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News analysis

## Are big school districts better?

by Tena Starr

Last month, voters in the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) rejected a plan to consolidate into a single big school district. When they did, they also threw away the carrots that went with early consolidation, a surprising move for taxpayers who have been complaining about the increasing cost of education, and the corresponding hikes in property taxes. Only Barton voted in favor of the consolidation plan.

Act 46, the law that urges districts to consolidate, was initially touted as a measure to provide the property tax relief that people were clamoring for. It has since been somewhat recast as a way to improve, or at least equalize, educational opportunities.

But does consolidation do either one? It turns out that question has been the subject of considerable

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## A slippery slope



Elliott Carr enjoys a speedy trip down the big inflatable slide that dominated the scene at Glover Day. Elliott came from his home in Newport on Saturday to enjoy the day with his parents and friends. He was joined by a large crowd that cheered the start of the annual Tour de Glover bike race and applauded the finish of the Chamberlain Run. For those whose tastes do not run to athletic competition, the Bread and Puppet Theater performed "The Story of Runaway Pond," the tale of how Glover was saved from destruction more than 200 years ago. Fiddlers were there to entertain people, including those waiting for the start of the duck race. For more Glover Day photographs, please see page sixteen.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

## SEC contests Quiros' defense

by Joseph Gresser

Lawyers from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) took a swing at Ariel Quiros Tuesday. They called his motion asking for dismissal of the case against him "meritless" and said it was "nothing more than a mix of incorrect legal assertions."

In late June Mr. Quiros' lawyers filed a motion in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida asking Judge Darrin Gayles to dismiss civil charges of securities fraud filed against him in connection with the EB-5 projects sponsored by Jay Peak Resort and Burke Mountain Resort.

Mr. Quiros owns both ski areas. His lawyers pointed to a May decision from the Court of Appeals in the same district as the Miami court where Mr. Quiros' trial is to take place which, they said, meant the government had only a five-year window in which to file the charges.

In writing a decision for a three-judge panel, Judge Jill Pryor said

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## Newport says yes to free water meters

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — Newport homeowners should have the option of having free water meters installed at their houses. That was the recommendation offered to the city council by the committee it formed to study how water is delivered and paid for in the city.

City Manager Laura Dolgin presented the committee's recommendations at the council's regular meeting Monday evening.

The ad hoc group proposed a new rate

structure for city water and sewer customers earlier this year. The aldermen were quick to adopt the group's proposal.

Committee members reconvened to study water metering after the council decided to allow those who had meters installed at city expense as part of a data collection effort to get the benefit of the metered water rate without paying for their meters. Earlier council decisions did not allow those homeowners to get the potential benefit of lower rates unless they reimbursed the city for the cost of the meter.

When the policy was changed Mayor Paul Monette said he was concerned that it was unfair to city residents who might want their homes to be metered, but were not among the 100 or so included in the test group.

The committee essentially agreed with Mr. Monette and proposed installing meters for any of the 1,200 unmetered year-round and seasonal residences whose owners might want them. Under the committee's proposal, the city would

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## Glover likely has more land than it knew

by Elizabeth Trail

GLOVER — Late in July, a lot of people in Glover learned that they have more — or less — land than they thought. At least when it

comes to how much they will be taxed on.

Some people own less land than they thought they did, Lister Dennis Gibson said.

Others have more — even after the land under town roads that some people have been paying taxes on has been subtracted.

And overall, there may be more land in Glover than was previously thought.

"We're thinking that we're going to end up with a net gain," Lister Ted Young said.

The changes are the result of more than a year of work by the listers and a Littleton, New Hampshire, company called CAI Technologies that specializes in digitizing tax maps.

Hundreds of old maps and plats were overlaid onto a satellite map, Selectman Jack Sumberg said in

response to a question at last Thursday's select board meeting. When there were conflicts, the listers researched the deeds involved and brought their personal knowledge of local land history to the table as well.

Sometimes they even walked the land to get a first-hand perspective on confusing boundary descriptions.

Any boundary conflicts found in  
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## A loon on Caspian



A loon enjoys a morning stretch while searching for breakfast in Greensboro's Caspian Lake.

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- August 9 — Hamburg, potato salad, coleslaw, and popsicles.
- August 11 — Pork roast, potatoes, squash, and carrot cake.
- August 16 — Bacon-egg, cheese bake, homefries, corn, and brownies.
- August 18 — Egg salad, mixed vegetables,

soup, and fruit.

August 23 — Steak, potato, carrot salad, and toffee bars.

August 25 — Baked chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, and fruit salad.

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# Greensboro struggles with district consolidation

by Joseph Gresser

GREENSBORO — School officials here are looking into the possibility of forming some kind of union with Peacham. The connection would be strictly administrative. No students would be required to travel the 25 miles separating the two communities, town residents were told at a meeting held July 26 at Lakeview Union School in Greensboro.

Greensboro's school boards called the meeting to let local residents know their thinking on how to comply with the requirements of Act 46. That law pushes town school districts to combine into larger unions in the name of improved efficiency and better educational opportunities for students.

The structure of the law presents substantial difficulties for the towns that make up the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU). All towns that come together to form the new districts envisioned by Act 46 must have the same educational structure.

For instance, one of the new districts can include towns that all run elementary schools educating students through the sixth grade and belong to a junior high school and high school union. It may not comprise a varied selection of schools, such as towns that offer choice in the upper grades or operate their own high schools.

OSSU has only two towns that have identical school structures, said Victoria von Hessert, who chairs the Lakeview Union board. Lakeview Union itself is made up of two towns that have taken different approaches to educating their children.

Greensboro is a member of the Hazen Union district and sends all of its students to Hardwick for high school. Stannard, its partner in the Lakeview Union, pays tuition and allows families to choose which high school its children will attend.

Ms. von Hessert outlined the requirements of Act 46, noting that Greensboro has already missed the first deadline for consolidation, and with it, the tax benefits promised by the law.

The town has a few other options, she explained. It could work toward forming a new district with other towns in the supervisory

union. That would require some towns to change the way they school their children.

Stannard, in particular, would have to join the Hazen Union. That prospect did not sit well with Diane Janukajtis, one of Stannard's representatives at the meeting.

Ms. Janukajtis said Stannard looked into sending all its children to Hazen, and found it would cost more than the present tuition rate. Even with a higher payment from the town, Hazen would get less money per student if Stannard joined, she said.

David Kelley, one of Greensboro's representatives on the Hazen board, said that, unlikely as it sounded, Ms. Janukajtis' statement was correct.

The other possibility is what the state calls an "alternate structure." Such a structure can replace the consolidation model preferred by the state if that model does not work for the supervisory union, Ms. von Hessert said.

OSSU is looking into the possibility of creating an alternative structure that looks similar to the district's present configuration, Ms. von Hessert said. That will raise red flags with the state Agency of Education, she predicted.

The district will have to prove the new structure will provide "operating efficiencies" while keeping its town districts, Ms. von Hessert said.

Another possibility is forming a different district with Peacham.

According to John Miller, who represents Stannard on the Lakeview board, Peacham board members approached Lakeview in hopes of finding a partner with a similarly sized school and economic base.

Peacham runs a pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade school with about 45 students, Mr. Miller said Tuesday. They go to Danville for junior high. The town pays the tuition for students who choose what high school they want to attend.

Mr. Miller said officials in Peacham were surprised to find that Greensboro belongs to a high school union. At the meeting it seemed that some people were willing to consider dissolving Hazen Union, but that would require the approval of Hardwick and Woodbury voters.

Mr. Kelley said it might be possible to find another way to break the union, but it is not a sure thing.

All were sure that Hardwick residents, who make up a large majority of those in the union, would be strongly opposed to the notion of ending the union and returning to the days of the Hardwick Academy.

Even if that obstacle could be overcome, many of those at the meeting were concerned about Peacham's per-student cost, which is about \$18,100 compared to the \$15,270 spent on each student at Lakeview.

A combined structure would make all partners equally responsible for every student at the included schools and could substantially raise tax rates for Stannard and Greensboro.

For this and other reasons, Mr. Miller said the idea of a merger seems to him to be a "long shot."

The Lakeview board plans to keep investigating Peacham's overtures because it lacks alternatives.

The small schools grant is an important factor in any decision the board makes. At present, Lakeview receives about \$81,000 annually from the state, money that could dry up by 2020 if the school does not become part of a state-approved educational structure. The school's total budget for the 2017 school year is about \$1.5-million.

Lakeview Principal Eric Erwin said the small schools money is an important part of the budget. Its loss could mean a 7.3 percent increase for the Lakeview portion of Greensboro's state property tax rate, Ms. von Hessert said.

Should Lakeview voluntarily merge with other schools, its small grant would be converted to an annual merger support grant. If the school does not merge, it could retain its small school funding by showing that is isolated from other schools with the capacity to take its students.

It could also keep the money by showing efficiency and educational quality.

"The state defines the meaning of educational quality," Mr. Erwin said.

Should Lakeview fail to act at all, the state will take action to put it into whatever district it decides is best, he said.

## Baby and me yoga

Yoga instructor Lindsey Scott is offering a class at the Greensboro Free Library on Wednesday, August 10, at 10:30 a.m. to help guide parents into gentle yoga positions with their babies and toddlers. Baby and Me Yoga offers instruction on how parents can stretch and increase strength and flexibility, as well as connect with their babies with physical and eye contact. No experience is necessary, and the class is free and open to all. Please contact greensborokids@gmail.com with questions, or call Emily Purdy at 533-2531. — from the Greensboro Free Library.

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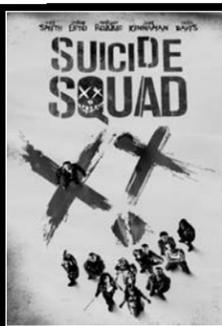
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## Editorial

## Consolidation would do at least as much harm as good

We've never understood Act 46, the school district consolidation law. It was passed in response to anger about ever increasing property taxes to cover the ever increasing cost of education.

But how consolidation would save money in Orleans County continues to elude us. Yes, failure to consolidate results in the loss of tax breaks and likely small schools grants. But where is that money coming from? It's not falling out of the sky; it's taxpayer dollars. If the state can't afford tax breaks without consolidation, how can it afford them with consolidation?

We suppose the theory is that consolidating will save enough money to free up some. But how does that save money?

The supervisory unions here have already centralized many functions, and it's silliness to think there will be a great savings from further mass buying. As North Country Supervisory Union Superintendent John Castle noted at one point, there is a limit to mass buying of products schools use, like toilet paper, without building a warehouse to store it all. And then, of course, we'd have to hire people to maintain the warehouse and truck the toilet paper to the schools, and ....

Instead of having eight school boards — whose members are paid almost nothing — run their individual schools, there would be one big board, which could, conceivably save a few thousand dollars. But further consolidating work in a central office can't, logically, save money unless the people who are already working there are on Facebook much of the day and need something to fill up their time.

Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU)

administrators and study committee members have attributed the rejection of consolidation in June to low voter turnout. That's a lame reaction. Sadly, voter turnout is seldom high. What percentage of voters turns out to vote on the Lake Region Union High School budget?

People tend to vote in favor of their wallets, and in this case, according to the OCSU Act 46 Study Committee, it would have been in voters' financial interests to approve a consolidation plan. But they didn't.

So there is clearly some other powerful thing at work.

Could be we're just a balky lot who don't like the state shoving something down our throats. Could be few people believe this is a plan that will really provide property tax relief. Could be that one town doesn't much want to pay for maintenance or construction at another town's school. Could be that people would just like to retain control of their school.

Or it could be that people suspect that Act 46 is really an attempt to dilute local control, thus making it easier to close small schools down the road.

Since we've been unable to learn from administrators and legislators just how much money the OCSU, or anyone else, would save by district consolidation, and where, we turned to other states to look at how their consolidation efforts worked out.

It wasn't promising. Where money was saved in Maine, it was largely from eliminating some superintendents, who are well-paid, and their offices, or merging high schools. But no one is talking about combining the North Country Supervisory Union with its southern neighbor and cutting a superintendent and his office, or of merging North Country and Lake Region high schools.

And a professor at the University of Maine, who has studied consolidation in that state and written two reports, said that savings in Maine came largely from cutting central office costs. Maine Education Department figures indicate that, while administrative costs per pupil went down after district consolidation, overall per pupil education spending actually went up slightly.

Probably because the districts tried to use consolidation to improve education, which turned out to be expensive, complicated, time-consuming, and didn't always make people happy.

Yes, you could, for instance, equalize opportunity by sending all middle school students to the same school, with the same teachers and the same curriculum.

But where would go that terrific rivalry between the basketball and soccer teams who no

longer had opponents? Where would go that longtime sense of, this is my community school with a board of neighbors who I can express my concerns to? Busing costs would go up, though probably not a lot in the OCSU since the distances aren't great.

State after state has tried to cut education costs by district or school consolidation. And what they have discovered is that the savings are often far less than anticipated and the loss of local control can be significant.

We can't help but think that the authors of Act 46 had a long-range goal in mind. People are attached to their schools and generally won't close one until a situation is dire. If a big, district-wide board is in control of budgets, however, that attachment to the community school can be overridden by distance and financial practicality.

And there's nothing wrong with that, perhaps, if that's all schools mean, that they're financially practical. But schools generally mean a lot more.

There are several possibilities here. One is that, in the face of constituent frustration, the Legislature did something, whether it was useful or not, so they could say they did something. A second, which is what we believe, is that the powers that be know that the one sure way to cut education costs is to cut teachers or close schools. And the only way to do that is to get both out of the control of those who have a vested interest.

Consolidation will not save enough money to noticeably lower property tax bills. It will not fix a wacky and frustrating education funding formula that is so complex almost no one understands it, a formula that leaves some towns cutting school budgets by, say, 10 percent only to see property tax increases of 15 percent.

It could increase educational equity, but that would have a cost, too, both financial and in terms of community. It could also generate hostility and divisiveness between communities that don't want to pay for improvements to another town's school, or inherit its debt, or who feel they have less of a say on the district board than their bigger neighbor.

In Maine, professor Janet Fairman said, some districts simply ignored mandatory consolidation, despite potential penalties. They trusted that an unpopular law might not hold up under a different administration. As it turns out, they were right, Ms. Fairman said.

Orleans County residents may want to take that chance as well before locking themselves into a situation where they lose control of their schools, save no money doing it, and end up with a district structure that could cause at least as much harm as good. — T.S.

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# Letters to the editor

## Energy siting legislation falls far short of the Vermont Energy Rebellion demands

To the editor,

Some members of the Vermont Legislature are bragging that the energy bill that they passed this past session increases the authority of Vermont's municipalities in energy siting decisions.

The legislation, known at various times as S.230, S.260, and Act 174, includes a process by which regions and municipalities can elevate the importance of their plans so that, instead of receiving the meaningless "due consideration," they can receive the impressive-sounding "substantial deference."

This falls far short of the demands of the 155 towns that signed on to the Rutland Town Resolution. The resolution calls for energy developers to comply with "appropriately developed municipal siting standards."

Nonetheless, some lawmakers are touting Act 174 as an answer to the Vermont Energy Rebellion; they claim they've given towns the authority they've demanded. Their claims are untrue....

Vermont already has experience with "substantial deference." A few years ago, the Legislature required the Public Service Board (PSB) to give substantial deference to towns in the siting of communication towers. It didn't help towns. It seems that the PSB can always find reasons that the public good is best served by violating a town plan.

The PSB can read a town plan whose meaning is crystal clear to us ordinary folk and reject it because it lacks the right sequence of secret magic words. In a guessing game of magic words, the difference between "due consideration" and "substantial deference" doesn't amount to much.

On the rare occasion that the PSB determines that a town plan trumps an energy proposal (as it did when it found magic words in Bennington's municipal plan) it has more to do with political expediency than a genuine balancing of local and statewide notions of the public good.

If you think that "substantial deference" is worthwhile, consider the process that is required to obtain it. Representative Cynthia Browning (D-Arlington) rightly characterized it as "circular." If a regional or municipal plan says the right things, then it will get substantial deference.

We don't yet know what regional and municipal plans must say — that's up to Governor Shumlin's Department of Public Service (DPS) and they haven't told us yet. But the experience of three regional planning

commissions (RPC) gives us a pretty good clue.

The DPS took three RPCs under its wing in order to develop super-duper energy plans. The RPCs were the Bennington County Regional Commission (which includes most Bennington County towns), the Northwest Planning Commission (Franklin and Grand Isle counties), and the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (this commission, known as TRORC, includes 30 towns from four counties). TRORC has gone the furthest with its plan.

The first step in the planning process was to determine how Vermont will achieve its goal of 90 percent renewable energy by 2050. This was done using LEAP, a Swedish computer model that accepts a raft of assumptions and tells you what you need to do in order to reach your goals. LEAP said that Vermont needs 93 MW (megawatts) of new hydro, 400 MW of new wind, and 1647 MW of new solar.

At this point it is important to note that these numbers are highly dependent upon the priorities and assumptions that were input to the model. Our next Governor might have very different priorities relating to transportation, heating, efficiency, and environmental protection. Our next Governor's advisors might have different ideas about the new energy technologies that will emerge over the next 34 years. Our next Governor might have a different climate action plan — one that protects, rather than degrades, our defenses against the impacts of climate change. Our next Governor's best friends (and biggest campaign contributors) might not be wind turbine and solar panel salesmen. You get the picture: LEAP might produce very different numbers for our next Governor.

The next steps in the planning process involved determining where the state's hydro, wind, and solar resources are located and dividing the state's generation requirements among the state's 11 planning regions. Each region was given hydro, wind, and solar targets calculated from the region's population and its portion of the state's energy resources.

(The Northeast Kingdom, with its large area and small population, got the biggest solar target... so much for siting generation where the demand is.)

TRORC created a plan that divides its 68 MW wind target among its towns. Twenty-eight towns from Addison, Orange, Rutland, and Windsor counties would each host at least one industrial wind turbine. Norwich could host two. Randolph could host three. Hartford could host four or more.

TRORC mapped the "prime wind" land in its towns and identified those areas that were within one mile of three-phase power lines. These are the lines that would take the power from large solar installations or small clusters of industrial turbines. It's easy to recognize three-phase power lines — they're the ones with three lines (usually attached to a crosspiece atop the utility pole).

You can find all of the details of the TRORC plan by Googling "TRORC Appendix C." Take a look at the plan for the town of Strafford. According to TRORC there are 14 acres of prime wind land there that are within a mile of three-phase power lines. That is where Strafford's industrial wind turbine would be sited.

Are you feeling the substantial deference yet?

If your legislators tell you that they have given towns more authority over energy siting, they are either lying to you or they don't understand what's going on.

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Now sit down, take a deep breath, and give thanks that there's an election coming.

*Mark Whitworth is president of the board of directors of Energize Vermont. He lives in Newark.*

## Vote in the Primary to make sure your candidate is on the ballot

Dear editor,

Yikes! My candidate is not on the ballot.

Well, that hasn't happened yet, but it could in the November election, if you and I don't make time to vote in the Primary by August 9. All those candidates who have been airing TV ads and mailing flyers will, in most cases, be narrowed down to one candidate for each office from each party in the Primary Election next week. You can vote on August 9, or anytime now, at your town clerk's office.

I'm heading down to our town clerk's office right now to make sure that John Rodgers, the candidate who has so effectively represented me in Montpelier, will be on that November ballot running as our Essex-Orleans state Senator.

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# Letters to the editor

## Vote for candidates who oppose industrial wind

Dear fellow Vermonters,

I am about to break a lifelong pledge not to get involved in politics except for voting. Vermont is at a crossroads in terms of formulating an energy plan for our state. We can continue with the haphazard, irresponsible approach led by Governor Shumlin and the big money industrial wind lobbyists, or we can begin a more thoughtful, studied approach that will investigate renewable energy sources that are a better fit for Vermont.

