

Al Elliott  
returns to finish  
memoirs  
1B



Lake House  
ordered to close  
for four days.  
12

# the Chronicle

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OF ORLEANS COUNTY

TWO SECTIONS, 52 PAGES

VOLUME 44, NUMBER 11

MARCH 15, 2017

ONE DOLLAR

## Newport City Council Two aldermen to be appointed

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — The city's three council members will appoint two aldermen to serve until the annual meeting next March, or until voters petition the council to hold a special election. That was the primary result of the special meeting held by the Newport City Council Monday night.

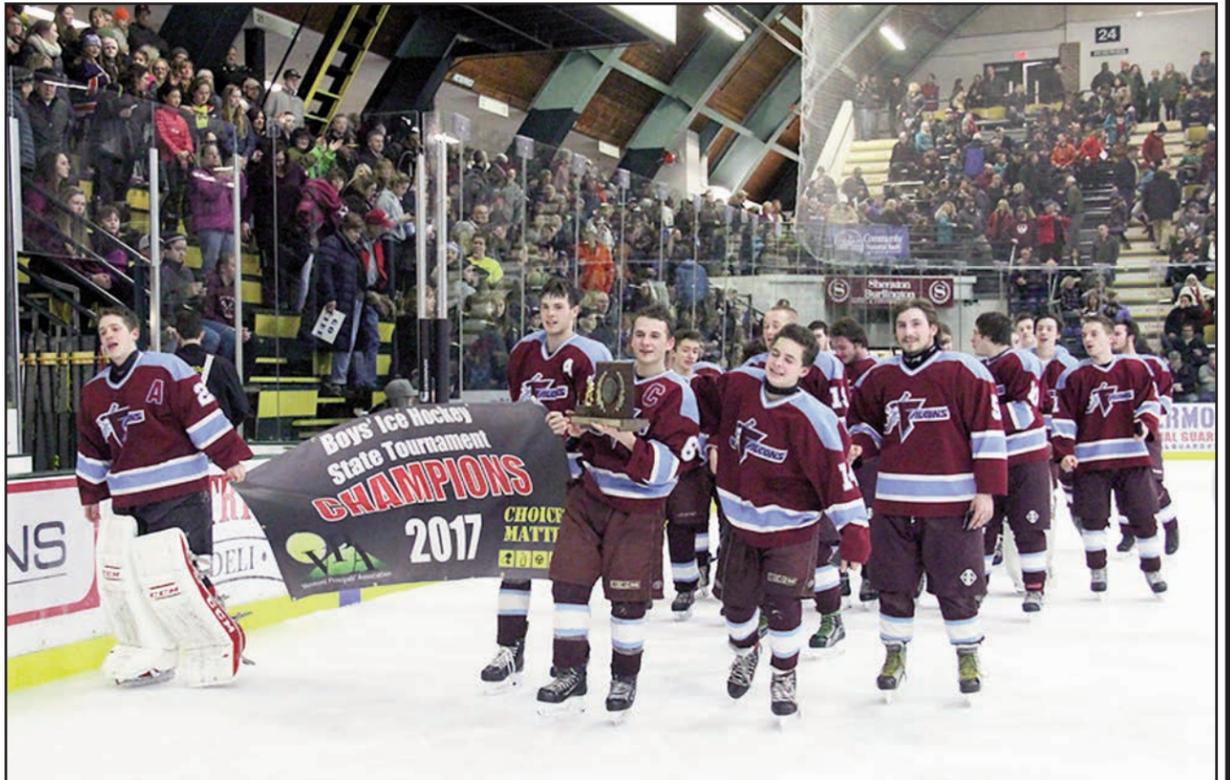
Mayor Paul Monette and Aldermen John Wilson and Denis Chenette were put on the spot by the unexpected resignation of city council President Neil Morrissette and Alderman Steven Vincent after the results of Town Meeting Day balloting were known.

Both men submitted letters of resignation immediately after learning that Alderman Jacques Roberge had lost his re-election bid to Mr. Chenette.

"At this time and under the current conditions I can no longer serve," both men wrote in submitting their immediate resignations. Mr. Morrissette had another year left in his term, and Mr. Vincent had just been re-elected with the highest vote total in the four-way contest.

(Continued on page twenty-four.)

## Congratulations, Falcons!



North Country Union High School seniors Dana Marsh, left, and Dawson Cote carry the championship banner leading the Falcons hockey team in a victory lap around the ice at Gutterson Field House on Thursday in Burlington. The Falcons defeated Harwood Union 4-3 to capture the Division II hockey crown. For more pictures and a season wrap-up, please see page eighteen. Photo by Pamela Wade

## Medicaid could be cut by \$200-million

by Joseph Gresser

MONTPELIER — Vermont is likely to see a \$200-million reduction in federal Medicaid funds if Congress passes the version of the American Health Care Act (AHCA) now making its way through the House of Representatives. That was the message delivered Friday by officials of the state Agency of Human Services (AHS) at a press conference here.

According to Corey Gustafson, commissioner of the Department of Health Access, the Medicaid program covers the medical costs of approximately 24 percent of Vermonters. Around 35 percent of Vermonters are covered by group policies provided by employers, and another 22 percent get their health coverage from Medicare, the program for those above 65 years of age.

Another 11 percent are covered by small group policies, military benefits, and federal employee

insurance. Only about 2 percent of Vermonters lack any insurance at all, the second lowest percentage in the nation.

Vermont has the smallest percentage of uninsured children, according to AHS Secretary Al Gobeille.

The large reduction in payments is the result of an unfortunate coincidence, he said. The AHCA will cap the amount of money going to states based on the number of patients covered in 2016, a year that the number of people covered was artificially low, Mr. Gustafson said.

Mr. Gobeille said the change in the way funds are allocated to the state could require Vermont to make difficult choices in the years ahead.

These could include reducing the number of people whose health care is covered by Medicaid, changing what services are offered, or taking funds away from other programs covered by federal money. Such programs include wellness programs intended to keep down the cost of health care, he said.

The bill would also make major changes in the premium subsidy

(Continued on page twenty.)

## Act 46 study committee struggles to define its purpose

by Elizabeth Trail

BARTON — A committee formed Monday evening to study how schools in the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) will comply with the state mandate to consolidate into fewer districts struggled with the seemingly simple task of defining its goals.

Members of the committee were sharply divided on whether the point is to make another try at consolidating into a single unified school district, or explore other alternatives.

And they disagreed about whether to have the process driven by input from the community, or whether to start with the state mandate and figure out how to sell it to voters.

About 20 people, some members of the Act 46 Study Committee, and some interested citizens, came to the meeting in the COFEC building in Barton.

It was the committee's first meeting since Town Meeting Day, when study committee members from each school district opened a

dialogue with the public at their respective meetings and passed out copies of an updated Act 46 survey.

At its first meeting, the study committee decided it was important to get more public input.

Although the district merger proposal was defeated last year by five of the six towns in the Orleans Central Supervisory Union, only 552 people actually went to the polls.

In many towns, the margins were narrow, Chair Amy Leroux pointed out. In Albany, the consolidation measure was only defeated by three votes.

Over 1,300 people filled out a survey handed out to voters in the general election in November, but no one seems to be quite sure how to interpret the results.

When the new Act 46 Study Committee convened a few weeks ago, members decided to try to engage the public in their respective towns in a dialogue at Town Meeting.

And a new survey was drawn up.

(Continued on page twenty-three.)



## the Chronicle INDEX

Crossword Puzzle	11
Kids' Corner	20B
Kingdom Calendar	12B-17B
Letters to the Editor	4-9
Obituaries	4B-5B
Perimeter	3B
Ruminations	2B
Sports	18
Sudoku Puzzle	6
<b>Advertising Sections</b>	
Auctions & Real Estate	10B-11B
Auto	29-31
Building Trades	8B-9B
Classified Ads	18B-19B
Hair	24
Jobs	26-27
Pets	25
Restaurants & Entertainment	13B-15B
Taxes	15

# Two killed in Lowell crash

LOWELL — A head-on collision on Route 100 here took the lives of Joanne Nolin and Gordon Farrar early Monday afternoon. According to a press release from State Police Sergeant Michael Lacourse, police were summoned to the site of the crash just after noon.

They arrived to find both Ms. Nolin, a 68-year-old Derby resident, and Mr. Farrar, 45, of Newport had died of the extensive injuries they suffered in the collision. While the Missisquoi Valley Ambulance service was at the scene along with the Lowell Fire Department, neither driver was taken to the hospital.

Police closed the road for several hours for their investigation.

According to Sergeant Lacourse, it appeared that Mr. Farrar, who was headed north in his 2007 Chevrolet Colorado, crossed into the southbound lane, colliding with Ms. Nolin, who was going south in her 2008 Dodge Caliber.

Both cars suffered extensive front-end damage and were totaled, Sergeant Lacourse said.

Mr. Farrar was not wearing a seatbelt, but Ms. Nolin was, according to the report.

He said the accident is still under investigation.

## OCNRCD offers AerWay manure applicator rental

The Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD) is offering AerWay equipment rentals. AerWay is an alternative manure application system that can reduce compaction while increasing soil health and crop yields by improving water and nutrient filtration.

This equipment is available on a first come, first served basis at a rate of \$6 per acre. The aerator can be used on corn, hay, and pastureland. It is 20 feet wide and requires a tractor with at least 120 horsepower. The unit also requires a one-ton truck with a pin hitch for transportation. It is the farmer's responsibility to perform general care and maintenance and to address any preventable damage and repairs.

OCNRCD has information on grant resources and incentive payments available to farmers. Please contact Sarah Damsell at 334-6090, extension 118, for more information. — from OCNRCD.

## BINGO

To benefit Charleston 8th grade trip to Boston  
 Charleston Elementary School, March 18, 2017

Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m.

- Regular games • Special games • Jackpot • 50/50 raffle •
- Concession foods • Baked items

*A big THANK-YOU to the local area businesses for the awesome prizes!*

### Every Friday\*: Good Time Music DJ

\*Except First Friday (Karaoke). 8 p.m.-Midnight. No cover. 21+

Saturday, March 18  
**Memorial Fundraiser Dance for Dave Yanacheak**

21+, 8 p.m.-midnight. Featuring **Raized on Radio**. Donations in his memory go to "Dave's Paws" at Dr. Selina Hunter's (The Animal Doctor) clinic.

**UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT:**

- Sun., March 19: Music by **Micah Carboneau & Chris Doncaster**
- Sat., March 25: **Big Whiskey Social Club** • Sat., April 1: **Sutton River Band**
- Wed., April 5: **Jam Night** hosted by Below Zero Band from 7-9 p.m. Bring instruments!
- Fri., April 7: **First Friday Karaoke** • Sat., April 8: **Tim Brick**
- Sat., April 15: **Raized on Radio** • Sat., April 22: **Big Whiskey Social Club**
- Sat., April 29: **ETA (Evansville Transit Authority)**

**FOOD SPECIALS 3/15-3/19:**  
 Reuben Fries, Beer & Cheese Soup, Corned Beef Dinner, Pistachio Cheesecake, Bread Pudding with Irish Cream Sauce.  
**OPEN WEEKENDS AT 11 AM FOR LUNCH!**

*We're right on the VAST trail!*

## Sweet Harmony

Food • Music • Drinks

4349 U.S. Route 5, Irasburg, VT (formerly Brewski's) • (802) 754-1126  
 Open Wed. & Thurs. 4-9 p.m., Fri. 4 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Mon. & Tues. 21 & older on Fri. & Sat. nights after 8 p.m.

**Family Friendly Dining with Kids' Menu!  
 Music & Dancing Every Friday & Saturday Night!**

**WARNING**  
**Personnel Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 4 p.m.**  
 Lake Region Union High School school board will be holding a Personnel Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room for the purpose of Math teaching position interviews.

**WARNING**  
**Personnel Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 4 p.m.**  
 Lake Region Union High School school board will be holding a Personnel Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room for the purpose of Social Studies teaching position interviews.

## Grand Opening!

# DERBY

## TIRE & SERVICE

Center

Brakes • Alignments • Struts • Oil Changes  
 • Diagnostics • Tires • And More!

We're a **GOODYEAR** dealer!

Alignment Special:  
**\$39.95**  
 Expires 3/31/17.

259 Shattuck Hill Road, Newport, VT  
**(802) 334-1776**

Who's ready for Storytime with Sugarmaker Steve at Maple Open House March 25 & 26?



**Gift Shop Hours:**  
 Mon.-Fri. 8-4, Sat. 10-4.

**(802) 766-2700**  
**jedsmaple.com**

259 Derby Pond Rd.  
 Derby, VT  
 Stephen & Amy Wheeler

**Jed's**  
 MAPLE PRODUCTS

TOURS • TASTING • MUSEUM • GIFT SHOP

## Introducing Our New Paint Center!

Featuring...

**PRATT & LAMBERT PAINTS**  
 Never compromise\*  
 Do It Best Quality Paints

**DUCKBACK** Exterior Stains

**Do It Best** Quality Paints



- Craft Paints
- Extended Brush Line
- Krylon Spray Paints

**Come check it out!**

**the pick & shovel** **Do It Best**

54 Coventry St.  
 Newport, VT

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**334-8370**



## Go Solar With Solartech

Renewable Energy - The Wise Choice



- Established, local, small business • High-quality work • Excellent customer service • Design, installation, and support from start to finish with our skilled, friendly crew • Grid-tie and off-grid systems

**Solartech** **f** Visit Our Website for More Information:  
**www.solartechvt.com**

754 Station Rd, Sutton, VT 05867 • 802-467-3500 • info@solartechvt.com

# January jobless rate at 7 percent

The Derby labor market area saw improvement this January compared to a year earlier, but it was still experiencing a case of the mid-winter doldrums. January's jobless rate was 7 percent, better than the 7.6 percent recorded in 2016. The improvement came from an increase in the size of the area's workforce and the addition of more local jobs.

In December the jobless rate was 5 percent. Month-to-month comparisons are not statistically valid because local employment figures are not adjusted for seasonal factors, such as weather or school schedules. Local figures can only be compared from year to year.

According to the state Department of Labor, there were 12,700 people available for work in January. Of those, 11,800 had jobs and 900 did not. A year earlier the workforce included 12,600 people, with 11,650 employed and 950 unemployed.

In December of 2016 12,500 folks were in the job market, with 11,850 working and 650 unemployed.

Unadjusted statewide figures showed a 3.5 percent rate for all of Vermont this January. Twelve months earlier that rate was set at 4 percent, while Vermont posted a 2.8 percent jobless mark in December.

With seasonal factors taken into account, Vermont's unemployment rate for January 2017 was 3.1 percent. In December that rate was 3.2 percent, and in January 2016 it was 3.3 percent. For purposes of comparison, the rate for the U.S. as a whole was 4.8 percent in January 2017.

For the first time in half a year, Derby regained the unenviable distinction of having the highest employment rate of the state's 19 labor market areas. The Vermont portion of the Colebrook, New Hampshire, area was in second place with a 6.6 percent rate.

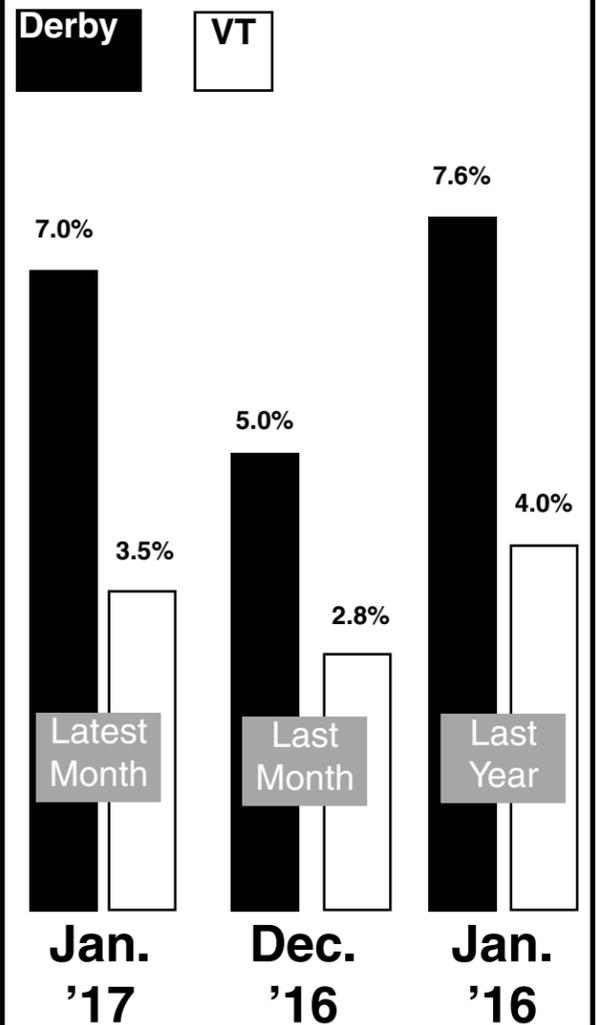
Elsewhere in northern Vermont, the 5.5 percent rate posted by the Vermont portion of the Littleton, New Hampshire, area put it in fourth place.

Morristown-Waterbury, at an even 5 percent, was in fifth place, just ahead of St. Johnsbury, which occupied sixth place with a 4.8 percent rate.

The Barre-Montpelier area's 4.3 percent mark earned it eighth place followed by Highgate in the ninth spot at 4.1 percent.

Top honors for the lowest rate in Vermont were shared by the Woodstock, White River Junction, and Burlington-South Burlington areas, each of which posted a 2.6 percent unemployment rate.

## The jobless rate Derby & Vermont



These unemployment rates for Vermont and the Derby labor market area are from the Vermont Department of Labor. They are not seasonally adjusted.

## Forgotten Farms to be screened at City Cinema

The Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD) will host a community viewing of the documentary film *Forgotten Farms* on Thursday, March 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. at City Cinema in Newport's Waterfront Plaza. *Forgotten Farms* examines class divides in our farm and food communities. The film will be followed by a discussion panel with filmmakers, local dairy farmers, and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board Agricultural Director, Nancy Everhart. A suggested donation of \$5 goes supports OCNRCD.

Most people buy their food in supermarkets and don't have a chance to "know your farmer," as the bumper sticker recommends. In more affluent communities, farm-to-table restaurants, farmers' markets and CSAs are booming and the new farmers are celebrated. But there is another farmer who is left out of the local food celebration.

The Vermont Dairy Promotion Council economic assessment lists Orleans County as having 15.3% of the state's dairy farms with 131 dairy farms and a total of 21,081 cows. The report states that 22 of those farms are certified organic. Dairy farmers are a significant foundational part of the local economy and cultural in Orleans County but often these farmers are overlooked. This event showcases these farmers by highlighting the importance of the dairy industry to Northeast Kingdom communities.

Only 100 years ago, New England produced most of its food on 16 million acres of farmland. And now, climate change demands that more food should be grown closer to its consumer. Efforts to revive local production have much to learn from dairy farmers who have been managing most of the farmland and sustaining the farm economy

for generations. The film provides a glimpse into the past and a vision for a future regional food system through conversations with farmers and policy experts, and reconsiders the role of the vital but forgotten farmers.

Visit [www.forgottenfarms.org](http://www.forgottenfarms.org), for more information, or call 334-6090, extension 118. — from OCNRCD.

## NCH named among top critical access hospitals nationwide

North Country Hospital (NCH) was recently named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by iVantage Health Analytics and The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

"This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best care possible to our patients, while maintaining an efficient and effective healthcare organization," said NCH President and CEO Claudio Fort. "Over the last couple of years we have invested more in technology, developed stronger partnerships with local health and social service providers, and recruited new physicians and other highly trained clinicians to ensure that our community has access to critical health services."

The list of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and more information about the study can be found at [www.iVantageINDEX.com](http://www.iVantageINDEX.com).

The Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities

across America — and the iVantage index measures them across eight pillars of hospital strength: inpatient share ranking, outpatient share ranking, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, and financial stability.

"Despite the uncertainty in today's healthcare world, and because we care so much about this community, we continue to push forward with a commitment to advance the mission of North Country Hospital," said NCH Board of Trustees Chair, Kathy Austin. "I am proud to be a part of this organization, and honored that our hospital has achieved this accolade."

For more information on NCH and its services, visit [www.northcountryhospital.org](http://www.northcountryhospital.org). — from NCH.

### TIME TO BUY WOOD PELLETS!

**J.B. Colton**  
SERVICE • SELECTION • VALUE  
Main St., Orleans, Vt.  
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Closed Sun.  
**802-754-6600**

**LYNDONVILLE HARDWARE**  
SERVICE • SELECTION • VALUE  
Broad St. • Route 5  
Lyndonville, Vt.  
Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**802-626-5461**

### St. Patrick's Day Specials

starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17th!  
Music by Deb Murphy. Come enjoy some fun!

### Carriage House Café & Grill

27 Water Street, Orleans, VT • (802) 754-1010

Waterfront Plaza, Newport • 334-2610  
[www.CityCinemaNewport.com](http://www.CityCinemaNewport.com)

Wednesday is date night! All seats only \$5.50

Booster seats for kids!

**City Cinema**

Playing Fri., March 17 – Thurs., March 23

- *Logan (R)* - 6:00 & 8:50\*
- Sat. & Sun. Matinees: 12:30 & 3:15
- *Kong: Skull Island (PG13)* - 6:20 & 9:00\*
- Sat. & Sun. Matinees: 1:00 & 3:30
- *Beauty & The Beast (PG)* - 6:10 & 9:00\*
- Sat. & Sun. Matinees: 12:00 & 3:00

\*Late shows on Friday & Saturday only.

Coming Fri., March 24: *The Shack (PG13)*

## Editorial

# Speak up gentlemen

Last week, immediately after learning that Newport Alderman Jacques Roberges had lost his city council seat to Denis Chenette, fellow council members Steve Vincent and Neil Morrissette resigned. Mr. Vincent quit the seat he had just been re-elected to.

Their explanation? That they can't serve under the current conditions.

The two resignation letters are brief and nearly identical. They were clearly drafted either before the election results were in, or very rapidly after. Their authors do not elaborate on what the conditions are that prevent them from serving in the offices they were elected to. Contacted on election night, Mr. Vincent wouldn't say anything further. Later in the week, Mr. Morrissette simply hung up on a reporter who wanted to ask why he quit.

So we're left to guess. Since the only difference between last Tuesday and last Monday — when Mr. Vincent and Mr. Morrissette apparently still wanted to be aldermen — was

Mr. Roberge's loss in the election, we have to assume that Mr. Chenette's presence on the council rather than Mr. Roberge's is the "condition" that prevents Mr. Vincent and Mr. Morrissette from serving.

So what is that about?

It's no secret that the trio worked in tandem, but the city council has not been starkly divided, at least not in public. Most votes have been unanimous. Some have been preceded by discussion and differing opinions, but that's simply democracy at work.

Did Mr. Vincent and Mr. Morrissette quit because, if they don't have a guaranteed majority vote on the council, they don't want to govern at all? It sure looks that way.

People who run for public office generally — hopefully — do so because they want to serve the public, the municipality. They don't get a say, beyond their own vote, in who they serve with. The voters make that decision. And one of the talents of a successful board involves working

with the other people who voters wanted on that board. A responsible public official doesn't pick up his marbles and go home in a snit upon learning that voters disagreed with him about who his fellow board members should be.

If Mr. Vincent and Mr. Morrissette have legitimate concerns about city government and how it's conducted, they should say so. They owe it to voters to explain what their concerns are about the "conditions" they can't serve under. Actually, they owe more than that to all those who voted for them. If their real concern is for Newport and its people, they should never have walked off the job in the first place.

Speak up gentlemen. Tell your former constituents just what these "conditions" are that make it impossible for you to do the job you were elected in good faith to do. Otherwise, we will have to assume you're simply pouting, in which case it's probably good in the long run that you made the decision you did. — T.S.

## This country needs immigrants — and new immigration laws

To the editor,

John Klar wrote a persuasive letter for the March 8 issue, but he ignores reality in making his case regarding immigrants.

He wrote: "There is no objection to people from Latin America to apply for visas like everyone else, and then come work here legally."

Problem is, Mr. Klar, if you are an ordinary Latin American citizen without next of kin relatives in the USA and want to immigrate legally to Vermont (or anywhere in the U.S.), the current waiting list is 18 years! Our current

quota system makes it so.

Our Statue of Liberty has this inscription: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Our country needs immigrants and needs to take a giant step in the right direction with new immigration laws in concert with that inscription. Another positive step would be purging our minds of bigotry and hate, and welcome people from other lands for what they are, not what we think they are.

Mack Stewart  
Higganum, Connecticut

## Chronicle office hours

We are open for business:

**Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Wednesday, closed.**

**Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Come by our office located on Water Street in Barton or phone us at (802) 525-3531.

## the Chronicle

© copyright, 2017

Volume 44, Number 11

March 15, 2017

Published weekly, except for the last week in December, by the Chronicle, Inc.  
the Chronicle (014-590)

Publishing office: 133 Water Street  
Barton, VT 05822

Telephone: (802) 525-3531

Fax: (802) 525-3200

Please call the office during business hours.

Website: [www.bartonchronicle.com](http://www.bartonchronicle.com)

E-mail addresses:

- *Editorial department* — [news@bartonchronicle.com](mailto:news@bartonchronicle.com)
- *Advertising department* — [ads@bartonchronicle.com](mailto:ads@bartonchronicle.com)
- *Circulation department* — [subs@bartonchronicle.com](mailto:subs@bartonchronicle.com)

Periodicals postage paid at Barton, VT, and additional mailing offices, including North Haverhill, NH.

Postmaster — Send address changes to:  
P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822

**Subscriptions:** \$27 per year in Vermont  
\$40 per year out of state  
\$28 online  
\$1 per newstand copy

In an EMERGENCY, to contact a reporter at home, nights and weekends, you may call 525-4282 or 533-2575.

