he spoke. He talked with his hands because they were part of the story: the hands of a farmer, a splicer, a dancer, a husband, father, grandfather, and a friend.

He was raised on a dairy farm in the shadow of Mount Mansfield as the youngest of four boys. In the summers he would run the length of the old man's face from chin to nose and be back home by dinner. Curt graduated from Essex High School in 1963 and attended Vermont Technical College before marrying his high school love, Sandra Walker, née Couture, in 1965. They made a home for themselves in South

Burlington until 1974. During this time, they had three boys: Greg, Michael, and Jason. Curt had various jobs around Burlington until landing a position as splicer with AT&T in 1970. He stayed with AT&T and its various spinoffs and eventually retired from Verizon in 2003 after 33 years of dedicated work.

While raising his family some of his most enjoyable times were forged while camping with friends and family throughout the north and southeast. It was this love of the road and unseen beauty which motivated Curt and Sandy to sell everything and “hit the road” upon his retirement in 2003. Some of his most memorable adventures occurred over the next 10 and a half years while being full-time RV-ers. They visited all lower 48 states in their RV and the other two via boat and plane. Friends and family joined them, when possible, on their journey, thus making the memories sweeter.

While on the road one of Curt's favorite things to do was to pull on his cowboy boots, don his cowboy hat, put Sandy on his arm, find the best honky-tonk, and two-step the night away. Sandy taught him many things over the years — how to ski, how to swim — but they learned to dance together. Like everything else in life, they did this as partners. If you were lucky enough to be among the many whom they taught to dance, then it is likely that you will remember his soft voice repeating over the sway of Alan Jackson: quick-quick, slow-

slow. Though he always seemed to enjoy the slow most of all.

After ten years on the road Curt and Sandy decided to trade in the full-time RV lifestyle for a nice adobe in Deming, New Mexico. His passion for dancing continued and they made many friends two-stepping in the desert. He passed many a sunny day tinkering in the yard, lending a helping hand to neighbors, and moving plants that probably didn't need to be moved. Then moving them again.

During the hot months of the desert Curt and Sandy traveled back to the Kingdom and camped at Prouty Beach. During their years at Prouty they made lasting friendships with their fellow campers. As with all places that he called home, he leaves a little of himself along the shores of Lake Memphremagog. These tokens of his time are as thoughtful and quiet as he was: a bench that will hold you as you look out over the water or a fruit tree planted in just the right spot to enjoy the afternoon shade. All he wanted from them was the satisfaction of a job well-done and the humble pleasure of knowing that he left the day a little better than he found it.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; by his sons Gregory, Michael, and Jason; by his grandchildren Cyrus, Ryley, and Bailey; by his brothers Craig and Calvin; by his nieces and nephews Matt, Jeff, Janet, and Nicole; and by his sisters-in-law Deb, Kathy, and Cindy.



He was predeceased by his parents, Christian and Clara, by his brother Christian Jr., and his very good friend and brother-in-law Mark Couture.

He rests now, rather like the old man in the mountain that he climbed as a child — a solemn face turned up to the sky, nose protruding towards the heavens as he contemplates the stars, never speaking, but always listening to those below who will pass along his stories.

A celebration of Curt's life will be held at Prouty Beach campground at a yet to be determined date this summer.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11

BASIC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM
Emergencies can happen at any time and in many ways. Learn about some of the hazards you might encounter and how to prepare before something happens at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at the Albany Town Hall. For more info, call Becky at 802-777-7851, or email rebecca.petelle@vermont.gov.