Like most Vermonters, I am interested in renewable energy. And like most people in the Northeast Kingdom, I am horrified at the destruction of our ridgelines and the negative impacts on wildlife habitat and people caused by industrial wind turbines. I have also felt helpless in knowing what I can do.

Fellow Vermonters, we now have a chance to do something to stop the further installation of industrial wind turbines and that is to *vote* in the August 9 Primary for one of the three gubernatorial candidates who have announced their opposition to industrial wind: Peter

Galbraith, a Democrat, or Bruce Lisman and Phil Scott, who are Republicans.

This election is a crucial one for the future of our state. Worldwide, people are finding out that there are more negative consequences to industrial wind turbines than previously thought. They are also discovering that industrial turbines are not cost effective in making electricity. We must act now.

Both Republicans (Lisman and Scott) are against industrial wind, but the only Democrat against industrial wind is Peter Galbraith. Ideally, he will win the nomination on the Democratic side, resulting in two good choices in November.

So, now more than ever, your vote counts! Please go to the polls on Tuesday, August 9, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. Here is our chance to do something to protect our ridgelines, protect our wildlife, protect our fellow Vermonters and do what is best for the beautiful state of Vermont that we love.

Rebecca Boulanger  
Irasburg

## Orleans County Republican legislators endorse Phil Scott

Dear editor,

On August 9, Vermonters of all political stripes will head to the voting booth. Regardless of our party affiliations, we all want to see Vermont prosper.

But for so many Vermonters, their situations are not moving forward. Many are struggling to pay their bills and working two jobs just to make ends meet. They are facing a crisis of affordability. Only one candidate for Governor will reduce the cost of living and make Vermont affordable. That candidate is Phil Scott.

Phil understands the concerns of working Vermonters, because he is one. Phil grew up in Barre, worked hard at his family construction company, and never abandoned his blue-collar background. As a state senator and Lieutenant Governor, he's worked across the aisle to address the problems Vermonters face. Phil doesn't care about partisan politics; he cares about doing what's right for Vermont.

The Orleans County Legislative Republican

Delegation is proud to unanimously support Phil Scott. As Governor, Phil would tie state budget increases to the growth of our economy, move away from the disastrous Vermont Health Connect, reform Act 46 to achieve property tax reduction, and invest in key areas like economic development.

Phil has run a positive campaign that represents Vermont values and sets a good example for our children. In contrast, Bruce Lisman has spent \$1.5-million of his Wall Street fortune, misleading Vermonters with untrue charges and desperate attacks. Phil has run his campaign "the Vermont way."

We hope that you'll join us on August 9 in requesting a Republican ballot and supporting Phil Scott for Governor.

The Orleans County Republican delegation:  
Representatives Loren Shaw (Derby), Lynn Batchelor (Derby), Mark Higley (Lowell), Michael Marcotte (Coventry), Gary Viens (Newport), and Vicki Strong (Albany)

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## Stolen sign

Dear readers:

My name is Benjamin Roberts and I'm nine years old and I enjoy following the political races.

On July 21, a volunteer for Vermont Governor candidate Matt Dunne brought me a Matt Dunne sign for my front yard. On Monday, August 1, the sign disappeared. I would really like to have my sign back.

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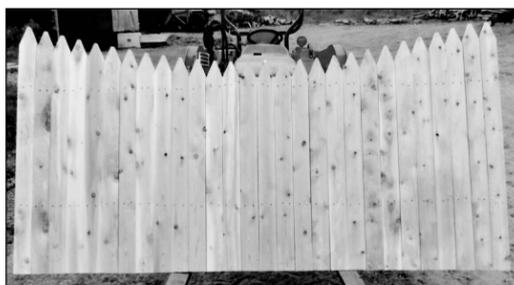
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# Letters to the editor

## No one knows what the long-term health effects of wind turbine noise are

To the editor:

Brian Champney, a farmer from Holland, is partnering with David Blittersdorf to build an industrial wind tower in Holland. Brian and Kim Champney, who say they are hoping for a "respectful discussion" of their proposed wind project, did not attend either of two public forums they were invited to by the Holland Select Board.

The industrial wind project proposed by Brian Champney and his developer friends is being presented as a low impact project. An industrial wind turbine, 400 to 500 feet tall, surrounded by residents living within a half mile of it and

located a mile from an elementary school, should not be considered a low impact project.

The fact that the state has never really addressed the impacts around industrial wind turbines does not mean that they do not exist. The fact that Mr. Champney does not believe that industrial wind turbines present a health hazard could be disputed by at least three families forced to abandon their property due to health issues caused by wind turbine noise.

Had the Champneys been able to attend the last select board meeting, they would have heard Steve Therrien's testimonial about wind turbine

noise. Living three-quarters of a mile from the Sheffield wind project turned the Therriens' life into a living hell. Steve and his family sought relief from town, state, and federal officials. Their pleas for help went unanswered. In desperation, they were forced to abandon their property. With the state's reluctance to acknowledge impacts from wind projects, no one knows what the long-term health effects of wind turbine noise are.

Respectfully,  
Richard H. Rumery  
Newport Center

## This Primary vote happily goes to John Rodgers

Dear editor,

The national convention hoopla is over, and the race to the General Election in November is almost in full swing. I said "almost" because we have another important step to take as Vermont citizens. We have

an important Primary Election for our state and local candidates on August 9. Whether for House districts or for the office of Governor, candidates rely on your vote in the Primary.

One of my Primary votes will be

happily cast for John Rodgers for the Vermont Senate. John has my vote, not because he agrees with me on every issue, but because he works for all of his constituents, and he listens and gives weight to all of our concerns. John works hard at his

business; he works hard for us as our Senator. So when you go to the polls next week, or if you are voting early, please consider voting once again for John Rodgers for Senate.

Judy Bevans  
Albany

## It's important to vote in the August 9 Primary Election

To the editor,

Primary Election contests really do count. So many people feel they will just wait until the General Election rolls around to cast their vote. By then they may have already missed a golden opportunity to make their voices heard. When I checked with the Jay Town Clerk she told me that if she saw 15 or 20 voters for a Primary it was a good year.

That's not a good year! If our national Primary taught us anything, it is that we need to make sure our votes count!

There are countries around this world where people risk being killed to cast their vote, yet we have a hard time getting 10 percent of our voters out for a Primary and 35 to 40 percent during the General Election. We are better than that, folks. We can do better than that.

There are a lot of new choices to look at during this Primary. Five candidates for Governor and numerous House and Senate candidates are waiting to serve. I implore you to take a look at who is running in your district and then make a decision as to who will best suit your needs.

We all won't get our wishes granted by the final counts, but if we don't sign on the dotted line we

will never know if we could have done better or not.

Early voting is underway, and you can go to your town clerk today to vote, or you can wait until August 9. That's another choice you have. Stand proud. Vote your choice so someone else doesn't do it for you.

Thank you.

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Jay



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# More named Renaissance Corp. director

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — It was July 28, Cynthia More's first day on the job as executive director of the Newport City Renaissance Corporation (NCRC), and she didn't have the key to her office.

Fortunately, Rick Woodward, the owner of the old Montgomery Ward building on Main Street and NCRC's landlord, saw Ms. More's predicament as she stood at the door and let her use his key.

Ms. More went in, followed by her husband, Gene McCormick, and a visitor, and she tried the desk chair out for size and looked around at the room's bare walls.

in just two years, she put the Newport Vermont Jazz Festival on the map, and hoped she would do the same for the city.

Ms. More was originally from New Jersey, but found Vermont when she transferred from Sarah Lawrence College to the University of Vermont, for what she thought would be a single year.

She ended up graduating from UVM and moving to Rochester where she lived for 30 years.

During those years she traveled to the Northeast Kingdom from her central Vermont home only a handful of times. She visited Newport only once.

When she thought of Newport, she considered it only as a place that was economically

"Just talk about Newport wherever you go," she said they told her.

As a part-time executive director, Ms. More said she will need a lot of help from board members. She said they were enthusiastic about the prospect of remaining active in the organization.

Ms. More said she hopes to round up other people in the city to share ideas and work for the city's benefit.

NCRC represents Newport to the state's Downtowns Program, which is run by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Businesses located in designated downtowns are able to get special tax breaks to help them make improvements. There are other benefits provided by the program, as well.

The organization has been without a director since Patricia Sears left more than two years ago. In that time NCRC has had a less visible presence in the city.

With the collapse of plans for a biomedical center in Newport and the demolition of a city block on Main Street, Newport has been reeling.

Ms. More thinks that the city can put itself back on the right path.

She said Rochester got walloped by Tropical Storm Irene, but today looks better than ever.

"When I hear people talk about Newport in a negative way, I say this is a great opportunity," Ms. More said. "How cool is this? We can shape the downtown and make it so it suits the people who live here."

"The bones are here for a very attractive community and that's a start," she said.

Ms. More described her job as taking the ideas from brainstorming sessions around the city and putting them into practice.

"I'm in love with Newport, I mean, seriously," she said. "I'm in. I'm all in."



Cynthia More checks out her office for the first time.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

By Tuesday the office was transformed. Ms. More had found banners trumpeting Newport's marketing slogans and hung them on the walls. Swag, including Newport tote bags, medallions, and other NCRC branded items were out of storage and on display. Ms. More looked as if she had been on the job for years.

It was the kind of transformation NCRC board members hope Ms. More will be able to make to the organization and Newport's downtown, and the reason Claudio Fort, one of those board members and the head of North Country Hospital, asked her to take the job.

Many board members had taken note of how,

challenged, Ms. More recalled.

"When I came up with Gene it was like finding out a secret," she said. "This is so cool."

She said she thinks the secret of promoting Newport is persuading people to see the city for themselves.

She will not be a full-time executive director, Ms. More explained, but plans to hold onto her current job as senior publicist for Sounds True, a company that publishes what she called "body, mind, spirit" books.

Ms. More and Mr. McCormick will also continue to program and manage the jazz festival, an event that NCRC has helped sponsor.

The couple often travels together when Mr. McCormick visits prisons around the state in his role as a psychologist working for the Department of Corrections.

Ms. More said NCRC board members were delighted to hear that.

## Dailey Library craft fair August 6

The Dailey Memorial Library will hold a summer arts and crafts fair on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year the fair will be located on the green in front of the junior high school in Derby, and will include many well known Vermont artisans.

Also on August 6, the library's much anticipated annual book sale will be held at the library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a tag sale will be held on the site. As a complement to these three events, the Dailey Library will have a pig roast barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the proceeds going to support the library's capital campaign. — from the Dailey Memorial Library

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# Representative Lefebvre is running for re-election

State Representative Paul Lefebvre of Newark will run again in an uncontested Republican Primary for a seat in the General Assembly.

Mr. Lefebvre's district includes Averill, Beecher Falls, Bloomfield, Brighton, Canaan, East Haven, Lemington, Newark, Norton, the Unified Towns and Gores of Essex County, and Westmore.

"It's the biggest geographical district in the state," said Mr. Lefebvre. "But the Upper Kingdom to me is home."

As a freshman legislator for the last two

years, Representative Lefebvre served as clerk on the House Committee of Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources. As a member of that committee, he worked on legislation to change how renewable energy projects are sited.

"I do not want rural regions in the state to become targeted as a loading zone for industrial wind projects because they have the highest ridgelines and the fewest people," he said.

Representative Lefebvre is a member of the recently formed River Caucus that intends to push for economic development, clean water and transportation upgrades for towns along the

Connecticut River. He has also called upon legislators to form a rural caucus and find common cause on such issues as Act 46, siting renewable projects such as industrial wind turbines, and a carbon tax.

"As legislators we must come together on those single issues that threaten our rural way of life," he said.

Born in Newport and raised in Island Pond, Representative Lefebvre lives in Newark with his dog, Stringer. — from the Lefebvre4house campaign.

# September is river cleanup month

September is Vermont's river cleanup month, and Watersheds United Vermont invites interested volunteers to get involved.

For years, local watershed groups and other volunteers in Vermont have organized river cleanups to remove trash that has accumulated in our waterways. Trash in rivers not only creates an eyesore for paddlers and swimmers, but it also negatively impacts riparian wildlife and adds pollutants to our waters. In 2014, the Vermont legislature, recognizing the importance of river cleanups, designated September as river cleanup month.

Lyn Munno, director of Watersheds United Vermont (WUV), the organization coordinating the statewide effort, said, "September is a great time to clean our rivers — water levels are usually not too high and the water temperature is still mild."

Cleanups for this September are already being planned by local groups across the state. In 2015, Vermont River Cleanup Month participants hauled 16,000 pounds of trash from rivers and shorelines at 30 cleanup events. Vermonters can participate in a couple of ways. Contact a local watershed group to see if help is needed with a



Missisquoi River Basin Association volunteers show off some of their haul after a successful cleanup. Photo courtesy of Lindsey Wight

river cleanup in a local watershed, or organize a cleanup with neighbors, friends, or co-workers.

For information, resources, volunteer opportunities, and to register a river cleanup event, people can visit the WUV river cleanup website at [watershedsunitedvt.org/vtrivercleanup](http://watershedsunitedvt.org/vtrivercleanup).

The WUV and the White River Partnership

are also offering a training webinar on August 10, from 1 to 2 p.m. Anyone interested should e-mail [watershedsunited@gmail.com](mailto:watershedsunited@gmail.com) to register.

Groups that sign up to do a cleanup can also receive free trash bags and other cleanup supplies for the event. In addition, WUV has limited funding to help with trash disposal costs if costs are not covered by the local municipality or waste disposal company.

Please contact WUV at [watershedsunited@gmail.com](mailto:watershedsunited@gmail.com), or by calling (802) 585-3569 with any questions. — from Watersheds United Vermont.

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*Becky Powers*

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# A lively Aquafest lucks out with perfect weather

by Jef Barker

NEWPORT — Saturday was an absolutely beautiful day, and those who chose to spend it in Newport were treated to free cotton candy, face painting, live music, and professional wrestling.

Neither the parking lot nor the vendor and entertainment areas around the Emory Hebard State Office Building were overly crowded, but those who showed up there for Aquafest could enjoy the great weather, music, and wrestling. They could also make their way around 20 or so vendor booths offering a variety of goods and services, ranging from massage chairs to art to handmade jewelry.

This year saw the seventh edition of Newport's Aquafest celebration, since its revival in 2009. Previous years' celebrations included soap box derby races, a miniature parade, and the VT 105 Amazing Race scavenger hunt, which has been moved to Chilifest this year, which will be held on August 24.

The two bands that played, Take-4 in the morning and Li'l Deb and Big Wind in the afternoon, were both excellent.

Other entertainment was provided by the Eastern Townships Wrestling Association (ETWA). When the bands weren't playing, D.J. Myers' band of professional wrestlers was busy throwing one another into the ropes and body slamming each other.

"We're here shamelessly plugging for the rest of our season and providing family friendly wrestling entertainment," Mr. Myers said.

He took over the association from his father who created the outfit almost 25 years ago. They are one of the longest running wrestling



Julian Sanville got his face painted for the first time at Aquafest on Saturday. His mother, Ashley Potwin, brought him last year, but he was about one year old at the time and had no interest in letting a stranger use his face as a canvas. He wasn't overly thrilled about it this year either, but the model Ford he was clutching seemed to bring some comfort. Photos by Jef Barker

associations in the greater New England area, he said.

By the time Li'l Deb and Big Wind got done with their afternoon set at 4 p.m., the cloudless day had taken a toll on Jaba King. Wrestler Bradley Davis seemed to take great pleasure in

repeatedly smacking Jaba's badly sunburned back in one of the last matches of the day.

Dux Bachman, aka Dux the Balloon Man, from Burlington made balloon animals and other

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# Music, face painting, and pro wrestling

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creations for the kids. He said he's been making balloons for a living for 22 years.

Soon to be third- and fifth-graders, Charlotte and Emerson Royer of Newport had Dux make them a butterfly and a silly crown.

"We were here last year," their mother, Jaime Royer, said. "We do a lot of stuff like Fourth of July and stuff with Newport recs. We try to come down to everything they do — we walked down to the bed races and they did the hula hoop contest," she said about the Fourth of July events.

Community College of Vermont (CCV) student Ashara McIsaac volunteered to help out at the CCV table.

Saturday was her birthday.

"It was actually my birthday wish to make cotton candy all day," she said, laughing.

Her birthday wish came true, as, over a six-hour period, she turned 21 pounds of colored sugar into hundreds of cones and bags of cotton candy.

"We ran out of sugar and bags twice and had to go back to the store and get some," she said.

By early afternoon, they ended up making their own cotton candy cones out of copy paper.

She and her fellow CCV students also painted people's arms, hands, faces, and necks.

"All the little kids really enjoyed it — there were crying babies that we made have a better day," Ms. McIsaac said.



Henry Thomas, "Jaba King," body slams "JobZ," John Jerry, in the first ETWA match of the day. Four-year referee Scott Toupin wisely stayed clear of the action as the wrestlers' combined weight was over 500 pounds.



Dux the Balloon Man made a silver crown for Emerson Royer while her sister Charlotte waited patiently on the right for him to make her a butterfly. Kids got free balloon animals and various other balloon creations courtesy of the North Country Chamber of Commerce and their sponsor, the Passumpsic Savings Bank.



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# Holland Select Board tables wind decision

by Elizabeth Trail

HOLLAND — After listening patiently to over an hour of sometimes impassioned debate, the Holland Select Board decided at their meeting Monday night to wait until studies have been completed, and then hold a public vote on whether to support or oppose the Dairy Air Wind project.

Over 70 people signed in at the meeting, including Kim and Brian Champney, who are hoping to put up a single turbine on their farm north of the town offices.

There were also two representatives from VERA Renewables, the consulting firm that's developing the project.

Mr. Champney presented a petition to the select board signed by 65 Holland residents, 41 people from other Vermont towns, and six "others."

"We the undersigned express our support for the Champney family's proposal to build a single wind turbine on their Dairy Air Farm cornfield," the petition says.

It says benefits of the wind project will include tax payments, locally produced renewable energy, and sustainability for a Holland dairy farm.

John Wagner of Citizens for Responsible Energy in Holland (CREH) presented a petition opposing the wind project, with 70 signatures from Holland and 36 from elsewhere. That's in addition to the 58 signatures his group had

presented at the last select board meeting, he said by phone on Tuesday.

"But honestly, going around with petitions seems silly to us," he said at the meeting. "It takes away from talking about the merits of the project."

One question the select board will have to figure out is exactly who gets to vote, Town Clerk Diane Judd said.

There are three groups of people who have a right to be involved in the decision, she said.

There are the Holland residents who own land. There are nonresidents who own Holland land. And there are town residents who don't own land.

Altogether, there are 500 pieces of property and 400 voters in Holland, Ms. Judd said.

And once the select board decides who should vote, it also has to decide how to conduct the vote.

"We can't let just the people who come to a meeting vote," Ms. Judd said.

Speaking for VERA, Martha Staskus gave the select board an update on how the necessary studies are coming along.

The 2,200-kilowatt turbine will be manufactured by the same company that produced the turbines for Georgia Mountain Wind, Ms. Staskus said.

It will have a three-blade rotor and will stand less than 500 feet tall.

A computer in the base will

provide monitoring data "24-seven, 365 days a year," she said.

Data from the turbine will be monitored remotely by technicians in Milton, the site of the Georgia Mountain wind development.

The Vermont Electric Cooperative is conducting the electrical connectivity study, Ms. Staskus said, reading from a letter that VERA presented to the select board.