**Publisher/GM:** Tracy Davis Pierce

**Editor:** Tena Starr

**Assistant Editor:** Brad Usatch

**Staff Writers:** Paul Lefebvre & Joseph Gresser

**Production:** Manager Brienne Nichols,

Kathy Seymour & LeAnn Cady

**Advertising Sales:** Kija Detoma & Zack Lafont

**Circulation Manager:** Georgia Young

**Circulation:** Trudy Blackburn, Billy Thompson, Tom Doyle, Theresa Daigle, Lise LaClair, Larry Frankel & Ozzie Henchel.

Founded in 1974 by Chris Braithwaite, Ellen Braithwaite & Edward Cowan.

## Memorial service

A celebration of life for Elaine A. Cole will be held at the Derby Community Church in Derby Center on Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m.

## Death notice

### Theresa J. Lavoie

Theresa J. Lavoie, 82, of Island Pond, died on March 13, 2017, at her home. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, at the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, 1199 Railroad Street in Island Pond. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 17, at St. James Catholic Church in Island Pond where a Mass will be celebrated.

## About letters, editorials, and opinions

*The Chronicle* welcomes letters from our readers from all points on the political spectrum.

The deadline is Monday at noon. Letters may be dropped off, mailed, e-mailed, or faxed. Letters on paper must be signed, and all letters must include a telephone number for confirmation. All letters must include the writer's town.

We will not publish a letter that has been sent anonymously to this office. In rare and extreme circumstances, we will publish a letter without the writer's name. If we refuse such a request, the writer has the option of withdrawing the letter.

Please keep your letters brief. Most letters more than 250 words will be edited for length.

Length aside, we reserve the right to edit letters for content.

Letters should be about public issues, not personal gripes. We will not run letters that are libelous, racist, or contain personal attacks. We welcome robust debate but won't print letters which, in our opinion, are merely offensive.

If you have had a letter published lately, we won't be likely to print a second one for a few months. This is simply to give everyone a turn.

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.

### March 7-13, 2017

		High	Low	Prec.	Snow	Snow on Ground
T	3/7	37	3	0.18"	0.70"	11.00"
W	3/8	39	30	0.17"	0.00"	10.00"
Th	3/9	47	22	0.22"	2.60"	10.00"
F	3/10	27	10	T	0.30"	9.80"
S	3/11	27	-11	0.04"	0.80"	10.60"
S	3/12	0	-8	0.01"	0.20"	10.50"
M	3/13	12	-7	0.01"	0.10"	10.50"

T = Trace

High and low temperatures, precipitation, snowfall, and snow depth are for 24-hour period ending 7 a.m. of the day listed.

Site is in Sutton, elevation 1,500 feet.

# Letters to the editor

## UCA clears up a misunderstanding

Dear editor,

Reviewing the response to my letter to the editor about tax dollars for private schools, it seemed appropriate to comment. While I fully respect the difference of opinion shared by Karen Hack of Coventry about the use of public funding for private schools, I wanted to clarify something she observed while visiting United Christian Academy (UCA). The debate about public funding for private education can and will continue. I was more concerned about her conclusion about our school based on a misunderstanding of a poster she saw.

Ms. Hack believed she saw a restriction clause added at the end of the United States Pledge of Allegiance. After speaking with some faculty who remembered the poster, it is clear that there was a misunderstanding. UCA has never changed the Pledge of Allegiance. In fact, our students begin each day reciting the same Pledge of Allegiance that has been said historically for centuries, without change. This is unlike many public schools, including the one my grandchildren attend in another state that has stopped reciting the pledge to ensure no one is offended.

The pledge Ms. Hack saw was a pledge to the Christian flag, which Christians have said for decades, arising out of children's VBS and Sunday school programs. It states: "I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe." Sharing this each day is not meant as an indicator of intolerance, but an

affirmation of the principles on which we stand as Christians, notwithstanding our pledge to our nation. Every school, public or private, has a set of values, standards and principles that guide the school, though they may not recite them regularly. Ours happens to rest on a faith commitment that guides our actions, behaviors, and relationships in the school. Our expectation of any student is affirmation of this traditional statement of belief, as well as a code of conduct that flows from this belief, not unlike any organization including public schools. The pledge she saw was to this faith statement that guides our school.

Though, as Ms. Hack said, "our public education system does not and cannot distinguish between those who do or do not "believe," UCA is a school of people with many different faith traditions; Catholic and Protestant together. We are united under one common, centuries old Apostle's Creed and a code of conduct which we ask all to affirm. This is our guide for decisions and under which we strive to exemplify consistently, though often imperfectly. We realize that the beliefs of any person are not fully known unless expressed by the individual, nor do we attempt to force anyone into one particular mold. However, convinced that our beliefs motivate behavior, we do ask all who become part of UCA to affirm a common belief or creed. This has resulted in fewer discipline problems, a safer learning environment, and an atmosphere that exudes a love of others shown in Jesus, the Savior mentioned in the pledge to the Christian flag.

We may differ on public funding for private

schools, but this precedent has already been established throughout Vermont. Public funds are already used to support students attending private schools such as St. Johnsbury Academy. My concern is merely that, if we in Vermont, are to allow public funds to be used for private schools, then *all* private schools should be included. I do not see this occurring in the current system of choice.

I hope this serves to clarify the fact that UCA is fully involved and supportive of our nation while remaining fully grounded in a faith commitment. We faithfully pledge to God *and* country. The result is a school with a wonderful atmosphere for learning and a track record of equipping students to succeed. I invite you to visit again and see what can occur as a result of common affirmation of both pledges, and agreement on a common statement of faith and code of conduct. We are a private school with distinctive qualities, but we are definitely open to all who want to learn in a place where God's love is lived out in the community. Small classes enable strong nurturing and encouragement, and one common pledge affirms allegiance to our nation, while another affirms allegiance to a God we define through a Christian perspective. Please do call. We would appreciate a chance to discuss your concerns further.

The Reverend J. Loring Carpenter  
Head of school  
United Christian Academy  
Newport

## Life Center provides resources for women who are pregnant

Dear Orleans County Community,

We are pleased to announce that the Life Center of the Northeast Kingdom continues to provide resources for women who are pregnant. We have been serving the community for the past four years. We work with women who are pregnant and in need of support through counseling, parenting classes, educational resources, assistance in obtaining benefits provided through the state, finding appropriate shelter in time of need, obtaining supplies for a newborn baby and resources on adoption.

Our counselors are certified in crisis counseling and are available 24 hours a day through our (800) 334-1401 number. Those in need

may also e-mail us at [neklifecenter@gmail.com](mailto:neklifecenter@gmail.com). We are here for those who are expecting to know that you are loved, your babies are loved, and we are here to help you in any way that we can.

You and your pregnancy are important to us. We believe that every life is a gift from God, and because God loves you, he has given you the greatest gift, a child.

Pastor Scott Cianciolo  
Dr. Theresa Cianciolo  
Steve Mengel, treasurer  
Ruth and Ernie Chaves,  
adoption consultants  
Wendi Molnar, secretary  
Life Center of the Northeast  
Kingdom

## Abandoned retriever is being nursed back to health

Dear readers,

This letter is to the person who abandoned an elderly Labrador retriever with poor eyesight in downtown Newport in the middle of winter. For you to betray your loyal pet by leaving him to slowly die of hunger, thirst, and exposure, is unspeakably cruel. Your sweet dog was luckier than many abandoned pets. He was taken in by a kind soul who noticed him wandering around town for several weeks. This person took him to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter in Orleans, emaciated and dehydrated, where he is being

nursed back to health by their incredibly dedicated staff, and has already found an adoptive family.

This shelter is a wonder resource right here in our county where anyone who can't keep their pet, for whatever reason, can surrender it and be assured it will get the very best of care until it finds its new forever home. It's too bad you didn't think to take advantage of this resource instead of leaving your dog to die in the cold.

Karen and Bill Vogel  
West Charleston



**It's never too cold for ice cream!  
Especially when it's covered in hot fudge!**

**TIM & DOUG'S ICE CREAM**

is opening for the  
**season on Fri., March 17!**

Fri.-Mon. **CREAMIE FLAVOR**: People's Choice Winner: VT Maple  
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. **CREAMIE FLAVOR**: Black Cherry

Special This Week:  
**HOT FUDGE  
SUNDAE  
\$1 off!**

**the pick & shovel** If it's worth doing, Do it Best

54 Coventry St.  
Newport, VT

**OPEN 7 DAYS  
A WEEK  
from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.**

334-8370

**E.M. BROWN & SON INC.**  
525-3422 • 169 Main Street, Barton, VT  
Serving customers from a historical attraction established in 1896!

**OPEN MON.-FRI. 6:30 AM-5 PM, SAT. 7 AM-2 PM**

**First 50 customers receive one  
FREE 22 lb. bag of  
Hardwood Pellets  
with any purchase!**

**FORCE**  
HARDWOOD PELLETS  
E2 Version  
100% Canadian Supreme Grade Hardwood Pellets

LAUZON  
www.lauzonpellets.com

22 lbs  
10 lbs

GRANULES DE BOIS FRANC

THIS PRODUCT IS NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION.

# Letters to the editor

Newport “has gone to hell in a hand basket”

Dear editor,

I usually stay out of politics and keep my thoughts to myself; I feel that there is something that needs to be addressed. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Monette have showed their true colors these past two years by bad mouthing Jacques and Steve while they were serving on the board of aldermen. You two have campaigned against them for the past year because you do not agree with them. It is sad that these two men have gotten a lot of backlash for trying to make Newport a better place. I guess that is what happens when you have a mind of your own and stand up for what you believe. This really is a thankless position.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Monette, it was obvious that you did not want to work with either one of these men. You did everything you could to degrade them. Mr. Wilson, you voted against everything that they brought before the council...

This all started [Mr. Wilson] when you were voted out as council president. Well, if you would have done your job as president that probably would not have happened. Mr. Wilson did not congratulate, nor has he spoken to, Neil Morrisette since the council voted him in as president. How childish is this? It makes it obvious that this election was nothing but a vendetta against the other council members.

In addition, you Mr. Monette, play both ends against the middle. What kind of a mayor are you? Your job is to bring the council, city and the

community together. Apparently that is something that you cannot do, even after being in that position for so many years.... Banging on the table and raising your voice at people does not get you respect, it shows the disrespect you have for community members. Since you have been mayor, not much has been done to help this city or the citizens, taxes keep going up and there are no businesses left. It is no wonder that our children have to move away to make a living. There is nothing for them here, and even if there were jobs, they could not afford to live here.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Monette, who in their right mind makes a career out of being on the city council and then has nothing to show for it like you have done?

It is sad that going forward, nothing more is going to get done in this city as with the past council. One that Mr. Chenette sat on and one that was run by Mr. Ward when he was city manager. I can say that everything that has been done in the past two years will be undone.

To the citizens of Newport I say, “This city has gone to hell in a hand basket, hold on to your wallets!”

Sincerely,  
Susan Roberge  
Newport

# su | do | ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

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

All horizontal rows of nine, all vertical columns of nine, and all the heavily outlined boxes of nine squares must contain all the numbers from one to nine.

Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

The answer is on page 2B.

## Where are all these Northeast Kingdom towns today?

To the editor:

It's been a lot of years since I lived in the Kingdom but I still subscribe to *the Chronicle*, faithfully read it, and thoroughly enjoy perusing the coverage of Town Meetings each year — usually looking out for the antics and barbs of old pals.

This year was no different. And while I have no reason to think that Meredith Jones' coverage of Albany's meeting was anything other than first rate, I did puzzle mightily for a while over the following entry: “In a historic vote, throwing away the tradition started in 1789 at the town of Ludlow's first Town Meeting...”

Meredith went on to report that

meeting time would change to a 9 a.m. start next year. What in heaven's name could a Ludlow tradition have to do with Albany, I pondered? Then it struck me that surely Meredith was either misinformed or the victim of spell correct wherein Albany's original charter name — Lutterloh — somehow got morphed to “Ludlow.” Kellyvale, Billymead, Minden, Carthage, Duncansborough, Elysiana, Navy, Random, Caldersburg — maybe a *Chronicle* reader's quiz is in order to tell us where all these Northeast Kingdom towns are today.

Great coverage as always.

Paul Hannan  
Calais



**SPRING FEVER SALES EVENT**

**ski-doo**

ORDER YOUR 2018 SKI-DOO® SLED BEFORE APRIL 12, 2017 AND GET

**4-YEAR OR 0% FINANCING**

COVERAGE FOR 36 MONTHS

**Walt's Sales & Service**

ROUTE 5, DERBY LINE ROAD  
DERBY, VT  
766-5583  
[www.waltsvt.com](http://www.waltsvt.com)

**ski-doo** 

**The George Buzzell Scholarship**

A student residing in Orleans County who plans to or is pursuing higher education at an accredited school in a natural resource management-related field is eligible to apply for this scholarship. In addition to pursuing a career in a field that reflects the values George Buzzell upheld in his career, applicants should demonstrate personal integrity, scholastic excellence, and interest and participation in diverse activities.

Deadline for application submissions is April 15th.

For scholarship applications or more information, contact :

The George Buzzell Scholarship Committee  
c/o Colleen Goodridge, P.O. Box 515 Albany, VT 05820 or [wcedar@sover.net](mailto:wcedar@sover.net)



A blizzard of savings in Vermont



Save up to **\$1,500** with the Vermont Stove Change-Out Program. For a limited time only, replace your non-certified wood or pellet stove with an EPA-certified product and save big! To learn more, visit [www.thefarmyardstore.com](http://www.thefarmyardstore.com)

**HARMAN**  
BUILT TO A STANDARD, NOT A PRICE

**The FARMYARD STORE**  
ALTERNATIVE HEATING & POWER DIVISION

SALES - SERVICE - INSTALLATION

3262 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT  
(Across from the Derby Post Office.)  
**(802) 766-2714**

Opinion

# The public's right to know is under attack

by Senator Patrick Leahy

This is the first Sunshine Week, since it began in 2005, when the public's right to know has been under direct assault, and on several fronts. "Fake news," "alternative facts," retaliatory restrictions of press access by the White House, and demonizing attacks on the working press are eroding the public's access to real facts and real information about what their government is doing.

Next week the Senate Judiciary Committee will convene for crucial hearings to consider the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to serve on the United States Supreme Court. These hearings are a unique moment when all three branches of government converge as senators consider a presidentially appointed nominee to serve on the highest court in the land. I plan to use these public hearings to ask Judge Gorsuch about vital matters affecting millions of Americans, and about how he will approach those issues if he is confirmed.

It is fitting that these hearings will occur just after Sunshine Week, a time when we rededicate ourselves to transparency in government. It was Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, a staunch believer in open government, who famously said that sunlight is the best disinfectant. It is often the press that shines the sunlight in dark corners where we need it most. Since the beginning of our Republic, Americans have recognized the freedom of the press as central to our democracy. But today, that basic understanding is being tested by a president who apparently needs a refresher.

Our Constitution provides for freedom of the press because a democracy cannot survive without it. But a free press is not just a constitutional requirement; it is essential for the public's participation and faith in democracy. The press informs the public and holds elected officials accountable. It serves as a critical check on our government, shining a light on corruption,

exploitation, injustice, and excess.

With the new administration, the very existence of facts and truth seem to be under attack. From his first days in office, in which he made outlandish claims about his inauguration crowd size, the President has waged a war against reality. President Trump labels unfavorable reports as "fake news," while simultaneously decrying the leaks from his administration that gave rise to the reports in the first place. And in an attempt at censorship, his administration has retaliated against respected media institutions by limiting their access to cover the White House.

Instead of censoring the media, we have a responsibility to ensure it can operate freely. Last year we took a significant step forward when Congress finally enacted my FOIA Improvement Act to strengthen and modernize the Freedom of Information Act — our nation's premier transparency law and a tool the press relies on to root out the truth behind government spin. This new law, which took years of hard work to pass, made permanent President Obama's directive that government agencies operate with a "presumption of openness" when considering the release of government information under FOIA. I fought for this strengthening legislation because I believe we have to hold all presidents and their administrations accountable to the highest standards. In retrospect, given the Trump Administration's hostility to the press, this legislation could not have been better timed. By codifying the presumption of openness, we declare that sunshine, not secrecy, is the default setting of our government.

While passing the FOIA Improvement Act is important progress, we cannot stop there. We must make sure that our government conducts its work in public where possible and uses technology to invite more people into public proceedings. This access and transparency were a priority for me when I was chairman of the

Judiciary Committee during the consideration of the last two Supreme Court nominees. And for me this will remain a top priority. We have already seen one Trump nominee mislead the Judiciary Committee under oath when Attorney General Jeff Sessions did not accurately respond to my direct question and then failed to disclose false testimony, until prompted by news reports. We cannot allow that to happen again. Not when the stakes are so high for our system of justice and for our democracy.

Despite the alarming attacks on the free press from our new President and the misleading testimony of his Cabinet members, I believe we can and we must, continue to bring more transparency to government. We did so last year with the FOIA Improvement Act, and we can continue by promoting transparency and accountability through technology. My parents ran an independent printing press in Vermont. From an early age, I understood the power of technology to inform the public. Today, all that separates our citizens from vital information and news is often the click of a button.

Next week, Vermonters and all Americans will be able to tune in to the Senate Judiciary Committee's public consideration of a Supreme Court nominee. While this same process should have been afforded to Chief Judge Merrick Garland, President Obama's highly qualified nominee to fill the Supreme Court vacancy, Republicans broke a century of Senate tradition and refused him the opportunity of a public hearing. Now we are faced with a new nominee for the highest court in the land, nominated by a President who has already shown hostility to independent judges who dare to uphold the Constitution, and to journalists so bold as to write the truth. Next week's hearings mark a time where transparency and a free press can illuminate for the American people exactly what is at stake with this Supreme Court nominee and this presidency. During this Sunshine Week, let us all remember to keep the spotlight shining.

## Hypocrisy from Vermont Senators Leahy and Sanders

To the editor,

Both Senator Sanders and Senator Leahy have demanded that Attorney General Jeff Sessions resign.

Their "outrage" is obviously a partisan witch hunt and it is an orchestrated attempt by the Democratic party to discredit Trump and/or his nominees any way they can.

I find it very ironic that we never heard a word from either of them, or Representative Welch, regarding the fast and furious gun running operation on the Mexican border.

We also didn't hear from them all through the IRS scandal when the IRS admitted they profiled conservative organizations and purposely delayed their 501c3 certifications.

Why was our delegation silent during the Benghazi hearings when four Americans were murdered? How about when Bill Clinton visited Loretta Lynch on the tarmac to discuss whatever? Why were all three quiet when it was revealed

the Clinton Foundation was receiving money from foreign governments or when Hillary deleted 35,000 e-mails from her non-secure server?

Both Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch have been involved in controversy several times, and we never heard word one from our Washington delegation. Hypocrisy at its best!

This current witch hunt stems from one of the questions submitted to Sessions by Leahy:

"Several of the President-elect's nominees or senior advisers have Russian ties. Have you been in contact with anyone connected to any part of the Russian government about the 2016 election, either before or after election day?" Response from Sessions "no"

Being an attorney, Senator Leahy should know better. He didn't ask him if he had ever met with a Russian contact, he asked specifically about the election and Sessions said no to the question. Honest answer, yes; ambiguous, probably; enough to resign, NO.

Senator Sessions was on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and he talked to ambassadors all over the world and this is absolutely allowed. The Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak visited Obama's White House 23 times and even sat with Democrats during Trump's Joint Session speech.

This "selective" outrage was planned by the Democrats to counter the positive speech given by Trump and designed to hit the press the following day. How convenient!

It is going to be a long four years if our three legislators continue to take unwarranted pot shots at the current administration. Sooner or later they must accept the fact that they lost the election and work with the President.

Chet Greenwood,  
Chair, Orleans County Republican Committee  
Derby

### Stressing over high winter bills?

Fuel bills this time of year can be larger than usual because of usage, but as you know, an unexpectedly high bill can create havoc with your monthly budget.



A Budget Pay Plan from Fred's Energy can keep your bills simple, predictable and under control. Call today to learn more!

**FRED'S ENERGY**  
YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

HEATING OIL  
PROPANE  
PLUMBING  
SEWER PUMPS  
HVAC SERVICE & INSTALLATION  
GENERATORS  
CENTRAL VAC  
WATER HEATERS & SOFTENERS  
CUSTOM DESIGN  
KITCHEN & BATH  
REMODELS  
24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE

DERBY  
802.766.4949

MORRISVILLE  
802.888.3827

LYNDONVILLE  
802.626.4588



CallFred's.com

**PARTS PLUS**

## 2017 BRAKE REBATE PROMOTION

# CarCareCenter

# Save up to \$95!

To qualify for this offer, you must have your service performed at a participating Parts Plus Car Care Center now through April 30, 2017. Rebate is limited to \$95 per vehicle. Call or stop in for more information.

## EAST MAIN AUTO REPAIR INC.

210 East Main Street, Newport, VT • Open Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun.

**INSPECTION #4 DUE**

**PARTS PLUS**

**CarCareCenter**  
The Next Generation of Automotive Service

334-5662 • 334-5771  
Pager 742-0541



Affiliated

**24 HOUR TOWING**

**Wrecker & Flatbed Service**

# Letters to the editor

## My experience with an immigrant population in a Colorado school

To the editor,

My teaching career began in the small western Colorado town of Center, in the San Luis Valley. I saw poverty that probably surpasses that seen in this area of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, and many of my students were of Hispanic origin, many of Mexican and Native American heritage. Some were probably children of undocumented parentage but born themselves in the United States; others had been born in Mexico and had only come to the U.S. after completing the sixth grade, which was the end of the line for their education for them at home.

The school where I taught was one of the "state identified" schools that was being targeted by laws pressuring those schools to either achieve a "proficient level" on the state standardized test, or be replaced by a publicly funded, but privately run charter school. Amazingly, the year I was there, the school managed to get itself off the list by having the majority of the school's students test proficient on the Colorado Student Assessment Program exam, or CSAP. This feat was all the more remarkable since many of the students were classified as ESL, or English as a second language, and some had started school (after sixth grade) without even the knowledge of our number system since they came from Mayan areas of Mexico where counting was still done with dots and glyphs!

In years since have I stayed in touch with the teachers, principal, and even the superintendent of that school, and during that time the school has made an amazing transformation. It has been entirely rebuilt, modernized, and the superintendent was honored as the state Superintendent of the Year for Colorado just a couple years ago.

The student poverty rate, based on the number of kids who qualified for subsidized lunches at that school, was over 90 per cent. How did they achieve success? How did 11-year-old, non-English speakers with no math skills acquire the skills that allowed them to pass the CSAP exam in just five years? The answer is simple: Because they wanted to, and their families wanted them to. So this school out in the middle of nowhere, Colorado, with an overworked and underpaid staff, was able to turn itself around. It has now risen like a Phoenix from the ashes primarily because of community involvement. Parents cared, and so students cared. That is the formula that worked for them and would be helpful to this area's school system as well.

Since moving back to Vermont, I have seen

the opposite occur in this area. Some of the problem is a result of the phenomenon I described in a recent letter about school choice, that being our area has suffered as a result of a depopulation of the school and the out-flux of better off families who have the skills and money to achieve elsewhere, along with their high achieving children, leaving behind an ever increasing core of students who are from poorer, more disadvantaged families where there is less support for students due to economic strife. This has caused a gradual lowering of academic achievement over the years, and has lowered the bar in classrooms where teachers have to work harder with an increasingly more challenged student population.

Although the parents of students at my school in Colorado were even more impoverished than the people here, they had a strong desire for their children to be successful. They were always supportive of the work done in the schools and packed the school on both open house nights hosted by the school at the beginning and end of the year. Additionally, parents would always back me up if I had a problem with any of their children in the classroom.

Why is this? Because most of them were immigrants. They labored in the potato, carrot, and lettuce fields of huge farms in the San Luis Valley and so did their kids in the summer. Since many were laboring for 12 hours a day or more, older siblings had to be responsible enough to get younger brothers and sisters fed, dressed and to school on time. It was a hard life but those parents held a big stake in their community schools and trusted their ability to help pave a brighter future for their children.

So I guess the moral of this tale is that sometimes a little perspective on a situation can shed some needed light. In an age where we demonize immigrants, and are discussing building a wall along the Mexican border to keep them out, I would argue that here is a population that instead of blaming the school for the problems of their children, impressed me with their diligence and determination. As a community that valued education, these immigrants have made this country a little bit more of what we consider to be truly "American." A place where education is valued and paid for because a better educated population is better able to benefit their workplace and serve the community and our country as a whole. More education also allows for better participation in government, whether writing letters to editors,

joining a Parent Teacher Association, serving on local boards or government, and most of all, for more informed choices when people go to the polls to vote. One could argue that these new Americans whom I taught, are more in touch with the American dream than the "average Joe." In fact, the successful effort made by each successive wave of immigrants from our workaholic Puritan ancestors, to Irish in the 1840s, to Italians, Vietnamese, and others, has been fueled by that same promise of success in exchange for hard work. I believe that for this country to function as our founders intended as a democracy run by the people, we need to work with, not against, our local school systems. Public servants, like teachers and the police, are often demonized as failing our kids or communities, but ultimately their success derives primarily from support from the communities.

I am thankful for the perspective I have been given from working for a year in Center, Colorado, before coming here to teach. In that school, as I do at our school here, I did the yearbook. We even printed and bound the whole book right in the classroom. The end of the school year brought me the most emotional time I have ever had in my teaching career. Once the yearbook was finished, students wanted to write in my yearbook, and many thanked me for challenging them, teaching them, or just giving them a chance. At the end of the year I felt like I had truly made a difference in their lives. This was all part of a supportive community culture where people take pride in, and believe in their schools.