BREAD & PUPPET PERFORMANCE IN GLOVER
On Saturday, March 11, at 3 p.m. Bread & Puppet invites everyone to Bedsheet Interpretations, a new performance centered on a series of paintings on discarded bedsheets created by director Peter Schumann. This performance is the first in a series that will take place every Saturday, March through April. Bread and aioli will be served after every performance. Bedsheet Interpretations will take place in the Ballroom, which can be found next to the Bread & Puppet Museum located at 753 Heights Road in Glover. For those interested in participating in future Bread & Puppet performances, please email puppetvolunteers@gmail.com, or call 802-525-3031.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

SEED SWAP IN HARDWICK
There will be a seed swap at the Hardwick Memorial Building, 20 Church Street in Hardwick on Sunday, March 12, from 1-3 p.m. This is a free event. 1-2 p.m. meet to discuss a new regional seed saving collective. 2-3 p.m. swap seeds! All are welcome to come, with or without seeds to share. Contact swapsisters@gmail.com for more info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FISH FRY
St. Paul's Catholic School in Barton will hold its annual fish fry on Friday, March 17. Meal includes golden battered haddock, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, and dessert. Takeout only. Preorder by calling 802-525-3711 from 1-4 p.m. before noon on Friday, March 10. Pickup on Friday, March 17 at St. Paul's Catholic School. Adults \$15, kids \$10.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

CORN BEEF DINNER IN IRASBURG
The Irasburg United Church Annual Corn Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Takeout only. Adults \$15, children 7 and under \$6. Reservations recommended. Walk-ins welcome. For reservations call Michelle at 802-754-2281.

GLOVER TALENT SHOW AND PIE AUCTION
The Glover Public Library will present its mid-March Talent Show and Pie Auction on Saturday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall. It will be an evening of music, poetry, and surprise performances by local stars. During the show, an auction will be underway from some of the town's bakers. Silent (and some not-so-silent) bidding takes place throughout the evening, and all money raised will benefit the Glover Public Library. For more info, call the library at 802-525-4356.

FASCAR IN IRASBURG (MATCHBOX CAR RACES)
New Hope Bible Church Presents...FASCAR at the New Hope Bible Church on Route 14 in Irasburg. On Saturday, March 18, from 1-4 p.m., bring six Matchbox cars and race them to see which is the fastest. Your fastest car will then be raced against everyone else's cars. There will be refreshments, awards and a message from our local Word of Life missionary, Eric Brown. This is free and for all ages. For more info, contact Christine at 802-754-2423.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

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

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. Also, "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
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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.vermontalananonlateen.org. The 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 for ages 10 and up. 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. Please call if you plan on attending.

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.

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@ncsuvt.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.

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). For March Jeanne Prue will do a program on: Thrifty lazy girl paper piecing. 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.

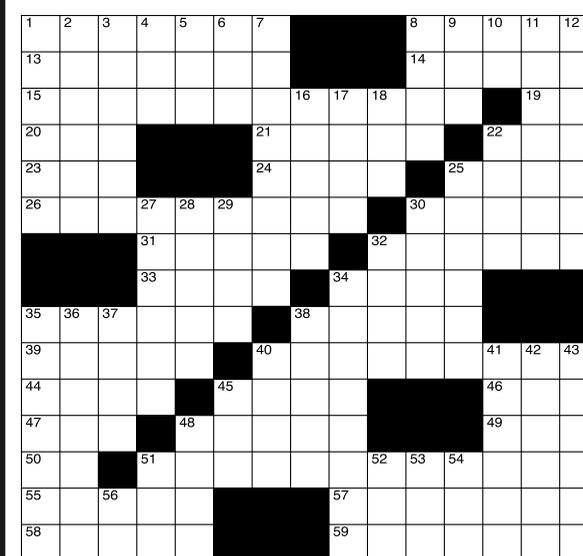
TOPS #135 IN ISLAND POND

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.