A civil engineering firm has determined that there will be less than an acre of impervious surface and less than an acre of soil disturbance she said. Now they're working with the state to determine what permits will be needed.

A natural resources inventory was completed in July.

A few small wetland areas were found along School Road.

"All of them can be avoided," Ms. Staskus said.

Bird and bat studies will be completed in mid-August.

An assessment of the visual impact of the turbine hasn't begun.

VERA is requesting permission from the select board to put sound metering equipment at the town office to record current levels.

And at some point in the near future, Dairy Air Wind will apply to the Public Service Board to put up a wind measurement (MET) tower to measure the wind resource.

The MET tower will be 196 feet tall, Ms. Staskus said, and will measure the strength and speed of the wind at three different levels.

How long will the MET tower produce data before the final decision is made to go forward with the wind project? Mitch Wonson asked.

The MET tower will go up as soon as a Certificate of Public Good is issued, Ms. Staskus said. MET towers generally continue to operate and produce data throughout the permitting and construction process, which will take up to three years.

"So you would put up a turbine before you know whether you have the wind resources?" Mr. Wonson asked.

"We use a combination of wind resource maps and computer modelling," Ms. Staskus said. "The data from the MET tower confirms our research."

"We are optimistic that when all are informed with the facts about this project, and the results of the assessments being undertaken to make sure the project is done right, we will win the support of the town," the VERA letter says.

It was quickly clear that the room was strongly divided.

"We came to give you an update on the project," Ms. Staskus said at one point. "We're not really here to answer specific questions yet."

Many were frustrated with one side or the other. Others expressed a simple desire to get clear facts.

Had the select board considered inviting someone from the Department of Public Service to come and speak? Ms. Staskus asked. "They have a consumer advocacy department and could give you objective answers to your questions."

Why had neither Mr. Champney nor John Zimmerman from VERA come to the last select board meeting? someone asked.

"It's unfair to say they weren't there," Ms. Champney said. "They

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# “That’s what wind does to communities”

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were at the planning commission meeting that was at the same time.”

One question that echoed from various sides of the room was whether the renewable energy credits (RECs) from Dairy Air Wind will be sold out of state.

“The power and the RECs will remain in Vermont,” Mr. Zimmerman said, “and will be distributed among all the utilities in Vermont.”

Mr. Zimmerman’s statement was met with outright disbelief from some corners of the room.

“The developers weren’t obliged

to come and take a beating,” Dan Maple said after several similar skeptical reactions to information presented by the VERA representatives. “My point is, we need to treat them with respect so they’ll be willing to come back and talk.”

Ms. Staskus said the project will generate \$20,000 a year to the town in taxes, and \$25,000 a year for the state education fund.”

“And it will preserve 700 acres of farmland,” Mr. Champney said. “Look at milk prices, no one can make a living in dairy farming any more.”

Many of the negative comments drew clapping, but as time went on, so did calls for reconciliation.

“When we have all of our information, we’d like to hold another meeting here at the school and have experts here to answer all of your questions,” Mr. Champney said.

He asked the select board to table a decision until all data has been collected and presented to the town.

After some discussion among themselves, the select board decided to wait until more of the facts are in.

The select board also decided to

dust off a 2012 town policy on commercial energy development and get it ready to send to the Public Service Board if need be.

After the meeting, groups of people gathered outside the school in the gathering dusk.

The groups were clearly divided by their politics.

“Look at those people over there,” Mr. Wagner said. “They aren’t talking to us, we’re not talking to them. That’s what wind does to communities.”

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horticultural legend, Lewis Hill. Workshop participants will receive an elderberry cutting to plant at home.

This workshop costs \$25 and will be capped at 30 participants. To register, contact Ginger Nickerson at (802) 505-8189, or e-mail [ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu](mailto:ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu). Individuals requesting a disability-related accommodation to participate in this workshop should contact Cheryl Herrick at (802) 656-5459 or [cheryl.herrick@uvm.edu](mailto:cheryl.herrick@uvm.edu), by August 1.

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# Ron Horton is running for state Senate

by Tena Starr

Political newcomer Ron Horton has thrown his hat into the ring this year. The Democrat from Jay is running for one of two Essex-Orleans state Senate seats against Democratic incumbents Bobby Starr of North Troy and John Rodgers of Glover, setting up a Primary contest.

Mr. Horton said he's running because, upon his return to Vermont about four years ago, he found many changes, and few he liked.

"I need to make my voice heard," he said in a recent phone interview. "With my management background I'm good at finding solutions. I have a lot of good ideas, and I'm not afraid to put them out there."

He is retired from Delta Air Lines, where he worked for nearly three decades supervising and training people working on the ground. He said he was also on a team that set up new stations, including one in Helsinki, Finland.

He's been all over this country working for Delta, and has lived in several places, finally retiring in Cincinnati, Ohio, before coming back to Vermont.

Earlier, he'd lived in Vermont from 1972 to 1983 in the Burlington area. When Delta pulled out of the Burlington airport, he chose to go with his employer and relocated.

"I really loved the state and couldn't wait to get back though," he said. "I was finally able to."

But he "saw all these changes and, for lack of a better word, they made me sad."

One of the first things that struck him was the property tax burden. The Jay house that he bought had been on the market for two years, he said, and its owner was about to lose it because she couldn't come up with the taxes owed.

"So many people are in the same situation," Mr. Horton said.

One need only read *the Chronicle* each week to see the number of homes going up for tax sale, he said.

Another issue that he feels strongly about is transportation. He believes the state needs to establish its own airline.

Business does not locate to areas that lack good transportation, he said.

"We don't have an airline, we don't have rail, we don't even have buses. I see an airline coming in that would be similar to what Porter Air flies."

The state would own the airline and would



Ron Horton of Jay is challenging incumbents Bobby Starr and John Rodgers to be a Democratic nominee for the Essex-Orleans Senate seat.

Photo courtesy of Ron Horton

glean the profits, which would be substantial, Mr. Horton said.

He said he could put a plane a day between Newport and JFK in New York, and move people from Sherbrooke and Montreal, Quebec.

"We could put airplanes out of here, out of Waitsfield; we could also reach over to Plattsburgh."

*"I think the DMV is out of control up here."*

The airline could also be used to ship freight, a much faster method than trucking it, he said.

"A conservative estimate of the first-year revenue, based on just two flights a day out of Newport, would be \$5-million dollars, net," Mr. Horton's website says.

Startup costs could come from investors in the airline community, he said.

The profits could be funneled into education to relieve the tax burden.

People who aren't familiar with the aviation industry might have a hard time understanding

the proposal, he said. But he's spent the bulk of his adult life in aviation and is convinced the state would benefit from having its own airline.

Reform of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is another of the issues Mr. Horton is concerned about. He likely has plenty of company on that one.

"I think the DMV is out of control up here," he said.

Mr. Horton said he thinks a car should be inspected when it's purchased and not again unless it's in a wreck or the driver is pulled over for a violation.

And people shouldn't have to pay sales tax on the car they bring with them when they move to Vermont, he said.

"If we want people to move into the state, we shouldn't be taxing them."

He envisions serious reform at the DMV, including inspections that would look at safety related items only. Vehicle owners would be charged for repairs based on their ability to pay.

The highly detailed plan, which is on Mr. Horton's website, also outlines how the changes he proposes would be paid for.

Also regarding transportation, he said he would reopen the weigh stations that check for overweight trucks.

"We're letting all these trucks go in and out of the state and not inspecting them, so we're not getting overweight fees."

Vermont is not a business friendly state, Mr. Horton said, and that, too, is something that must change. Besides a better transportation system, the state should provide financial incentives for businesses to move to Vermont, he said. And it should not nitpick them to death with unproductive rules and fines.

He also believes that property taxes should be rolled back for two years and frozen for three, permanently for residents 65 years or older.

Why did he decide to run for state Senate rather than, say, House, or selectman?

"I'd rather be a big fish in a little pond rather than a little fish in a big pond," he said.

Mr. Horton is a professional saxophone player who played in the U.S. Air Force band for several years.

In 1999, after retirement from a long career working for Delta, he started working at what he calls his "retirement hobby jobs."

He's been a car salesman, a screenwriter (his passion), a country club greens keeper, and an insurance salesman.

After returning to Vermont, he got a job as a lifeguard at the water park at Jay Peak.

His website is [www.ronhorton.info/](http://www.ronhorton.info/).

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# Galbraith says he would put an end to big wind

by Joseph Gresser

BARTON — Former state Senator Peter Galbraith, who hails from Townsend, visited the Northeast Kingdom on July 27. He was on a campaign swing to promote his bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the Primary on August 9.

Mr. Galbraith showed up at *the Chronicle* with a piece of strategic advice for those who dislike large-scale wind development.

“If you are opposed to industrial wind, you should vote for me in the Democratic Primary,” he said.

He explained his reasoning by noting that both Republican candidates favor a ban on industrial wind development.

Should he gain the nomination, he said, voters would be assured that wind development would stop regardless of which party wins in November.

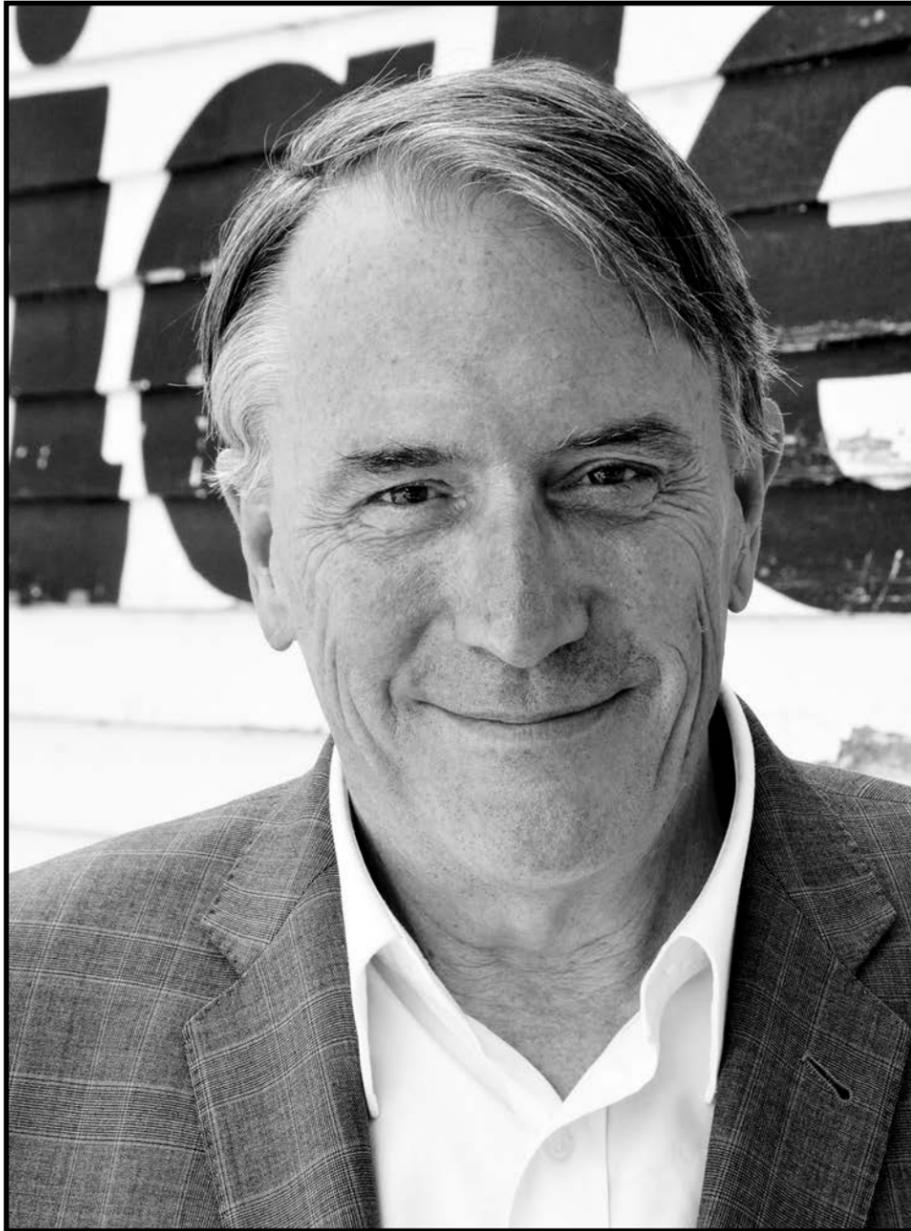
Mr. Galbraith said he is optimistic about his chances with Northeast Kingdom voters based on his unconditional opposition to wind power.

“I propose a ban on new industrial wind,” he said. “I won’t approve any new appointments to the Public Service Board that would approve them.”

Should a project get a Certificate of Public Good, Mr. Galbraith said, he would use all the means the Governor has at his disposal to block it.

He said he objects to industrial wind development on ridgelines because it requires extensive construction for roads and foundations. That cuts down on habitat needed as species move to higher ground to compensate for global warming.

Mr. Galbraith said he thinks there is little the state can do by itself to combat the causes of climate change and Vermont will have to work with other regions on strategies. In the meantime, he said, he favors small scale solar development and appropriately located larger development. He would like the state to purchase the dams on the Connecticut River, which would provide about one-third of the state’s electric needs, he said. For other power, he suggested looking north to Hydro Quebec.



Peter Galbraith.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

While Mr. Galbraith acknowledged that dams cause environmental harm, he said the harm has already been done on the Connecticut River and in northern Quebec.

He also said he strongly favors greater conservation efforts.

He spoke about another plank in his campaign platform, providing free tuition for students in the state college system, which, he said, can be paid for by eliminating what he termed special interest tax breaks.

Those include a deduction for research and development costs, which Mr. Galbraith said, adds little to federal tax breaks designed for the same purpose. He said he opposes a tax break for companies doing business in the Internet “cloud.”

Vermonters were promised that favoring businesses that operate in the cloud would make the state a magnet for such companies, Mr. Galbraith said. He noted that lobbyists for such businesses have successfully made the same argument in most other states, undercutting Vermont’s supposed advantage.

He also proposes making primary health care free in Vermont, a \$200-million idea that he would pay for with a 2 percent payroll tax.

Such a tax would be a business expense deductible from federal taxes. It would also result in lower health insurance premiums, he suggested.

If his plan is put into place, it

would encourage people to visit their doctors as soon as they notice a problem, Mr. Galbraith said. That would result in better outcomes and less expense for the health care system as a whole, he suggested.

Doctors spend about a third of their time dealing with insurance claims, Mr. Galbraith said. That time would be devoted to patient care, effectively giving the state a third more practitioners, he said.

He also favors raising the state’s minimum wage to \$15 an hour. That would mean more business activity in the state and a reduction in state money going to the earned income tax credit, he said.

Mr. Galbraith acknowledged that he had something of a reputation as someone who was hard to deal with during his time in the Senate. He said he was unwilling to follow the usual practice of falling into line with his committee chair in hopes of moving up the leadership ladder.

He said he chose, instead, to deal with big issues during his two terms.

He said he proposed legislation, including a bill that would have set out a funding mechanism for Governor Peter Shumlin’s single payer health care proposal.

Senate Democrats knew the health care plan would not be going forward and did not want to deal with his bill, he said.

Similarly, his proposal to ban corporate campaign contributions annoyed many of his Senate colleagues who put themselves on record favoring the measure by a 20-10 margin on the bill’s second reading, but buried it by a 10-20 vote when it came up for final passage.

Mr. Galbraith taught at Windham College in Putney until turning his attention to foreign relations.

He said he was involved in writing the treaty that banned chemicals that were found to damage the ozone layer. He said he also worked on the Dayton Accords that helped resolve the war on Bosnia, and negotiated a peace agreement in Croatia. Mr. Galbraith said he signed that document twice because the Croats and Serbs refused to meet.

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# Celebrating Glover Day



Pictured at left, Darrell Bormann helps Kelly Bormann, his wife, prepare for a five-kilometer run by pinning her bib number to her shirt. The Bormanns are both registered nurses working at Newport's North Country Hospital. They decided to spend a day of their vacation enjoying the activities at Glover Day.

Photos by Joseph Gresser

Charles Page, seen below left, rappels down a climbing wall Saturday morning. Members of the National Guard brought the wall to Glover Day to demonstrate the kinds of training activities they engage in, said Specialist Mitchel DeLancey of Alpha Company of the 3-172 Infantry Regiment, who encouraged Charles on his way up the wall, and helped him on the way down.

Shown below, Leah Frost of Glover crosses the finish line of the five-mile Chamberlain Run in Glover Saturday. Her time, 31 minutes 34 seconds, was swift enough to earn Ms. Frost honors for having the fastest time of the day. That was the first time a woman took top honors in Glover Day's signature event. Roger Prevot of East Hardwick, who ran the course in 33 minutes, 30 seconds, was the first man across the line. James Johnston comes from Raymond, New Hampshire. His 36-minute, four-second time earned him third place. Mr. Johnston was followed closely by Tara Nelson, who took the fourth spot only one second behind him.



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# Crafts of the Lake Region draws local talent

by Elizabeth Trail

BARTON — The sixth annual Crafts of the Lake Region craft fair drew 25 artists and craftspeople to the front lawn of the Barton Academy and Graded School on Saturday.

“There’s so much quality out there, it’s amazing,” said Patsy Tompkins, one of the event organizers.

The event raises money for the Barton Public Library through the booth fees the artists pay and the sale of raffle tickets. Every vendor donates an item for the raffle. Visitors put their raffle tickets into painted coffee cans in front of the items they would like to win.

This year’s poster for the craft show was designed by one of Stephanie Harper’s art classes at Lake Region Union High School.

Many vendors have done the show all six years, Ms. Tompkins said.

Initially, the event organizers visited craft shows and searched the web to find artisans producing the quality of work they wanted to see, Ms. Tompkins said.

Now the word has gotten out, and craftspeople are contacting the library to find out how to get into the show.

The process is still informal, but the standards are high, she said.

“We check out their work, and invite the ones we want.”

The artists at the show ranged from well-known local figures like jewelry designer Sharon Scelza of Albany, author and illustrator Tanya Souza, and Mill Village potter Lynn Fleury, to newcomers like Donna Druchunas, who teaches knitting and sells fine yarns at her Sheep to Shawl shop on Elm Street in Barton.

Other first-time vendors included Kate Kran with a display of colorful crocheted rugs, Adirondack furniture by Davey Hecht Woodworking, and basket maker Linda Lomasney of Deeda’s Baskets. Lisa Celley of Vermont Country Cabin ‘N Bath has an unusual line of hanging votive lights, along with handmade candles for every room in the house.

Lydia Corrow Handwoven Designs was back



Elise and Elijah Furlow, who call themselves Irish twins, ran Edible Delight’s food stand at the craft show while older family members ran back and forth bringing new wraps and sandwiches. Photos by Elizabeth Trail

with placemats, table runners and rag rugs in traditional designs. Kathryn Whitaker returned with her fine photography and woodworking. Anthony Lazzarra was there with his eclectic repurposed wood designs, and Theresa Lagoy filled a tent with clothing, wall art, and accessories hand woven in silk, wool and other fabrics.

Richard and Vera Long of Long Branch Wooden Bowls displayed beautifully turned wooden bowls made from local hardwoods.

There were also specialty food vendors. Maria Osias had pickles, preserves, and jam. Hollandeer Farm sold venison along with hand-carved antler jewelry, and Country Clutter

Farmstand introduced a line of dip and spice mixes in addition to its country themed decorative crafts.

The only double booth at the show was the spread of wooden toys and tooled leather craft from husband and wife team Jim Hutchins and Bonnie Ricker, who go by the name Hutch-N-Ricka.