Although I do not get the same overwhelming feeling teaching locally, I do see signs, and am sometimes told I make a difference by some of my students. Since North Country Union High School was my alma mater, and where my father taught, I have always made the best effort I can there to bring my best to the classroom for the sake of my students, and to help the children of people I went to school with. My first year of teaching in that isolated part of the country, however, showed me what a difference, regular but dedicated educators can make when paired with a community of supportive and active parents who are invested in the school and their children's success. We can have a great school here as well, or any place in this country, but it needs to start with a caring community.

Brian McCrae  
Newport

## Let's find common sense solutions for funding education

To the editor,

Look I get it, governing can be hard. All you have to do is look at the mess that our wonderful President is making at the moment to see what I am talking about. However, I still find myself disappointed because even though as a state we elected a Republican Governor, at the very least it was Phil Scott, who on the campaign trail basically came across as a Midwest Democrat — conservative around the edges while liberal on the inside.

While Phil Scott was pretty short on ideas during the campaign at least his tired yet true (I mean tried and true) slogan of "make Vermont

affordable for families and businesses" was something just about everyone could agree with — at least until we saw his budget proposal. Especially his ideas around funding education in the state.

The Governor's budget proposal would create a \$50-million shortfall in the education fund, which he then proposes to cover by increasing the monetary burden of human services on our teachers; then by effectively stripping our towns of any local control and requiring level funding for town's education budget proposals. And to think, that is what is coming from a Republican. GASP!

While I understand wanting to try to get state spending under control, it is absurd that our Governor has proposed balancing the budget on the backs of our teachers.

I am thankful that our legislators have decided to not pursue his proposal this year, and I encourage them to not entertain such silly budget proposals like this in the future. Instead, let's come together to find common sense solutions to funding education that doesn't rob our children and our towns of education opportunities.

Thank you,  
Shane Rogers  
Newport

**Thank You to family, friends and neighbors of the Houle family**

We wish to express a sincere thank-you for the cards, food, hugs, and words of sympathy you shared with us as we said our final goodbye to our Father, Adrien. Your support helped us through this very difficult time.

Also, we wish to say a special thank-you to the Reverend Timothy Naples and the Reverend Bernie Gaudreau for the spiritual guidance provided to Adrien and his family over the course of his illness and then during his final days on earth.

Sincerely, Elaine, Diane, Lorraine, Ronald, and Denis

**st. patrick's day special!**

17% off anything green — March 15-21!

60 Route 111, Derby Village  
(50 yards from Derby Village Store)  
(802) 766-2852  
Toll-free 1-888-334-7906  
Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30 • Sun. 10:30-4  
Check out our web page at:  
www.countrythymevermont.com

Free gift wrapping.  
Gift baskets & boxes shipped anywhere.

**LAKEVIEW**

DANIEL G. GAUVIN  
Owner/Operator (EFK)

**AVIATION**

2628 Airport Road - Newport, VT 05855

Office: 802-334-5001 • Cell: 802-673-8935 • E-mail: dan@lakeviewaviation.com  
Aircraft Rentals - Flight Schools - Maintenance Shop - Hangar Rental - IOO LL - Jet A - Fuel After Hours - Scenic Tours

Opinion

# On modestly expanding school choice

by John McClaughry

Here's a capsule history of the fitful advance of parental choice in education in Vermont.

1869: The landmark Act 9 allows towns without secondary schools to tuition pupils to public and independent schools.

1990: The 1869 tuition law is expanded to include grades 1-6.

1997: In debate over what becomes Act 60, the education finance law, Senator Jeb Spaulding (D) offers an amendment for full public and non-sectarian independent school choice, with a state-specified tuition amount following the student. It passes 18-12 with the support of Senate President Peter Shumlin (D). The House rejects it in conference.

1998: For the first time ever, the national Gallup poll shows support for school choice, 51-45 percent. A *Vermont Public Radio* poll asks "Should parents be allowed to use tax dollars to send their children to religious schools?" Yes, 55 percent; no, 34 percent; undecided, 12 percent.

1999: Governor Howard Dean (D) strongly calls for public school choice in a message to the Legislature.

2000: The Legislature uncomfortably enacts Act 150, a highly restrictive high school student exchange experiment so far removed from real school choice that leading choice advocates decline to support it.

2001: The Ethan Allen Institute offers the first comprehensive parental choice and provider competition plan, called "Schoolchildren First." (Senator Shumlin joins a hastily union-arranged news conference to denounce it.)

2002: The Republican House passes a public-school-only choice bill (72-67). The Democratic majority buries it in the Senate. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that vouchers used by Cleveland parents at faith-based schools are constitutional.

2003: New Republican Governor Jim Douglas

calls for expanding public school choice.

2004: Governor Douglas renews his call. For the first time the State Board of Education unanimously endorses the concept of universal public school choice.

2010: Commissioner Armando Vilaseca launches a persistent attack on independent schools receiving tuition voucher payments.

2012: Act 129 repeals the failed public high school regional choice act of 2000, but replaces it with a similar measure that requires no payment of tuition by the sending school district.

2015: Forced consolidation (Act 46) and controversial State Board of Education rules threaten to end choice in tuition towns.

2016: State Board of Education launches a new attack on independent schools receiving tuition vouchers. Initially thwarted by the Interagency Committee on Rules, the battle continues.

A week before his election as Governor, Phil Scott (R) says, "new rules proposed by the State Board of Education would undermine the rights of towns and parents, and weaken local and regional economies." Governor Scott called on the State Board of Education "to withdraw and rewrite the rules to preserve and strengthen choices for parents."

Now we're up to 2017. The battle over the fate of tuition town choice in new unified districts has yet to be settled (except in the new Northeast Kingdom Choice District, composed of ten K-12 tuition towns.) Nor has the issue of the State Board's imposition of deliberately crippling, and potentially lethal, requirements on independent schools that accept tuition students.

But a new bill sponsored by Representatives Vicki Strong and Mike Hebert and 30 co-sponsors offers a modest step forward. (H. 450).

Their bill would amend Act 129 of 2012 to expand public school choice options to all students in grades K-12. It would "require the student's

school district of residence to permit the student ... to transfer to any other public school in the state that provides an academic course, sports program, officially sponsored extracurricular activity, or service that is offered at the other public school but not at the public school of the student's district of residence, and by requiring the other public school to accept the student (unless there is no physical capacity to accept the student). The school district of residence would pay [an unspecified amount of] tuition to the receiving school district."

This isn't the full bore parental choice that many have sought for so many years, but it pushes the door a little further open for kids to depart their local public school to an educational environment better suited to their needs, interests, and abilities.

*John McClaughry is vice-president of the Ethan Allen Institute.*

## Iowa fifth-grader looks for information on Vermont

Dear readers,

Hello! My name is Sarah S. I'm a fifth grade student at Harlan Intermediate School in Harlan, Iowa. My class is studying the geography and history of the United States. I am excited to learn more about your state of Vermont. I would really appreciate it if you would send me pictures, postcards, souvenirs, or information on your state. My teacher, Mrs. Newlin, would like a car license plate if possible, for a teacher project. I really appreciate your time and looking forward to learn more about Vermont.

Sincerely,  
Sarah S.

Mail items to:

Sarah S.  
c/o Mrs. Newlin's S.S. Class  
Harlan Intermediate School  
1401 19th Street  
Harlan, Iowa 51537

## Congressional delegation needs to represent all Vermonters

Dear editor,

I am in full agreement with the open letter Chet Greenwood submitted regarding the hypocrisy of Vermont's representatives to Washington.

It is my understanding that these three representatives represent everyone in the state of Vermont, and when they play partisan politics they do not represent me or the rest of Vermont who are not die-hard liberal Democrats.

I believe all three live in glass houses when it comes to casting stones at those who don't tell the truth.

I want my three representatives to represent all of Vermont, which means stop these three-

year-old sandbox tactics to delay allowing Trump from performing his duties as a freely elected President. All three need to remember Democrats may be back in power sometime in the future, and when Republicans use the same tactics I wonder what their position will be then.

Senators Leahy and Sanders, and Representative Welch, it is time to grow up and be the individuals the people of Vermont elected you to be.

Gene Besaw  
Derby



**Lordy, Lordy,  
Look Who's  
FORTY!  
Heather  
Piette!**

**Happy Birthday!**  
March 20th ~ 95th Year  
**ONA FORTY**  
Please send cards to her at P.O. Box 322, Barton, VT 05822.  
**Happy Birthday, Mom!**  
- Donna Lee, Connie, Bill, Tonya Rhae

Cards of Thanks  
are \$10.50 per column inch. (An ad this size is \$21.)

Birthdays & Card Showers  
are \$13 per column inch. (An ad this size is \$26.)

Deadline is Monday at noon.

**the Chronicle**

802-525-3531 • ads@bartonchronicle.com

*Congratulations  
Newly Engaged Couples!*

**WE'RE YOUR WEDDING HEADQUARTERS!**

**WEDDING SUPPLIES:**

- INVITATIONS
- FAVORS
- ATTENDANTS' GIFTS
- NAPKINS
- THANK-YOU NOTES
- PLACE CARDS
- FAVOR OR CAKE BOXES

Over 20 different catalogs!

Check out a sampling of our invitations online at [www.memphremagogpress.com](http://www.memphremagogpress.com)  
**OFFERING 10% OFF!**

**The MEMPHREMOG PRESS** Since 1937

415 Union Street  
Newport, VT 05855  
(802) 334-2780 • (800) 440-2780  
Fax: (802) 334-6344  
E-mail: mempress\_1937@comcast.net  
Open: Mon.-Fri. 7-4. Closed Sat. & Sun.

**Happy Birthday**  
**to the following people!**

Jessica Gilman, Sheffield, March 15  
Dakota DeGreenia, Coventry, March 15  
Caitlyne DeGreenia, Coventry, March 17  
Samantha Lefebvre, March 19  
Josh Baker, Holland, March 19  
Matthew Gilman, Sheffield, March 19  
William Baker, March 20  
Huey Flanders, Newport, March 21  
Claude Lafleur, Newport Center, March 21  
Claudette Thibault, South Burlington, March 21  
Marc Quirion, March 21  
Caroline Aurora Todd, Canton, NY, March 21  
Chang Sukkaew, Albany, March 22  
Araceli Derbyshire, Barton, March 22  
Christine Degre, Newport, March 22  
Isaiah Braithwaite, West Glover, March 22  
Sandra Scott, Brockton, MA, March 23  
Tucker Baker, March 23  
Sandra Scott, Massachusetts, March 23

Submit birthdays online at [bartonchronicle.com/birthdays](http://bartonchronicle.com/birthdays)  
or e-mail them to ads@bartonchronicle.com, fax them to 802-525-3200, or mail them to *the Chronicle*, ATTN: Birthdays, P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822. (No phone calls, please.) Please include their name, birthday (no year), town of residence.

Names are submitted by your family and friends, but if you'd like your name removed or your town changed, please let us know.

# Health Department looks at roots of addiction

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — Preventing heroin addiction may be as simple, or as complicated, as paying attention to the difficulties individuals face in their early years and offering help to overcome those traumas.

That was the message offered at the latest in a series of meetings dedicated to dealing with an epidemic of opioid abuse that has become increasingly virulent in recent years. The meeting, held at North Country Career Center on March 9, was organized by Julie Raboin, a substance abuse prevention consultant with the state Department of Health.

Ms. Raboin pointed to studies that show young people use alcohol and binge drink more often in Orleans County than they do in the state as a whole. When those numbers are broken down by income, it appears that Orleans County's higher rate of alcohol use is driven by people of lower socioeconomic status.

Young people from wealthier backgrounds have no higher rate of alcohol consumption than do others of their economic background in the state, Ms. Raboin said.

In fact, higher status youth in Orleans County use marijuana at a significantly lower rate than do their peers in the state as a whole. A much higher percentage of young people from less well-off families in Orleans County smoke pot than similarly situated youth in the rest of the state, she said.

Another survey showed that fewer than 50 percent of young people in Orleans County feel valued by the community, Ms. Raboin said.

Youth in the county are much more likely to be disconnected, that is not in school and unemployed, than in Vermont or the nation as a whole, she said.

Ms. Raboin's said about 22.2 percent of Orleans County's youth are disconnected compared to 7.4 percent for the entire state and 12.3 percent for the whole country.

She said the state needs to strive for what she called "health equity." That means that people's health ought not to depend on how much money they have.

One theory about the connection between lack of money and poor health is based on an evaluation of people according to their exposure to childhood trauma, Ms. Raboin said.

She introduced Kari White, who serves as director of quality initiatives at Northern County Health Care, a federally supported organization that runs medical centers in Caledonia and Essex counties.

Ms. White talked about a study of what are called adverse childhood experiences or ACEs. These include witnessing domestic abuse or living with alcoholic or drug using adults, among other stress factors.

According to a study of 17,000 people conducted by Kaiser Permanent in the late 1990s, ACEs can serve to predict health outcomes.

The likelihood that a person will experience heart disease, cancer, drug abuse, suicide, or depression increases with the number of stress factors experienced by a young child. Similarly, those factors can have a negative effect on other



Kari White explains how bad childhood experiences can affect a person's life at a meeting to discuss ways to prevent heroin addiction. Ms. White said the brain is resilient enough to overcome trauma and thrive.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

aspects of a person's life, such as their success in school or at work, she said.

While the figures do not necessarily apply to every individual, the relationship between ACEs and poor health in large populations is clear.

Ms. White said that a person need not be a victim of his or her past. The human brain is resilient and can heal, she said.

One place to start is helping those who have experienced trauma in their childhood from continuing the cycle of trauma as they raise children. Ms. White suggested that having health care workers visit homes to provide instruction on better ways of parenting can be effective.

Similarly, providing easy access to health care and income support for those who are in precarious economic circumstances can reduce overall stress for a family, Ms. White said.

Schools can also go out of their way to make students feel as if they are valued members of a community, she said.

Ms. White said teaching adults to do a better job in dealing with young people will have beneficial results for the future.

The most important factor in assuring good outcomes for a young person is having a stable and committed relationship with a supportive adult, Ms. White said.

Individuals can also help themselves by improving their brains through exercise, proper nutrition and learning new things, how to play a musical instrument, for instance, Ms. White said.

She also recommended striving to achieve what she called collective impact, which she defined as a kind of deep collaboration that brings people together to work in a structured way for social change.

Inga Hoag of the North Country Supervisory Union said her supervisory union has created a committee to find ways of making wellness and health part of the curriculum.

The plan is not to teach about drugs, but rather to provide information about things students can do instead of taking drugs.

While people are working to make changes in the community, Ms. Raboin said, "I don't want to sit here and give anyone the impression that we've got this."

Colleen Moore de Ortiz, who also works for the Department of Health, recalled her experience growing up and feeling disconnected from her community in Holland.

She said she ran away, but moved back to the area, living on Third Street in Newport. Ms. Ortiz said she felt like a loser for years, before reaching out and meeting her neighbors. Today, Ms. Ortiz said, she feels as if she is part of a real community full of people on whom she can rely for support and help when needed.

One of her neighbors, Michelle Rossi, now serves on the committee working on ways of dealing with the addiction problem.

Ms. Rossi said, "I was part of the problem for seven years, now I'm trying to be part of the solution."

She was given the honor of announcing that the community has been awarded a \$150,000 Promise Grant as part of the federal Race to the Top program. The money will go toward funding programs that can help reverse the causes of the area's drug problems, Ms. Rossi said.

"So many dark clouds hover over our community," she said. "It's time to shed some light."

**CURRIER'S QUALITY MARKET**  
2984 Glover St., Glover, VT 05839 • 802-525-8822

**Sale!**

Florida Strawberries, 2/\$5  
Shurfine Pie Crust, Graham or Choc., \$1.29  
Post Great Grains Cereal, Variety, 2/\$5  
Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks, 2/\$4  
Rice-A-Roni, Assorted Flavors, 5/\$5  
Nabisco Chips Ahoy Cookies, \$2.79

**Meat Counter Specials!**  
BONELESS PORK CHOPS, Family Pack, \$1.99 lb.  
Shurfine Graham Crackers 2/\$4  
Cabot Butter, \$3.49  
Shurfine Freezer Bags, Qt. or Gal., \$1.29

NEW, USED & RARE BOOKS

**Annual Spring Sale!**  
March 17th-25th

Celebrating 41 years of book selling!

**20% Off**  
all books in stock!

**GREEN MOUNTAIN BOOKS & PRINTS**  
1055 Broad Street • Lyndonville, VT 05851 • 802-626-5051  
www.greenmntnbooks.com

**FREEDOM PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
GETTING YOU BACK ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

**Mind, Body, Movement Center**  
MONDAYS-SATURDAYS

**NEW! Tai Chi**  
**NEW! Sweatin' to the Oldies**

**Mobility Art**  
**Yogas**  
**Insanity**  
**Aquatic Classes**

**FIRST CLASS IS FREE!**

CALL US AT 334-2400  
Just south of the water tower at 417 VT Rte. 105 in the Tanguay Office Complex in Newport.  
[www.freedomptvt.com](http://www.freedomptvt.com)

# News briefs from around the county

by Elizabeth Trail

## Second Willoughby meeting draws crowd

A second public meeting about proposed changes to parking and access at the southern end of Lake Willoughby drew a crowd to the Fellowship Hall in Westmore last Wednesday night.

About 70 people went to a meeting two weeks ago in Lyndonville where plans were displayed for bathrooms, handicap-accessible trails, and a parking area at the south end of Lake Willoughby.

"We do have to address some of the sanitary issues, the safety issues, and the water quality issues that really have been left unattended for quite a while," said Louis Bushey of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

"Understand that we're only addressing problems that already exist."

A newly formed group called Protect Willoughby has spearheaded resistance to the proposed changes.

According to the most recent of 14 e-mails that have gone out since the group was founded two weeks ago, the goal is to get the state to scale back the plans and preserve the pristine nature of the beach area.

Protect Willoughby also has a Facebook page. Currently, beachgoers park alongside Route 5A. That creates a bottleneck for traffic and runs the risk of letting leaked oil and engine fluids run into the lake, according to officials.

Forests and Parks is proposing two parking lots with up to 45 spaces in each.

A 32-by-17-foot bathhouse would have a family bath and mechanical section in the center that could be heated in winter to provide facilities for ice climbers.

And eroded footpaths that currently put mud into the lake would be replaced.

Since the first meeting, more than 100 people have sent feedback about the design to Mr. Bushey's office, much of it negative.

Protect Willoughby is asking to be added as a recipient on all e-mails to Forests and Parks. The group then sends excerpts out to its members.

Forests, Parks and Recreation says it is working to revise the plans.

But officials haven't set a time frame for coming up with a new set of drawings.

## Brownington plans Saturday meetings

Starting March 25, the Brownington Select Board will experiment with holding its meetings at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The board plans to give the idea a three-month trial.

# Belgian bookbinding class offered at Catamount Arts

Artist and teacher Sharon Kenney Biddle will offer a secret Belgian bookbinding class this spring at Catamount Arts' Outback Artspace. The class will be taught Tuesday evenings, April 25, May 2, and May 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. High school students and adults are welcome.

Secret Belgian bookbinding refers to a non-adhesive hand-stitched bookbinding method, also known as crisscross binding. Originally developed by a Belgian woman inspired by Japanese techniques, secret Belgian binding creates a book that can lie flat when opened, making it perfect for a travel journal, garden journal, recipe book, or sketchpad. The two-part process involves sewing the cover boards together in a puzzle-like weave, and then binding the inside pages by attaching them to the cover with beautiful, dramatic-looking sewing.

Ms. Biddle, who has been teaching bookbinding for twenty years, believes that old-fashioned paper-filled books, especially ones that we make ourselves, are neither obsolete nor irrelevant.

"Designing a book and building its contents are worthy, satisfying experiences," Ms. Biddle says. "A well-made book that is entirely one's own from cover to cover is a valuable example of imagination and careful craftsmanship."

Participants in the class will create a hard cover blank book. All materials and supplies will be provided, and students will be given a set of written secret Belgian binding directions to take home. The tuition for class is \$60, with a ten percent discount for Catamount Arts members and high school students. A materials fee of \$8 is due at the first class. Class size is limited to eight participants, and registration closes on April 21.

Catamount's Outback Artspace is located

behind the Catamount Arts Center, 115 Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury. Students may register for secret Belgian bookbinding and learn about additional spring arts classes at [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org), or by calling the box office at (802) 748-2600, extension 2. — from Catamount Arts.

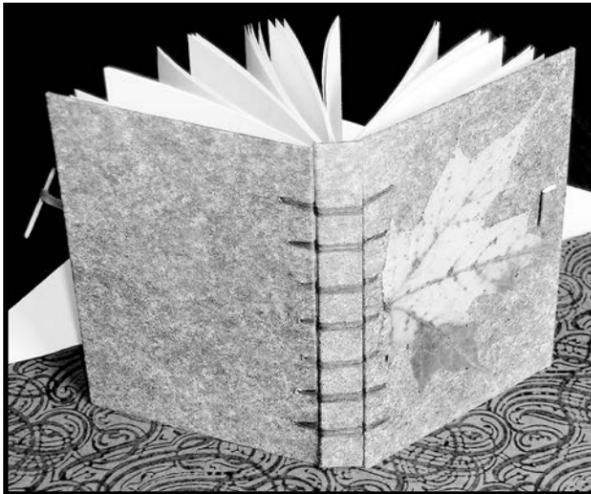
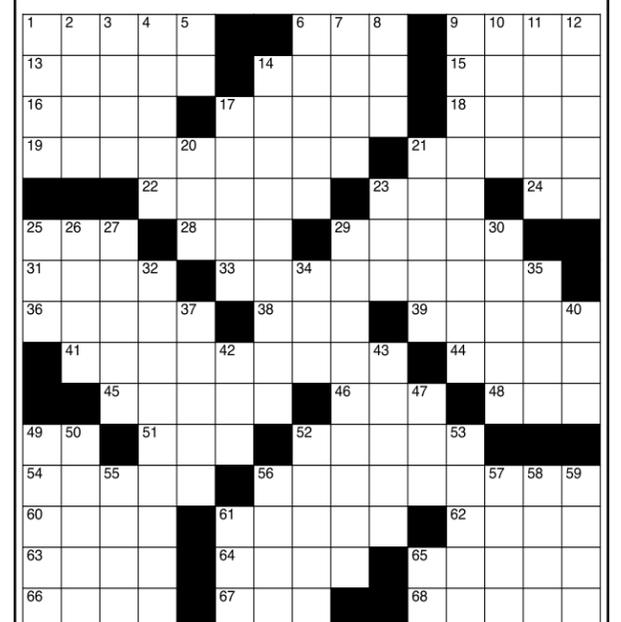


Photo courtesy of Catamount Arts

**Online subscriptions are only \$28 per year.**  
[www.bartonchronicle.com](http://www.bartonchronicle.com)

Click for the **ONLINE EDITION**

## Chronicle CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pea stems
- 6. Type of music
- 9. Leader
- 13. Distant
- 14. 5,280 feet
- 15. Beloved Yankee great
- 16. A female domestic
- 17. Free from alcoholism
- 18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 19. Entertains with song
- 21. Wooden shoe
- 22. Female horses
- 23. Group of males
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Revolutions per minute
- 28. Neither
- 29. Woody climbing plant
- 31. Dismounted
- 33. Orbits the earth
- 36. Female parents
- 38. Separates acids
- 39. Origins
- 41. Stuffing and mounting animal skins
- 44. Rupture
- 45. Fathers
- 46. Large primate
- 48. Shape-memory alloy
- 49. Halfback
- 51. "Family Guy" daughter
- 52. Irish mountain chain
- 54. Paired
- 56. Drinks
- 60. Death notice
- 61. Skirts
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Where a curve intersects itself
- 64. Red Sea port
- 65. Mozambique seaport
- 66. Leaver
- 67. The human foot
- 68. Crash

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- 2. Wings
- 3. French river
- 4. Internet device
- 5. Where Tony Bennett left his heart
- 6. Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
- 7. Brews
- 8. For each
- 9. Dictatorships
- 10. Slavic person in Saxony
- 11. Nobel laureate Shmuel
- 12. Lasso
- 14. Tones down
- 17. Lunar period
- 20. Leavened Indian bread
- 21. Military elite
- 23. One thousandth of an inch
- 25. L.A. footballer
- 26. Land plan
- 27. A satellite of Saturn
- 29. "Cat Ballou" actor
- 30. Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
- 32. Indicates the fare
- 34. \_\_\_ and feather
- 35. Round Dutch cheese
- 37. Begat
- 40. Relaxing place
- 42. \_\_\_ Hit'an of Alaska
- 43. Belgian city
- 47. Organ of hearing and balance
- 49. Isolated Southeast Asian people
- 50. "Power Rangers" villain
- 52. Yellow-fever mosquitos
- 53. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Laundry detergent
- 56. A way to wait
- 57. Mother and wife of Uranus
- 58. Justly obtain
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Helps you find places
- 65. Oil company

**Brault's Meat Market & Slaughterhouse, LLC**  
 CUSTOM & COMMERCIAL BUTCHERING  
 CUTTING & SMOKING

**BOOKING FOR MARCH.**

**Anthony Brault**  
 TEL: 802-744-2271  
 FAX: 802-744-2383  
 ROUTE 100 • P.O. BOX 95  
 TROY, VT 05868

**NEWPORT FARM & GARDEN'S 2017 Poultry Program**

**CHICKS:**  
 • R.I. Reds  
 • Barred Rocks  
 • Black Sex Links  
 (Order 1-24 \$2.49; 25-49 \$2.39; 50+ \$2.29)

**PULLETS:**  
 • Jumbo Cornish Rock (Straight run)  
 (Order 1-24 \$1.99; 25-49 \$1.89; 50+ \$1.79)

**TURKEYS:** White (Straight run)  
 (Order 1-10 \$5.99; 11-24 \$5.89; 25+ \$5.79)  
 Bronze (Straight run)  
 (Order 1-10 \$6.99; 11-24 \$6.89; 25+ \$6.79)

**DUCKS:** Pekins, Mallards (Straight run)  
 (Order 1-24 \$5.99. PICK UP BY 4/14/2017.)

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY END OF THE WEEK. 50% NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ON ALL ORDERS. SPECIAL ORDERS AVAILABLE: (25 bird minimum).**

**PHEASANTS (30 bird minimum).**

**Select week of shipment**  
 (Birds usually arrive mid-week.)  
 \_\_\_ Order by 3/30, pick up 4/21.  
 \_\_\_ Order by 5/12, pick up 6/23.