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CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Half-conscious states | 34. Soluble ribonucleic acid |
| 8. Unnatural | 35. Distinguishing sound |
| 13. Deep regret | 38. French realist painter |
| 14. Rogue | 39. Popular beer brand |
| 15. Taken without permission | 40. Views |
| 19. An alternative | 44. God depicted as a bull |
| 20. After B | 45. Relieve |
| 21. Partner to flowed | 46. Residue after burning |
| 22. Weekday | 47. Habitation |
| 23. Body part | 48. Poe's middle name |
| 24. World's longest river | 49. Japanese title |
| 25. One of the Greats | 50. TV series installation (abbr.) |
| 26. Make clean | 51. Beloved country singer |
| 30. C. Canada indigenous peoples | 55. Single unit |
| 31. Japanese seaport | 57. Genuine |
| 32. Most unclothed | 58. Develop |
| 33. Small grouper fish | 59. Traveled through the snow |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Clues | 32. Czech city |
| 2. Do again | 34. Normal or sound powers of mind |
| 3. Current unit | 35. The academic world |
| 4. Neither | 36. Crustacean |
| 5. Corporate exec (abbr.) | 37. Currency |
| 6. Second sight | 38. Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya |
| 7. The absence of mental stress | 40. Cloth spread over a coffin |
| 8. Supplemented with difficulty | 41. Grouped together |
| 9. Stop for good | 42. On land |
| 10. College dorm worker | 43. Glistened |
| 11. Bones | 45. A type of extension |
| 12. Most supernatural | 48. One who assists |
| 16. Spanish island | 51. College sports conference |
| 17. Unlimited | 52. Zero |
| 18. Where golfers begin | 53. Midway between northeast and east |
| 22. No charge | 54. Type of screen |
| 25. Print errors | 56. The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet |
| 27. Professional drivers | |
| 28. Kiss box set | |
| 29. Short, fine fibers | |
| 30. Administers punishment | |

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

BROWNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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. Speaker: Owen Tatum. Title: Trying to do good in a big scary world. In person and on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. Email 1uuderbyline@gmail.com for zoom information.

GRACE BRETHERN 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.

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

Services at 10 a.m. at the Glover Community Church. 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. Sunday service 10 a.m.

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. 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.

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Maple Choc. Chip Cookies

Submitted by LeAnn Cady

<p>2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. salt 1 cup unsalted butter, softened 3/4 cup granulated sugar 3/4 cup packed light or dark brown sugar 1 tsp. vanilla extract 2 large eggs 2/3 cup maple syrup</p>	<p>2 cups semisweet chocolate chips* 1/4 cup regular sugar, for rolling cookie balls in *Optional if you want plain maple cookies Also optional: 1 cup shredded coconut and 1/2 cup chopped nuts (to your liking)</p>
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Instructions:
Preheat your oven to 350°F
In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
In a large bowl, beat the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, vanilla extract until well combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the maple syrup.
Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter mixture, mixing until just combined. You can make PLAIN maple cookies if you wish. I divided my dough, making half plain, and half with the chips, coconut, and nuts. Stir in the chocolate chips if desired. Also, if you want to add in shredded coconut and nuts, do so now. Form into balls, 1-2" and roll balls in the extra sugar. Drop balls onto ungreased baking sheets, leaving about 2 inches of space between each cookie. I like larger cookies, so I used my bigger cookie scoop.
Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until the edges are lightly golden.
Remove from the oven and let the cookies cool on the baki sheet for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire r: cool completely.

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Albany spelling bee champs

On February 15, Albany Community School conducted its fifth annual Scripps school-wide spelling bee. There were 34 competitors, and the winner was eighth grader Maede Urie. She won with the word “slather.” The second-place champion was six-year-old Arlo Tallman. It was his first time competing.

Maeda won last year and went on to the state competition in Burlington, where she did very well. The school community is hopeful that with a bit of experience, she will be in a better position to win this year at the state level. — from Albany Community School.



The top 12 Scripps spelling bee winners. From left to right: Emmitt Parker, Eli Davis, Linden Erie, Olivia Peters, Finnegan Maxwell, Tucker Bellows, Peyton Parker, Keely Genier, Alexis Orzolek, and Mrs. Bousquet, librarian and organizer. Jace Vishe was not in the picture. In back are: Emily Wells and Nicolette Supernaw, recorder and pronouncer. Not pictured is Roxanne Bedard, recorder. Seated in front are Arlo Tallman (second place champion) and Maeda Urie (first place champion).

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I will be at E.M. Brown & Son, Inc. on Saturday, March 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and welcome everyone to stop in and visit with me. I look forward to it and thank you!

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