The Northeast Kingdom Rug Hooking Guild was there with rugs and other home accessories made by member artists.

Music is another tradition at Crafts of the Lake Region.

A cross-border duo called Northern Comfort — Ben Kinsley of Westmore on guitar, and Quebec singer Sonia Patenaude — kicked off the morning with a bluesy folk sound.

The two describe their music as “jazz, blues, folk, and everything in between.”

In the afternoon, a recorder and keyboard trio played an eclectic blend of early recorder music, folk tunes, and traditional American songs. There was even a little Stephen Foster thrown in.

No craft fair is complete without food, and this year it was provided by Edible Delight, formerly a downtown restaurant.

Elise and Elijah Furlow, age nine and ten respectively, ably ran the food concession for the family under a tent on the shady side of the building. The youngsters, who call themselves “Irish twins,” sold turkey wraps, doughnuts, ice cream and bottled water, while older members of the family shuttled back and forth from their kitchen at home with freshly made wraps and sandwiches.

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Sharon Scelza shows off some of the jewelry she designs and creates in her Albany studio at the Crafts of the Lake Region show on Saturday.

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Lowell asbestos mine

# Workers take ownership, the market collapses

*Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on the history of the asbestos mine in Lowell.*

by Bethany M. Dunbar

"Best place anybody could work" remembers Reg Pion, interviewed at his home in 2016. He worked at the mine when there were 240 union members and 70 in management. He went to work there on December 17, 1979. Co-workers came from Montgomery, Eden, Hardwick and Morrisville as well as the neighboring towns.

"The place made millions," Mr. Pion said. "When I started there a lot of the equipment was new."

He recalls that the conveyor feeding the mill could take 195 tons of rock per hour. "That's where they took the fiber out of the rock," he said. He said the dryers used 11 gallons of oil a minute.

Mr. Pion, who served the town as road commissioner for many years, does not believe chrysotile asbestos is harmful to anyone's health. "I've ate more of it than anybody's ever going to see in your life," he said, and he has no cancer or asbestosis. He said he knows one man, who was in his eighties and had worked in the mine since he was 15 years old.

In the 1960s, people in Lowell did not know of the hazards of asbestos and were not worried about the dust.

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*"It was probably the best family a man could ever have."*

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"They just blew the dust out the windows," Mr. Pion said. "It's all over these roads," he added. "We used to sand the roads with it. It makes the best sand you ever laid your eyes on."

Mr. Pion said there was a culture at the mine that was almost like being part of a family. When he bought a house in Lowell with no cellar, his friends from the mine came and helped him build a foundation, working beside him in the pouring rain all day long for no pay.

"It was probably the best family a man could ever have," he said.

But whatever the people of Lowell thought about the safety of chrysotile asbestos, the U.S. market was beginning to dry up even before Mr. Pion went to work in the mine in Lowell.

In the early years with the tramway, the mine employed between 250 to 275 workers. As the years passed and more of the work was done by machinery, there were fewer jobs but still a substantial number, and the pay and benefits



This photo of the asbestos "fiberizing plant" was taken in 1910. Photos courtesy of the Lowell Historical Society

were excellent.

An invention called a travel drill replaced 20 men with jackhammers. Lloyd Dolon worked as the driver of a Marion #5 steam shovel at the mines for 17 years. The bucket was large enough to lift a big truck. At that time it was the largest steam shovel in New England and could move 50 tons of material at once.

In the 1950s the pay was higher than any other local places of employment. In 1972, 53 percent of the town's property taxes were paid by the mine. In 1974, seeing the writing on the wall for the market of asbestos, GAF decided to sell the mine. A group of workers, the Vermont Asbestos Group, bought it a year later with lots of local and state help.

John Lupien, who was, at the time, a maintenance supervisor, had the idea for workers to buy it. By 1975 the Vermont Asbestos Group had bought the mine business and 2,300 acres for \$400,000, according to an article in the *Burlington Free Press* by Sam Hemingway. The deal went through with help from an Association to Boost Lamoille Enterprises (ABLE), the Vermont Industrial Development Authority, the Howard Bank, the Small Business Administration, Sterling Trust, the State Street Bank of Boston, the Passumpsic Savings Bank of St. Johnsbury, the Chittenden Trust Company, the Union Bank of Morrisville, and the Franklin-Lamoille Bank.

Directors for the new business included a steam shovel operator, a mechanic, a yard man, a warehouse man, two ore testers, a shift mechanic, general manager, a purchasing agent, a quarry foreman and Mr. Lupien, according to an article in *Vermont Life* published in 1976. The article

says the deal was put together based on the concept that the asbestos in Lowell was not as hazardous as other types.

"In 42 years, this plant has had 1,800 employees, but we've had only 17 workers come down with lung disease," said Mr. Lupien in the article. "We care about our people and want to make it safe here, but we also know that the atmosphere in Vermont makes it safer for this kind of operation than other places in the world."

"One of the first jobs after the workers bought the mine was to install dust control systems in the mill and dryers, which were a blessing," said Lloyd Dolon, a former mine worker, in a later interview.

The workers raised \$100,000 by a sale of stock locally and borrowed \$200,000 from the state of Vermont. Profits started strong and the workers paid the state back in one year. According to Ms. Gelo's research, one year after the workers bought the mine, all debts were paid back and "all stockholders (most of whom are employees) have received a 100 percent dividend on their investments. The company is making a substantial profit."

Despite the fact that many people in Vermont were convinced of the relative safety of chrysotile asbestos, the rest of the United States did not feel the same way. Demand for asbestos dropped off, and the market did not distinguish between types of asbestos as lawsuits piled up.

Howard Manosh said in an interview in 2016 that he was approached by some of the workers to help after the employees bought it. A problem that arose, he said, was that too many people wanted to be the boss.

"They came to me and said, 'Why don't you come up and manage it for us?'"

In April of 1978 Mr. Manosh bought into the group. Eventually he bought a controlling interest. The mine was a going concern for some years while he was involved and kept providing jobs.

"I was paying 52 percent of the town tax of Lowell," he said. "The asbestos didn't do too much harm."

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# The mine was lit up like a small city

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Mr. Manosh loved working there and got to travel to Germany, England, France, and in the Gulf Coast cities such as New Orleans and Galveston, Texas, to meet with people interested in buying Lowell asbestos.

But the sales did not last.

"I think everybody didn't believe in it," he said. "I wish there was some way I could have changed the market conditions."

But things got slower and slower, and before long, the only market was in Asia and the far east. Mr. Manosh said the mine ran at a loss for three years before it closed in 1993.

Ten years before the mine closed, Mr. Manosh made decisions about wages and benefits that were so unpopular they led to a strike in 1983.

According to an article in the *News and Citizen* on October 13, 1983, 89 of 130 mill and mine workers voted to strike. The newspaper describes a man's arrest for throwing nails under a truck driven by an independent trucker who was driving across the picket line to keep operations going during the strike. The article said 25 managers were keeping the mine open.

Mr. Manosh said in the article that the strike was not really hurting the company because it was close to having to shut down anyway.

In dispute was the management asking workers to contribute 25 percent to a group medical plan and sacrifice two vacation days, according to the *News and Citizen*, proposals the union said would cost workers between 85 cents to a dollar an hour.

By 1982, a year before the workers' strike at the Lowell mine, the Manville Corporation had filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition because it was facing 16,500 lawsuits related to health affects of asbestos with 500 new lawsuits a month, according to *Outrageous Misconduct, the Asbestos Industry On Trial*. The Manville Corporation, formerly Johns-Manville, was the world's largest asbestos company, with 25,000 employees and more than 50 factories and mines in the U.S. and Canada. It was the largest American industrial company ever to file bankruptcy and one of the most healthy, with assets of more than \$2-billion. The book describes an insurance industry estimate that asbestos-disease related lawsuits would cost the insurance industry \$1.35-billion a year.

Manville was accused of covering up the dangers of working with asbestos for 50 years. The fact that the Lowell mine was producing chrysotile asbestos instead of the more dangerous types did not save the mine's market.

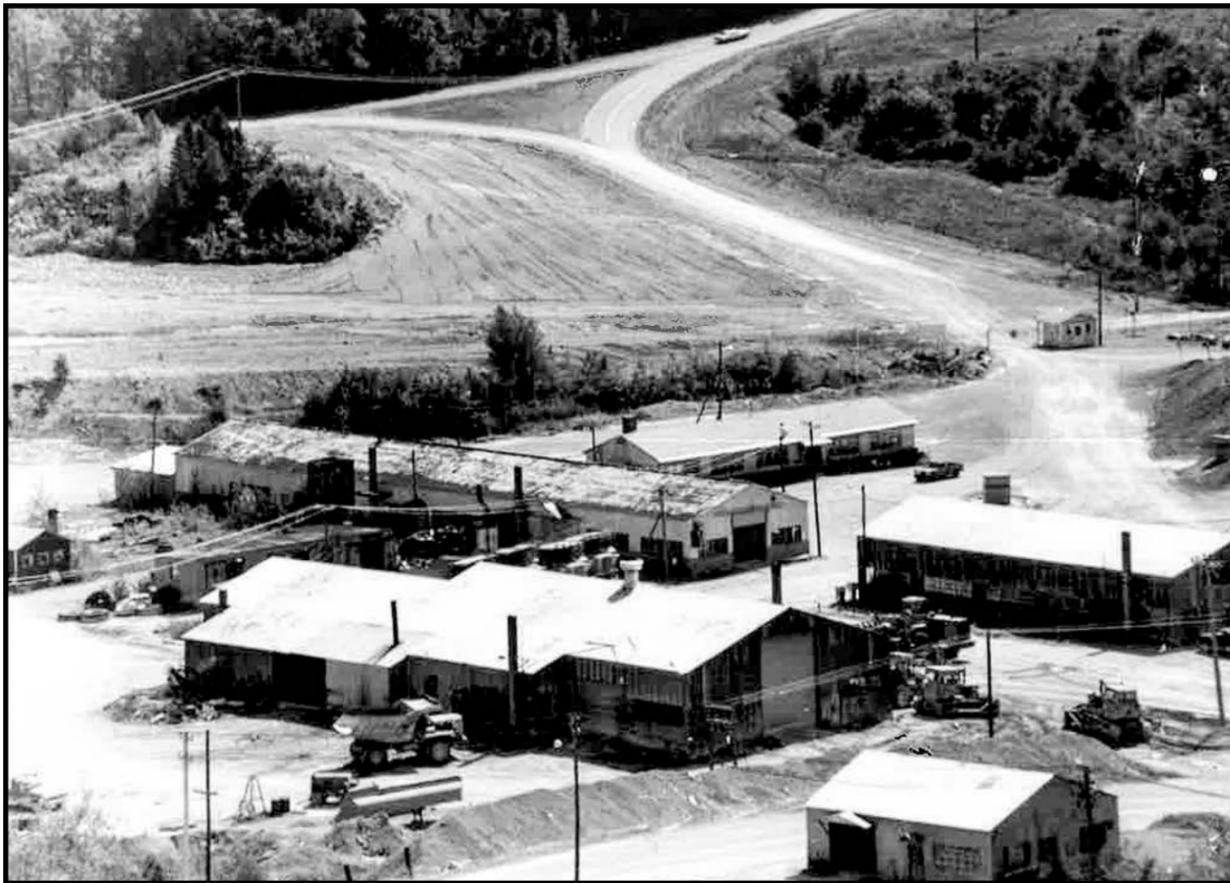
"There's no reason that mine shouldn't be operated today," said Mr. Manosh in 2016.

He remembers the heyday of the place when the mine was so busy it was often all lit up at night and looked like a small city.

"My dad worked up there. He used to plow the road," he said.

Mr. Manosh remembers going there with his dad when he was just a little guy.

In 2007, the federal Environmental Protection Agency came in to stabilize the site, after people



The Lowell asbestos mine at one time produced 50,000 tons of asbestos fiber a year.

downstream began finding runoff from the mountains of mine tailings in beaver ponds and other waterways downstream. At that time, according to an article in *the Chronicle* on November 7, 2007, it was estimated that fully cleaning up the tailings would cost in the realm of \$500-million. The Lowell tailings pile was estimated to be between 30 and 60 million tons, covering 80 acres, while the Eden site has a waste pile of 12 million tons.

In 2012 the town voted not to declare the site a Superfund site, which would have brought massive resources to make the cleanup. The state of Vermont would have had to come up with matching funds, and the town's no vote seemed to show a vote of a lack of confidence that the job would have been done right. For some it might have seemed simply unnecessary.

"In 2008 the Vermont Department of Health published a cross-sectional study of asbestos-related morbidity and mortality in Vermonters residing near Belvidere Mountain based on data from individual health certificates and hospital discharges from 1996 to 2005," says the Harvard article.

The Health Department study was based on three asbestosis deaths, two of which turned out to be people who had "high previous occupational exposures to asbestos elsewhere."

The Health Department later apologized, but the mistake infuriated residents of Eden and Lowell who said it affected their property values among other things.

Bill Duncan runs a natural food and health store in Morrisville and believes strongly the mine could thrive again. A self-described rock

hound, he has found beautiful specimens of green and white stone at the mine he calls Vermont jade.

When he was a kid, his father was a metals broker and they would often go rock hunting. The presence of asbestos means there are other valuable rocks as well, Mr. Duncan said, and that has not been fully explored.

"I really resent EPA," he said.

He recalls attending meetings for Lowell citizens at the time they had to decide if they wanted to make the mines a Superfund site.

"They didn't send a single geologist to the Lowell meetings."

He believes the site could still be worth tens or hundreds of millions of dollars based on rocks that are likely to be in the ground that are commonly associated with asbestos. The mine could be made into a history and art museum, rock shop, and general tourist attraction, he believes.

For now the mine lies fenced off and dormant, a vast reminder of Lowell's thriving working landscape of the past. It also holds a hint, for some, of resources not yet even fully discovered.

*Editor's note: This article is part of a larger project, a book about the history of the town of Lowell. If you have a story, photo, or information to share, please get in touch with Sam Thurston, or other members of the Lowell Historical Society, or Bethany M. Dunbar at bmdunbar77@gmail.com.*

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# An energetic performance of *Annie Get Your Gun*

by Joseph Gresser

*Annie Get Your Gun* is an early product of the golden age of American musical theater. It was first staged in 1946, just a few years after Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma*, which kicked off an era of musicals that lasted into the 1970s.

Seventy years later *Annie Get Your Gun* is playing on the Greensboro town green, in an energetic production by the Greensboro Arts Alliance and Residency and Mirror Theatre Ltd.

The show was directed by Sean Haberle based on a revised version of the script put together for a 1999 Broadway revival.

Anyone who has ever seen the movie version of the show, made in 1950, will recognize the potential pitfalls the original version might encounter in an era more attuned to ethnic and gender equity. For instance, the current production treats Chief Sitting Bull, who historically did work for Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, with a great deal more respect than he was accorded in 1946.

Speaking of equity, Mirror Theatre's performers are an interesting mixture of Actor's Equity members, that is to say professionals, and local amateur talent.

Some of the professionals, most notably Marla Schaffel, have spent enough time in the community over the past several years to be eligible for honorary citizenship. Her co-star Brian Kilday is a local person, but one with major theatrical chops.

The couple fully occupies the heart of the show and as performers are a good match.

*Annie Get Your Gun*, though, ultimately belongs to its female lead. Ethel Merman was the first to play the title role and her take no prisoners style is matched by Ms. Schaffel in her portrayal of the feisty heroine.

Ms. Schaffel handled the Irving Berlin songs beautifully. The score contains many classics, including "They Say It's Wonderful," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "I Got the Sun in The Mornin'," and "No Business Like Show Business." But Ms. Schaffel's handling of two lesser-known songs, "Moonshine Lullaby" and "Old Fashioned Wedding," perhaps showed her skills to their fullest advantage.

The first, which she sings to put her young



Frank Butler (Brian Kilday) claims superiority over Annie Oakley (Marla Schaffel) in the song "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better." Ms. Oakley vigorously refutes his assertion in the entertaining number.

Photos by Joseph Gresser

brother and sisters to bed, is a bluesy lullaby that she delivers in the manner of a 1940s torch singer. "Old Fashioned Wedding," written for a revival of the show produced 20 years after it first opened, is a battle song that clearly sets out the dynamic of Frank and Annie's relationship.

Frank wants a staid ceremony in which Annie, his bride-to-be, will promise to love, honor, and obey. Annie wants a glorious blowout, has no intention of obeying anyone, and is perfectly happy not to get married if Frank doesn't go along with her.

The contrast of Frank's fluffily romantic vision of the future contrasted with Annie's down-to-earth plans is one of the show's best running jokes.

A less successful joke is the character of Dolly

Tate, gamely played by Kathryn Meisle. Dolly is Frank's assistant, and an older, unmarried woman. That is supposed to be funny, it seems.

Dolly is also something of a racist, although that aspect of the show is toned down in the current production. She displays this unlovable trait by opposing the budding romance between Winnie, her younger sister, and Tommy Keeler.

Tommy Keeler, it turns out, is half Irish (in an earlier version he was half native American) and therefore deemed by Dolly to be an unsuitable match for her sister.

Ms. Meisle does her best, and nearly succeeds, in redeeming the character of Dolly, who eventually finds a match in Charlie Davenport (Jones Charles McAteer), Buffalo Bill's publicity man.

Meanwhile Tommy and Winnie contribute mightily to the show with their dance skills, put prominently on display in the big numbers choreographed by Lily McAteer that highlight both acts of the show.

In addition to his professional forces, Mr. Haberle was able to call on the talents of many Greensboro residents to fill out the ranks of Buffalo Bill's troupers.

Among the more prominent of these are Ed Donlon, who plays Chief Sitting Bull, and John Bradshaw as the Cincinnati hotelier Foster Wilson.

Mr. Haberle was also fortunate to have strong musical backing from a more-than-competent stage band led by music director Justin Jacobs.

Performances of *Annie Get Your Gun* will continue through the middle of August in the big tent theater. The show alternates with an adaptation of Harper Lee's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The season, the company's last in the tent, winds up on August 14. Next year's productions will be performed at the Highland Center for the Arts now under construction at Tolman Corner.