Call 802-334-2525.

**AGWAY** NEWPORT FARM & GARDEN  
 DERBY ROAD, NEWPORT • 334-2525  
 HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30, Sat. 8-4, Sun. 9-1.

ANSWER 6 IN SECTIONS B

# Barton bar fined, and told to close for four days

by Joseph Gresser

BARTON — The Lake House Saloon here will be closed for four days in April, and owner Anne Marie MacEachern will have to pay a \$500 fine to resolve charges against her establishment filed by the Vermont Liquor Control Board (VLCB).

The VLCB heard from Ms. MacEachern and several witnesses at a hearing held in Montpelier on February 8. DJ Don Sackett complained of what he called a brawl at the Lake House on August 5. He described a melee involving around 15 people during which his equipment setup got knocked over, doing damage he said would cost around \$1,500 to repair.

Clayton Butler, a bouncer who was working that night, said he was jumped by two patrons and fell into the equipment as he attempted to deal with them. He said there were no more than five people involved in the scrap — the two people with whom he struggled, himself, and two other patrons who attempted to assist him in getting control of the situation.

After Mr. Sackett complained about the August 5 incident to the Department of Liquor Control (DLC), Michael Welch, an undercover investigator for the board, paid a visit to the saloon on November 19 and watched as several patrons he thought were clearly intoxicated were served drinks.

Mr. Butler and two other employees of the Lake House, Kevin Tartaglio and Lester Bousquet, said they were trained to detect people who had too much to drink and were instructed to let the bartenders know if someone should be cut off. Ms. MacEachern said the same thing.

Investigator Welch said he noticed that break open tickets were on sale at the saloon and checked with William Goggins, the DLC's director of enforcement, licensing, and education.

Mr. Goggins said Ms. MacEachern had not applied for the permit needed to sell the tickets in several years.

Ms. MacEachern said she had sent in the required paperwork and was not surprised that she had not received a new license for the tickets because she had earlier been told they are not sent out annually.

That information was incorrect, as it turned out, and Ms. MacEachern's applications had not been received by DLC.

Ms. MacEachern told the members of the Liquor Control Board that she donates the proceeds from the break open tickets to Post #76 of the American Legion in Barton. Board members were surprised to hear that Barton's Legion Post does not have its own bar.

Ticket sales at the Lake House raise about \$3,000 a month for the Legion, Ms. MacEachern said. She told the board that she is president of the post's auxiliary.

The Liquor Control Board issued a 12-page decision and order on March 8.

In their decision the board found that Ms. MacEachern had committed a "violation of form, rather than substance" by failing to submit the proper forms for the break out ticket sales. Had she done so, she would certainly have received permission to sell them, the board said.

The VLCB's ruling says Ms. MacEachern's "fundraising activities for her organization are commendable." The board decided to only issue a warning for the violation, and said it will take a look at the instructions it provides bar owners to make sure they clearly state the license must be renewed annually.

As for the fight, the board found that state regulations don't require liquor license holders to be punished every time a fight breaks out, but do call for prompt action should one erupt.

Mr. Butler took immediate steps to deal with the fight and made no attempt to hide what happened from investigators. The board noted that only Mr. Butler and Mr. Sackett's equipment suffered in the fray.

The VLCB thanked Mr. Sackett for bringing the matter to its attention, but said his "description of events may be tempered by his desire to receive compensation for the damage to his DJ equipment." The board said it could not help him in that.

According to the board, the saloon might have benefitted from having more bouncers on duty the night of the fight, but in view of Mr. Butler's attempts to quell the disturbance and the fact that no patrons were hurt, it decided a warning was the proper response.

As for investigator Welch's response, board members were unable to decide how many of the ten violations alleged against the Lake House were supported by facts. There was at least one violation of rules prohibiting serving drunken patrons, they found.

With that in mind the board looked at the record of the Lake House in the eight years Ms. MacEachern has been running it and found it was fined in December for serving customers who were already under the influence, and that the bar was shut down for three days in 2014 due to a fight.

That led the board to decide to close the saloon for four days from April 26 through April 30 and to fine Ms. MacEachern \$500.

Ms. MacEachern was behind the bar Monday serving a very quiet group of patrons. She said she wished the board had not penalized her, and that she is ready to get out of the business.

While the VLCB did not penalize her for the ticket violation, she said they are going over the records of the American Legion to make sure the money got into its hands. Ms. MacEachern said she is not concerned, because she knows everything was done properly.

Still, she said, another violation under her ownership will mean stiffer penalties. The bar is up for sale, and she will be glad when she is out of the business, Ms. MacEachern said.

## Be prepared to operate snow blowers safely

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) offers the following tips for the safe and correct use of snow blowers.

Prepare before it snows — Check the owner's manual for safe handling procedures from the manufacturer. The snow blower should always be completely powered off when you are checking the equipment. Adjust any cables. Check the auger. Know how to operate the controls. Be ready and able to shut off the snow blower quickly.

Prepare and handle fuel properly — It's important to have the right fuel on hand for each snow blower as movement and fuel availability may be limited during a snowstorm. Be sure to use the correct fuel, as recommended by the equipment's manufacturer. Fill up the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the

engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Clean the area where the snow blower will operate — Snow can sometimes hide objects that if run over by a snow blower, may harm the machine or people. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from the areas that will be cleared.

Dress appropriately — Wear safety glasses and footwear that can handle slippery surfaces.

Operate equipment safely — Never put hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool (or stick) to unclog snow or debris from the snow blower. Make sure the snow blower is off and all moving parts have come to a complete stop before addressing any clogs.

Only use a snow blower in visible conditions

— Never operate the snow blower without good visibility or light.

Aim snow blowers with care — Never throw snow toward people or cars. Do not allow anyone to stand in front of the snow blower. Keep children or pets away from your snow blower when it is operating.

Use extreme caution on slopes and hills — Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

Know where the cord is — For electric powered snow blowers, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping. Do not run over the power cord.

More safety tips and information are available at [www.opei.org](http://www.opei.org). — from OPEI.

**ATTORNEY JOHN F. PELLIZZARI**  
of Counsel to Stevens Law Office

A result oriented full service civil litigation firm concentrating in:

- Personal Injury
- Auto Accidents
- Wrongful Death
- ATV & Snowmobile Accidents
- Wills & Trusts
- Probate Litigation
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Residential & Commercial Real Estate
- Environmental Zoning
- Business Formation & Sales
- Collection Banking & Financial Law
- Family Law
- Criminal Defense
- All Civil Litigation

**John F. Pellizzari, Esq., RN**

- More than 20 years of trial experience
- Former Municipal Court Judge
- Former U.S. Naval Reserve JAG-Officer
- Licensed to practice law in: VT, MA, RI

“When it comes to personal injury, think the Nurse/Lawyer.”

**John F. Pellizzari, Esq., RN**

OFFICES LOCATED AT:

- 856 N. Derby Road, Newport, VT 05855
- 127 Mountain Road, Stowe, VT 05672

**1-401-767-0800**

~ FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION ~

**Protect your valuables  
with a Centurion Liberty Safe**

Lifetime warranty; made in the U.S.A.; available in 12, 18, 24, and 36 gun safe models; tough, durable, and capable.

3262 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT  
(Across from the Derby Post Office.)  
**(802) 766-2714**  
Open Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30, Sat. 8-4.

**GOODRIDGE LUMBER INC.**

**White Cedar Log Homes  
& Log Siding**

Rough & Finished White Cedar Lumber

- Decking • T+V Groove • Shiplap
- Square Edge

Perma-Chink Products for Log Homes

The Log Home Care & Maintenance Authority™

Bailey-Hazen Road • Route 14  
Albany, Vermont  
**802-755-6298**  
Superior Cedar Products & Services Since 1974.

**[www.goodridgelumber.com](http://www.goodridgelumber.com)**

# Derby church hosts discussion of the hurricane of 1938

The Hurricane of 1938 wreaked havoc on parts of New England, including here in the Northeast Kingdom. There are still people alive today who remember this weather event.

On Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m., the Derby Historical Society is hosting a talk about the hurricane. The guest speaker is Steven Long, the author of *Thirty-Eight: The Hurricane that Transformed New England*. Mr. Long's presentation, will take place in the community room at the Community Church of Derby (formerly the United Church of Derby). The public is invited to come and learn about the hurricane, and maybe even share their own memories.

People with questions about the event can contact Bill Gardyne at 766-5324, Allen Yale at 766-5159, or Scott Wheeler at 334-5920. — from the Derby Historical Society.biz CNB community



The Hurricane of 1938 wreaked havoc on parts of the Northeast Kingdom. The photo above right shows some of the wind damage in Newport.  
Photo courtesy of the Derby Historical Society

## Sandy Hilliker honored with community service award

Community National Bank (CNB) has presented Sandy Hilliker with the bank's Community Service Award for the fourth quarter of 2016. This award was developed to recognize the unsung heroes that make our communities better places to live, work and play.

Ms. Hilliker has poured her heart and soul into helping the Newport Center United Methodist Church thrive. She has been a part of the church's handbell choir for over ten years. Her keen musical ear and caring personality make her a wonderful director. Ms. Hilliker holds practices once a week to prepare the choir for monthly church service rings, orders music, and makes weekly calls to remind choir members of practice sessions and schedule changes.

As a member of the United Methodist Women's Group, Ms. Hilliker plays an active role in the church's fund-raising dinners. She organizes food donations and is always on site to help serve food and stays to clean up.

Due to the shortage of ministers in our area, Ms. Hilliker has been working with a group of church members to seek out a minister. Despite the difficulty of finding someone to lead Sunday services, she always remains positive and finds a way to make sure Sunday services are held.

CNB's Community Service Award honors and recognizes recipients by making a \$500 contribution to a local, non-profit organization of the recipient's choice. Ms. Hilliker has requested that her donation be made to the Newport Center United Methodist Church.

For more information about CNB's Community Service Award, and to nominate a deserving recipient, please visit [www.communitynationalbank.com](http://www.communitynationalbank.com). — from Community National Bank.

# DO YOU HAVE A HEARING LOSS?

Wed., April 12  
and  
Thurs., April 13!



Dr. Larry Byle, Au.D.

- Consult with Dr. Larry Byle, our visiting audiologist — **IT'S FREE!**
- Come see and try out our newest hearing aid technology
- Check out our specials for this event
- Trade in your old hearing aids

**BOOK NOW, SPACE IS LIMITED!**



**Hearing Center of Vermont**  
5452 U.S. Route 5, Suite F  
(Derby Times Square), Newport, VT 05855  
*Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back!*

SIEMENS **signia**  NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN HEARING INSTRUMENT SCIENCES  
Life sounds brilliant.  
Heidi Eichenberger, BA, LHAS, COCH, BC-HIS  
[www.hearingcenterofvt.com](http://www.hearingcenterofvt.com)

**Online subscriptions are only \$28 per year.**  
[www.bartonchronicle.com](http://www.bartonchronicle.com)

# Lyon family deals with the loss of historic barn

by Elizabeth Trail

BARTON — Almost four days after fire destroyed the Lyon family's big barn across from the Orleans County fairgrounds, Shirley Lyon still hadn't been able to bring herself to look out the window and see the still smoldering wreckage.

"I just can't," she said over the phone on Saturday afternoon.

The barn, which belonged to Mrs. Lyon and her husband, Melvin, burned early on Wednesday morning.

The glow of the fire lit the whole sky in Barton that night.

Mrs. Lyon's son Harvey saw the fire sometime after 12:30 a.m.

"He saw flames coming out of the milkhouse on the east side," she said.

But Harvey Lyon only has cell service in his house and he'd left his cell phone in his work truck.

By the time he ran to his parents' house next door and reached the fire department on their phone, flames were shooting out the west end of the barn as well.

The barn, possibly the oldest in Barton, was



The searchlight on an Orleans Fire Department ladder truck makes an eerie glow in the smoke created by the fire. The fire began sometime around 12:30 a.m. on March 8. Photos by Elizabeth Trail

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

Time for Some Financial Spring Cleaning  
Article 9 – March 13, 2017

Spring is in the air, even if it's not quite there on the calendar. This year, as you shake off the cobwebs from winter and start tidying up around your home and yard, why not also do some *financial* spring cleaning?

Actually, you can apply several traditional spring cleaning techniques to your financial situation. Here are a few ideas:

- **Look for damage.** Damage to your home's siding, shingles and foundation can eventually degrade the structure of your home. Your investment portfolio is also a structure of a sort, and it, too, can be damaged. Specifically, you may have deliberately constructed your portfolio with an investment mix – stocks, fixed-income vehicles, cash instruments, etc. – that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But over time, your portfolio can evolve in unexpected ways. For example, your stocks may have grown so much in value that they now take up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, possibly subjecting you to a higher degree of risk. If this happens, you may need to rebalance your portfolio.

- **Get rid of "clutter."** As you look around your home, do you see three mops or four nonfunctional televisions or a stack of magazines from the 1990s? If these items no longer have value, you could get rid of them and clear up some living space. As an investor, you also might have "clutter" – in the form of investments that no longer meet your needs. If you sold these investments, you could use the proceeds to fill gaps in your portfolio.

- **Consolidate.** Do you keep your lawnmower in a shed, a rake in your garage, and your gardening tools in the basement? When working on your outdoor tasks, you might find it more efficient to have all these items in one location. You could also have your investments scattered about – an IRA here, a new 401(k) there, and an older 401(k) someplace else. But if you consolidated all your investments in one place, you might cut down on paperwork and fees, and you wouldn't risk losing track of an asset (which actually happens more than you might think). Even more importantly, when you have all your investments with one provider, you'll be better positioned to follow a single, centralized investment strategy.

- **Prepare for a rainy day.** As part of your outdoor spring cleaning, you may want to look at your gutters and downspouts to make sure they are clear and in good repair, so that they can move rainwater away from your home. Your financial goals need protection, too, so you'll want to ensure you have adequate life and disability insurance.

- **Seal leaks.** In your home inspection this spring, you may want to investigate doors and windows for leaks and drafts. Your investment portfolio might have some "leaks" also. Are investment-related taxes siphoning off more of your earnings than you realize? A financial professional can offer you recommendations for appropriate tax-advantaged investments.

This spring, when you're cleaning your physical surroundings, take some time to also tidy up your financial environment. You may be pleased with the results.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



**Jim Jarvis**  
Financial Advisor  
79 Coventry Street  
Hood Building, Suite 2A  
Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-6261



**Karen Ward**  
Financial Advisor  
32B Community Drive  
Newport, VT 05855  
(Behind Kinney Drugs in Derby)  
802-487-9937

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

www.edwardjones.com

Member SIPC



By about 1:30 a.m., the barn had collapsed but the flames cast a glow that could be seen in the sky for miles. The four horses living in a paddock next to the barn were turned out into the adjoining field.

fully engulfed by the time the fire department got there.

It was old and dry, Mrs. Lyon noted.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been a heat tape on a pipe that carried water to horses housed in a shed beside the barn.

"They found grooves in the pipe where the tape was," Mrs. Lyon said.

A neighbor, Josh Noyes, went down along the river on foot and circled back from behind to free the horses from the paddock.

"It would have gotten way too hot in that close to the barn," Mrs. Lyon said.

But horses being horses, the animals were reluctant to leave the safety of the space they

knew.

"He had to drive them out," she said. "He saved them."

The horses have since been moved across the road to another barn the family owns.

The barn that burned was being used for storage.

"It was chockablock full," Mrs. Lyon said.

The Lyons' children and grandchildren had cars, boats, and motorcycles in the building.

Besides that, the family lost three tractors, their hay mower, and all of their gardening equipment — rototillers, fencing, and Garden Way carts.

(Continued on page fifteen.)

**NORTHEAST CANVAS AND MACHINERY** SINCE 2004  
• CUSTOM CANVAS •

Custom Boat Covers, Awnings, Truck Tarps, Upholstery,  
Farm Tarps, Tonneau Covers & Repair Work.

**WHITE HORSE MACHINE** **FARM-BILT MACHINE LLC**

David Kauffman Closed Sundays.  
1428 Pepin Rd.  
Brownington, VT 05860

**BEACH HILL FITNESS**  
WWW.BEACHHILLFITNESS.COM

Get strong, live long. Work out to live.

Come in for your free personal training session.  
New small group classes available. Please call or e-mail for details.  
**Yoga classes Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**  
Beachhillfitness@gmail.com • 525-6226 • West Glover, VT

# Heat tape may have caused blaze

(Continued from page fourteen.)

Mrs. Lyon thought the sound of explosions during the fire might have been the gas tanks on the vehicles exploding.

The horses' winter store of hay is safe in a metal building nearby.

"But come summer, we're missing three tractors, so it's going to be hard to make hay," Mrs. Lyon said.

The heat of the fire melted the vinyl siding and simulated brick on the front of the senior Lyons' house, but the glass on the sunroom didn't break.

"We did have some luck anyway," Mrs. Lyon said. "The door from the sunroom into the house was open for quite a while. I think that may have saved it."

The heat of the fire also melted snow on the roof, sending a cascade of water down over the sunroom's glass. That, too, might have helped save the sunroom, she speculated.

New snow has fallen since the fire, making it impossible to tell what kind of damage the roof on the house might have sustained.

"They suspect it may be wavy, too, but they can't look until the snow melts," Mrs. Lyon said.

The transformer on a nearby power line blew at 1:20 a.m., leaving both Lyon family households and others along the Roaring Brook Road without power, Mrs. Lyon said.

The power company worked half the day on Wednesday to restore the damaged lines.

And a control box for Harvey Lyon's heating system melted at about the same time, leaving his house without heat.

Harvey Lyon carried the insurance on the barn. His mother said she thought insurance on the barn itself was probably adequate.

But she didn't know about the cars and



Fire trucks lined all of the approaches to the Lyon's barn on Roaring Brook Road. The transformer on the power pole closest to the fire blew, leaving neighboring houses in darkness.

motorcycles that other family members had put in the barn for winter storage.

"There's no insurance on the boats," she said.

So far, three insurance adjusters had been to look at the barn, as well as fire investigators, she said.

Members of the Barton Fire Department haven't returned calls.

On Saturday afternoon, some of the wood in the fallen structure re-ignited. Fire fighters came out again and sprayed more water on the debris.

She said she's heard there might be a cell phone video of the fire. She couldn't bring herself to watch the fire itself, but on Saturday she thought watching the video might be a first step toward looking out the window at the pile of charred timbers at the end of the high drive ramp across the road.

"I'd like to see it, she said.

**Denise Sullivan, CPA, LLC**  
Serving your tax & accounting needs!



**802-424-1500**  
P.O. Box 4159  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
CPA.Vermont@gmail.com

**S&D Accounting Services**  
SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

**STEPHEN C. MENGEL**  
Individual & Business Tax Preparation

P.O. Box 781  
173 VT Route 111  
Derby, VT 05829

(802) 274-2171 • 274-2172  
scmengel@myfairpoint.net  
sdaccountingservicesvt.com

**AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM**

Free tax returns prepared for taxpayers with low-moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older, every Wednesday, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport.  
Call Chris at 802-279-0442 for an appointment.

**Traci Lamarche**  
Tax Preparer  
E-File provider



Lamarche Bookkeeping  
P.O. Box 179  
Albany, VT 05820  
(802) 673-2244  
lamarche@myfairpoint.net

- Corporate
- Individual
- Payroll
- Bookkeeping

**Tax Time**  
Completing a tax return is not just fill-in-the-blanks.

We help you make decisions that save hundreds of dollars in taxes:

- Obamacare health insurance decisions
- IRAs & how much they save
- Depreciation of property & equipment
- Education deductions & credits
- Taxation of Social Security
- Sale of home & business assets

We've been preparing taxes for over 38 years. Three enrolled agents & our experienced staff ensure your taxes are done right. We offer a free review of your prior year tax returns.

**Pat Hunt, Inc.**  
**Hunt's Tax Service**  
375 East Main Street, Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-8322 • pathuntinc@gmail.com

**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

Let The News Come To You!!  
An annual subscription to **the Chronicle** costs:  
\$27 — In Vermont  
\$40 — Out of State  
\$33.50 — Half in Vermont/  
Half Out of State

**Bundle it!**  
Add \$10 for one year access to online edition with purchase of regular subscription (see form to the right).  
Cut out the form at right and send to:  
**the Chronicle**  
P.O. Box 660  
Barton, VT 05822

PLEASE SEND A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this a  new subscription or a  renewal?  I've enclosed an additional \$10 for online access.  
My e-mail address to set up online access is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I, the payer, am 65 years or older and am eligible to deduct a \$2 SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT from the above amount for a 1-year subscription.  
Date subscription should start: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_.  
 Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  Please bill my credit card.  MasterCard  Visa  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THIS IS A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SECTION:

Giver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like a gift card sent to this person?  Yes  No  
If yes, how would you like us to sign it?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# the Chronicle's AMAZING PHOTOS!



"I spied this young bobcat stealing suet from our bird feeder on March 7th in Wheelock." — Alice Simpson

## We want to share your Amazing Photos!

Send your photos to: **Amazing Photos**,  
c/o the Chronicle, P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822  
or e-mail it to: [thechronicleinc@gmail.com](mailto:thechronicleinc@gmail.com) with  
"Amazing Photo" in the subject line.

## St. Paul's Mathcounts team competes at regionals



St. Paul's Mathcounts team participated in the regional Mathcounts competition held at Lyndon State College in February. Based on her high score, Marina Rockwell, a seventh grader, has been invited to further compete in the state Mathcounts competition at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, on Saturday, March 25. Pictured here is the Mathcounts team. In the back row, from left to right, are: coach Madalyn Ledoux, Allie Cloutier, Hannah Poginy and Sam Coe. In the front, from left to right, are: Jude Coe, Marina Rockwell, Isabella Coe, and Quinn Snedeker.

Photo courtesy of St. Paul's School



**Let the Chronicle come to you!**  
Subscriptions cost **\$27 in Vermont,**  
**\$40 out of state.**

## The Leprechauns have invaded the offices of Blanchard Oil and have some sweet St. Paddy's Day specials for you!

### St. Patrick's Day Specials:

#### \$99 Spring Cleaning Special!

Avoid the scheduling rush in the fall and plan your heating system tune-up now! Schedule your heating system for a routine cleaning (to be performed by July 1st) now through March 31st for our spring cleaning special of just \$99.

#### Price lock until July 2018!

How would you like to be guaranteed that your oil, kerosene, or propane price will not go up from now until July 2018?

If you are happy with where fuel prices are right now, we have an offer for you! Call for details on how we can guarantee you no price increases for the next 15 months! Limited time offer through March 31st.



## BLANCHARD OIL COMPANY

OIL • KEROSENE • DIESEL • PROPANE

Serving our friends and neighbors in the NEK for over 30 years!

Orleans, VT • (802) 754-2389 • (802) 754-6985 • Toll Free 1-877-825-2389

**754-2389 • blanchardoil.com**

# Burke Senior Center meals for April

The Burke Senior Center is located in Burke. Meals are served Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Bingo is played every Monday after the meals. Wednesdays enjoy line dancing and music, or Wii bowling, and play cards on Fridays.

Monday, April 3 — Chicken Divan, broccoli, garden salad, roll, and Jell-O with fruit.

Wednesday, April 5 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, squash with stewed tomatoes, biscuit, and raspberry brownies.

Friday, April 7 — Beef stew, whole wheat rolls, garden salad, and spice cake.

Monday April 10 — Pork chops, stuffing, mixed veggies, gravy, and blueberry bread pudding.

Wednesday, April 12 — Easter dinner: ham, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, string beans, rolls, and bunny cake.

Friday, April 14 — Fish, baked French fries, coleslaw, wheat bread, and chocolate pudding with cherries.

Monday, April 17 — American chop suey, garden salad, garlic bread, and cupcakes.

Wednesday, April 19 — Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and apricot cobbler.

Friday, April 21 — Chicken stir fry, mixed veggies, brown rice, sliced pita bread, and oatmeal cookies with raisins.

Monday, April 24 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, rolls, gravy, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, April 26 — Chicken and biscuits, mixed veggies, cranberry sauce, and vanilla pudding with bananas.

Friday, April 28 — Fish, dill sauce, garden salad, baked French Fries, and lemon cake.

Please call before 9 a.m. for reservations or take out orders. Menus subject to change without notice. Call (802) 467-3423 for more information. — from the town of Burke.

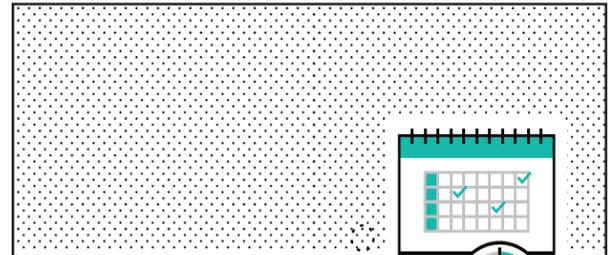
# “Raise Your Voice!” advocates social justice

The Art House, in partnership with the Hazen Union student group Stand-Up, presents the second annual Raise Your Voice! event on Friday, March 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Heartbeat Lifesharing, at 218 Town Farm Road in Hardwick.