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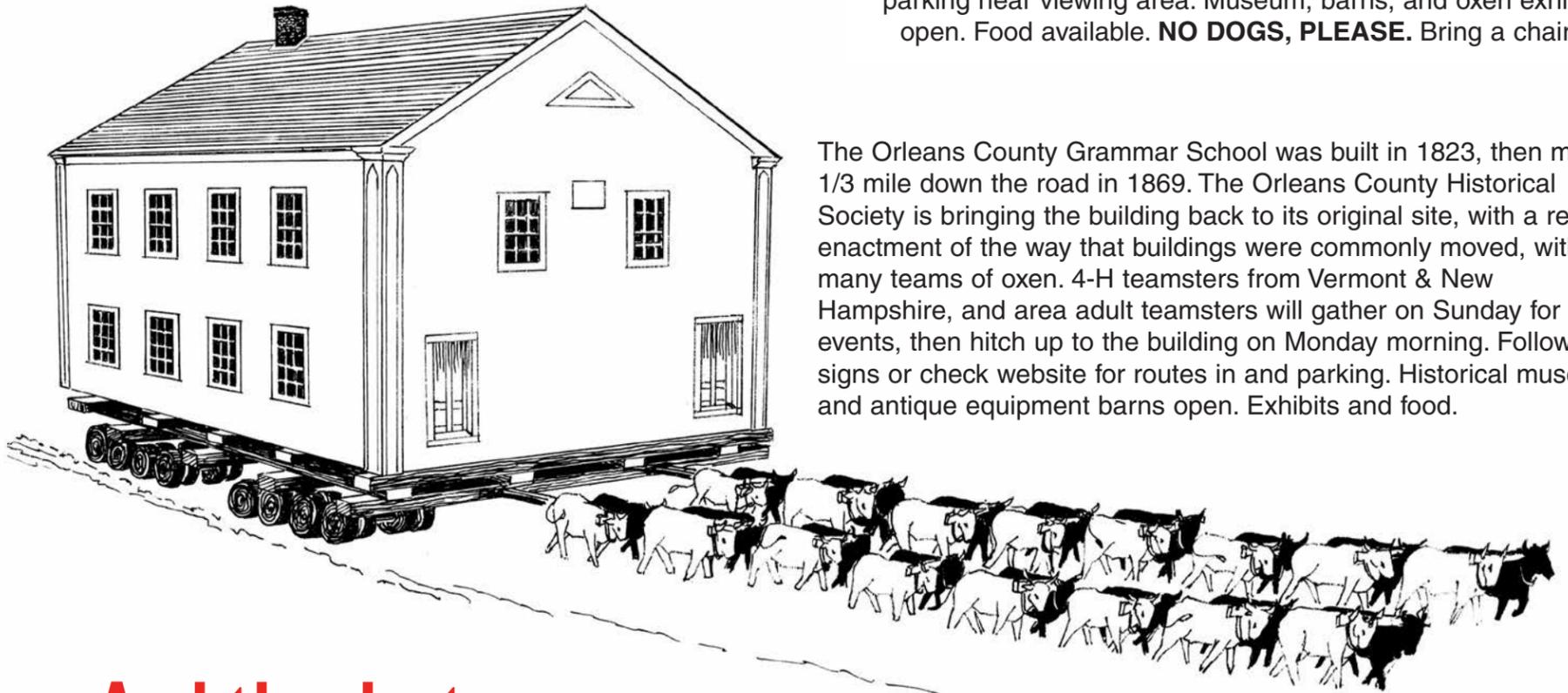
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# ...To Bring The Grammar School Home!

## Monday morning, August 8

Plan to arrive by 9 a.m. Park and walk to viewing area. Move will start around 10 a.m. Parking on perimeter; handicapped parking near viewing area. Museum, barns, and oxen exhibit open. Food available. **NO DOGS, PLEASE.** Bring a chair!

The Orleans County Grammar School was built in 1823, then moved 1/3 mile down the road in 1869. The Orleans County Historical Society is bringing the building back to its original site, with a re-enactment of the way that buildings were commonly moved, with many teams of oxen. 4-H teamsters from Vermont & New Hampshire, and area adult teamsters will gather on Sunday for oxen events, then hitch up to the building on Monday morning. Follow the signs or check website for routes in and parking. Historical museum and antique equipment barns open. Exhibits and food.

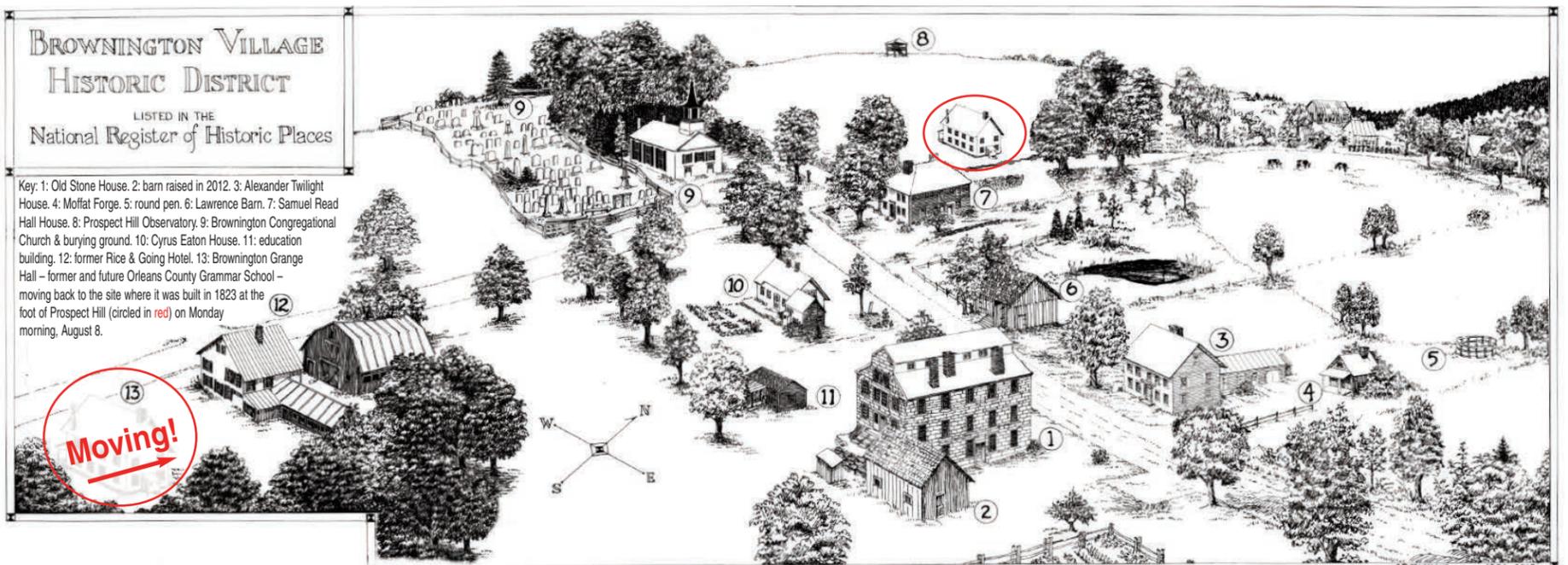
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## In Superior Court

## Barton man accused of assault with deadly weapon

by Paul Lefebvre

NEWPORT — Judge Howard VanBenthuyzen released Joshua Degreenia, 28, of Barton on conditions after he pled innocent in Orleans County Superior Court to two felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and innocent to a misdemeanor charge of simple assault.

According to an affidavit from Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Eric Hazard, police cited Mr. Degreenia on June 21 for fighting with a Barton man who is paralyzed on one side. He allegedly hit him repeatedly with a cymbal stand.

The state has dismissed felony charges of financially exploiting a vulnerable adult, making false pretenses, and grand larceny brought against Dennis Crawford, 47, of Orleans. Also dismissed was a companion misdemeanor charge of giving false information to a police officer.

Dismissal in the case came after defense attorney Zachery Wright of Newport filed a brief, noting the state lacked evidence for a conviction, and that Mr. Crawford was legally acting within his capacity of power of attorney.

A couple accused of having intercourse in front of a juvenile were each charged with a felony count of lewd and lascivious conduct.

Mark Collins, 54, of Newport and Deborah Collins, 52, of Brownington each pled innocent to the charge, which carries a maximum jail time of five years.

Newport Detective Jean Harlow said that on July 25 she met with the mother of the juvenile, who allegedly said she left her son at Mr. Collins' apartment for roughly 25 minutes to run some errands.

When she returned, the affidavit continues, she walked in on the pair having sex on the couch.

At the other end of the couch, she allegedly saw the juvenile "with his hands over his ears."

The court released each defendant on standard conditions.

Cynthia Couture, 51, of Morrisville pled innocent to a felony charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol (DUI) on July 11 in Lowell.

Trooper Abigail Drew cited her following an accident on Route 100, allegedly caused when the defendant collided with a guardrail to avoid hitting a deer.

Michael Isabelle, 49, of Newport pled guilty to a DUI charge stemming from a two-car accident on September 22 at the Newport intersection of Spring Street and East Main Street.

Judge VanBenthuyzen handed out a split sentence of zero to two years, and awarded him credit for time served.

Sentence will be served concurrently with a sentence already in execution.

Helen Leblanc, 66, of Victoriaville, Quebec, pled no contest to possessing narcotics on May 10 while crossing the border into the United States at Derby.

The court accepted the sentence recommendations of a plea agreement and fined her \$1,000 on the misdemeanor conviction.

Darin Farley, 28, of North Troy, pled innocent to a felony charge of domestic assault and was jailed for failing to post 10 percent of \$5,000 bail.

If he makes bail, he must abide by conditions that include taking his medication and complying with a curfew.

Trooper Steven Fauteux said in his affidavit that he charged Mr. Farley for allegedly grabbing a woman around the throat and nearly causing her to pass out during an altercation on August 1 in North Troy.

The State's Attorney brought a second, and felony, charge against Jessica Robishaw, 28, of Newport who earlier last month pled innocent to a DUI charge.

On Tuesday Ms. Robishaw was back in court to plead innocent to possessing 25 bags of heroin that weighed 200 milligrams or more.

The bags were marked "American Gangster," and some of the heroin was mixed with the drug fentanyl, according to an affidavit by State Police Trooper Callie Field.

The felony charge stems from a police investigation on February 2 at North Country Hospital, where Ms. Robishaw had been examined for allegedly driving under the influence.

At her arraignment, Ashley Montague, 31, of Newport, pled innocent to driving in Newport on June 27 after her license had been suspended (DLS).

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# Government disputed Quiros' interpretation

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the statute of limitations does not allow the SEC to ask for "disgorgement, restitution, penalties, or other monetary relief" connected to investment offerings that were made more than five years before the original complaint was filed.

In its response, the SEC said claims for disgorgement, or the repayment of stolen money, may be subject to the statute of limitations, but there is no time limit on getting an injunction against a person's activities. That, the government lawyers said, is what the SEC has sought in its suit, and there is no reason for Judge Gayles to prevent them from going forward with their case.

The SEC also said the five-year limit does not apply in this case. The government disputed Mr. Quiros' interpretation of the law, which they said starts the clock when investors are first invited to put their money into a project.

According to the SEC's lawyers, they could not have asked for disgorgement before Mr. Quiros actually got investors' cash. They said Mr. Quiros kept the clock running every time he "received ill-gotten gains."

Were the law as Mr. Quiros' lawyers said it is, the SEC would be forced to go after minor criminals because they might move on to bigger things as the time limit to charge them expired, the government's lawyers said.

If anything, the SEC lawyers were harsher in their discussion of another claim made by Mr. Quiros in his attempt to get his case thrown out of court. They said a claim that the government has to specify what disgorgement it is looking for in every count filed by the SEC is "fabricated out of whole cloth."

Government lawyers noted that Mr. Quiros'

representatives had cited no laws in his motion. That, they said, is because there is no law that backs up his claims.

SEC lawyers said they had made a number of specific allegations against Mr. Quiros. Those included a claim that he and his associates misused more than \$200-million put up by investors in his projects.

They said he "misappropriated" more than \$50-million of that money, and one of his companies, Jay Construction Management (JCM), received more than \$160-million of investors' money.

Much of that was taken in by JCM without any legitimate purpose, the SEC lawyers said.

Mr. Quiros was also accused of improperly using \$29-million to buy Jay Peak and Burke Mountain, and of using EB-5 project money to buy a New York City condominium for \$3.8-million.

SEC lawyers contradicted Mr. Quiros' claim that he could not be charged with securities fraud because he did not personally make misrepresentations to investors.

While he may not have spoken directly to investors, the government lawyers said, he remains legally responsible because he had "ultimate authority" over the offering and whether it ought to be communicated to investors.

As such, Mr. Quiros is legally the "maker" of false statements, the lawyers said. The fact that others may have also been the "makers" of statements, does not absolve Mr. Quiros of responsibility, they said.

The money in question was some of about \$350-million received from foreign investors who sought a green card and path to U.S. citizenship through the federal EB-5 visa program.

That program seeks to create jobs in

economically distressed areas by encouraging people who wish to move to the U.S. to put \$500,000 into a business that will create or preserve at least ten jobs in an economically challenged area.

EB-5 money was used to build three hotels, a water park, a skating arena, and numerous condominiums at Jay Peak and a hotel at Burke Mountain. Mr. Quiros and his associates, including Bill Stenger, formerly president of Jay Peak, also planned to build a biomedical facility in Newport using EB-5 money as well as additional amenities in Burke.

According to the SEC's civil charges, those projects and one at Jay were not finished because money was diverted either to pay for cost overruns on earlier projects, or for purposes totally unrelated to any EB-5 business.

Mr. Quiros has denied the charge. According to court filings, Mr. Stenger is negotiating a settlement with the SEC.

While the case is in court, Jay Peak, Burke Mountain, and a large number of corporations owned by Mr. Quiros are under the control of Michael Goldberg, a receiver appointed by the court.

Mr. Goldberg also has charge of Mr. Quiros' personal assets and is doling out a monthly allowance to him by direction of Judge Gayles. Mr. Goldberg is also responsible for giving Mr. Quiros access to cash for his legal defense after his lawyers' bills are approved by Judge Gayles.

According to a motion filed at the end of July, Mr. Quiros' lawyers in Florida and Vermont billed him \$640,521 for their services in the months of May and June.

Judge Gayles has yet to rule on whether those bills will be paid.

## Fraud Watch Network provides protection from scams

New frauds and scams seem to crop up daily. Identity theft, investment fraud and scams rob millions of Americans of their hard-earned money. Last year, 13 million people were the victims of identity theft alone. That's one person every two seconds.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network is arming Americans with the tools they need to spot and avoid fraud and scams so they can protect themselves and their families. The program seeks to educate the public, serve as a watchdog, and provide resources.

In the spring of 2015, AARP Vermont named Elliott Greenblott of Brattleboro as state coordinator for its Fraud Watch Network. Mr. Greenblott, a former public school teacher and administrator, has been on the job for less than a year making presentations, staffing displays, and recruiting volunteers.

"AARP Fraud Watch Network may be one of the most significant efforts in the country at combatting victimization of the public by con artists," Mr. Greenblott said. "In Vermont alone, there has been over a 250 percent increase in the number of scams reported to the office of the Vermont Attorney General, nearly 6,000 reported scams in 2015 alone — about one reported scam to every 100 residents."

He added that the number he cites is that of reported scams. Sadly, many are not reported.

"Quite often," he continued, "victims are hesitant to report their losses. This is due to many factors. Many victims are embarrassed to admit that they have lost money to fraud. Others dismiss the loss as something that happens and a lesson for the future while still others fear retribution from the person defrauding them if the incident is reported.

"We are familiar with individuals who told us that they are in fear for their lives, the lives of family members, or their property. These threats use intimidation to exert power over their victims. In the vast majority of these cases, con artists have no practical means to carry out the threats. Often they call from across the country or from locations outside the United States."

Another major concern of the AARP Fraud Watch Network is the education of the public on the perils of identity theft. "People unknowingly give away information about themselves without considering the ramifications," Mr. Greenblott continued. "So many people use social media such as Facebook to share personal information, including the names of family members, travel plans, purchases, photographs and more. Hackers have become adept at locating, copying, and selling this information to fraudsters."

In addition, many, according to Mr. Greenblott, take unnecessary risks with critical information. As a presenter, he often begins a

discussion at a senior center by asking those present how many are carrying their Medicare card. Those present are told that this is probably one of the most dangerous practices. Medicare cards display the holder's Social Security number, what Mr. Greenblott calls "the key to the kingdom. A Medicare card in a wallet or purse containing a drivers license, checkbook, and credit cards gives a thief all the information necessary to access bank accounts, change personal identity access, and completely steal an individual's identity."

Fraud Watch Network is increasing its activities in Bennington and Windham counties. There are presentations scheduled for Bennington, Brattleboro, Manchester, and other locations in Southern Vermont.

"Our biggest effort today is the registration of people to receive fraud watch alerts and to gain more volunteers for the program," Mr. Greenblott said. Registration can take place at any AARP Fraud Watch Network events and displays or by going on-line to [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork). Those interested in becoming program volunteers can contact Mr. Greenblott at [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org), or by contacting the AARP Vermont office at (866) 227-7451. — from AARP Vermont.



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# District consolidation was not popular in Maine

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research, by scholars, journalists, and educators. And the optimistic answer, the one that puts consolidation in the best light possible, is maybe.

According to the National Education Policy Center in Colorado, mandatory consolidation hasn't been considered a good idea for decades. Despite its theoretical potential, it doesn't tend to deliver. In fact, the policy center report goes so far as to say that district consolidation, especially if it leads to closing and merging schools, can do more harm than good.

Report after report, looking at consolidation in several states, indicates that overall savings often fall well short of what was anticipated, and that educational outcomes improve only under certain circumstances. They also say that forced consolidation, state-mandated, is a very bad way to go about it, often resulting in shotgun marriages and resentment from the get go.

"Research on the effects of contemporary consolidation suggests that new consolidation is likely to result in neither greater efficiency nor better instructional outcomes – especially when it results from state policy that implements large-scale forced consolidation," the authors of the National Education Policy Center report wrote. They say research has found that "larger school and district sizes are associated with reduced rates of student participation, more dangerous school environments, lower graduation rates, and larger achievement gaps along lines of poverty, race and gender."

A multitude of problems have cropped up. For one, while district consolidation appears to save money through centralization of services, what often occurs is that the central office workload increases and mid-level managers are hired. In most cases of consolidation, if there have been savings, they have come from having fewer superintendents. In Orleans County, no superintendents would be cut.

In 2007, Maine passed a sweeping consolidation law, the goal being to cut its 290 school districts to 80. As in Vermont, Maine had a declining student population, and also like Vermont, it funds education through property taxes.

Five years after the law passed, reporter Gillian Graham looked at the results. Her story

concludes: "An analysis by the *Maine Sunday Telegram* five years after the law took effect found that combined districts did achieve modest administrative savings, but that the average district did not reduce overall spending or pass

*"As many of our districts consolidated, now the superintendent's job is more rigorous, and the superintendent asked for a bigger salary and needed an assistant. Some of that work got pushed down to the principals."*

savings along to taxpayers."

Maine's law, like Vermont's, was designed to reduce costs by creating bigger, more efficient school districts and to improve educational opportunities. According to a Maine Department of Education chart, in 2006-2007, prior to consolidation, the central administration cost per pupil was \$530. By 2012-2013, that had dropped to \$361 per pupil.

However, overall education costs per pupil didn't follow suit. In 2006-2007 the overall per pupil cost was \$11,059. That spiked in the post-consolidation school year of 2009-2010 to \$12,408, dropping to \$11,693 in 2012-2013 — a number a little higher than the peak pre-consolidation per pupil rate of \$11,059.

In some cases consolidation did save money, and most of the 127 communities that merged to comply with the law had, five years later, stuck with the new, bigger districts, Ms. Graham wrote.

But not all. Some merged districts disintegrated after member towns voted to opt out, in many cases because they resented the loss of local control.

Her conclusions were that most consolidated

districts reduced the costs of central administration, such as superintendents and their staff, but the average district used that savings to cover other costs, such as expanding programs.

"While some say freeing up administrative spending for education was a key goal of the law, others say the failure to provide tangible tax relief in many districts added to the sense of disappointment about mergers," she wrote.

The breakup of mergers was largely due to political tensions, Ms. Graham wrote. "A desire to restore local control over budgets and school operations has doomed a number of arranged marriages."

Speaking by phone recently, Ms. Graham said consolidation was not popular in Maine, and some districts merged simply because of the penalties attached if they didn't. Some never liked it, and liked it less as time went on and they realized they had lost control of their school.

The situation has since settled down, she said. But neither the tax savings nor significant improvement in education materialized. "My sense is that, for the average Mainer, there wasn't much difference for their kids," Ms. Graham said.

Janet Fairman, an associate research professor at the University of Maine, has co-authored two studies on the effects of consolidation in that state.

"Pretty much all states are doing it for the same reason, to save money and with the idea that if they consolidate, they will have more resources to provide more equitable educational programs so communities won't vary so much," Ms. Fairman said by phone last week.

"The upshot of what we found in Maine is that there were districts that reported costs savings primarily because they had fewer superintendent salaries," she said. "However, some of the districts decided to use that cost savings to upgrade programs or hire. And the new consolidated districts then had to renegotiate across the whole group and that leveled up teacher salaries."

"Also, as many of our districts consolidated, now the superintendent's job is more rigorous, and the superintendent asked for a bigger salary and needed an assistant. Some of that work got

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# Bigger districts led to unanticipated costs

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pushed down to the principals. Now we're having a struggle getting principals because there's so much work. So it's pushed down to teachers. I do think there's been cost savings, but also increased costs that were not anticipated."

As far as better education goes, that hasn't been looked at closely in Maine since 2009, Ms. Fairman said. And the initial research looked primarily at high schools. In some areas, there were two or three high schools, she said, and the thinking was that one could be turned into a school that emphasized STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) while another could be more focused on arts and humanities.

She said she does not know if that was implemented, but sharing was. Students at one high school could take classes at another, or use distance learning — much as Lake Region Union High School students can avail themselves of the North Country Career Center, or advanced courses at a state college.

Sharing costs were another problem in Maine, Ms. Fairman said. School districts that had carefully maintained their buildings were not happy about having to pay for repairs at a less well-maintained school, or thrilled by taking on another school's debt.

"That was a big issue — they haven't taken care of their buildings, we do," she said. "Generally, that was a big stumbling point."

Vermont's law also calls for shared costs within a consolidated district. For instance, if Irasburg needed a bigger school, all the schools within the district would pay for renovations or construction.

Withdrawing from a district couldn't happen for three years in Maine, Ms. Fairman said. And even then it wasn't easy.

"It's quite a cumbersome process," she said. "And it's ongoing," she added, meaning that even now consolidated districts are considering parting ways. "You have to go through a multi-step process to get out of the district. I haven't seen these groups totally disintegrate, but certain communities have peeled off."

Some never complied with the law in the first place, although it's still on the books, Ms. Fairman said.

"In Maine, there were districts that held out even though there was a threat. Some never complied, they gambled that this was an unpopular law, and it will change. And they were right. It's a strategic and smart response sometimes. We know public policies come and go.

"I think that Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire are very similar in that they are rural and value their schools," Ms. Fairman said. "They worry about losing local control. They knew that when they had a regional school board they would have less of a vote, and that's a very real thing."

Ron Michaud was mayor of Saco, Maine, at the time consolidation was first proposed. "We eventually went through consolidation," he said. "We ended up getting out."

Saco consolidated with two other communities, Dayton and Old Orchard Beach, which were geographically close together and had close ties. Old Orchard Beach is now the one remaining school in what is still a consolidated, district but in name only.

Mr. Michaud laid much of the blame for disintegration on the state's funding formula, which was complex, and failed to follow through

on its promises, he said. In the end, Saco felt it was left paying the lion's share of district costs without getting a proportionate amount of services, he said.

He believes there are potential savings in district consolidation, but they come out of administrative costs, as in eliminating a superintendent and the corresponding office and its staff.

Vermont's supervisory union structure is quite different from the education system in Maine, which Mr. Michaud characterized as "a mishmash."

"It sounds like you're well beyond where we were," he said when Orleans County's supervisory unions were explained.

Without eliminating superintendents and their offices, "I don't see any value at all," he said.

*The schools "knew that when they had a regional school board they would have less of a vote, and that's a very real thing."*

"You have to eliminate overhead."

If there are two school systems with two superintendents, two central offices with support staff, and you eliminate one, you should save money, Mr. Michaud said. "If you get rid of 50 percent of those duplicates, you do save money on that overhead. But can one individual consolidate and do the work? If he's already working full-time, you're not going to save anything."

As far as increasing educational opportunity goes, he said his own district didn't hold together long enough to come up with an answer to that question.

According to both Ms. Fairman and Ms. Graham, there were some improvements in educational equity after consolidation. Some districts saw expanded kindergarten and gifted and talented programs, for instance.

One of Ms. Fairman's reports says that, in the 24 districts studied, two moved all students in middle grades into an existing middle school. One changed the structure of all schools, creating four school levels — kindergarten through second

grade, third- and fourth-grade, middle school, and high school. The rationale was that, if all students in the same grades were in the same school with the same teachers, the same curriculum, and the same amount of teacher time, they would enter high school at an equal level.

However, administrators described moving students as incredibly painful, her report says. And there were detractors.

"Administrators described communities resistant to these reconfigurations, some because of the added burden on students to be educated farther from home, others because they worried that moving students portended school closure in the future," Ms. Fairman's report says. "Communities also lamented the loss of middle school sports and tradition in the sending communities."

There's a long history of consolidation in the country. Once, there were one-room schoolhouses with one teacher for all grades. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 117,108 school districts provided elementary and secondary education in 1939 and 1940. By 2006-2007, that number had dropped to 13,862.

"The main justification for school district consolidation has long been that it is a way to cut costs," says a 2011 report written by William Duncombe and John Yinger. The report was issued by the School Superintendents Association. The authors are both professors at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and have studied the economics of size in public education.

"Those cost savings arise, the argument goes, because the provision of education is characterized by economies of size, which exist whenever the cost of education per pupil declines as the number of pupils goes up."

In other words, we're not talking here about overall school spending but what it costs to educate one student, and that obviously gets more expensive as enrollment declines. At least to some extent. And bigger districts, in theory, may be able to employ more specialized teachers to provide a wide range of courses, the report says.

"Although these arguments make a lot of sense, some factors cut in the other direction," the Duncombe and Yinger report says. "First, consolidated school districts usually make use of larger schools, which implies that average

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# Some Maine districts have deconsolidated

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transportation distance must increase. As a result, consolidation might increase a district's transportation spending per pupil."

And there are other considerations, the report says. Administrators and teachers may have a more positive attitude about teaching in a small school, and parents tend to be more comfortable interacting in a small school, as well.

Interesting, the Duncombe and Yinger study says that history indicates that consolidation decreases property values by about \$3,000 on average.

"The existing property-value studies do not indicate exactly which features of consolidation are negatively valued by households, but they do show that negatively valued features exist.

"Debates about school district consolidation often involve a great deal of heat and not much light," the report says. "Recent research can bring some light to bear on this issue by identifying the circumstances under which consolidation can take advantage of economies of size, by identifying the adjustment costs that may accompany consolidation, by measuring the value that voters place on the non-cost impact of consolidation, and by identifying the circumstances under which consolidation is likely to be accepted by voters."

The National Education Policy

Center report says, "Arguments for consolidation, which merges school or districts and centralizes their management, rest primarily on two presumed benefits: (1) fiscal efficiency and (2) higher educational quality. Because economic crises often provoke calls for consolidation as a means of increasing government efficiency, the contemporary interest in consolidation is not surprising.

"However, the review of research evidence detailed in this brief suggests that a century of consolidation has already produced most of the efficiencies obtainable."

In other words, the low hanging fruit was picked a long time ago.

Likely the most famous report of the time of heaviest consolidation was a 1959 book by James Conant called *The American High School Today*. Mr. Conant argued that schools needed at least 400 students in grades kindergarten through 12 to offer a comprehensive curriculum.

"The last major report to argue for larger sizes for districts or schools, however, appeared in 1970," the National Education Policy Center report says. "Since that time — that is, subsequent to the aggressive consolidation of the American K-12 system — the contemporary research, as a body and almost to a study, has not recommended consolidation either to save tax dollars or to improve the outcomes or quality of schooling. Indeed, in the past 25 years, five state-level studies (in Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, and North Carolina) reached this conclusion."

The report notes that, of course there is a difference between school consolidation and district consolidation — and it's the latter that has been mandated in Vermont. But, it says, consolidated districts often close schools down the road, and they often add staff. "Very large districts employ large central office staffs — a significant diseconomy of scale..."

"Research also suggests that

impoverished regions in particular often benefit from smaller schools and districts, and they can suffer irreversible damage if consolidation occurs."

In summary, that report says claims about benefits of consolidation should be closely questioned. "What reason is there to expect substantial improvements, given that current research suggests that savings for taxpayers, fiscal efficiencies, and curricular improvement are unlikely?"

"Research on the effects of contemporary consolidation suggests that new consolidation is likely to result in neither greater efficiency nor better instructional outcomes — especially when it results from state policy that implements large scale forced consolidation. The window of opportunity for useful state-level efficiencies seems to have closed because the desired systemic benefits were substantially realized in earlier consolidation pushes."

When district consolidation does eventually lead to closing schools, the research gets gloomy indeed, the National Education Policy report says.

One study found that increasing the size of Indiana elementary schools lowered student achievement significantly. Poor and minority populations tend to be "inordinately and negatively affected" by forced consolidation, it says.

"The influence of school and district consolidations on the vitality and well-being of communities may be the most dramatic result, if the one least discussed by politicians or education leaders. Put simply, the loss of a school erodes a community's social and economic base — its sense of community, identity and democracy — and the loss permanently diminishes the community itself, sometimes to the verge of abandonment. The comparative silence surrounding this issue is likely the result of its frequent rural character — the block of affected voters is both

numerically small and politically and economically insignificant."

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative agency of the Pennsylvania's General Assembly, also did a study called "Is Bigger Better? A Comparison of Rural School Districts."

"Overall, the research did not find any evidence to support the notion that bigger districts are better districts, in terms of costs, administration or academic achievement in rural Pennsylvania," it says.

"The major premise behind the school district consolidation movement is one of cost efficiency or 'economies of scale.'" However, from this study, the researcher did not find any evidence to support the concept of economics of scale."

Nor did the study support the notion that big districts provide more and better curriculum than small school districts.

It goes on to say that benefits might occur in an urban setting, but are less likely in a rural one.

"Certainly, such benefits have not been witnessed in this study," it says.

And then there is the Nebraska study conducted by three University of Nebraska professors.

"Consolidated schools weaken the bonds between rural youth and their hometowns," it says, "making it more likely that they will migrate elsewhere as adults — and the population declines even further."

"Sentimentality ought not to guide public policy. Some of the appeal of rural schools might derive from the positive images of bygone days that we can conjure up: the one-room schoolhouse a la Little House on the Prairie. But the value of rural schools is not found in their quaintness; the value of rural schools is found in the contributions that they make to the life of their community, and the contributions that their students make, when their schooling grounds them in their place."

## Living the Good Life at Barton library

*Living the Good Life*, a documentary about Helen and Scott Nearing, will be presented at the Barton Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 5. There will be discussion of the film with Scott Nearing's granddaughter Elka Schumann. Free, light refreshments will be available. — submitted by Adrien Helm.



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# Meters would cost \$421,000

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pay for the purchase of the meters, and city employees would install most of them.

Ms. Dolgin said each meter costs about \$350. If the city buys all 1,200 at one time it will need to spend about \$421,000, she said.

While workers from the city's water and sewer department can perform several normal meter installations a day, some homes present difficulties that need the expertise of a plumber.

The committee estimated that as many as one-quarter of the city's homes might require such services, and suggested setting aside another \$21,000 to pay for them.

Should a home's plumbing be in such rough shape that serious repairs must be made before a meter can be attached, the homeowner would be responsible for the cost of such work, Ms. Dolgin said.

Pedro Grondin of the water department said only two of the 110 homes that got test meters needed those kinds of repairs.

Alderman John Wilson said he worries that the kind of people who live in older houses with plumbing problems are likely to be older folks on a fixed income.

He said he does not want such people to find themselves on the hook for expensive repairs.

Alderman Steven Vincent reminded Mr. Wilson that no one will be required to get a meter, so those homeowners need not spend the money unless they want to. Mr. Vincent said such senior citizens are likely to be frugal water users and could benefit greatly by paying only for what they use.

Mr. Grondin said his crew usually visits a home a day or so before installing a meter to check for potential problems. They would tell a homeowner if they found the need for serious repairs.

The committee looked at different ways of paying for the program. It rejected the current system of requiring residents to pay for the meters and also depending



Pedro Grondin of Newport's water department shows off an example of the meters that a committee wants to offer at no cost to city residents. Mr. Grondin said the meters do not broadcast information about a homeowner's water use except in response to a signal from the city's meter reader. Photo by Joseph Gresser

on grants to pay for them.

Those grant programs that might pay for installing meters generally require expensive studies and demand that outside contractors be hired to do the installation, Ms. Dolgin said.

Bonding is not a good option for a relatively small amount of money, she said.

The three remaining options were short- and long-term borrowing, and attempting to proceed using the city's current

resources.

Ms. Dolgin suggested the city could go forward and install a number of meters on a first-come-first-served basis over the next year. The water department is down one employee due to a retirement, she said, and the \$50,000 or so Newport can save by not replacing him right away could be used to pay for putting in meters.

The city could judge the success of the program and then decide whether to borrow money to finish

the metering process.

If the council decides to go ahead with metering more city homes, it might be able to keep better track of where water is going in Newport.

Currently, only 400 homes, apartments, and businesses are metered, Ms. Dolgin said. Those meters let the city know exactly where some of the 640,000 gallons a day produced by its wells is going. Another 382,000 gallons are not tracked by meters.

While it is possible that all of that water is going to homes in the city, it's likely that a significant amount is being lost through leaks, Ms. Dolgin said.

Mr. Grondin said meters can help track water loss by alerting meter readers to intermittent and constant leaks in homes. The water department can use that information to let homeowners know of a potential problem, saving them money and saving water, too.

The aldermen decided to consider the committee's ideas for a few weeks and discuss them further at their next meeting, scheduled for August 22.

## Dailey library craft fair Aug. 6

The Dailey Memorial Library will hold a summer arts and crafts fair on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the green in front of the junior high school in Derby. It will include many well known Vermont artisans.

The library will also hold its annual book sale on August 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a tag sale will be held on the site. As a complement to these events, the Dailey Library will have a pig roast barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the proceeds going to support the library's capital campaign. — from the Dailey Memorial Library

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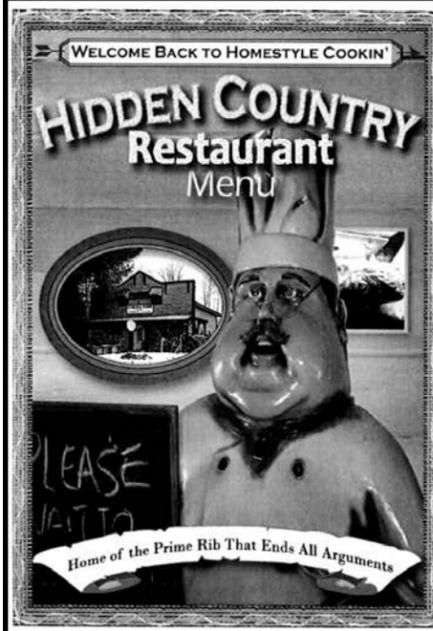


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# Rights-of-way won't be taxed

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the process were reconciled for tax purposes, but no changes have been made to legal boundaries.

"Even in the village, lot lines don't always match," Mr. Young said.

And rights-of-way for town roads have been taken off everyone's taxable land. Before, about half the landowners in Glover were paying taxes on town rights-of-way, Mr. Gibson said.

"People still technically own land to the middle of the road," Mr. Young said. "But they can't do anything with it, so they shouldn't pay taxes on it."

There's an old saying that if Vermont were flattened out, it would be the size of Texas, Mr. Gibson said.

That may be a bit of an exaggeration, but for hundreds of years, mapmakers and surveyors have wrestled with the challenge of measuring hilly land and drawing the results on flat paper.

Added to that, many early boundaries were defined by trees that are gone, roads that have moved, or rivers that have shifted.

Famously in Vermont, when early maps were laid one over the other, there were four gaps in measurements of town lines — three of them in the Northeast Kingdom. Since state and town maps were already drawn, those holes in the map were filled in with what are known as the "unincorporated towns and gores."

Surveyors have the same problems when it comes to property lines within a town. Old methods of measuring sloping land and hand calculating the acreage were notoriously inaccurate, Mr. Gibson said.

Often the surveys used landmarks that are now gone. And it's hit or miss whether surveyors put in metal pegs at property corners over the years.

Many early property transactions weren't even surveyed, Mr. Young said. Maybe someone bought the land between the riverbank and the ridgeline. The supposed acreage was eyeballed and the parties agreed to a best guess about the size of the parcel, describing it in language like "a hundred acres more or less."

Sometimes the deed for a subsequent sale simply describes the parcel being sold as "the same as the land I bought," Mr. Young said.

So even though the town of Glover is supposed to be six miles on a side, the acreage within those boundaries has never matched up to the number you'd get with any strict mathematical calculation.

"We were aware that a lot of deeds weren't accurate," Mr. Young said with classic understatement.

One landowner thought he owned ten acres and learned that his lot actually measures a little over four and a half acres.

The smallest lot size change was about five hundredths of an acre.

Eventually, land boundaries may be accurately tied to GPS coordinates, but that's still in the future.

For now, the best way to determine legal boundaries for a piece of land is to get a modern survey.

"A survey trumps everything," Mr. Gibson said.

But surveys are expensive — thousands of dollars just for a town lot, Mr. Gibson said.

It's unlikely that anyone affected by the changes to the Glover tax map would ever save enough in taxes to cover the cost of a survey, he said.

What happens to properties that dropped below the size threshold for the Current Use Program?

The Current Use Program will use the new mapping, Mr. Young said.

The listers didn't know which properties in Current Use might have dropped below the required acreage as a result of the remapping.

But they did know of one property that may lose Current Use status because what was thought to be a single big field is cut in two by an old driveway or road that deed research shows was sold to a neighboring property owner, not simply deeded as a right-of-way.

How should landowners describe a piece of property they are listing for sale in the future? Should they use the old acreage or the new?

"They really should use the new number," Mr. Gibson said. "That's what will be on the tax map. But it's kind of up to the individual."

"These maps are primarily for property tax appraisal purposes and are not intended for use to establish legal boundaries," the official notice mailed out by the Glover Board of Listers says. "Our work changes nothing on the ground, only our estimate of the size of your property."

Changes will go into effect for the 2017 tax year.

No local tax money was used for the remapping, Lister Dennis Gibson said.

The state gives towns money every year for maintaining property records. Glover usually manages to save most of that money. It got a grant to cover the rest of the cost, Mr. Gibson said.

Although the official notice asks property owners to request changes to the map by August 11, that's not really a hard deadline, Mr. Young said.

The project has been a back and forth process with CAI, Mr. Gibson said.

After CAI came up with its first map of Glover, the listers researched the conflicts, reconciled them, and CAI drew up a new map.

Now landowner input will be used to come up with an even more accurate map.

It's a process that's likely to go on awhile.

Landowners with questions about the changes are urged to come to the town office on Monday mornings to meet with the listers.

At least one lister will usually be in the office between 10 a.m. and noon on Mondays.

Around 30 to 35 people have already come in to ask questions.

Reactions have been mixed.

"Some want to know when they get their rebate for the years they were paying taxes on the town right-of-way," Mr. Young said.

"The answer is never," Mr. Gibson said. "No town could run that way."

Besides, he said, the actual acreage is only one factor in the value of a piece of land. Everything from location to view to the quality of the structure on a property affects its value.

"Some are just pleased because now they know what they have," Lister Ned Andrews said.

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Saturday, August 20 — Craftsbury

Saturday, August 27 — St. Johnsbury

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## School news

### UVM dean's list

The following local students have been named to the spring dean's list at the University of Vermont (UVM) in Burlington:

Meghan Brown of Craftsbury, a public communications major; Anna Ghelli of Newport, a dietetics nutrition and food sciences major; Jared Wiggett of Barton, a physics major; Erin Spoerl of Lowell, a film and television studies major; Kira Capaldi of Newport, a film and television studies major; Adam Viens of Newport, a biochemistry major; Anne Arcoleo of Newport, a philosophy major; Allison Piette of Irasburg, a secondary education-language major; Edward Dewees of Irasburg, a mechanical engineering major; Harrison Fromm of Irasburg, a mechanical engineering major; and Nathaniel Launer of Greensboro, an environmental sciences major. — from UVM.