The public is invited to join an evening of poetry, music, rap, stories, and dance dedicated to social justice. The event will feature Reuben Jackson of Vermont Public Radio, Bobby Farlice Rubio of the band Trittium Well, Maura Gahan of Bread and Puppet Theater, Genaro Hall, Sterling College students, local poets and musicians, and Hazen Union student performers. This event is

organized by the Hazen Union-based program Stand-Up, for social justice. All donations will go to support their work towards raising awareness and tolerance through education. The evening will highlight Hazen Union students and the many different cultures within the Hardwick community. The night will end with refreshments and a dance party.

For more information, contact The Art House at (802) 586-2200, or by e-mail at [vista@vermontarthouse.org](mailto:vista@vermontarthouse.org). For more information about Stand-Up please go to The Art House website [www.VermontArtHouse.org](http://www.VermontArtHouse.org). — from The Art House.



## Need more time to prepare your taxes?

Come in and let our highly-trained tax professionals file your tax extension. Don't pay penalties and interest due to filing late.

**Ask about our special offer.\***

---

Call 1-800-HRBLOCK or visit [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com) to schedule your appointment today.

**1294 EAST MAIN STREET  
NEWPORT, VT 05855  
802-334-5900**

**H&R BLOCK**

**Get your taxes won.**

\*At participating offices. ©2017 HRB Tax Group, Inc.

Don't forget... **the Chronicle** has a drop-off basket for announcements, payments, letters to the editor, etc., at THE FRONT DESK on East Main Street in Newport.




## JAY PEAK

# 2017+18 SEASON PASSES NOW ON SALE

You can also ski/ride through the rest of the 2016+17 season.

<p><b>ADULT PASSES</b></p> <p><b>\$699</b></p> <p>FROM JAY PEAK ONLY</p>	<p><b>W29</b></p> <p><b>YOUNG ADULT SEASON PASS</b></p> <p>for 19-29 year-olds</p> <p><b>\$469</b></p> <p>FROM JAY PEAK + BURKE MOUNTAIN</p>	<p><b>COLLEGE PASSES</b></p> <p><b>\$199</b></p> <p>FROM JAY PEAK ONLY</p>
--	--	--

**PURCHASE EARLY AND GET A DAY PASS FOR THE PUMP HOUSE INDOOR WATERPARK.**

**MUST PURCHASE BY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

[jaypeakresort.com/SeasonPass](http://jaypeakresort.com/SeasonPass) | (802) 988-2611

One complimentary Pump House day pass will be issued with all 2017+18 season passes purchased from Jay Peak \*except\* Toddler, Beginner Zone and Corporate passes when purchased by June 5th, 2017. The waterpark day pass will be valid any day from date of season pass purchase through April 29th, 2018.

# PAINT & POUR



**Friday, March 17 & 24 | 7:00-9:00pm**

3/24: The Haynes (Hotel Jay), 3/17: Foeger Ballroom

Like wine? How about painting? Harness your inner artist at Paint & Pour. Featured artist, Natalie Guillette, will provide a fun and informative painting demonstration, over a few bottles of wine, some paint & canvas, appetizers. and more wine.

**\$50** Adults (21+)\* **\$40** Kids (Under 21)\*\*

\*Includes: all art supplies, 1 complimentary drink ticket (beer or wine) and light appetizers.

\*\*Includes: all art supplies and light appetizers.

For more information:  
[jaypeakresort.com/Events](http://jaypeakresort.com/Events)

# Falcons soar: North Country claims hockey title



The North Country Union High School hockey team lets the world know they are number one, posing on the ice at Gutterson Field House in Burlington after winning the state Division II hockey championship on March 9. The Falcons rode a record-setting performance by goalie Dana Marsh to earn a 4-3 win over Harwood Union High School. Brady Perron scored two goals for North Country. Dawson Cote had a goal and an assist. Mitchell Austin netted the game-winner about midway through the third period. The following is a list of the championship team's roster: Arne Bannach, Mitchell Gonyaw, Alex Fletcher, Zack Hamblett, Dylan Harlow, Dawson Cote, Brandon Starr, Evan Wilkie, Caleb Lanoue, Brady Perron, Chad Dupuis, Mitchell Austin, Jordan Cote, Connor Duncan, Patrick Gaudreau, Tyler Smith, Alex Giroux, Riley Fletcher, Zach Abbott and Dana Marsh. Ryan Jacobs is the Falcons' head coach, assisted by Mike Paul and Jim Jacobs. Chelsea Bohannon is the athletic trainer. Reid Burke is the team manager.

Photos by Pamela Wade

(Continued on page nineteen.)

## CONGRATS

### North Country Div. 2 Hockey on winning the state title!

**WRIGHT'S SPORT SHOP & AUCTION GALLERY**  
48 COMMUNITY DRIVE, NEWPORT, VT (behind Key Auto Sales in Derby, VT)  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK: Mon.-Thurs. 7-5, Fri. 7-6, Sat. 7-4, Sun. 7-1.  
802-334-6115 • 802-334-1674 • Fax: 334-1591  
E-mail: wrightssports@comcast.net • www.wrightssports.com

## CONGRATULATIONS

### to the North Country Div. 2 Boys Hockey coaches, team players, fans and parents!

## Guaranteed Credit Approval

with the following:  
Pay stub from the last 30 days or  
an SSI/SSD award letter, proof  
of residency (electric, cable, or  
cell phone bill preferred),  
and driver's license and  
insurance information.

Call James at  
**334-3004**  
Route 105  
Newport, VT

**HOURS:**  
Mon.-Fri. 9-5,  
Sat. 9-1. Closed Sun.

**CARS, TRUCKS, SUVs & VANS!**

**2016 NISSAN VERSA**

Black, with black cloth interior, auto., 1.6L 4 cyl., 11,856 miles. Stock #C866.

**2013 NISSAN MAXIMA**

Black, with tan cloth interior, auto., 3.5L V6, 71,258 miles. Stock #C860.

## CONGRATS TO NC BOYS HOCKEY!!!!

**Find us on Facebook!**

**FULL SERVICE REPAIR FACILITY**

- 4-wheel alignments • Oil changes • Major overhauls
- Tires for sale
- Mount & balance
- Shocks, struts, brakes

*"You name it, we do it."*

**SERVICE PHONE: 334-1812**

INSPECTION  
**#4**  
DUE NOW

INSPECTION  
**#6**  
DUE NEXT

**james@royersautosales.net • www.royersautosales.net**

**SAVE 10-50%**  
STOREWIDE\*  
on select floors featuring Lees® carpets.

**18 MONTHS SPECIAL  
FINANCING  
AVAILABLE\*\***  
on purchases made with your Carpet One  
credit card between 3/2/17 and 4/10/17.

<p>relax, it's... <b>Lees</b> est. 1846 Someplace Secret</p> <p><b>SAVE \$450</b> for a12' x 15' Room Was \$4.99 Now \$2.49 Sq. Ft. This carpet features exceptional softness and ultimate strength. Superior durability with a pleasant, luxurious touch. Available in 6 colors.</p>	<p>relax, it's... <b>Lees</b> est. 1846 Dream Sweetly</p> <p><b>SAVE \$522</b> for a12' x 15' Room Was \$5.79 Now \$2.89 Sq. Ft. Feast your eyes on this gorgeous new style that offers supreme softness, unparalleled performance and deep color richness.</p>	<p>Deming</p> <p><b>SAVE \$444</b> for a12' x 15' Room Was \$7.06 Now \$4.59 Sq. Ft. Hickory makes a beautiful addition to just about any décor. Available in 4 great colors and featuring our best warranty.</p>	<p>Aspen Plank</p> <p><b>SAVE \$774</b> for a12' x 15' Room Was \$8.59 Now \$4.29 Sq. Ft. Luxury Vinyl flooring offers rich, natural wood and stone looks with waterproof long-term protection.</p>
---	---	---	---

**DONS CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME**

24 KENT LANE • 802-334-5271

VISIT US ONLINE <http://www.donscarpetonenewport.com/>

STORE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Closed Sunday

\*At participating stores only; not all products available at all locations. Photos for illustrative purposes only. Not responsible for typographical errors. Offer ends 4/10/2017. Offer cannot be combined with other discounts or promotional offers and is not valid on previous purchases. †See warranty guide for details. ©2017 Carpet One Floor & Home®. All Rights Reserved. \*\*Subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. See store for details.

\*At participating stores only; not all products available at all locations. Photos for illustrative purposes only. Not responsible for typographical errors. Offer ends 4/10/2017. Offer cannot be combined with other discounts or promotional offers and is not valid on previous purchases. †See warranty guide for details. ©2017 Carpet One Floor & Home®. All Rights Reserved. \*\*Subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. See store for details.

# Boys earn first championship since 2001

Congratulations to the North Country boys' hockey team — 2017 Division II champions. The Falcons skated to a 4-3 win over a high-powered Harwood Union team on March 9 at UVM's Gutterson Field House.

North Country opened up a 3-0 lead midway through the contest on a pair of goals by Brady Perron, and a goal and an assist by Dawson Cote. Harwood battled back to tie the game with three unanswered goals. But Mitchell Austin netted the game-winner for the Falcons with about nine minutes to play. Goaltender Dana Marsh

finished with 45 saves, breaking a longstanding record for the D-II finals.

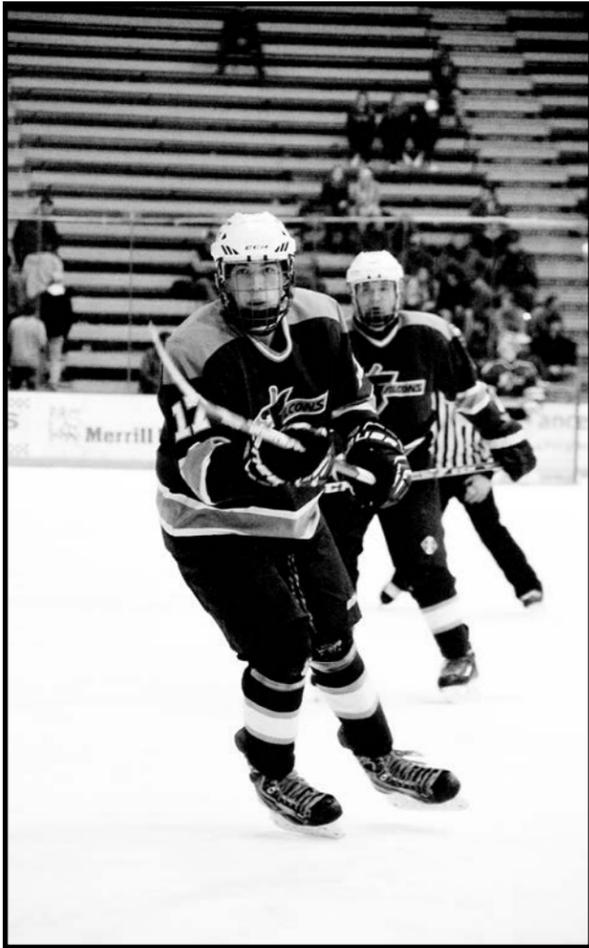
The Falcons went 14-5 during the regular season to earn the fourth seed in D-II. Marsh earned a 2-0 shutout over Milton in the opening round of the playoffs at the Jay Peak Ice Haus on March 4, with Brady Perron and Mitchell Gonyaw scoring for the Falcons.

On March 7, North Country upset top-seeded Hartford 6-3 at the Wendell A. Barwood Arena in Hartford to earn its first crack at a championship since losing to Harwood in the 2005 finals.

Jordan Cote scored in the closing seconds of the second period to knot that game at two goals apiece, and Alex Giroux took over in the third with three straight goals including the eventual game winner. Tyler Smith and Brady Perron also scored in the semifinal.

The game was North Country's sixth finals appearance and second hockey championship. The Falcons last won a title in 2001, when they defeated Rutland 3-1.

The North Country girls hockey team won the Division II title in 2015.



Senior forward Tyler Smith follows the play into the corner.



Dana Marsh absorbs a shot in North Country's 4-3 win over Harwood Union. A four-year starter, Marsh finished with 45 saves, setting a record for a Division II championship game.

**the Chronicle** congratulates the North Country Boys Hockey Team on their epic win!

**CONGRATS ON A GREAT WIN NORTH COUNTRY BOYS HOCKEY DIVISION 2!**

**WHY PAY MORE ELSEWHERE?**

**INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS 1.29%**  
(TO QUALIFIED BUYERS.)

**Don't make a \$3,000 to \$4,000 mistake by buying elsewhere!**

**OVER 150 VEHICLES IN STOCK!**

*Never any gimmicks or make-believe sales!*

*Two convenient locations! Our 34th year in business!*

**Shattuck Motors**

QUALITY PRE-OWNED VEHICLES SINCE 1983

154 East Main Street Newport (802) 334-5044 [www.shattuckmotors.com](http://www.shattuckmotors.com)

Rte. 5, Derby Road Derby (802) 334-6044

**\*For your protection, we DO NOT sell Canadian vehicles.\***



Congratulations, NC Boys Hockey Div. II team on a great win!

**This week's special:**

**\$319 Per month, tax & reg. extra.**

**2012 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER**  
Gray, auto., 3.5L DOHC 24-valve, VVT-i V6 engine, 38,988 miles. Stock #5660.

Low rate to qualified buyer. Tax & registration extra.

**Right Wheels**

3760 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT  
802-766-2100  
rightwheelsvt.net  
OPEN SUNDAYS!

**Congratulations To Our Boys Hockey Division 2 State Title WIN!**

**TAYLOR RENTAL**

Across from the Derby Post Office.  
3262 U.S. Rt. 5,  
Derby, VT 05829  
(802) 766-2714

Congratulations to the NC Boys Hockey Division 2 Champs!

*We are so proud of the whole team. You are a great bunch of boys & coaches!*

**Sales & Service**

292 Shattuck Hill Rd. Derby, VT  
**(802) 487-9206**

We offer financing to qualified buyers!  
**CARFAX** dealer.

**www.MandAcarsales.com**

# Seniors could pay up to five times more

(Continued from page one.)

system set up by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare. That law provides assistance to people whose income falls below set limits, but is high enough to make them ineligible for Medicaid.

Currently about 4 percent of Vermonters qualify for the subsidies.

According to information provided by the AHS, a 27-year-old who makes \$25,305 a year currently gets an annual subsidy of \$4,534 to help pay the \$7,529 cost of a silver insurance plan. Under the AHCA, the subsidy would drop to \$2,000. The 27-year-old would pay \$5,529 for the plan under the new law rather than the \$2,995 she currently pays.

(Silver is one of four levels of plans set up under Obamacare, and the one on which comparisons of rates and subsidies are made. According to Mr. Gobeille, such rankings of plans will disappear if the new health care law is passed.)

If the 27-year-old made \$75,000 a year, she would get no subsidy from the ACA, but would get \$2,000 to help pay for insurance under the new law.

A two-person household making the state's median income of \$37,144 now gets \$9,547 toward its \$15,787 annual health insurance bill. The new law would cut that to \$6,000, leaving the



Secretary AI Gobeille of the Vermont Agency of Human Services discusses the possible effects of a new law under consideration in Congress at a press conference. To his left is Commissioner Corey Gustafson of the Department of Health Access. Photo by Joseph Gresser

couple to come up with \$9,787 rather than the \$6,240 it presently needs to pay.

A family of four making \$51,020 would get a \$5,000 subsidy under the new law, compared to the \$9,110 it currently receives. If the family has a policy that costs \$14,060, it will pay a total of \$4,950 under the present system and \$9,060 if the new law is passed.

Because the children in the hypothetical family have their health care covered by the state's Dr. Dynasaur program, the family's insurance costs less than it otherwise would have.

According to Mr. Gobeille, the wealthier one is, the greater the benefit from the new system.

For instance, a 40-year-old making \$20,000 now gets \$4,920 toward the \$6,251 cost of a silver health care plan. That would be reduced to \$3,000 under the AHCA. If the same person

makes \$40,000, he would get a \$3,000 subsidy under the AHCA compared to the \$2,016 he currently receives.

If the 40-year-old's income is \$75,000 he is eligible for no subsidy under current law, but would get the same \$3,000 under the new law.

Those subsidies are designed to be refundable, and can be paid out over time to match the need to pay insurance premiums, Mr. Gobeille said.

Under the act, Medicaid money is not permitted to go to a category of health care providers carefully designed to include only Planned Parenthood. Nor can subsidies be used to pay for insurance policies that cover the cost of abortions, unless necessary to save the life or health of the woman, or in cases where a pregnancy stemmed from rape or incest.

The law also changes the way eligibility for Medicaid funds is determined, Mr. Gobeille said. Presently a person can sign up for Medicaid supported health care before the state determines if she is a citizen or not.

Once the person is signed up, the state must get proof of citizenship within a set period of time. If it turns out that she is not a citizen, she

(Continued on page twenty-one.)

**It's time for your snowmobile tune-ups!** 2017 Bikes are in!

**Village Bike Shop** Save on 2017 bikes in stock.

Mon-Fri. 8:30-5:30, Sat. 9-5, PayPal

Rte. 5, Newport-Derby Rd., Derby • 802-766-8009  
villagebikeshop@myfairpoint.net • www.villagebikeshopvt.com

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EQUIPMENT** We are the place to go for Agricultural, Lite Construction & Outdoor Power Equipment. Parts - Service - Sales

**Growing to meet your needs!** Our new store in Derby!

Established in 1970  
Middlebury, VT 802-388-4967  
St. Albans, VT 802-524-6782  
Derby, VT 802-766-2400  
Derby, VT 802-223-0023  
East Randolph, VT 802-728-5453  
www.champlainvalleyequipment.com

**KRONE JAMESWAY Bobcat Kubota Kuhn FISHER NEW HOLLAND AGRI-CULTURE POLARIS YAMAHA STIHL**

**M-Hale HONDA FERRIS GEHL Nuhn LS TRACTOR KIOTI Husqvarna JAMESWAY**

**NEFS**  
4501 Route 5 | Irasburg | VT 05845  
**(802) 754-8863**  
Keeno Chilafoux  
Cell: (802) 673-9720  
Office: (802) 754-8863  
kchilafoux@northeastfarmerservice.com  
www.NEFSVT.COM  
www.facebook.com/northeastfarmerservices

**YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR FARM OR FOREST**

**240 CHAINSAW**  
15% more power than the leading competitor in its class. Ideal for clean-up and pruning tasks around the home.  
Air Injection™ | X-Torc® | Low Vib® | 2 hp  
**\$179.95 MSRP**

**440 CHAINSAW**  
Be more productive with this powerful, fuel efficient saw. With 24% more fuel capacity than the leading competitor in its class, you'll be running stronger, longer.  
X-Torc® | Tool-less Chain Adjust Optional | 2.41 hp  
**\$299.95 MSRP**

**KING OF THE FARM FARM TOUGH**

**450 RANCHER CHAINSAW**  
A powerful all-round saw with professional features for exceptional results. 12% less weight than the leading competitor.  
Air Injection™ | X-Torc® | Smart Start® | 3.2 hp  
450 FROM **\$369.95 MSRP**  
450 RANCHER **\$399.95 MSRP**

FIND YOUR HUSQVARNA AT  
**DRIVER'S OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT**  
WHERE QUALITY & SERVICE MEET  
1323 VT Rte. 105, West Charleston, VT • Phone & Fax: (802) 895-4422  
BUSINESS HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.: 8 a.m. till noon.

**Husqvarna** READY WHEN YOU ARE

**2017 Gun Show**

Sponsored by the Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club

**BUY • SELL • TRADE**

More than 200 tables of new and used, modern and antique firearms, hunting equipment, and accessories.

Saturday, March 18th, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 19th, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT  
Adults: \$9 • Children under 12: Free

For information, call (802) 888-3639 or e-mail: cfsdmb@charter.net.

**HARVEST EQUIPMENT**

**JOHN DEERE**

Full Line of John Deere Products  
Lawn & Garden Equipment & Attachments  
Agricultural & Light Commercial  
**Stihl Products**  
Chainsaws, Power Tools & Accessories  
29 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE • NEWPORT, VT 05855  
**PHONE 334-7300 • 1-800-370-7930** **STIHL**

- SALES
- SERVICE
- PARTS

**3 Month Layaway!**

**BUYING USED GUNS.**  
Over 1,200 Guns.

**RiteWay Sports**  
29 years in the business  
Route 15, Hardwick, VT • 802-472-5916  
HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-2. • www.ritewaysports.com

# Actual details could take years to work out

(Continued from page twenty.)

is removed from the program.

Under the new law, eligibility must be proven before a person can sign up for Medicaid.

In addition, the state will be required to check people's financial status twice a year to make sure no one earning more than the program's limits is getting Medicaid benefits. Currently, the state checks on people once a year.

Mr. Gobeille said much remains unknown in the new law. That is partly because any law provides just the outline of its operation. The actual details of how things work are determined by a rulemaking process that can take years, he said.

He said there are also "unknown unknowns" stemming from Republican members of Congress' plans to enact two more health care bills that are intended to complete the replacement of Obamacare. One of these is expected to allow the sale of insurance across state lines.

Currently Vermont sets minimum standards for insurance policies, Mr. Gobeille said. If the interstate sales of policies are permitted, he said, it may result in Vermonters buying plans that provide less value for the money.

At present, state regulators oversee the insurance market in Vermont, but it is not clear how companies will be regulated if interstate sales are permitted, he said.

The new law also allows policies that cover

*The wealthier one is, the greater the benefit from the new system*

young, healthy people to have lower premiums. At the same time it allows the cap on charges for insurance for older people to rise. Currently the companies can ask for no more than three times the rate they charge young people for those in their sixties. The new law, if passed, would allow that to rise to five times the charge for young people.

Mr. Gobeille noted that Vermont law calls for

community rating, under which every policy holder is charged the same regardless of age. The theory is that young people will pay more than they might under a different system, but that difference will be eliminated over time and, when they get older, their insurance premiums will be relatively low.

If the new law is enacted, Mr. Gobeille said, Vermont might want to reconsider community rating. Whether it makes sense to change the current system will depend on what rules are set in implementing the AHCA.

Another uncertainty is in the future of the all payer system put in place late last year. That program would give hospitals and medical practitioners a set amount to treat the patients in their care who are covered by Medicaid and Medicare.

So far the federal government appears willing to let the agreement go forward, although it is allowed by the contract, to pull out at any time with six months' notice, Mr. Gobeille said. Even if the new payment model is allowed to continue for the life of the contract, it is not at all clear what will happen in 2020, when the deal is up for renewal.

## Snowbound students read stories of survival



The Leach Library's Survival Stories after-school enrichment class read stories about surviving on icebergs and other cold environments in this particular session, but have read accounts and participated in activities about avalanches and blizzards in prior sessions. The class will move on to survival adventures involving tsunamis, hurricanes, and the deep wilderness. Pictured here, Brody Cleveland and Abigail Pion try to squish into the snow shelter they built together as part of the class.

Photo courtesy of Molly Veysey

## Upward Bound students learn where stars are born



On March 6, five Lyndon State College Upward Bound students attended a planetarium show at the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury. Sabra Snyder, the LEAP (Lyndon Economic Opportunity AmeriCorps Program) member at the museum gave an hour of her time to teach these students about "star stuff" and the interstellar clouds known as nebulas made up of dust, hydrogen, helium, and ionized gases. The students were also welcomed to explore the museum after the presentation had come to a close. Pictured here from left to right are: Annabelle Doucet, Lake Region Union High School; Rebecca Doucet, Lake Region; Deirdre Martin-Baker, LEAP AmeriCorps member; Katelyn Brown, Danville High School; Shelby Loura, Danville High School; and Addie Poginy, Lake Region.

Photo courtesy of Upward Bound LSC

**NCredible1 Bluetooth Headphones**

Catalog #: 3301705  
Reg. \$129.99  
**SALE \$109<sup>99</sup>**

**Claude's TV Inc.**

**RadioShack**  
DEALER  
24 THIRD ST., NEWPORT  
334-7074

199 Depot Street  
Lyndonville, VT 05851  
(802) 626-9026  
1-800-822-9026  
Fax: (802) 626-4020

**THE CARPET CONNECTION**

~ We Sell Only Flooring; That Saves You Money ~

[www.thecarpetconnectioninc.com](http://www.thecarpetconnectioninc.com)

**efco** Model MT5200

- Available in 16", 18" & 20"
- 51.7cc, 3.4 HP
- Auto./adjustable oil pump
- 9.13/16.9 fl. oz. oil/fuel capacity

**SALE PRICE \$424<sup>99</sup>**

**F&M Repairs** 451 Union Street  
Newport, VT 334-1711  
[www.fandmrepairs.com](http://www.fandmrepairs.com)

**Automotive Repair & Small Engine Repair Shop**

**VERMONT STATE INSPECTIONS**  
All Car & Motorcycle Inspections \$40

**FLASH'S FIX-IT SHOP**  
2370 VT Rte. 100, Lowell, VT • Owner: Andre Tetreault, Jr.  
**20+ Years in Business! 744-6805**

ACCEPTING NEW CUSTOMERS!

**O1 Supply Corp.**

Transport & Home Delivery of  
**FUEL OIL • GASOLINE • DIESEL • KEROSENE**  
Burner Service Available

Phone: 802-744-2555  
Toll free: 800-286-2750 • Fax: 802-744-2525 • E-mail: [oilsupplycorp@yahoo.com](mailto:oilsupplycorp@yahoo.com)  
P.O. Box 89, Troy, VT 05868 • Winter hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m.  
[www.oilsupplycorp.com](http://www.oilsupplycorp.com)

**NEK VAPOR**  
A VERMONT SMOKING ALTERNATIVE  
[NekVapor.com](http://NekVapor.com)

OUR NEWEST LOCATION:

770 Broad Street Lyndonville, VT 05851 (802) 427-3138	349 East Main Street Newport, VT 05855 (802) 487-9907	363 Meadow Street Littleton, NH 03561 (603) 575-5441
---	---	--

# Modifications to Act 46 move through the Legislature

by Elizabeth Trail

Members of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union's (OCSU) Act 46 Study Committee have been hoping that this year's Legislature would modify the 2015 school district consolidation law to make its requirements easier to meet.