### Bowman places second in state contest

Madison Bowman, a fourth-grader at the Coventry Village School, took second place in her age category in the 2016 Vermont Poster and Essay Contest.

The annual contest is organized by the Vermont Secretary of State's office. This year, there were over 100 entries. — from the Vermont Secretary of State's office.  
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### Keene State College dean's list

Joseph Erwin of Derby Line, Tristan Slicer of Beebe Plain, and Tyrah Urie of West Glover were named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Keene

State College in Keene, New Hampshire. — from Keene State College.

### Gaboriault named to dean's list

Connor Gaboriault of Barton has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at the University of Maine at Farmington. — from the University of Maine at Farmington.

### Racine graduates from Tufts

More than 3,000 students graduated from Tufts University, in Medford, Massachusetts, on May 22 during a commencement ceremony, with actor and comedian Hank Azaria, a Tufts alumnus, as the speaker.

The graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included Rohan Racine of Barton with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. — from Tufts University.

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## School news

### Adam Messier named to LSC president's list

Adam Messier of Newport has been named to the president's list for the spring 2016 semester.

For inclusion on the president's list, students have to complete at least 15 letter-graded credits with no incomplete or failing grades, grades in at least four different courses, and have a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. — from Lyndon State College.

### Johnson State College dean's list

The following students made the spring 2016 dean's list at Johnson State College (JSC) in Johnson: Justin Healy of Barton, a junior; Corrina Skorker of Barton, a junior; Emily Jones of Craftsbury, a senior; Jason Martin of Craftsbury, a senior; Alexander Vetere of Craftsbury Common, a sophomore; Morgan Greene of Derby, a freshman; Brandon Malshuk of Derby, a senior; Chelsea Bianchi of Derby Line, a sophomore; Phoenix Alix of Jay, a sophomore; Miranda Ovitt of Montgomery, a junior; Katlin Parenteau of Newport Center, a senior; Brittany Chase of Orleans, a sophomore; Sabrina Roberge of Orleans, a sophomore; Melina LeMay of Troy, a senior; Emily Mixon of West Charleston, a sophomore; and Mariah Bradley of West Glover, a junior. — from JSC.

### Roy makes dean's list

Nicole Roy of Newport was named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Class of 2018. — from Assumption College.

### Tufts dean's list

Caitlin Porrazzo of Greensboro and Rohan Racine of Barton were named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

### Champlain College president's list

Tyler Leno of Orleans and Laura Smith of Newport have been named to the Champlain College president's list for achieving a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher in the spring 2016 semester.

Mr. Leno is majoring in computer and digital forensics. Ms. Smith is majoring in business administration. — from Champlain College.

### Champlain College dean's list

The following students have been named to the Champlain College dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the spring 2016 semester:

Mark Christiaanse of Newport; Allison Greenwood of Troy; Dustin Lapierre of Barton; Joseph Morrill of West Glover; Bailey Swartz of Orleans; and Brandon Szych-Brown of Newport. — from Champlain College.

### Dudley named to VTC president's list

Patricia Dudley from Glover has been named to the president's list at Vermont Technical College for the spring 2016 semester. — from Vermont Technical College.

**MICHAUD MEMORIAL MANOR**, operated by Vermont Catholic Charities, is seeking to hire a **Part-time LPN** to help care for our residents at our Level III Residential Care Home. This position requires a high level of care and compassion to provide direct patient care, a high level of communication, and strong organizational skills. Our residents and staff are wonderful to work with and provide a great working atmosphere! Candidates must have a willingness to promote the vision, mission, and values of our home. If interested, please contact Billie Jo Abbott, Director of Nursing, at 802-873-3152.

### LNA Positions Available

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Call **Rhonda Smith, DNS**, at **(802) 754-8575**  
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MAPLE LANE NURSING HOME  
60 Maple Lane  
Barton, VT 05822

Also accepting Per Diem applications.

### LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching Position for Spring 2017:

#### Varsity Baseball Coach

Interested persons should contact:

**James Ingalls, Director of Athletics.**

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, coaching resumé, and three current letters of reference.

Mail all documents to:

ATTN: **James Ingalls, Director of Athletics**

Lake Region Union High School

317 Lake Region Road

Orleans, VT 05860

E.O.E./Background Check Required.

Open until filled.

# JOBS



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Butterworks Farm is looking for a reliable, motivated and energetic individual to **milk** and do other **farm work** 30-40 hours a week. Must be a team player, love cows, and be available evenings. Some experience operating equipment is a plus. Call 802-744-6023, or e-mail [orders@butterworksfarm.com](mailto:orders@butterworksfarm.com) for an application.

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5 Short Bluff Road, Newport, VT 05855,  
or: [office@raboincpa.com](mailto:office@raboincpa.com).

**CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMERS**  
Work from now until Dec. 10th, part- or full-time, at the Fontaine Tree Farms in Greensboro Bend, VT. Pay rate pays according to experience. Call Claude at 802-274-6363 (cell), or 802-533-7195 (home).

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CCCC is resident focused and strives to create a positive, home-like environment. We offer flexible scheduling, paid time off and a collaborative working environment. These positions require positive communication skills and a desire to provide care in the best interest of our residents. If interested in joining our team, please e-mail your letter of interest and resumé to [cpohlmanccccenter@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cpohlmanccccenter@myfairpoint.net) or call 586-2414.

### LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL HEAD CUSTODIAN POSITION

Start date: September 6, 2016.

Full time, 40 hours/week, with benefits according to the Master Agreement.

Submit letter of interest, resumé, and 3 current letters of recommendation to:

Lake Region Union High School  
Andre Messier, Principal  
317 Lake Region Road  
Orleans, VT 05860

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### LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching Position for Fall 2016:

#### Boys JV Soccer Coach

Position begins in August.

Interested persons should contact:

**James Ingalls, Director of Athletics.**

Applicants must submit three letters of reference, resumé, and a letter of interest.

Mail all documents to:

ATTN: **James Ingalls, Director of Athletics**

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**Asack & Son Tree Farm is hiring for August seedling planting.**

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Immediate opening for production workers. This is a full-time position, Monday-thursday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Includes full benefits package, along with quarterly game incentives. Please apply at House of Troy, 902 Silver Ridge Road, Hyde Park.

**HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Holland, VT**

**IMMEDIATE VACANCY NOTICE  
CUSTODIAN POSITION**

Holland Elementary School has an opening for a year-round custodian to work 25 hours per week beginning immediately. Hours of work are in the evening, but can be during the day during the school breaks.

Requirements include: prior housekeeping or commercial cleaning experience, knowledge of boiler systems and small maintenance jobs, and the ability to lift a minimum of 45 pounds.

Salary & Benefits: as per Support Staff Master Agreement.

Interested persons must submit a letter of interest, including references and forward it to:

Kelli Dean, Principal  
Holland Elementary School  
26 School Road  
Derby Line, VT 05830

Application Deadline: Application screening process will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

Criminal Record and Child Abuse/Neglect Registry Checks are required.

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Position for a Long Term Substitute  
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Qualifications:

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- Valid Vermont teaching license.
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- Strong knowledge of special education law and process.
- Strong knowledge and ability to implement specialized programs in core academic subjects.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Complete application at:

[www.SchoolSpring.com](http://www.SchoolSpring.com), at Job #2693811 or send letter of interest, resumé, license/endorsement, complete application, and three current letters of recommendation to:

Kathy Poginy  
Director of Special Services  
COFEC  
130 Kinsey Rd., Barton, VT 05822  
E.O.E.

**Assistant Principal  
Barton Academy and Graded School**

Barton Academy and Graded School, located in the scenic Northeast Kingdom, is seeking a dynamic educator to serve as assistant principal of the K-8 school with a population of over 140 students. Candidates should be experienced educators, with a proven track record of successfully working collaboratively with teachers in a team approach using data to improve instruction, student performance, and school climate.

Qualifications: At least five years successful experience in teaching and/or school administration, knowledge of current research and best practice regarding school climate, classroom management, instruction, and assessment, a Vermont license in school administration, and the ability to work in and encourage collaborative relationship.

This position will start immediately upon hire.

Interested candidates are asked to apply through [www.SchoolSpring.com](http://www.SchoolSpring.com), or submit a letter of interest, resumé, transcripts, proof of licensure, and three current letters of recommendation, ASAP to:

Robert Partridge, Principal  
Barton Academy and Graded School  
P. O. Box 588  
Barton, VT 05822  
[bparridge@ocsu.org](mailto:bparridge@ocsu.org)

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*(Residential Level III Care Facility)*  
Is seeking an enthusiastic, caring

**Part-Time Registered Nurse**

with experience in elder care to work a minimum of two days a week plus on call.

CCCC is resident-focused, and strives to create a positive, home-like environment. We offer flexible scheduling, paid time off, and a collaborative working environment.

The position requires leadership, positive communication skills, and desire to advocate for the best interest of our residents.

If interested in joining our team, please e-mail your letter of interest and resumé to: [cpohlmanccccenter@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cpohlmanccccenter@myfairpoint.net) or call 586-2414.

**Business Manager**



Green Mountain Farm-to-School, a nonprofit organization based in Newport, seeks a highly detail-oriented and organized individual to manage the financial activities of the organization. The Business Manager reports to the Executive Director and plays a critical role in supporting a rapidly growing nonprofit organization.

Complete job description at [www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org](http://www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org).

To apply: submit a cover letter, resumé, and three references to: [jobs@gmfts.org](mailto:jobs@gmfts.org). No phone calls please. Position open until filled. E.O.E.

**POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY!  
Regional Prevention Partnerships  
Coordinator**

North Country Hospital's is looking for a full-time coordinator to oversee the Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP) grant for the Newport Health Service Area. This position will be responsible for providing leadership and direction for the 5 year grant funded RPP initiative, with goals to reduce underage drinking, marijuana and prescription drug misuse among persons aged 12 to 25 years old in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.

The Regional Prevention Partnerships Coordinator will work collaboratively with other community initiatives already in progress to develop a regional substance abuse prevention plan, ensuring completion of the grant requirements; provide grant related program activities as needed, including programmatic, budgetary, and sub-recipient agreement activities.

**Job requirements:** Master's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Education or relevant field preferred, as well as demonstrated abilities to problem solve, multi-task, follow through, work with a variety of organizations and community members. Will consider candidates with a bachelor's degree.

North Country Hospital offers generous paid time off, great benefits, and there are no holidays or night shifts with this position. North Country Hospital supports professional growth through certifications and continuing education.

Please visit North Country Hospital's career opportunities online at [www.northcountryhospital.org](http://www.northcountryhospital.org) to review additional information for this opportunity.

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  
Telephone: 802-334-3210, ext. 407  
E-mail: [troyer@nchsi.org](mailto:troyer@nchsi.org)

**NEWPORT CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
IMMEDIATE VACANCIES  
PRE-K CLASSROOM PARAEDUCATOR (1)  
ONE ON ONE PARAEDUCATORS (3)**

Newport City Elementary School is looking for four (4) paraeducators, school session. All positions are for 6.5 hours a day. Previous experience preferred.

Candidate must meet the district's requirements of 48 college credits or paraeducator certificate and portfolio, or successfully passing the para pro test.

Specific Position Requirements/Qualifications: Strong communication and organizational skills, ability to work effectively within a team environment, and a willingness to participate in training opportunities. Having a strong physical stamina, positive energetic attitude, and a willingness and experience to work with students is a must. Preferred candidates for the one-on-one positions would have experience with effective behavior intervention, such as CPI.

Salary & Benefits: Salary will be based on experience and benefits are per the support staff policy.

Submit letter of interest, resumé listing 3 references (or 3 current letters or reference), or complete an NCSU application and submit to:

Theresa Perrault, Administrative Assistant  
Newport City Elementary School  
166 Sias Ave.  
Newport, VT 05855  
or e-mail to: [theresa.perrault@ncsuvt.org](mailto:theresa.perrault@ncsuvt.org).

Applications are available at Newport City Elementary School office or the North Country Supervisory Union office.

Deadline: The application screening process will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

Criminal Record Background and Child Abuse/Neglect Registry Checks are required.

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**Essential duties/responsibilities:** Plan and execute new processes, procedures, and best practices within the department; training and developing people in order to help them improve their jobs; coordinating people to achieve daily and weekly goals; ensure inspection of materials, products and equipment to detect defects and quality issues; participate on the operations team; enforce safety procedures and policies and ensure a safe work environment free of hazards; set and monitor production standards to ensure maximum efficiency, capacity, and productivity to meet the customer requirements and on time delivery; analyze production schedules and other reports in order to determine production requirements.

**Job requirements:** 3+ years work experience in a manufacturing environment in an industrial paint, stain or finishing department, must be highly organized, self-starter and proficient in planning and executing, strong leadership and team building skills, strong interpersonal and communication skills, general understanding of lean manufacturing, computer skills that include using Microsoft Word and Excel. Ability to work overtime as needed.

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**Essential Duties/Responsibilities:** Work from productions sheets, specifications, and color codes, verbal and written instructions/information. Prepare and clean items and surfaces to be finished. Uniformly apply coatings to parts and furniture using care to avoid over spraying/coating and to obtain a smooth, covered and even surface free from runs and thin spots. Repeat operations as necessary to obtain desired effect. Visually check finished items for holes, runs, bare spots, proper coverage. Refinish and touch up as required. Ensure the proper movement of finished goods to inspection or shipping area; cleaning and maintenance of spray application equipment, booths, filters, protective clothing, and equipment according to established practices.

**Job Requirements:** 1-3 years of experience in finishing of wood products or related experience preferred.

**Benefits Package includes:** Medical, dental, vision, short-term disability, and 401k upon eligibility.

Interested candidates may submit their resumé to: [jobs@builtbynewport.com](mailto:jobs@builtbynewport.com) or, submit your application in person at: 450 Main St., Newport, VT 05855.

Deadline for applications is August 19, 2016.

# Stormchasing: you win some, you lose some

by Steve Maleski

May 25, mid-afternoon, and we are east of Newton, Kansas, in the middle of a slim wedge of very unstable air extruded northward from a reservoir of moist, hot tropical air resident over east Texas and eastern Oklahoma. The tip of the wedge is near Manhattan, Kansas, about 100 miles farther north. A weak outflow boundary left by thunderstorms the previous day is in the vicinity; farther north is a warm front. Both boundaries will provide lift and low-level turning of the wind field that will be adequate to support supercells. The bigger question is: Which boundary should we focus on?

Early in the morning, at our hotel in Pratt, we had pored over surface observations, satellite imagery, and model output when considering the question. It had become evident that while the lower atmosphere would become very unstable in the wedge, there would be a substantial cap — a layer of warm, dry air several thousand feet above the surface suppressing the development of



Garrett Gwiazda stands in a field near Enterprise, Kansas with an EF-4 tornado visible in the background.

thunderstorms — that would be difficult to overcome. Only the most vigorous updrafts would be able to break through that cap during late afternoon at the time of peak heating, and the best chance for that to happen appeared to be in a corridor from Wichita northward to about Manhattan. After that, any storms that formed would probably move relatively slowly northeast through east, at 25 miles per hour or less. Given the strength of the cap, coverage of thunderstorms would be isolated, and any that did form would be explosive. They would probably be focused along pre-existing boundaries where the initial updrafts would get an additional boost upward, and because of that, have high odds of growing into supercells.

After some discussion, we decided to place our bets on the more southerly boundary. It was shallower than the warm front to the north, but we felt that there would still be adequate shear for supercell formation across it. Importantly,

there was much less cloudiness around this boundary to start the day than around the warm front, so more opportunity for heating. Thunderstorms had fitfully fired near the warm front throughout the night before, sliding off to the east and over Missouri to start the morning, and there was a lot of convective debris in its vicinity. Given the strength of the cap, we felt that the odds of anything firing that far north before early evening were very low.

Because we knew that thunderstorms wouldn't be forming until late afternoon we were able to drive leisurely northeast from Pratt towards Hutchinson, then east to Newton, where we met up with Chris' friends Rutger and Michou from the Netherlands Meteorological Service. Storm chasers like us, the couple had been traveling with a filmmaker for some time prior to our arrival filming a documentary on the subject

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## NOTICE:

The Town of Barton Preliminary Grand List is now available. Notices have been sent to all parcels which had value changes between April 1, 2015, and April 1, 2016. Grievances will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on August 4, 2016. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-525-6222 if you need to schedule a grievance hearing. You may also grieve in writing. Appointments or grievance letters must be received by the Town Clerk no later than 4 p.m. on August 4, 2016. Letters may be mailed to Town of Barton, 34 Main St., Barton, VT 05822, or e-mailed to: bartontown@comcast.net.

## Planned Power Outage

### Notice to Brownington Residents – August 8 Power Outage & Road Closure for Grange Hall Move

On Monday, August 8, at 8 a.m., Orleans Village Electric will turn off the electricity so that they can drop the power lines. Orleans Electric customers will not have power from the stop signs in Brownington Village along the Hinman Settler Road to Parker Road in Brownington, as well as customers on Old Cemetery Lane and the West Road. The electricity should be back on by 4 p.m. Fairpoint and Comcast lines will also be dropped, but will remain in service. However, phones that require electricity won't work and internet service will not work because modems require electricity. Before 8 a.m. until at least noon, the Hinman Settler Road will be closed from 100 yards south of the Grange to 100 yards north of the Prospect Hill driveway.

### Notice of School Registration DERBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Grades PreK-4

Please register by August 12, 2016.

Pre-registration is available online.

Please go to the Derby Elementary School website at: <http://des.ncsuvt.org>. Once you are on the website on the Home page, click on the tab called Registration. Please read carefully so that you select the correct registration link for your child.

You will also need to contact the school office at 873-3162, for some information to complete the registration process.

### INVITATION TO BID

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
Beginning for School Year 2017/2018

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION  
and all MEMBER DISTRICTS

Contact Theresa Wilkens or Glenn Hankinson for additional information, at (802) 334-5847 or e-mail: Theresa.Wilkens@ncsuvt.org  
Glenn.Hankinson@ncsuvt.org

*The NCSU reserves the right to accept any proposal, which it deems most favorable to the interests of the NCSU, and to reject any and all proposals, or any portion of any proposal submitted which, in its opinion, is not in the best interest of the NCSU. The NCSU also reserves the right to waive any technicalities in the bid process not in the best interest of the NCSU.*

### INVITATION TO BID

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC EVALUATOR  
NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION – CENTRAL OFFICE

Individual to conduct up to 50 Special Education Academic Evaluations as a contracted service.

Contact: Melinda Henderson, North Country Supervisory Union, at 334-5847, ext. 2021, or e-mail: Melinda.Henderson@ncsuvt.org, for a copy of bid specifications.

Bid should be submitted **no later than 2 p.m. on August 16, 2016**, to:

Melinda Henderson  
Special Education Administrative Assistant  
North Country Supervisory Union  
121 Duchess Avenue, Suite A  
Newport, VT 05855

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### SEEKING PROPOSALS

FOR COVENTRY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COVENTRY, VT  
HEATING OIL and PROPANE

Contact: Matthew Baughman, Principal, Coventry School at (802) 754-6464, or e-mail: matthew.baughman@ncsuvt.org, for additional information.