At the very least, OCSU representatives were hoping for an extension on the July 1 deadline for putting its next proposal in front of voters.

But no one, including local legislators, seems to know exactly what the prospects were for seeing it happen.

"I'd like to know that myself," Representative Sam Young of Glover said.

On Tuesday, the Senate Committee on Education unanimously passed a committee bill that would allow additional combinations of districts and supervisory unions to qualify for tax incentives, according to Chair Philip Baruth.

It would also extend deadlines, and allow districts with smaller numbers of students.

That bill may go before the full Senate as early as next week.

If it passes the Senate, it would advance to the House Committee on Education and then on to the full House.

That bill, called a committee bill, is expected to replace all of the other legislation pertaining to Act 46 that has been introduced this year.

"The Senate has taken the lead in modifications to Act 46," said Representative David Sharpe, chair of the House Committee on Education.

Four Northeast Kingdom lawmakers are among the 24 sponsors of a bipartisan bill called H.7 that proposed adding a year to the timeframe for each step of district consolidation.

In addition to Mr. Young, the legislators are Lynn Batchelor of

Derby, Vicki Strong of Albany, and Gary Viens of Newport.

Ms. Strong is an advocate for school choice. But she says she was happy to sign on to a bipartisan effort to give local schools more time to come up with a workable solution to district consolidation.

"We meant H.7 as a placeholder," Ms. Batchelor said. "Something that could be amended, but got the subject onto the agenda."

That effort succeeded, even though the bill itself is dead, along with several others introduced early in the session.

"The House is unlikely to act on H.7," Mr. Sharpe said.

Albert Pearce, vice-chair of the House Education Committee, favored H.15, a bill that both extended Act 46 deadlines and gave more consideration to alternate forms of governance such as supervisory unions.

He's from Richford, one of several towns in the northwestern part of the state where voters have rejected district consolidation.

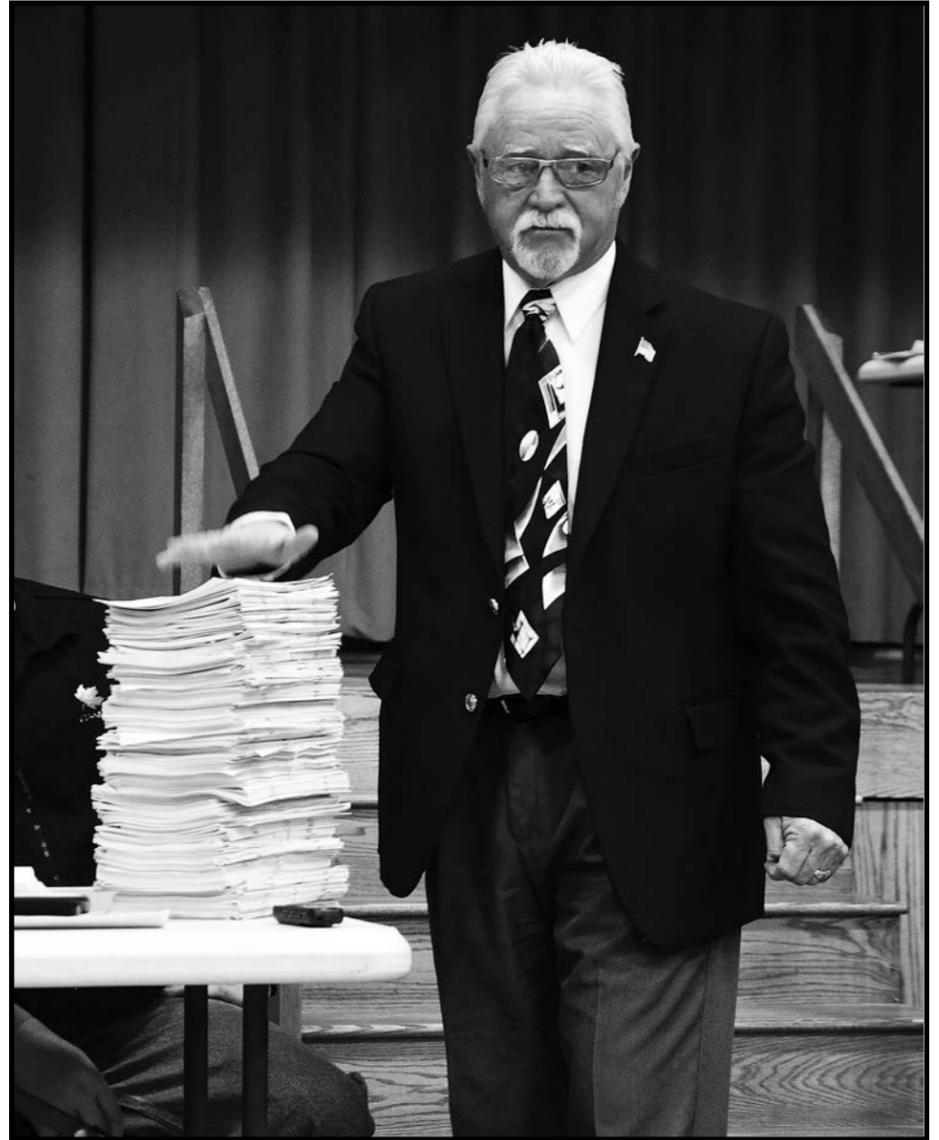
"I'm new on the committee, but I have a sense that overall they are strongly in support of Act 46," he said.

A similar bill in the Senate, S.15, would have extended the time frame to July 2020, and would give equal weight to proposals for supervisory unions and other less traditional ways of grouping schools into larger and more efficient units for administrative purposes.

The bill's nine sponsors included senators John Rodgers of Glover and Bobby Starr of North Troy.

Another bill in the house, H. 174, sponsored by some legislators from the southern part of the state, proposed a more complicated idea called side-by-side school districts.

H. 174 would have allowed three or more school districts to merge in such a way that each of the pre-existing districts and the merged district would sit side by side under the umbrella of a supervisory union. That lets some functions be handled



State Representative Brian Smith of Derby, displays what he said was the complete set of bills currently before the Vermont House of Representatives. Mr. Smith showed off his collection at the Derby Town Meeting on March 6.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

by a consolidated district, but preserves individual control.

"I don't think we'll be taking up the individual bills," Mr. Pearce said. Instead, his committee will act on the bill just passed by the Senate Committee on Education.

The bill coming out of the Senate Committee on Education includes provisions for a simplified version of the side-by-side district concept.

And it extends the time frame

for towns to vote on Act 46 proposals until November 15.

The current deadline is July 1.

All bills go to committee after they've been read on the floor for the first time. Then it's up to the committee chair whether to move the bill forward, ignore it, or combine it with other similar bills.

contact Elizabeth Trail  
elizabeth@bartonchronicle.com

## Four Seasons Garden Club stays busy in winter

On November 8, the Four Seasons Garden Club brought Maria Young of NorthWoods Stewardship Center to the Troy School for a presentation on white tail deer. It was a subject of high interest for Northeast Kingdom children and students, as well as garden club members, who enjoyed bringing the programs about the natural world to area elementary schools.

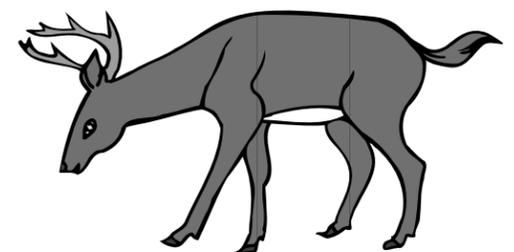
On December 6, the club carried on a holiday tradition by hosting a greens workshop at the Orleans Federated Church. Each year members gather to make holiday arrangements for a local nursing home. This year they went to Bel-Aire in Newport. The ladies also made beautiful

wreaths, swags, and other greens arrangements to decorate their own homes. A delicious lunch followed.

The first meeting in 2017 was on January 10, at the Derby Community Church. Tanya Sousa, a native of northern Vermont, entitled her presentation "What is a Flower and What is a Weed?" This environmentalist, who writes children's books, essays, and articles for magazines, then read two of her essays tracing the evolution of her concept of gardening. From her start at planting a defined plot according to her select plan, she spoke powerfully about coming to see all of the natural world as a

magnificent garden.

Garden club meetings are held monthly, and guests are always welcome. Please visit the website: [fourseasonsgardenclub.org](http://fourseasonsgardenclub.org). — submitted by Gail Lynch.



**Parker Conflict Resolution**  
mediation services  
because peace of mind matters.....

**Hal Parker**  
professional mediator and facilitator  
P.O. Box 302, Barton, VT 05822

Halbondparker@aol.com  
802-525-6535 Oct. 15-May 14  
802-525-3735 May 15-Oct. 14

**Antiques Bought & Sold**

*The Way We Were*

Clemence Leblond

**OPEN FRI., SAT., & SUN.,  
OR BY CHANCE!**

**Brand-new look & new inventory. Stop in & browse. Unique gifts & antiques. You'll be amazed!**

486 VT Route 242  
Jay, VT 05859

802-598-1482  
www.VermontAntiques.net

**THOMPSON'S**  
Redemption & Convenience Center

3731 Route 5, Derby, VT • 766-2522  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6-8, Sat. 7-8, Sun. 8-6

- CERTIFIED BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTER • FULL-SERVICE GAS • BEER
- WINE • SODA • TOBACCO PRODUCTS • CONVENIENCE ITEMS
- ATM • LOTTERY • ICE • PROPANE • KEROSENE/DIESEL

**EVERYDAY GREAT SERVICE & LOW PRICES! Stop along the way!**

# Committee disagrees over goals, public role

(Continued from page one.)

"It was one of the most active conversations at the Irasburg Town Meeting," Michael Sanville said. "We talked for about 25 minutes."

Community members were urged to come to the Act 46 Study Committee meetings.

"We want as many voices as we can get," Mr. Sanville said then.

But when they arrived, they were told that their participation would be limited to the public comment period.

"I just want to explain that this meeting is open to the public, but this is not a meeting of the public," Ms. Leroux told the group.

That meant, she continued, that people who weren't officially members of the committee could speak during the public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

"If the public input is limited, where is the place for public participation?" someone asked.

Another wanted to know how useful community input was if it wasn't responsive to what was actually being discussed.

After more people registered their dismay, Ms. Leroux backed down from her original position and allowed the public to be fully involved in the conversation that unfolded.

But she reserved the right to limit public comment on the evening's issues if necessary in the interests of time.

Community members weren't shy about stating their positions.

Dan Demane of West Glover said he wanted to see the current supervisory union structure tweaked and submitted to the state.

Evan Gentler wanted to take that one step further and see the committee explicitly charged with finding an alternative structure that is acceptable to the state.

He's a teacher, but attended the meeting as a citizen of Irasburg.

Act 46 apparently allows supervisory unions to be approved if they meet certain criteria like size and sharing a central administration.

But no one in the room was certain about whether a supervisory union gets the same tax breaks and grant incentives the state is offering to new consolidated districts.

"We need clarification on that," said Leah Rogers, chair of the Glover School Board.

A meeting with a representative of the Vermont School Board Association is planned to answer questions about Act 46 requirements. It's scheduled for April 25 at 6 p.m. at Lake Region Union High School.

"I'm going against the tide here," said Brian Carroll, of West Glover. "But I'd like to see us moving expeditiously rather than seeing the state come in."

The state is reserving the right to form districts in the future if local schools haven't been able to agree on consolidation plans of their own.

As an educator, Mr. Carroll said he believes that there may be advantages to consolidation.

"I'd like to see us look at the benefits of a unified approach," he concluded.

Howie Gentler of Irasburg was critical of last year's study committee's public presentations.

"Information was presented without much opportunity for input from the other side," he said. "It was like a propaganda thing."

Since the first proposal was voted down, it behooved the committee to listen to the public, he said.

But another retired teacher, David Paul, supported change.

"We probably do need a change," he said. "There are things we don't do well. We need to

talk about those."

At that point, Ms. Leroux drew the discussion back to the agenda.

The most important item on the agenda was for the committee to adopt a formal statement of its purpose.

The charge of last year's committee was:

"As soon as practicable, submit a report to the State Board of Education that will indicate if there is a desire to create a single educational district that includes all of the towns of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union."

"Does that charge seem to fit this committee?" Ms. Leroux asked.

"I'm not sure we should start with the same question," Carole Young of Glover said. "We may end up with the same results."

It quickly became clear that those in the room were far from agreeing on what exactly the committee was setting out to do.

---

*The charge of the committee is to define and propose a structure that will be acceptable to the people of the towns and is also acceptable to the State Board of Education*

---

"Let's define what single educational district means," Mr. Sanville said.

"Can you have a single educational district and keep your own school boards, your own assets, your own debt?" Ms. Young asked.

No, seemed to be the answer.

And that was the sticking point for several speakers.

Mr. Sanville had already parsed Irasburg's Town Meeting Day survey results. Irasburg voters were 90 percent against district consolidation, he said.

"It's clear that Irasburg wants to look at a different model," he said. "I don't think we're going to get any support if we go down that road again."

As Mr. Sanville sees it, there are two conflicting goals that the committee has to achieve. It has to come up with a proposal that voters will approve — and that the authorities in Montpelier will accept.

He sees the challenge as reconciling those two objectives, or removing that tension.

But Ms. Leroux seemed to disagree.

"The work of this committee is to take a proposal out into the community," she said.

To be clear, she said, only 28 surveys were returned in Irasburg, hardly a representative sample.

While district consolidation was defeated in five of the six OCSU towns at the polls last June, the total difference was only about 100 votes, she said. Margins were very narrow in some towns.

But the survey results in Irasburg reflect the vote at the polls last June, Mr. Sanville said.

Albany was split nearly half and half at the polls in June, said Neil Urie, the school board

chair in that town. And the most recent survey looks as though town voters are still divided.

Glover and Brownington were also close, their representatives agreed.

Still, Evan Gentler said, to act as though nothing happened and the supervisory union is back at square one is disingenuous.

"Last year, the committee came out and said there was a desire to form a single district, and the voters said there wasn't," he said.

He said he felt that to pretend otherwise was to ignore the input of voters who went to the polls last year.

"If we use the words approved structure instead of single educational district, won't that leave it open?" asked high school student Rebecca Doucet, who is a member of the study committee.

Howie Gentler questioned the phrase "all the towns" in last year's charge, saying that he was hearing talk of a voluntary merger between the Albany and Irasburg schools.

The wording needs to leave room for other outcomes that might emerge, he said.

And there's still a question mark about Westmore, which has no school of its own and offers school choice at the elementary level. All schools in a district have to adopt the same structure, a change that Westmore voters seem unwilling to make.

"How can we agree on the committee's charge if we disagree on where we're going?" Ms. Young asked.

"Until we agree on something, we'll sit here and do nothing," Tammy Wiggett said.

Mr. Demane said he feared that OCSU's goal is to present a finished product to the community.

He compared that to the North Country Supervisory Union, which also distributed a survey at Town Meetings.

"They're going out into the community first to find out that they want, before they move forward," he said. "They plan to let public input guide them."

There was no change from the first to the third OCSU public information meetings, Mr. Demane said. It was clear that public input, however scanty, was not heard by the OCSU representatives.

The State Board of Education has to approve a proposal before it's sent to the voters, Ms. Leroux explained.

"Last year we were up against a time frame," she said. "We were trying to get it to a vote in time to qualify for the tax incentives and grants."

She said that this time around, there's less pressure.

And there's hope that legislation under consideration in Montpelier may give districts more time, state Representative Vicki Strong said.

As it stands now, there is still a late June deadline for the next Act 46 vote in the towns trying to submit a merger proposal this year.

After more back and forth about the wording of the charge, the committee finally accepted a suggestion from Evan Gentler, who proposed "The charge of the committee is to define and propose a structure that will be acceptable to the people of the towns and is also acceptable to the State Board of Education"

"Getting the public involved helps toward that," Ms. Young said.

5025 U.S. Route 5  
Newport, VT 05855

 **All About Home**  
www.AllAboutHomeVT.com

 Like us on Facebook

 **UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
65 School Street, Newport, Vermont 05855  
**COME FOR A VISIT!**  
Call to visit, meet teachers, and discuss your child's future with an Educational Success Consultation.  
Teaching the ABCs of Academic Excellence, Biblical Values, and Christian Unity since 1995  
Phone 802-334-3112 · www.ucaeducation.org

 **VERMONT HERITAGE Spring Water Co.**

WATER COOLER RENTALS • BOTTLED WATER • COFFEE MACHINES & SUPPLIES • HOME & OFFICE DELIVERY  
Water bottled at the source in Beebe Plain, Vermont.

**NEWPORT, VERMONT 334-2528**  
TOLL-FREE 1-800-698-4792

# Council has three choices for replacing aldermen

(Continued from page one.)

Mr. Vincent repeated his unwillingness to stay on the board "under the current conditions" in speaking to a reporter and said he would never have more to say on the matter.

Mr. Morrisette agreed to explain his decision to a reporter on the condition that his words be reported exactly as spoken by him. When the reporter telephoned at the scheduled time, Mr. Morrisette answered the phone, but hung up immediately upon hearing who was calling.

He turned off his phone for several days, so all incoming calls went directly to his voice mail.

The two resignations left only Mr. Wilson on the council. City Clerk and Treasurer James Johnson remedied that problem by hastily swearing in Mr. Monette and Mr. Chenette.

At Monday's meeting Mr. Johnson pointed out that the council, as presently constituted, can function only when its three members are in agreement. A two-to-one vote is not sufficient to pass a measure, he said.

After looking into state law and speaking with representatives of the Vermont Secretary of State's office, Mr. Johnson said he learned the council has only three choices.

They could appoint replacements to the council, they could decide to schedule a special meeting to elect new members of the council, or

they could call an election in response to a petition from city voters.

It turned out the council had to appoint new aldermen regardless of whether they intend to schedule an election.

Mr. Johnson quoted a state law that requires the appointment of new council members "forthwith."

That, he said, means immediately.

Mr. Wilson suggested that citizens be invited to submit their names for consideration. He proposed advertising the openings and asking for responses by Wednesday, March 22.

The council can then see how many people have put their names forward and which would be best to sit on the council.

Mr. Monette said a couple of people have already been in touch with him to express interest in joining the council.

One of them, Julie Raboin, was present at the meeting. She is the only potential candidate who has spoken publically about her interest in the job.

Bill Hafer, who ran for election on Town Meeting Day and finished in fourth place, has already said he cannot accept appointment to the board for personal reasons, Mr. Monette said.

City resident Pam Ladds said she was approached by Susan Roberge, former Alderman Roberge's wife, and encouraged to seek a position



Newport Mayor Paul Monette makes a point at Monday's city council meeting. He was joined by Aldermen John Wilson (not seen) and Denis Chenette (right). The three men discussed ways of filling the gaps in the council's membership.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

on the council. Ms. Ladds said she would not put her name forward.

She said she suspected that Ms. Roberge proposed the idea, in part, because Ms. Ladds often provokes Mr. Monette to displays of anger during council meetings.

The mayor said the council will interview candidates in open session, unlike the hiring process for a city manager. The reason, he explained, is that a council member is not a city employee.

(Continued on page twenty-five.)

**Aura Insights**  
with Ramona  
• Aura Photos • Reiki • Chakra Balancing  
• Hypnosis/Past-Life Regression • Tarot Readings  
• Course of Miracles Readings  
• Acu-point Color Therapy with Light & Crystals  
Sliding Scale Fees • Orleans/Barton • 802-673-9471  
**MARCH SPECIAL: Phone Tarot Readings – \$20 for 30 min.**

**ReCreations Styling Salon**  
802-334-1556  
For Men & Women  
Full-service Salon • Walk-ins Welcome  
• Cally • Angie • Paula • Moira  
MANICURES • PEDICURES  
Call for an appointment. 334-1556  
Hours: Mon. 11-7, Tues. 9-5,  
Wed.-Fri. 9-7, Sat. 9-3.  
• LOCATED IN THE CENTURY 21 PLAZA  
Angie now offering professional makeup applications on location or at the salon!  
Gift sets & certificates still available.

1169 HINMAN SETTLER RD  
BROWNINGTON, VT 05860  
**802-754-2662**  
HAIRBYASHLEYKEEMENT@HOTMAIL.COM  
**Hair by Ashley**  
Ashley Keement  
OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
Like my page on facebook

**Reflections Salon**  
Karissa Vinal, owner/stylist  
Full-service salon including acrylic nails!  
Call for an appointment today.  
185 Mill Street  
Troy, VT  
802-744-4033  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
Open Tuesday-Saturday. Like us on Facebook!

- Haircuts
- Perms
- Highlights
- Color
- Fashion colors
- Manicures & Pedicures
- Nails

**HAIR • NAILS • TANNING  
MASSAGE • YOGA**

**Cedar Hedge S.A.L.O.N.**  
UNISEX SALON  
KAREN CHAFFEE  
(802) 754-8731  
719 LEBLANC ROAD  
BARTON, VT 05822  
HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-12 noon.

**My Salon & Spa**  
Michelle Darenteau-Lyon  
Yolande Bronson  
1 Main Street  
Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-6028  
www.mysalonllc.com  
Hair Styling • Nails • Pedicures  
Massages • Luxury Facials • Spa Treatments

**etche HAIR STUDIO**  
Natacia Grube, Owner/Stylist  
Jenna Moss, Stylist  
189 East Main Street  
Suite A, Newport, VT  
334-5500

**Crystal View Cuts**  
• FULL-SERVICE SALON  
• ACRYLIC NAILS  
CHERYL LAFLEUR, Owner  
DEE LUSSIER  
802-525-4170  
312 LAKE STREET, ROUTE 5 SOUTH, BARTON, VERMONT  
Gift Certificates Available.

**Curly SUE'S**  
Spring March Tanning Special:  
12 tans for \$30 + tax!  
SUE LEROUX • 2161 Barton-Orleans Road • 754-2213  
Open: Tues. & Fri. 9-5, Wed. 1-8, Thurs. 9-7, Sat. 9-1.  
Thursday night walk-ins from 5:30-7 p.m.

**Shear TECHNIQUES**  
754-6200  
Owner: Tammy Flint-Butler  
Hours:  
Tues. & Thurs. 8-3,  
Wed. & Fri. 8-8,  
Sat. 8-noon.  
Friday Night Men's Walk-ins: 6-8 p.m.  
INDUSTRIAL PARK LANE  
ORLEANS, VT

**Massage & Yoga**  
Rebecca Marcotte,  
RYT, CMT  
(802) 673-4779  
www.StudioforLife.com  
E-mail:  
rebecca.ryt@gmail.com  
Pat Gage, CMT

**BARBER SHOP**  
"FREESTYLE HAIR DESIGN"  
THE ONLY FEMALE BARBER IN THIS AREA!  
OVER 34 YEARS OF BARBERING EXPERIENCE.  
**CANDY'S Barber Shop**  
Freestyle Hair Design  
CANDICE ALLARD  
WALK-INS ONLY. 334-0237  
398 Western Avenue, Newport, VT  
Satisfaction Guaranteed! WALK-INS ONLY.  
PLEASE CALL FIRST TO MAKE SURE I'M IN.  
I SPECIALIZE IN MEN'S MILITARY CUTS  
• High & Tights • Flat-tops  
• Any Clipper Cuts  
ALSO STYLE CUTS FOR MEN & WOMEN.  
"I'll stay as long as walk-ins keep walking in—any night!"

**Think Spring! Come in and get your Spring do!**  
**Countryside Kutts**  
"A Cut Above"  
(802) 334-9315 We have gift certificates.  
Tillie Deskins, Owner  
5043 U.S. Rte. 5, Countryside Commons,  
Unit H, Newport, VT  
Hours: Mon.-Sat., 7 a.m. to closing  
Monique LaPlante ~ Stylist  
Wed., Thurs. 9-5.  
Shelby Blake ~ Stylist:  
by appointment only.  
Ellen Valley ~ Stylist: Mon. 8-5,  
Thurs. 11-7, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-2:30.  
Karen Leach ~ Stylist, Manicures,  
Pedicures: Tues. 9-2:30, & Wed. 9-7.  
Robin Ballinger ~ Stylist: Fridays  
by appointment only.

# Special election can be called by petition

(Continued from page twenty-four.)

Mr. Monette said the council will welcome questions to the candidates from the public, but suggested they be submitted ahead of time so council members can pose them to prospective candidates.

City resident Anne Chiarello urged the board to call an election, saying it would be the democratic thing to do. If members of the council interview candidates, they will be tempted to pick people with whom they think they can work easily, she said.

The city would be better served with five independent voices, Ms. Chiarello concluded.

Mr. Johnson said a special election can be called by petition of 5 percent of Newport's voters. Ms. Ladds calculated that would amount to about 160 signatures.

Once such a petition is delivered to city authorities, the council would have to warn a special election, Mr. Johnson said. Voters must be given at least 30 days' notice of the election, he said.

Mr. Johnson said he is not sure how long potential candidates would have to submit petitions to place their names on the ballot. He promised to investigate.

He said the possibility of an early vote does

not absolve the council of its obligation to fill the empty seats as quickly as possible; it merely would mean that whoever is chosen to fill the vacancies on the council will have to face the voters earlier than they would otherwise.

Mr. Johnson said the winners of a special election will fill out the remainder of the term for the seat he or she occupies. The person who takes Mr. Morrisette's place on the council would have to run for re-election on Town Meeting Day, while the person replacing Mr. Vincent would fill the remainder of his two-year term.

Should there be no special election, voters would select the occupants of both seats next March, he said.

Mr. Johnson estimated the cost of holding a special election at between \$900 and \$1,000. The city would have to pay to advertise the ballot and to hire people to work during the election, he explained.