Proposals should be submitted **no later than 12 p.m. (Noon) on August 17, 2016**, to:

Matthew Baughman, Principal  
Coventry Town School District  
P.O. Box 92  
348 VT Route 5  
Coventry, Vermont 05825-0092  
(802) 754-6464

Proposals will be opened at the regularly scheduled board meeting on August 17, 2016.

*The Coventry Town School District reserves the right to accept any proposal deemed most favorable to the interests of the District, and to reject any and all proposals, or any portion of any proposal submitted, which, in its opinion, is not in the best interest of the school district. The Coventry Town school district also reserves the right to waive any technicalities in the bid process not in the best interest of the district.*

HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
HOLLAND, VERMONT

INVITATION TO BID  
FUEL OIL/PROPANE

For more information, contact Kelli Dean, Principal, at (802) 895-4455  
Holland Elementary School  
26 School Road  
Derby Line, VT 05830  
Kelli.Dean@ncsuvt.org.

Scaled bids to be sent to:  
Kelli Dean, Principal  
Holland Elementary School  
26 School Road  
Derby Line, Vermont 05830

no later than 12 p.m. local time, on September 6, 2016. Bids will be opened and reviewed at the regularly scheduled board meeting September 6, 2016.

*The Holland Board of School Directors reserves the right to accept any proposal, which it deems most favorable to the interests of the school district, and to reject any and all proposals, or any portion of any proposal submitted, which, in its opinion, is not in the best interest of the school district. The school district also reserves the right to waive any technicalities in the bid process not in the best interest of the district.*

# Sometimes you get a second chance

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and would remain on the Great Plains after our departure. We'd crossed paths with them a few times already, and would meet again in Alamosa, Colorado, for a side trip to Great Dunes National Park before we flew back east. This afternoon, we decided to team up and chase together.

Throughout the morning, residual stratus and convective debris from the previous night's thunderstorms had been melting away or transforming into scattered low-based cumulus. Now, even those cumuli disappeared except in the immediate vicinity of the old outflow boundary. We decided to drive a little east-southeast, where a line of moderate cumulus looked as though it was trying to push up through the cap. There was a subtle topographic feature, the Flint Hills, east of Wichita and Newton, that might provide a little more lift there in addition to the outflow boundary — perhaps just enough for a vigorous updraft to break through the layer of warm, dry air suppressing deep convection, and take off.

We found a side road near El Dorado, pulled off, and watched cumulus clouds bubble and dissipate for 30 to 45 minutes along the old outflow axis. Several promising updraft towers shot up rapidly, tight and sharply outlined in the pellucid air, only to grow dilatory in their expansion, then fray at their leading edges and disintegrate as they ingested the dry air of the cap and were overcome. Other, lesser clouds bubbled around the bases of the stillborn cumulonimbi. To our southeast, over the Flint Hills, there seemed to be a sequence of towers that couldn't quite become self-sustaining. But each grew a little higher and lasted a little longer before succumbing to the dry air aloft.

At last, one tower grew tall enough to appear air brushed near its summit before it, too, ran out of gas. Its fuzzy look, called glaciation, meant that at its top the particles composing it weren't cloud droplets but, instead, ice crystals.

I'd been scanning a wide portion of the sky, but now I narrowed my focus to this slice. So did everyone else. If anything was going to happen in the next ten or 15 minutes, it would most likely be around there.

Another cumulus bubbled up, its base broad and flat, indicating a good initial supply of moisture. The central tower swelled. For a minute, its growth slowed, and I wondered if it, too, would dissipate. Then, another tower immediately adjacent to the first shot by. Barely decelerating, it continued upward, past the stall point of all previous towers. The cloud base grew even better defined. Other clouds around it either merged with it or disappeared as the updraft feeding this now explosively growing incipient thunderstorm became dominant and

compensating subsidence increased in an increasingly large radius around the expanding convective cell. This was it! We jumped in our vehicles and began our pursuit.

We followed this thunderstorm from its beginning until its unexpectedly rapid demise an hour later, when it outran the area of best instability and ingested too much mid-level dry air. At its peak, it grew into a photogenic low-precipitation supercell between Eureka and Neal, with a strongly striated tower, a lowering base and nascent wall cloud, and probable large hail. There was even the brief hint of a mid-level funnel. We took many pictures and lots of video — it was the only cloud in the sky.

Since we had seen this supercell at its birth, we decided to watch it through its death out of principle rather than dash off to another target. It seemed somehow disrespectful to do otherwise. Strongly tilted and still rotating slowly, the main updraft cloud tower became ever more deeply sculpted, and the base's edges eroded as dry air wrapped into the circulation. Then, in the space of a few minutes as it drifted off into the distance, some sort of critical boundary was crossed. The top of the tower frayed, the base began to fragment, and the deep sculpting in the updraft column morphed into rapidly expanding rents. We turned away. It was 6:35 p.m.

We hadn't been the only group following this supercell because there weren't many to follow. In fact, this was one of only three that formed that day. Two formed on the old outflow boundary, where heating had been most intense. Neither produced a tornado. But the third...

At the pull-off where we were parked, we heard from another chaser that a large supercell had formed near the apex of the instability wedge, just west of the warm front and near a weak low pressure center. It had developed in a very narrow slot of relatively clear air that had opened up just west of the main area of convective debris we'd been concerned about, was nearly stationary, and was feeding on extremely unstable air. It was the only supercell in the northeastern quarter of Kansas and so had unfettered, sustained access to that air, and would for the foreseeable future. Forty-five minutes prior it had produced a large tornado.

We conferred with Rutger, Michou, and their filmmaker Albert about driving north to this supercell on the chance that it might still be

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Sara.MorseLeBlanc@ncsuvt.org

Sealed proposals to be sent to:  
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Lowell Graded School  
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Lowell, VT 05847  
no later than 12 p.m. local time, on August 8, 2016.

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## PROPOSED STATE RULES

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

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

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

Note: The five rules below have been promulgated by the Agency of Human Services, who has requested the notices be combined to facilitate a savings for the agency. When contacting the agency about these rules please note the title and rule number of the rule(s) you are interested in.

**Repeal:** Planned Parenthood of Vermont - **Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P035 (This rule will be repealed. The rule reflects outdated provisions.)

Health Care Administrative Rules Introduction - **Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P036

Health Care Administrative Rules Definitions - **Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P037

Eyewear and Vision Care Services - **Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P038  
Audiology Services - **Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P039

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The proposed rules set forth the criteria for coverage and service delivery for Health Care Administrative Rules (HCAR) including new rules for HCAR introduction and definitions, and amended rules: for Audiology Services, and Eyewear and Vision Care Services under Vermont's Medicaid program. The revisions replace Medicaid covered services rules 7315, and 7316, as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules designed to improve public accessibility and comprehension of the rules concerning the operation of Vermont's Medicaid program.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Ashley Berliner, Agency of Human Services, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1000. Tel.: 802-578-9305. Fax: 802-241-0450.  
E-Mail: [ashley.berliner@vermont.gov](mailto:ashley.berliner@vermont.gov).  
URL: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/budget-legislative>.

**Newborn Screening Program Rule.**  
**Vermont Proposed Rule:** 16P040

**AGENCY:** Human Services, Department of Health  
**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Act 152 (2016) amended 18 V.S.A. § 115 to require that the Department promulgate rules requiring the screening for congenital heart defects (CCHD) on every newborn in the state. This proposed rule change adds this language to current screenings. The overall purpose of this rule is to provide standards for screening for certain diseases in newborn children.  
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URL: <http://healthvermont.gov/regs/index.aspx>.  
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## ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #7R1370 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6093

On June 3, 2016, Raymond Flint General Repairs, LLC (725 VT Route 14 South, Albany, VT 05820) and Raymond and Kimberly Flint (same address) filed application #7R1370 for a project generally described as construction of a heated building (1,000 square feet) for commercial vehicle and equipment repair, and personal storage. The project includes an outdoor wood furnace, lighting, and access from Vermont Route 14, and is located at 725 Vermont Route 14 South, in Albany Vermont. No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before August 12, 2016, a party notifies the District #7 Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing or the Commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Such hearing request must include a petition for party status. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's website ([www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup](http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup)) by clicking "Act 250 Database" and entering the project number #7R1370. For more information contact Kirsten Sultan at the address or telephone number below.

Dated at St Johnsbury, Vermont this 2nd day August, 2016.

Kirsten Sultan, P.E., District Coordinator  
1229 Portland Street, Suite 201  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802-751-0126  
[kirsten.sultan@vermont.gov](mailto:kirsten.sultan@vermont.gov)

# It was the tornado of a lifetime

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producing tornadoes when we arrived. It was a long way off — nearly 100 miles — but Chris, Garrett, and I thought it worth the try. Rutger and his group, who had been in Dodge City the day before for the entire extraordinary sequence of tornadoes produced by that supercell and were near exhaustion, opted to stay in Wichita. There wasn't a moment to lose. We'd be staying in touch via Internet during our drive, so we climbed in after brief farewells, and sped west on Route 54 to Rosalia, turned north to Cassoday, then west again to Route 77 where we turned north once more and shifted into high gear.

The speed limit on Route 77 — a well-maintained divided highway — was 75 miles per hour. It was quickly apparent the isolated drivers on that road considered it a suggestion rather than a hard limit, and so we moved at the flow of traffic, such as it was. The 4Runner was humming along smoothly at 85 miles per hour when suddenly a van with a logo on its side advertising itself as a Chasing Tour company shot past us as though we were standing still near Florence.

"He must have been doing 100 mile per hour!" exclaimed Garrett, as we stared at the rapidly receding

dot through the windshield.

After a moment, Chris turned to him. "That guy is headed to where we're going," he said quietly. "Wait until he gets about a half mile ahead, then accelerate to match him. If there's a speed trap ahead, he'll be the one that'll get pulled over."

Garrett nodded, pressed down on the gas pedal, and the engine's purr deepened slightly. I peeked over his shoulder. Ninety-five miles per hour. The nearly deserted roadway was wide, smooth, flat, dry, and almost straight. Wind was light, the sky, clear.

Grateful for Garrett's experience in driving high-performance vehicles, I sat back, silent, and watched the late afternoon slowly deepen into a hazy, rose and melon-shaded evening as the tall-grass prairie landscape flowed by. Over the next 50 minutes, I counted only two cars on the highway other than the van and ourselves.

Even 70 miles away the overshooting top of the supercell we were headed for was faintly visible through the haze along the northern horizon. By the time we were 40 miles out, the anvil was spread over the northern quarter of the sky with the tops of multiple towers becoming clearer, and it was apparent that this was a monster. Reports of a large, violent tornado on the ground west of Chapman, Kansas, were

being disseminated by the National Weather Service; the doppler radar feed we had showed an extremely well defined couplet on



Rutger Boonstra and Larry Frank gaze east at a lone supercell east of Eureka, Kansas.

the velocity scan, indicative of strong rotation.

At 20 miles distance the main updraft tower thrust itself over the horizon. Thick, turgid, and turbulent, the central pillar looked like that of a detonated nuclear bomb with a large dome at its summit where the updraft pierced the stratosphere before settling gently back and spreading out in the familiar anvil shape under the influence of the winds at that height. New reports were that the tornado was crossing Interstate 70 just west of Chapman, moving east at only

about 15 miles per hour. We turned off Route 77 near Herington, then cut north at Hope, and, guided by radar, made our way over good secondary state roads towards the hamlet of Enterprise. A little north of Navarre, we got close enough to see the peripheral base of the storm. An enormous tail cloud became visible over the horizon stretching from right to left: inflow into the supercell must be phenomenal! I texted a friend: "Big inflow tail. Gotta go. Base visible. Loading video camera."

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# Chris' demeanor went from excitement to vigilance

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Chris' demeanor as we approached this storm had changed markedly, from buoyant excitement to intense vigilance. There were now two tornado signatures on the radar display — that might mean that there were two on the ground, or one on the ground and another circulation forming aloft that hadn't reached the ground yet. That, the ground reports, and the appearance of the storm as we approached, all argued for extreme caution. This was a huge supercell, there was a large and violent tornado on the ground, we couldn't see it yet, and there was no room for error. We approached Enterprise.

And then, there it was. Over a rise in the road, about five miles away. The last text of the evening sent to my friend that day reads: "Holy shit! HUGE wedge tornado dead ahead."

Time began to do strange things. Or rather, my perception of time's passage altered during the next hour. I understand that this is a function of the amount of information that my brain was attempting to process, without complete success, during that interval, probably combined with the effects of a biochemical cascade produced by my emotional state at the time. But that understanding does not diminish the intense, almost hallucinatory quality of the experience. What I can say is that nothing — no verbal or print description however vivid, no photograph however detailed, no video however graphic — could have prepared me for the richness, scale, and sheer power of this storm. The memories of what I saw and heard will remain with me for the rest of my life.

We continued for another mile or two into Enterprise, passing growing numbers of cars parked along the road with people standing on the shoulder looking north, many taking pictures. Chris directed us into a driveway with a small parking lot on top of a small rise with a good view to the north-northwest. We climbed out and began taking pictures, unsure of how long we would be able to stay in that spot since it wasn't a public parking space, and conscious of the steady eastward motion of the tornado funnel about four miles to our north. I introduced myself to a young man I saw standing nearby, told him what we were doing, and he helpfully gave us directions to an excellent lookout point just northeast of town for photography given the track of the tornado. We thanked him, climbed in our vehicle, drove as quickly as we could to the spot he described, and

set up our cameras and videos next to a pasture fence.

It was a magnificent location, with an unobstructed view from west-northwest through east-northeast over gently rolling mixed field and forest. A south wind of tropical warmth and humidity, gusting to nearly 30 miles per hour, buffeted us, while overhead and to the south billowed streets of towering cumulus arrayed in bands converging from south to north. This was the inflow sector of the enormous supercell, and the towering cumulus overhead were bands streaming in to feed the insatiable appetite of its main updraft. The wind was the edge of the low-level inflow jet, injecting warm, moist air into the heart of the supercell at its base to maintain it.

To our north-northwest about four miles away, a large wedge-shaped funnel descended from a massive wall cloud that stretched majestically across half the northern sky. Left of the funnel, the setting sun was a vermilion disk glimpsed dimly in varying proportions through a veil of rain and hail being drawn around the tornado by the supercell's rear flank downdraft. An arc cloud, the leading edge of the rain and hail-cooled air, swept steadily southeastward above the open fields several miles to our northwest. The hail shone a silvery orange in the filtered sunlight, the rain dark by comparison. As we watched, the funnel plowed eastward and became progressively more rain-wrapped. We saw vast curtains of rain, dense and sinuous, wind around the funnel. If we observed closely, we could see the outermost curtains rotate more slowly than the innermost curtains closer to the extreme winds near the center of the tornado.

Momentarily overcome with excitement and bordering on hysteria, Garrett asked, "What do we do? What do we do?" Chris replied, "Just breathe, remember where you are, and take as many pictures as you can. This is the tornado of a lifetime."

And that is what we did, until the accelerating arc cloud closed in on us, the wind began to shift, and we knew that it was time to leave that spot or get hammered by high wind and large hail. How long we were there, I am not sure. It may have been ten minutes, it may have been 20. But here is something of which I am certain: I have rarely felt more alive during that brief interval, or so keenly aware of how fragile my own life is. A

storm such as this, experienced up close, can be terrifying. I wasn't terrified, but I was deeply respectful of the magnitude of the forces in play to produce the spectacle in front of us, and acutely aware that any error in judgment about the outworking of their interplay could have catastrophic consequences for us. It produced in me a state of hyper-alertness that only gradually subsided as we drove away from the tornado, unwilling to follow it as darkness fell and the attendant risks for chasing error rose rapidly.

We were on the plains for two more days before the severe weather petered out, and while we did see additional strong thunderstorms, parked under a tree in the middle of a hailstorm just to say we'd done it (chasers call it "punching a hail core"), and even saw a funnel cloud, there were no more tornadoes. But that was okay. We'd picked, purely by chance, the best single week to be out on the southern plains for tornadoes this spring, and we'd been lucky. Five tornadoes in four days: two barely glimpsed by night, but they were the only two in the entire Texas panhandle that date, two in Dodge City the next day, then the big one near Enterprise. Afterwards, we got to spend a couple of days together in Colorado, then after Garrett had to fly back east, Chris and I drove to Alamosa and spent a fine day hiking remarkable 700 foot sand dunes in the shadow of the Sangre de Cristo range with Rutger, Michou, and Albert. He's even got video of me sledding down the face of one dune on a saucer.

The three of us got to know each other better; I came to understand and fully appreciate the reason behind their intensity and extraordinary zest for life. During our long hours on the road we invented zany stories and wrote even stranger songs. Perhaps sometime I'll write about those, too. On second thought...

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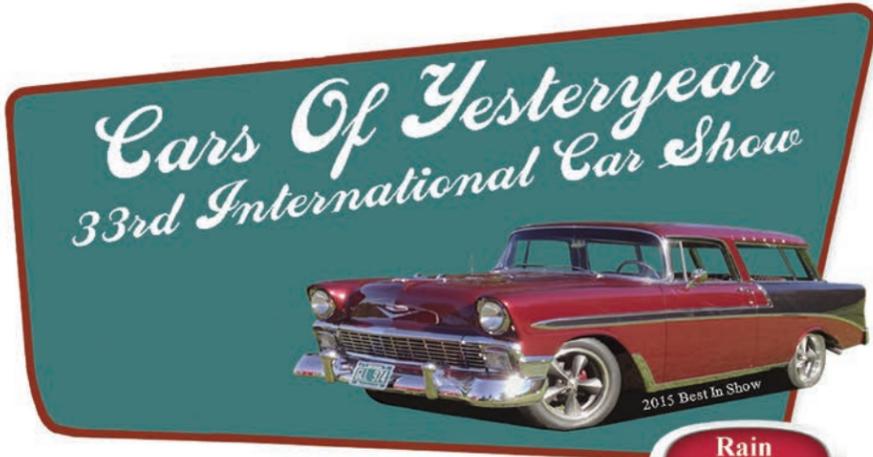
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This project is based on ten years of water quality sampling data, and in response to the land use phosphorus export model developed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its partners in Quebec, that has identified agriculture as a major contributor to the phosphorus in this watershed. Mean phosphorus concentrations in the Vermont portions of Lake Memphremagog exceed phosphorus water quality standards by 26 percent. The DEC is developing an EPA approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) to address these high levels of phosphorus. OCNRCDC will work with farmers to implement conservation practices, focusing on land treatment plans, and light engineering farmstead practices to help address water quality impairments. The goal of this project is to help farmers take the lead to address water quality concerns, while improving soil health, nutrient utilization and farm viability.

Farmer participants will gain access to Memphremagog watershed specific federal and state funding, and have additional technical assistance and support for the identification of conservation needs, planning, recommendations and development of practice implementation, project management and assistance with the navigation of grant programs. Participating



Pictured from left to right, Brad Maxwell, owner of Neighborhood Farm and Maxwell Farms' Neighborhood Energy; Chuck Ross, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture; Sarah Damsell, OCNRCDC district manager; and Stephanie Mason, OCNRCDC district chair. Photo courtesy of Sarah Damsell

farmers will write their own nutrient management plan to improve farm economics with the efficient use of on-farm nutrients to improve soil health and protect water quality. They will also gain an understanding of the farm's environmental features and considerations, increase positive public relations in the community, and get ahead of, and comply with, state regulations.

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334 6090, extension 118. Farmers are also urged to attend a TMDL agricultural management practices planning meeting on August 11, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Poulin Grain conference room. Light lunch will be provided. The OCNRCDC encourages the Orleans County agricultural community to share their views about the feasibility and adoptability of conservation practices needed to be listed in the TMDL to reduce phosphorus runoff. — from the OCNRCDC.

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