In other business, the council heard from Tom Bernier, the city's director of public works, who reported on progress in the design of a second water tower to serve the eastern side of Newport.

Mr. Bernier said engineers were doing preliminary design work on the tower and had come up with two ideas. The first, which would cost around \$2-million would call for the construction of a tower similar to the one on

Highland Avenue. That tower would hold over a million gallons.

The second possibility is building what Mr. Bernier called a stand pipe. It would be a tall cylinder, 25 feet in diameter. Only the water in the top half of the stand pipe would be high enough to provide acceptable pressure to the parts of the city it serves, he said.

That would not be a problem, though, because the cylinder would be continually replenished with water pumped from the reservoir near the Newport Country Club. The top half of the stand pipe would hold about 200,000 gallons, Mr. Bernier said.

He recommended the stand pipe, saying it would cost less than half the price of the larger tower. Either structure would be made of steel and lined with glass, which Mr. Bernier said would reduce maintenance costs.

The council encouraged Mr. Bernier to continue working on the stand pipe proposal.

Ms. Chiarello rose to thank the Newport City Fire Department for their quick response to a fire at her house. She said the city's firefighters saved her house and took care to do the least amount of damage in extinguishing the blaze. She suggested that the city purchase new uniforms for the department as a mark of respect for its professionalism.



**The Town of Coventry will hold a RABIES CLINIC**  
**Sat., March 18th from 12-2 p.m.**  
 All dogs are welcome to come on a leash and cats in a carrier. You don't have to be a Coventry resident. Coventry residents can register their dogs that day. Remember ALL CANINES are required to be registered by April 3rd.

**RABIES CLINIC**  
**Saturday, March 25, from 9-12**  
**at the Holland Town Garage**

**DERBY POND ANIMAL HOSPITAL**  
 Kim O'Connor, DVM • William R. Mentis, DVM  
 2757 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT 05829  
 802-766-2222 • 800-276-3755  
 • SMALL ANIMAL • MEDICINE & SURGERY  
 Quality Care with Compassion at Affordable Prices.  
 OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT • ON-SITE CREMATORY • WE NOW ACCEPT CARE CREDIT

**TOWN OF NEWPORT RABIES CLINIC**  
 The Town of Newport will be holding a **RABIES CLINIC on March 18, from 9-11 a.m.,**  
 at the Newport Center Fire Department on the Cross Road. Other vaccines will be offered this day in addition to the rabies vaccine.  
 Both dogs and cats are welcome.  
 Dog license prices \$11 spayed, \$15 not spayed.

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF ALBANY RESIDENTS**

Dog Licenses are due on or before April 1, 2017.  
 Neutered or Spayed \$9.00  
 Male or Female \$13.00  
 Neuter or spaying certificate must be presented unless on file. Must have valid rabies vaccination certificate unless on file. 50% Penalty added to renewal fees after April 1st. License early or by mail. Enclose a .71 cent S.A.S.E. for return papers.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Albany Town Hall on Saturday, March 18th, from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Town Clerk will be there to license dogs. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, April 1st, to license dogs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in addition to our regular hours, which are Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Debra Ann Geoffroy, Albany Town Clerk

**Notice**  
**Brownington Residents**  
 There will be a Rabies Clinic at the Brownington Town Clerk's Office  
 Saturday, March 18, 2017,  
 from 9-11 a.m.  
 Dog licenses are due on or before April 1, 2017 with documentation of a current rabies vaccination.  
 754-8401

Newport Veterinary Hospital presents:



Offering convenient and compassionate care to your dogs and cats in the comfort of their own home!

Hailey Gentile, DVM  
 802-334-2655



**The Northeast Kingdom's Premier Pet Boarding, Grooming & Daycare Provider**  
 567 Sias Avenue, Newport, VT 05855  
 Call today: (802) 334-7005  
[www.OasisPetResort.com](http://www.OasisPetResort.com)

- State-of-the-art Facility
- Comfortable Dog Suites
- Private & Secluded Cattery
- Professional Grooming & Bathing
- Outdoor Exercise Yard & Large Dog Park
- Our Store Features Wellness™, ProNature™, Lupine™ & more

Same owner, same location for 40 years!

 We invite you to check out our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/oasispetresort](http://www.facebook.com/oasispetresort)

**Pet overpopulation is a problem you can help solve!**



**Low-cost Spay/Neuter Assistance Programs in the Northeast Kingdom:**

- **Pope-Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter - Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic:** Monthly/bi-monthly spay/neuter clinic for cats. The \$45 fee includes rabies and distemper vaccinations. Call 334-8197 for appointment.
- **Northeast Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program:** Provides a voucher for a spay/neuter procedure at a reduced fee for either a cat or a dog in Orleans or Essex counties, for use at participating local veterinarians. For more info, call 334-7393.
- **Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program** is available to help Vermonters unable to afford the cost of spaying/neutering cats & dogs for which they provide care. Send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to: VSNIIP, P.O. Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034 for an application.
- **Felines & Friends Foundation:** Provides spay/neuter assistance for barn cats, unowned, or loosely owned cats. More info at FFFVT.org or call 323-4793.
- **VT-CAN!** is a stationary, reduced-cost, high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinic located in Middlesex, Vermont. More info at <http://vt-can.org>. You can also e-mail [info@vt-can.org](mailto:info@vt-can.org) or call 223-0034.
- **Providing Ethical Treatment for Strays (P.E.T.S.) of the Kingdom:** Focuses on animal cruelty investigation and other animal welfare issues. More info at [petsofthekingdom.weebly.com](http://petsofthekingdom.weebly.com) or 673-3791.

**Newport Veterinary Hospital**



246 VT Route 105, Newport, VT  
**(802) 334-2655**

~Specializing in Compassionate, Quality Care~

Offering: Preventive Care, Diagnostic Medicine, Surgery, Dental Procedures, Behavior & Training, and Boarding.  
 Consultations & second opinions welcomed!

 We carry **BRAVECTO** for dogs, a yummy chew for up to 12 weeks of flea & tick prevention.

 We now have **BRAVECTO** for cats, a topical 3 month flea & tick medication for cats.

**PURINA VETERINARY DIETS**

**WE CARRY DOG & CAT FOOD**

## Over 150 handbell musicians to perform at Lyndon State College

The thirty-sixth annual Vermont Spring Ring Concert will be on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the Lyndon State College, Stannard Gymnasium.

Each April handbell musicians from Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Canada travel to participate in the Vermont Handbell Association's yearly festival known as Spring Ring. This year's festival is being hosted by handbell choirs from the Northeast Kingdom and will take place under the direction of internationally recognized handbell director, Stephanie Wiltse of Grand Rapids Michigan.

Vermont Spring Ring begins with an evening of instruction designed for handbell directors on Friday, April 28, continues with a day of rehearsals and classes for handbell musicians, and culminates with Saturday's public concert. The free concert will feature both sacred and secular pieces played by all participants en masse, selections by individual handbell ensembles, as well as solo handbell ringing.

For more information about Vermont Spring Ring or other activities of the Vermont Handbell Association, contact [vtspringring@gmail.com](mailto:vtspringring@gmail.com). — submitted by Kimberlee Strepka.

## Greensboro church hosts mud season follies

The Greensboro United Church of Christ will host a mud season follies on Saturday, March 18, at the church. The evening kicks off with a potluck supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The show starts at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a family event, open to children, youth, and adult performers and audiences alike. People are invited to sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a skit, offer a reading, perform with puppets, interpret a piece of art, or create one live on stage. The organizers are open to other ideas as well.

Admission is by donation, to benefit local children for summer camp scholarships at Wonder and Wisdom. Anyone interested should contact Judy Waible at [jwaible@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jwaible@myfairpoint.net) or (802) 533-9894 to offer their participation as a performer, or to be on the setup or cleanup crew. — from the Greensboro United Church of Christ.

### Position: Administrative and Program Coordinator — UP for Learning

Overview: Join a rapidly growing, dynamic, non-profit that is engaging youth and adults in school change efforts throughout Vermont. Provide leadership and oversight for the day-to-day logistical operations of the organization, including event coordination, financial, and bookkeeping management, website oversight, and logistical support for UP initiatives (event coordination).

This full-time job is a mix of virtual and on-site team meeting time in the Hardwick/Montpelier area. Strong office management organizational skills and the proven capacity to work independently are essential.

Please send resumé and references to: [helen@upforlearning.com](mailto:helen@upforlearning.com).

### Dream position on the island of Martha's Vineyard MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Tired of the North Country? Looking for an exciting new opportunity? Relocate, live, work, and enjoy life at Winnetu Oceanside Resort on the Vineyard. Easily accessible to Cape Cod. Year-round position available immediately with housing included. Good benefits. E.O.E. employer. Excellent school system and a welcoming community.

Candidates should have leadership skills and set a good example for others. Jack of all trades who can do the work themselves and know when and how to delegate to others. HVAC skills critical as well as carpentry, electrical and plumbing important. Need to be organized and detail oriented. Sense of humor helps. Extensive interaction with our guests whom we go to great lengths to please.

Send resumé to Roland Georges, General Manager, at [gm@winnetu.com](mailto:gm@winnetu.com) [www.winnetu.com](http://www.winnetu.com)

## EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

### NEKCA HEAD START JOB OPENING

#### TEACHER

The NEKCA Island Pond Head Start, a 5-STARs preschool program, is seeking a full-time teacher. Qualified candidates should have the ability to plan and implement a developmentally appropriate comprehensive education program for 3-5 year old children in a classroom setting, ability to function in a team teaching situation, keep objective records, and engage families in areas of Health, Nutrition, Family Services, and Education. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, or Bachelor's degree in a related field with coursework in Early Childhood Education required, experience working with young children preferred. The closing date for applying is March 27, 2017, or until filled. To apply, send a cover letter, resumé, and 3 references to: [jobs@nekcavt.org](mailto:jobs@nekcavt.org), fax to 802-334-5249, or mail to: NEKCA Human Resources, P.O. Box 346, Newport, VT 05855. E.O.E.

## the Chronicle Help Wanted

We're looking for a personable and creative **marketing assistant** to sell ads for new digital and print products, work with website, and develop new accounts. The position requires thinking out of the box, knowledge of website technology, and eagerness to meet potential clients face-to-face. This is a part-time position with commission-based salary. Experience in sales or related area is a must for this position. The successful candidate will be a dynamic people person, a team player and original thinker able to enthusiastically promote, develop, and sell media products. Please submit resumé and cover letter, which includes qualifications, experience and/or what you could bring to the position. E-mail [thechronicleinc@gmail.com](mailto:thechronicleinc@gmail.com) or send to *the Chronicle*, P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822, attn: Tracy.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## ETHAN ALLEN ORLEANS DIVISION, ORLEANS, VT.

Ethan Allen Inc., a leading manufacturing/retailer in the home furnishings industry, is accepting applications for a

### Parts Assembler

in our Cabinet department. Full time. Benefits Package.

Interested applicants can apply online@ <http://www.jobs.net/j/JyNq9kfU?idpartenaire=10339&jobdetails=true>

OR

The Vermont Department of Labor  
100 Main St. Suite 210  
Newport, Vt. 05855

Ethan Allen Operations Inc.  
Orleans Division  
An Equal Opportunity /Affirmative Action Employer

## GARNEAU

### CUSTOMER SERVICE/INSIDE SALES REP

Based in Derby, VT, the candidate will service existing accounts, resolve customer and end-user complaints, obtain and process orders, generate sales leads and contribute to a team effort.

The ideal candidate must have proven communication skills, solid Excel knowledge, and 1 year in a sales related field.

Please send resumes to: [humanresources@louisgarneau.us](mailto:humanresources@louisgarneau.us)

### NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL Newport, VT IMMEDIATE VACANCY CUSTODIAL FOREMAN

NCUHS has an immediate opening for a year-round custodial foreman to work the second shift, which is an 8 hour shift that starts at 3 p.m. Hours may vary slightly as needed.

Requirements include: prior supervisory and commercial cleaning experience, detail-oriented, ability to lift a minimum of 45 pounds, availability to do occasional overtime or cover a weekend shift as needed. Must be a team player who works well with others.

A full job description is available upon request.

Interested persons can apply via: [www.Schoolspring.com](http://www.Schoolspring.com), or can complete a job application, including prior employment references, available at the NCUHS main office or at NCSU Central Office, and forward it to:

Brent Hilliard  
Operations Coordinator  
NCUHS  
209 Veterans Avenue  
Newport, VT 05855

Salary & Benefits: This is an exempt position. Salary based on experience.

Application Deadline: Application screening process will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

Criminal Record Check & Child Abuse/Neglect Registry Check required.

Equal Opportunity Employer.

## North Country Hospital

Where caring runs deep.

### Laboratory Technologist

A friendly small town hospital with high tech instrumentation.

North Country Hospital's Laboratory is seeking a Laboratory Technologist.

Our opportunity is PART time [40 hrs./pp], covering 8- or 12-hour intervals primarily starting at 6:45 a.m., with weekend rotation and coverage for 6:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. This generalist position performs clinical testing in chemistry, hematology, blood bank, microscopy, microbiology areas, as well as phlebotomy skills. The technologist must be comfortable working independently, have effective communication, and interpersonal skills.

**Job Requirements:** Baccalaureate degree in Medical Technology or a baccalaureate degree in a related science, with approved clinical laboratory scientist training. Non-traditional route to establish skill level may be accepted after review of education and experience. Associate degree in Medical Technology, or an associate degree in a related science with approved clinical laboratory scientist training, plus two years working in a clinical laboratory. Nationally recognized certification credentials or equivalent preferred.

Interested candidates may apply online at: [www.northcountryhospital.org](http://www.northcountryhospital.org).

For additional information, contact:  
Tina Royer, Recruitment Coordinator

Human Resources  
North Country Hospital  
189 Prouty Drive  
Newport, VT 05855  
# 802-334-3210, ext. 407  
E-mail: [troyer@nchsi.org](mailto:troyer@nchsi.org)



SSXcavating Corp • 5558 US Rt. 5  
Newport, VT 05855 • 802-487-9110

Contact: Kory Scott, Ed Gaudreau or Dan Scott  
or e-mail: [ssxcavatingcorp@hotmail.com](mailto:ssxcavatingcorp@hotmail.com)

## Galaxy Bookshop to host self-publishing workshop

Self-publishing has become a major force in the world of books, and easier to do than ever with a wide range of options for authors to choose from. The volume of options can be daunting, however, as can the next steps of marketing and selling your published book. The Galaxy Bookshop hopes to educate both new and seasoned authors about the possibilities of independent publishing through its self-publishing workshop on Wednesday, March 22, at

7 p.m. A panel of experts including successful self-published authors, an editor, a small publisher, and representatives from IngramSpark and Independent Publishers of New England will discuss the process, from finding the right self-publishing outlet to editing and design to marketing and beyond. Pre-registration is required and may be done online at [galaxybookshop.com](http://galaxybookshop.com) or by phone at (802) 472-5533. — from Galaxy Bookshop.

## Barton school hosts annual two-on-two basketball tournament

Barton Academy and Graded School will host its twentieth annual two-on-two tournament on Friday, March 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tournament is used to raise funds for the eighth grade class trip at the end of the year. The eighth grade is currently seeking teams to fill in their brackets of this double elimination event. Teams will compete in one of three divisions: male, female, and co-ed. One player on each

team must be 15 years old or younger and the other must be 16 years old or older.

Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up early as there will be a maximum of 32 male teams, 16 female teams and 32 co-ed teams. The registration fee is \$10, and the registration deadline is Wednesday, March 22. Sign up at Barton Graded School or call 525-3636 for information. — submitted by Bob Partridge.

# EMPLOYMENT

Scenic View is a Level 3 Assisted Living home in Westfield, VT. Scenic View is under new management and currently hiring for the following positions: a part-time Registered Nurse (RN) for day shift and full & part-time Licensed Nurse Assistants (LNAs) for day, evening & night shifts. Serious inquiries regarding the positions should be sent to Sarah Kenney, 802-473-3156, [sarahk@rurledge.org](mailto:sarahk@rurledge.org). RuralEdge, P.O. Box 259, Lyndonville, VT 800-234-0560 • [www.rurledge.org](http://www.rurledge.org)  
Equal Opportunity Employer.

**The Town of Coventry Select Board is seeking candidates for the position of Delinquent Tax Collector.**  
This is an appointed position by the board. Compensation to be negotiated. Applicants must have experience in accounting. Job description is available on request and is posted on the Town of Coventry's web site: [coventryvt.org](http://coventryvt.org).  
Please send resumés to the following no later than Monday, March 20, 2017, at 5 p.m.: Town of Coventry Select Board, P.O. Box 8, Coventry, VT 05825. Or e-mail to: [selectboardclerk@coventryvt.org](mailto:selectboardclerk@coventryvt.org).

**Automobile Mechanic**  
Full Time, Year-round & Benefits  
This position is responsible for general maintenance on all resort vehicles, to include small engines and recreational vehicles. Duties include, but are not limited to, diagnostic and repair of various issues, as well as preventative maintenance.  
Qualified applicants will have 3 to 5 years of advanced electrical and repair knowledge, and be able to work independently. Knowledge of acetylene torch required, and welding experience preferred or willingness to learn. Ability to lift and move at least 75 pounds is required. Must be willing to learn maintenance of a variety of equipment and provide sufficient tools to perform necessary maintenance. Due to the seasonal nature of our business, weekend work during the winter will be required, as well as call-in work if necessary.  
Qualified candidates must have their own tools and apply in person or online at [JayPeakResort.com/jobs](http://JayPeakResort.com/jobs)  
Rate is dependent on years of experience. Must provide three professional references. A sign on bonus of \$500 will be available following a successful completion of 90 days.

**FULL-TIME AUTO MECHANIC**  
wanted to join our team. Must have general knowledge of automotive repairs for full service shop — cars and light trucks. Must have own tools. Must have references and work history.  
**Call Buzz at Carl's Equipment in Barton at 802-525-3662.**

**MICHAUD MEMORIAL MANOR**  
DERBY LINE  
Michaud Memorial Manor is seeking a **PART-TIME COOK** to prepare meals for our residents at our Level III Residential Care Home. One year of experience in food service, or care of older adults preferred.  
If interested, please contact: Jackie Demsky, at 802-873-3152, or apply in person at 47 Herrick Rd., Derby Line, VT 05830

**TROY SCHOOL**  
NORTH TROY, VT  
**Immediate Vacancy**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
The Troy School seeks a dynamic, caring, and energetic Administrative Assistant to fill their administrative assistant position. The Troy School community is close-knit and family-oriented, and would like someone who can foster positive relationships and manage multiple and varying tasks throughout the day. This is a year-round position, 40 hours a week during the school year and 30 hours during the summer.  
**Qualifications:**  
1. Associate's degree preferred.  
2. Minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience  
3. Basic bookkeeping and analytical skills.  
4. Computer literate with competency in Microsoft Suite, Google, spreadsheets, & databases.  
5. Clear written, oral, interpersonal, and communication skills.  
6. Self-motivated to function efficiently by prioritizing independently with strong organizational and problem solving skills.  
7. Ability to maintain confidentiality is essential.  
Interested candidates must submit a letter of interest, and resumé listing three current references (or 3 current letters of reference) via: [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) (preferred) or to:  
Christopher Young, Principal  
Troy School  
P.O. Box 110  
North Troy, VT 05859  
Or via e-mail: [chris.young@ncsuvt.org](mailto:chris.young@ncsuvt.org)  
Deadline: Application screening process will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. Position is to begin on April 1st.  
Criminal Record and Child Abuse Neglect Registry Checks required.  
Equal Opportunity Employer.

# JOBS

**NEKCA EARLY HEAD START JOB OPENING**  
**EARLY HEAD START HOME VISITOR**  
Families with children birth to three years of age in Island Pond are looking for a supportive, creative, and flexible person to visit them in their homes to plan and implement home-based learning experiences and child development activities as well as health, nutrition and family services. The perfect candidate will have experience home visiting, working with infants, toddlers, and expectant families, excellent communication skills, the ability to keep objective records, maintain confidentiality, and work as a team member. Computer skills a must. Minimum of Associate's degree in Human Services, Child Development, or related field required.  
The closing date for applications is March 27, 2017, or until filled. To apply, send a cover letter, resumé, and 3 references to: [jobs@nekavt.org](mailto:jobs@nekavt.org), fax to 802-334-5249, or mail to:  
NEKCA Human Resources  
P.O. Box 346  
Newport, VT 05855.  
E.O.E.

**HELP WANTED**  
**Auto Detailer**  
40+ hours per week, Mon.-Sat.  
Experience preferred.  
Stop by with your resumé today.  
**Right Wheels**  3760 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT  
802-766-2100  
[rightwheelsvt.net](http://rightwheelsvt.net)  
OPEN SUNDAYS!

**Permanent Part-Time Positions**  
**Open at Circus Smirkus**  
Wouldn't you like to join the Circus Smirkus family? If you are interested in any of these openings, please check out the full job descriptions at [www.smirkus.org/employment](http://www.smirkus.org/employment).  
**Office Assistant** at HQ - 1 Circus Rd, Greensboro, VT.  
We are looking for someone who wants year-round part-time employment to help out in our busy office. The candidate should have at least two years of office experience, listening and communications skills, customer service skills, experience using MS Word and Excel, as well as Google applications, attention to detail, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. The work schedule is Mon.-Fri. afternoons. If you have these skills and want to work for a great company, please consider applying to join us here at Circus Smirkus World Headquarters in Greensboro, VT.  
**Administrative Coordinator - Camp and Residency Programs**  
This year-round part-time person will work specifically on the Camp and School Residency programs, handling all correspondences, schedules, contracts, and registration details. This candidate should have experience working with online databases, MS Office platforms, and strong verbal and written customer skills as well as possess a strong attention to detail. The workplace for the summer will be Smirkus Camp, on Breezy Ave. in Greensboro, and at Smirkus HQ during the off season. If you have these skills, please consider joining our team! If you can't juggle, don't worry, we'll teach you!  
**Seasonal Positions Open at Smirkus Camp - 409 Breezy Avenue, Greensboro, VT.**  
**Camp Specialty Cook** - Smirkus Camp is looking for an experienced cook who specializes in vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free meals to join our team. This is a full time, 11 week position.  
**Camp Prep Cook/Dishwasher** - In this entry-level position you'll learn most basic food service skills while working in a busy and fun environment. Full time, 11 weeks.  
**Camp Building and Grounds Specialist** - We seek someone handy to be responsible for the repair, maintenance, cleanliness, and safety of all camp facilities and grounds. Full time, 11 weeks  
Qualified candidates for any of these job descriptions please send your application, resumé, and cover letter to: [jobs@smirkus.org](mailto:jobs@smirkus.org), or mail to:  
HR  
Circus Smirkus  
1 Circus Road  
Greensboro, VT 05841

The Outside Story

# Early research on climate change and soil

by Rachel Sargent

For many of us, winter in the Northeast means cold temperatures and piles of snow drifting through forests and across fields. It's hard to imagine that winter here could be different, but the prospect of climate change has scientists asking just what our winters might look like in the future — and how those changes might influence forest ecology.

At the U.S. Forest Service's Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, scientists are thinking about the year 2100. How much warming will occur isn't certain, but some projections suggest that average air temperatures in our region may increase 5.5 to 9 degrees over the course of this century. The effects are likely to be complex and are difficult to predict, with benefits and costs for different organisms. Some tree species, for example, may benefit from longer and warmer growing seasons, but they may also sustain root damage from more frequent soil freezing.

It may seem counterintuitive that soils would freeze more often during warm winters. The reason is a projected lack of snow. The blanket of snow that usually accumulates during winter insulates the soil below, preventing it from



**WARNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
BARTON ACADEMY AND GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Barton Academy and Graded School District are hereby notified to meet at the Barton School Gymnasium on Tuesday evening, March 28, 2017, at 7 p.m., eastern daylight time, to transact the following business viz:

- To elect a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector to serve for one year.
- To hear and act upon the report of the School District Directors.
- To elect a Director to the Barton Incorporated School District for a three-year term (vice David Doucet, whose term expires).
- To elect a Director to the Barton Incorporated School District for the remaining two years of a three-year term.
- To elect a Director to the Barton Incorporated School District for a one-year term (vice Phil Roberts, whose term expires).
- To elect a Director to the Barton Incorporated School District for a one-year term (vice Matthew Gilcris, whose term expires).
- To elect a member to the Lake Region Union High School District for a three year term (vice Tammy Wiggett, whose term expires)
- To see what annual salaries the electorate shall authorize in payment of the school Directors.
- To have presented an estimate of the expenses of the District for the ensuing year.
- Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expense \$2,655,889, which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$ 13,774.22 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.28 % higher than spending for the current year.
- To see if the voters will authorize the school Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay outstanding indebtedness and current expenses of the District.
- To see in what manner the taxes shall be collected.
- Discussion of other non-binding business.
- To adjourn.

Dated at Barton, Vermont this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Grace Mason, Clerk

Barton Academy and Graded School District  
David Doucette  
Teresa Diette  
Phil Roberts  
Barton Academy and Graded School District Board of Directors

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Barton Academy and Graded School District previous to the posting and publication.

Dated at Barton, Vermont this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Grace Mason, Clerk  
Barton Academy and Graded School District

STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT                      CIVIL DIVISION  
ORLEANS UNIT                      DOCKET NO: 64-3-16 Oscv

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff

v.

CLIFFORD T. FERLAND;  
DAWN FERLAND;  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/O  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS & NETWORKS CORPORATION;  
EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC;  
LVNV FUNDING LLC;  
OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT: 195 SAWMILL LANE  
BROWNINGTON, VT 05860  
Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Clifford T. Ferland and Dawn Ferland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and/or assigns, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded in Book 41 at Page 412-419 of the Town of Brownington Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded 59, Page 41, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 a.m. on March 30, 2017 at 195 Sawmill Lane, Brownington, VT 05860 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To Wit:

Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Clifford Ferland and Dawn Ferland by Warranty Deed of Syman Belmore and Lynn Marsh, of even or approximate date herewith and to be recorded in the Brownington Land Records.

Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Syman Belmore and Lynn Marsh by Warranty Deed of Sarah C. Stevens, dated August 14, 2001 and recorded in Book 39, Pages 130-131, of the Brownington Land Records.

**The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.**

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

Bank of America, N.A.,  
Jeffrey J. Hardiman, Esq.  
Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP  
1080 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
877-575-1400  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
jhardiman@shslawfirm.com

experiencing the full, sub-freezing temperatures of the air. When warmer temperatures leave a thinner blanket of snow, or none at all, the soil is more likely to freeze when cold snaps strike.

To tease apart the opposing effects of a warmer growing season and more soil freezing in winter, Hubbard Brook researchers have started the "Climate Change Across Seasons Experiment" (CCASE), to investigate cross-season effects on maple trees. Geoff Wilson, a research technician at Hubbard Brook, explained that there is a long history behind this project.

Since 1955, the U.S. Forest Service has maintained a long-term watershed monitoring project, taking daily or weekly measurements of environmental and meteorological conditions such as temperature, precipitation, snowpack, streamflow, and biogeochemistry. These data supported pioneering work on acid rain research, and also revealed, in the 1990s, another surprising change. There was something weird in the watershed records: unexplained spikes of high nutrient runoff in some years. Because they occurred after winters with less snow, researchers suspected the nutrient spikes were linked to the weather.

To investigate this phenomenon, in 1999, a

(Continued on page twenty-nine.)

**TOWN OF BARTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

There will be a public hearing before the Barton Town Planning Commission and the Barton Zoning Board of Adjustment at the Barton Town Offices, located at 34 Main Street, Barton, VT 05822, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 6 p.m. to consider the following application: The application is for a zoning permit submitted by Roland and Sharon Bickford for a garage on property at 224 Roaring Brook Road, Barton, VT. This garage requires a variance. Further information is available at the Town of Barton Zoning Office, 34 Main Street, Barton, VT 05822.

Joyce E. Croteau  
Zoning Administrator, Town of Barton

STATE OF VERMONT                      PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT OF ORLEANS, SS.                      DOCKET NO.: 4-12-91-OSPR  
IN RE TRUST ESTATE OF  
JOHN MALCOLM COLTON  
f/b/o Lake Region Union High School Scholarship Fund

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:  
WHEREAS, the following Motion has been filed with the Orleans District Probate Court; Motion to Allow Accounts for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016; and  
WHEREAS, the court has assigned the 30th day of March, 2017, at the Probate Court in Newport, Vermont, at 10 a.m., to hear said motion, and ordered that notice thereof be given by publishing this notice for two weeks successively in *the Chronicle*, a newspaper circulating in Orleans County. Service by publication to be complete at least 14 days prior to the day assigned for hearing;  
THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, to make objections, if you have cause.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 27th day of February, 2017.  
John P. Monette  
Judge of Probate

# Sugar maples most affected

(Continued from page twenty-eight.)

research team led by Peter Groffman of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies conducted a series of soil freezing experiments at Hubbard Brook. The researchers used shoveling to mimic reduced snowpack on ten-by-ten meter plots of mixed tree species at different elevations. This was not easy work — imagine drawing the short straw and trudging out to the study plots after every snowfall — but it yielded some clear consequences of soil freezing.

The shoveled plots that experienced soil freezing had higher levels of nutrients in the soil water collected from them — corresponding with the elevated nutrient runoff that researchers had first noticed following warm winters. These plots also exhibited more root damage than control plots that were insulated with snow. The team found that the trees most affected were sugar maples.

Like all good science, these studies led to yet more questions, which is why Hubbard Brook started the CCASE project.

This project, led by Dr. Pamela Templer of Boston University, tracks six 11-by-14-meter plots dominated by red maple. To prepare, in 2012, Ms. Templer's team buried 2.5 miles of electrical cable to warm the soil. "The electricity

bill must be substantial," Mr. Wilson commented.

In some plots, the soil is warmed an additional nine degrees during the April to November growing season, and an insulating blanket of snow is left for the winter. In other plots, the soil is warmed for the growing season, but the snow is shoveled off for the first several weeks of winter to let the soil freeze.

The CCASE experimenters measure nutrient and water uptake by trees, root growth and death, and competition for nutrients between plants and microbes. They also investigate the effect on soil arthropods, as Ms. Templer and her students have seen soil arthropod diversity drop after soil freezing events.

This is a multi-year study that's still in progress, but Mr. Wilson shared some early observations. They're seeing that the extra warming in summer plots does increase tree growth. Unfortunately, even if trees benefit from more growth in the summer, this benefit may be limited since the trees also experience root damage due to soil freezing in the winter. Studies like this one are early steps in exploring how climate change may impact forests, but there are still many questions to be answered.

*Rachel Sargent is an editor for a pharmacology journal, as well as a freelance nature writer and illustrator. The illustration for this column was drawn by Adelaide Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine, and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: wellborn@nhcf.org.*

**PARK VIEW GARAGE INC.**  
 Rt. 5 - P.O. Box 115  
 Orleans, VT 05860

**Total Service Garage**  
 Kendall & Bonnie Locke  
 Two and Four Wheel Alignment  
 We Repair Tractor Tires  
**ON-THE-FARM**  
 802-754-8556  
 parkview\_garage@comcast.net

**10% OFF** **TAYLOR'S** **10% OFF**  
**AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**  
 334 Barton/Orleans Rd., Rte. 5, Barton, VT • Open Mon.-Fri., 7-5:30  
 1-802-525-3456

All major & minor mechanical repairs  
 • Brakes • Exhaust • Tires  
 • Tune-ups • Suspension

**CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS**  
**10% OFF**  
**FIRST Transmission Service Work LIMIT 1**

CarCareCenter  
 The Most Convenient of Automotive Service

facebook #4

**24-Hour Towing** ...and **Emergency Service**

We buy junk cars, trucks & scrap metal.

**CROTEAU'S**  
**YOUR FULL-SERVICE AUTO & TRUCK CENTER**  
 Serving the Kingdom for 69 years  
 1859 Rte. 5, Orleans, VT • (802) 754-6920

• **Nokia Tires** • **Bridgestone Tires** • **Firestone Tires**

**VIANOR**  
**Tire & Auto Service**  
**766-8092**  
**3588 U.S. Route 5, Derby, VT 05829**  
**www.vianor.com**

Wayde Tyler 802-334-6428

**C&D Starter Shop**  
 NEW & REBUILT UNITS AVAILABLE. 536 Highland Avenue, Newport, VT 05855  
 Starters, Generators & Alternators Repaired

- Cars
- Trucks
- Tractors
- Interstate Batteries

**Lamoille Valley IMPORTS**  
 Hardwick, Vermont

**UNDER \$200/MO.**

- 2009 Chevrolet Colorado 4x4
- 2009 Ford Fusion
- 2006 GMC Canyon Crew
- 2010 Honda Civic LX
- 2009 Honda Fit Sport
- 2012 Hyundai Accent
- 2011 Nissan Sentra
- 2009 Pontiac Vibe
- 2006 Subaru Outback
- 2006 Toyota RAV4
- 2009 Toyota Tacoma
- 2008 VW Beetle
- 2011 Dakota "Big Horn"
- 2009 Mini Cooper
- 2009 Toyota Matrix

**UNDER \$299/MO.**

- 2010 Ford Ranger
- 2012 Hyundai Sante Fe
- 2011 Hyundai Sonata
- 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage
- 2011 Nissan Sentra
- 2011 Subaru Legacy
- 2011 Toyota Corolla S
- 2013 Jeep Lifted Wrangler
- 2013 Mazda CX-5
- 2009 Subaru WRX

ALL PAYMENTS DONE WITH 10% DOWN, EXCLUDING TAX, TITLE, REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION FEES. BASED ON APPROVED CREDIT FOR 72 MONTHS AT 4.99% APR.

709 VERMONT ROUTE 15, HARDWICK, VT 05843  
 802.472.7510 | LVImportsVT.com |

**WE SPECIALIZE IN CREDIT APPROVAL!**

**CHEVY** **BUICK**

**MCMAHON**  
 We know price matters.

**We've Moved!**

Come see our new dealership  
**LOCATED JUST 1 MILE FROM OUR OLD LOCATION**  
 on Route 15W between the roundabouts in Morrisville and Hyde Park!

**Huge selection of new & used vehicles ON ONE LOT!**  
**Over 150 Silverados & Colorados IN STOCK!**  
 and **MCMAHON'S IMPORT CORNER:**  
 ...always a great selection of pre-owned Toyotas, Subarus & Hondas!  
**Heated service drive-in & 12 service bays with Master Technicians!**

**888-4942** Sales Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 AM-6 PM, Sat. 8 AM-4 PM **1-800-640-4942**  
 On Route 15W between the roundabouts in Morrisville & Hyde Park.  
 View our inventory online at **www.mcmahonchevrolet.com**



# HAYES FORD

**WE TREAT YOU LIKE FAMILY!**

802-334-6587 • TOLL FREE 1-800-649-4770  
439 East Main Street, Newport, Vermont 05855  
[www.hayesford.com](http://www.hayesford.com)





New & Used Vehicle Sales • Service • Parts • Diesel Truck Shop • Body Shop • Rentals

*Where you deal with the owners!*

## BRIGHTON GARAGE, INC.

Island Pond, VT • 723-4455 • 800-750-2425  
[www.brightongarage.com](http://www.brightongarage.com) • Mon.-Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-3



2016 CHEVY IMPALA LS - 4 dr., sedan, silver, auto., air, CD, p. win./p. lks., cruise	\$18,995.
2016 JEEP PATRIOT - 4 dr., sport, auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, maroon, 4 cyl., 4X4	\$18,995.
2014 JEEP COMPASS LATTITUDE - 4 dr., 4X4, CD, p. win./lks., cruise, heated leather seats, 13K miles, black, auto.	\$15,995.
2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LS - 4 dr. wagon, 4X4, 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, 27K	\$17,995.
2013 CHEVY MALIBU LS - 4 dr., sedan, 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, white	\$13,995.
2013 CHEVY CRUZE 1LT - 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, remote start, pewter, 18K	\$13,995.
2012 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 - 4 dr., 8 ft. body, air, CD, cruise, p. win./lks., contractor's box, 5.3 V8, white, 4X4	\$17,995.
2011 CHEVY EQUINOX LT - 4 dr., wagon, 4X4, 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, touring	\$15,995.
2011 FORD RANGER SPORT - ext. cab, 4X4 pickup, 6 cyl., CD, auto., p. win./lks., cruise	\$10,995.
2011 CHEVY IMPALA LT - 4 dr., sedan, 6 cyl., auto., air, cruise, p. win./lks.	\$11,995.
2010 CHEVY COBALT LS - 2 dr., 4 cyl., auto., spoiler, CD, blue	\$5,595.
2010 CHEVY HHR - 4 dr., wagon, 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD	\$7,995.
2009 CHEVY EQUINOX LT - AWD, 4 dr., wagon, 6 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, pewter, 60K	\$9,995.
2009 HYUNDAI SONOTA GLS - 4 dr., sedan, 4 cyl., p. win./lks., cruise, blue, 60K	\$8,995.
2009 CHEVY COBALT LT - 4 cyl., maroon, 4 dr., auto., p. win./lks.	\$6,495.
2008 JEEP PATRIOT - 4 dr., wagon, 4X4, 4 cyl., 5 spd., p. win./p. lks., cruise	\$8,995.
2008 CHEVY COBALT LT - 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., spoiler, silver	\$6,095.
2008 BUICK LUCERNE - 4 dr., sedan, CXL, leather, p. seats, 6 cyl., auto., air, cruise, p. win./lks., CD	\$10,995.
2007 KIA RIO - 4 dr. sedan, 5 spd., air, CD, black	\$5,995.
2006 PONTIAC G6 - 4 dr., sedan, auto., air, CD, sunroof, spoiler	\$6,395.
2006 JEEP LIBERTY - 4X4, 6 cyl., auto., air, CD, cruise, p. win./lks., alum. rims, 94K	\$8,095.
2005 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER - 4 dr., 4X4, 6 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, pewter	\$6,995.
2005 PONTIAC VIBE - 4 dr., wagon, AWD, 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., cruise, CD, sunroof	\$6,995.
2004 CHEVY CAVALIER - 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto., p. win./lks., 78K	\$3,595.
2003 CHEVY MALIBU LS - 4 dr. sedan, sunroof, air, CD, 6 cyl., p. win./lks.	\$4,595.
2002 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA - 4 dr., 4WD, p. win./lks., cruise, CD, maroon	\$5,995.
1999 CHEVY TAHOE - 4 dr., 4X4, wagon, V8, p. win./lks., CD	\$4,995.

# AUTO SECTION



## Yeah, we do that.

**Leroux Brothers Transmissions**  
Transmission Specialists • Complete Auto Repair • Used Cars • Free Quotes

1369 Glover Road • Barton, VT 05822  
toll-free 1.800.420.4330  
local 1.802.525.4330

You know we repair/rebuild transmissions, but we also do most regular auto and truck repair as well. Engines to brakes, radiator to tail pipe, we're here to help. **Call us.**

We have a **Great Selection** of late model trucks with more arriving weekly! Stop by for a **Great DEAL!**



**Key Auto Sales** AS ALWAYS, KEY AUTO SELLS FOR LESS!  
**334-1996**  
94 Community Drive Newport, VT toll free 888-707-8579

Complete Automotive Service Center Including Discount Tires & Reconditioning  
**\*VT INSPECTION STATION\***  
Located across from Bond Auto Parts  
[keyautosales.net](http://keyautosales.net)

**Put your tax refund to good use!**  
How about these great examples of what \$1,000 of your tax refund can do for you:



**2012 Kia Sedona Van**  
LX, V6, auto., loaded, only 74,000 miles, black.  
SALE \$9,977 - \$1,000 cash down =  
**\$8,977**  
**BUY** for only **\$148**/mo.



**2012 Jeep Liberty Sport**  
4X4, V6, auto., loaded, only 80,000 miles, black.  
SALE \$12,477 - \$1,000 cash down =  
**\$11,477**  
**BUY** for only **\$189**/mo.



**2014 Chevy Cruze LT**  
4 cyl., auto., pwr. sunroof, loaded, only 47,000 miles, silver.  
SALE \$12,477 - \$1,000 cash down =  
**\$11,477**  
**BUY** for only **\$189**/mo.

72 months at 5.99%. Tax, title and registration extra. Subject to credit approval.

**Need credit help buying a car or truck? We can help!**



**DeLaBruere's Auto Sales • 802-334-5028**  
Newport-Derby Road, Newport, VT • [www.delabruere.com](http://www.delabruere.com)

Main Street, Barton (Next to Lake House Saloon)

# BUTLER

**FAMILY AUTO** 525-1255

HOURS: MON.-FRI. 5 AM-6 PM, SAT. 5 AM-2 PM, CLOSED SUNDAY.

**Tires!**

**YOU WON'T BELIEVE OUR LOW GAS PRICES!**  
(And we even pump it for you!)

**What's even crazier than our low gas prices? How about our LOW HEATING OIL PRICES!**



Want **LESS** than 100 gallons? **NO PROBLEM!**

Delivering heating oil, gasoline, kerosene, on & off road diesel. Bulk deliveries welcome!  
VT Fuel Assistance Dealer.  
We install skid tanks, pumps, etc.

**Offering prebuy prices!**

• AUTO REPAIR • SMALL ENGINES • TIRES & PARTS  
**WE DO ALL MINOR & MAJOR AUTO REPAIRS!**  
ALL OUR WORK IS GUARANTEED!

**COUPON**

**CAR WASH, VAC, & WINDOWS \$15**  
BRING IN THIS COUPON . Expires 3/31/17

*Auto Outfitters*



• Car Starters • WeatherTech • Leer • Tonneau Covers & More  
• Graphics • Auto Accessories • Trailer Sales • Stereo Equipment • Full Installation

252 Quarry Road, Derby (802) 334-7530 Fax: (802) 334-7531  
(In back of McDonald's)  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30, Saturday 9-1, Closed Sunday.  
www.autooutfittersvt.com

Save **BIG**

When you Search & Compare  
Local Cars Online at...

**AUTO802.com**

**Get better cell phone coverage!**

**weboost**



**AUDIOCARVE**



AUDIOCARVE has home/office cell phone boosters and in car boosters!  
**Double or triple your signal!**

Route 105, Newport, VT 334-3032  
www.Audiocarve.com Mon.-Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-1.

Facebook us!



**BURKE VIEW GARAGE, INC.**  
Rte. 114, Lyndonville, VT 05851 • (802) 626-3282

**#4 Inspection due by the end of April. THINK SPRING!**

**#4 INSPECTION DUE!** LARRY LEFAIVRE, OWNER

*Newport*

**autoworks, inc.**  
Specializing in Collision Repair  
Free Insurance Estimates

**TOM GRAY**  
**ALLEN RABOIN**

Tel. 802-334-2255  
472 Union St., Newport, VT

GET THE **bigdeal!**  
at Northpoint in Derby, VT

**Lube, Oil & Filter Service**

**\$19.95**

- REPLACE OIL
- REPLACE FILTER
- LUBE CHASSIS
- CHECK ALL FLUIDS

With this coupon. Available on most cars & light trucks. Up to 5 qts. 5W30 oil, synthetics & diesels extra. 3/31/17

Clip & Save!

**VT State Inspection**

**\$19.95**

**YELLOW 4** YOU ARE DUE

With this coupon. Available on most cars & light trucks. Expires 3/31/17

Clip & Save!

**You can see clearly now!**

**\$34.95** Windshield Wiper Blade Replacement and installation

With this coupon. Available on most cars & light trucks. Expires 3/31/17

Clip & Save!

**March Special**



**New Battery + Installation**

**\$129.95** Get the BIG DEAL!

With this coupon. Available on most cars & light trucks. Expires 3/31/17

Clip & Save!

Chrissy 802-888-4981



535 VT Rte. 15 Morrisville, VT

We take trades! Many vehicles to choose from!  
NOW OFFERING FINANCING.  
• VT State Inspection Station • Servicing Foreign & Domestic

**IT'S TAX RETURN TIME!!!**

**MORRISVILLE USED AUTO**  
Used cars & trucks • Also, parts for all ages.  
Antique cars bought & sold.  
No Sunday calls, please.

INSPECTION #4 DUE

Come check out the vehicles at Morrisville Used Auto!  
Closed Wednesdays and weekends. Call for after hour appointments.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW MARKDOWN PRICES! TAX RETURN TIME!**

2012 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4 - 60K.....	\$15,500
2010 FORD EDGE LIMITED - AWD, 103K.....	\$14,000
2009 NISSAN ROGUE - AWD, 119K.....	\$10,000
2009 MAZDA 3i - 81K.....	\$7,600
2008 CHEVY UPLANDER VAN - 118K.....	\$6,200
2008 FORD FOCUS - 2 dr., 5 spd., 106K.....	\$5,500
2006 TOYOTA COROLLA - auto., 101K.....	\$6,800
2004 TOYOTA COROLLA - 5 spd., 115K.....	\$5,800
2004 BUICK LESABRE LIMITED - 119K.....	\$5,200



**Certified Service**

**DeLaBruere's Auto** welcomes **GEORGE STEBBINS**

George brings 40+ years experience, with an extensive knowledge of foreign automobiles.

Expires 3/31/17. **\$16.95** up to 5 qts. Must present coupon.  
Excludes diesel & synthetic oil. Includes multi-point inspection.

Expires 3/31/17. **\$79.95 RotellaT** up to 10 qts. — 15W40 Must present coupon.

**DeLaBruere's Auto Sales & Service**

**GMC TOTAL SERVICE & MORE!**  
5605 U.S. Route 5, Newport, VT • 334-5028  
Open: Mon.-Fri. 8-6; Sat. 8-4, service 8-12; Sun. 9-3.  
CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS!

GM QUALITY PARTS

**NORTHPOINT AUTO BODY**

**PAINTLESS DENT REPAIR**

Many vehicles today use a modern automotive paint that is much more resilient. Let us repair your unsightly dents without the high cost of paint repairs!

**SAVE 10% WITH THIS AD!**  
10% off paintless dent repair through 3/31 only at Northpoint Auto Body in Derby!

**Carl's Equipment, Inc.**



**USED CARS & TRUCKS BOUGHT & SOLD**

MANY VARIETIES TO CHOOSE FROM!  
**Full-service Automotive Needs:**

- Brakes • Engine Repair
- Tires • Diagnosis
- Exhaust • Struts/Shocks

For sales, call "Buzz"  
**(802) 525-3662**

Vermont Inspection #4 Due.

**carlsequipmentinc.com**  
704 Main Street, P.O. Box 294, Barton, VT 05822  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Closed Sunday.

**RAY'S AUTO SERVICE**



24 HOUR TOWING  
Full Auto Services

AAA

NAPA Car & Truck Care Center  
24-Hour Mobile

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRUCK & WELDING SERVICE**  
MOTORCYCLE INSPECTIONS

133 Coventry Street, Newport, VT  
**334-7832**  
Pager: 742-3363

Steve Ellis Dale Mosher

**AUTOSAVER GROUP'S NORTHPOINT**



CHRYSLER DODGE

Jeep RAM

**Derby Road, Derby, VT**  
Call 1.866.765.6370

OPEN Monday-Friday 7am-5pm  
**SATURDAYS! 8am-3pm**

Schedule your appointment online:  
**www.northpointvt.com**

# County 4-H kids compete in Dairy Bowl

Local 4-H'ers took part in the 2017 Northeast Region Dairy Quiz Bowl, on February 28 in Orleans, earning points for correct answers to questions on bovine health, breeds, the dairy industry, and other dairy topics.

The annual event, open to 4-H club members from Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille and Orleans counties, was held at Orleans Elementary School. It was sponsored by the University of Vermont Extension 4-H. Orleans County Dairy Promotion provided milk for all participants.

The 34 contestants, ages five to 18, competed by age group in a general knowledge written exam and several quiz bowl rounds of oral questions. The points from both were combined for a final score and ranking.

The top three winners in each age group were as follows:

Seniors (14 to 18) — Madison Urie, Craftsbury Common; Maddie Nadeau, Holland; and Adele Biasini, Morrisville.

Also participating were: Ted Hartsock, Sutton; Hillary Mitchell, Morrisville; Olyvia Fortin, Derby; Ryanne Nadeau, Derby; Brookelyn Dennis, Ryegate; Holden Salls, Hardwick; Justin Thurber, Barre; Emily Frazier, Berlin; and Hunter Michaud, East Hardwick.

Juniors (12 to 13) — Caroline Kirby, East Montpelier; Sadie Ellner, Morristown; and Rozalynd Ahlmann, Lunenburg.

Also participating were: Lincoln Michaud, East Hardwick; Aleah Nelson, Ryegate; Cody Trudeau, Hardwick; and Cora Nadeau, Derby.

Juniors (10 to 11) — Liviya Russo, Lunenburg; Alycia Gainer, Lunenburg; and Gabriel Michaud, East Hardwick.

Also participating were: Taggart Schrader, East Montpelier; Haley Michaud, East Hardwick; Hailey DeLaBruere, Derby; Avery Nelson, Ryegate; and Donovan Noyes, East Montpelier.



Five 4-H'ers participated in the Junior Division, 8 to 9 year-olds group, at the 2017 Northeast Region Dairy Quiz Bowl, on February 28, at the Orleans Elementary School in Orleans. Pictured from left to right, they were: Morgan Michaud and Natalie Michaud, both from East Hardwick; Duncan Schrader, East Montpelier; Reese Gainer, Lunenburg; and Sawyer Brown, Sutton. Photo courtesy of Sara Kirby

Juniors (8 to 9) — Morgan Michaud, East Hardwick; Natalie Michaud, East Hardwick; and Duncan Schrader, East Montpelier.

Also participating: Sawyer Brown, Sutton; and Reese Gainer, Lunenburg.

Cloverbuds (5 to 7) — Hadley and Dawson

Michaud, East Hardwick.

To learn more about 4-H in Essex and Orleans counties, contact 4-H educator Lindy Birch at melinda.birch@uvm.edu. — from UVM Extension.

## Catch <sup>The</sup> Tavern Buzz!

Taco Tuesdays  
Wings, Wine & Women's Night  
Tavern's Got Talent Thursdays  
Open Mic & Karaoke  
Local Live Music  
Thursday - Saturday

(802) 334-9006  
1724 East Main St.

Got Talent Grand Prize:  
Air Fare for Two to Florida!

**Winter Blue Plate Special**  
Every Day Lunch Feature  
& Beverage 10.00

**Vermont Brew & Burger Night - Thursday**  
Three VT Brews with  
Skippy's Gourmet Burgers  
& Shrimp Tunes Music!

**It's An Irish Feast Friday & Saturday Night!**  
Guinness Glazed Burger,  
Lamb Stew N' Buttermilk  
Biscuit, Corned Beef N'  
Cabbage, Corned Beef  
Reuben, Irish Dip,  
Horseradish Bacon Hotel  
Prime Rib

**Friday**  
Music with Chris Nicotera  
**Saturday**  
Music with Emily Nyman

## Got the Winter Blues? Hop on Our Road to Recovery!

**the East Side**  
Restaurant & Pub

(802) 334-2340  
47 Landing St.

**Le Belvedere**

(802) 487-9147  
100 Main St

Visit the Big City or Let Our Chefs  
Bring the City to You!

Sushi Thursdays  
Piano Bar & Pasta Fridays  
Split the Cork Saturdays with  
Half Price Bottles of Wine  
Incomparable Dining at Non-Suspicious Prices!