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## 2016 Primary results Starr, Rodgers fend off challenge

Incumbent Democrats Bobby Starr and John Rodgers easily fended off a Primary challenge from Ron Horton of Jay for the two Essex-Orleans state Senate seats Tuesday.

Mr. Rodgers, from Glover, was the top vote getter with 1,651. Mr. Starr, from North Troy, had 1,633, and Mr. Horton's total in the huge district, which stretches from Richford to Norton, was 712.

Overall, turnout was low, despite Secretary of State Jim Condos' predictions to the contrary. In this area, there was just the one local Primary race, although there will be several races come the General Election in November.

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## Forty-six oxen pull 1823 schoolhouse home



Oxen and their drivers take a breather from pulling the 1823 Orleans County Grammar School back to its original site. Twenty-three teams participated in the event sponsored by the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. Peggy Day Gibson, the museum's director, estimated that 2,500 people were on hand to witness the school's three-hour journey. Although the oxen occasionally bore some of the building's 105-ton weight, most of the actual work was done by a pair of hydrostatic drive wheels. For the story of the move and more photographs, please see page eighteen. Photo by Joseph Gresser

## Volunteer firefighters getting harder to find

by Paul Lefebvre

GLOVER — If some historian years from now were to take a look at how small towns succeed or fail, he or she might consider volunteer organizations, like a town's volunteer fire department to see what held them together or caused them to disband.

In an era when small towns are losing their economic base, causing people to travel further and further for work, the pool of volunteers invariably shrinks. Nor is the potential for finding volunteers heightened when both husband and wife have to work to support a

common household.

Presently, Vermont has roughly 245 volunteer fire departments or approximately 5,400 volunteer firefighters, according to Kevin Goodhue of Bennington, who is secretary of the Vermont State Fire Fighters Association.

The problems facing volunteer fire departments today are different than they were when he began as a firefighter some 40 years ago.

Some towns have grown, which means more calls. Technology improvements require more training. More young people are leaving the state. Such changes and more are all contributing to the difficulty of recruiting and

keeping a volunteer fire department intact.

But while Mr. Goodhue concedes that the numbers are shrinking, he says there is one fundamental characteristic that hasn't changed. And that is dedication.

"We get people," he says, speaking of those who step forward to volunteer because, "when they join, they want to join."

That's what a volunteer firefighter today likely has in common with someone like Glen Lafont, who recently retired after serving 30 years with the Glover Volunteer Fire Department. In recognition of his service, the

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Orleans County Fair

## Celebrating 149 years of agriculture at its best

by Jef Barker

BARTON — The Orleans County Fair will premier several new shows and events and will bring back a time-honored tradition.

"We're going to have the Black Cat Hell Drivers stunt show, which is something that used to be a real staple at the fair — we're going to

have that on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in front of the grandstand," fair association member Dan LaCoss said.

Looking back at old flyers, the traveling stunt show hasn't been seen at the fair in 15 to 20 years, he said.

Fair organizers also added an alligator show, during which American bushman Kachunga will "apprehend a ferocious man-eating reptile with his bare hands," according to the fair flyer. Other acts will include a magic and hypnosis show performed by Marko the master magician, and two new chainsaw sculpting artists, who will bring a different flavor to a crowd favorite.

Hypnotists are a lot of fun, Mr. LaCoss said. "People really enjoy it. They pull volunteers from the crowd to come up that agree to get hypnotized and the crowd really gets into that.

"We're also going to have our truck pull on Friday night, which usually happens every year — it brings a lot of people in," he said.

Instead of having a main stage act at the grandstand on Saturday night, the fair will feature an evening of nondenominational Christian music put on by Northeast Kingdom United Worship.

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## No injuries in Albany house fire



The Albany Fire Department was called to a house fire about 10:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1. Randy Peters owns the house, which is on Route 14. Adam Parker was living in it at the time, Albany Fire Chief Donald Peters said. He said Mr. Parker has dogs, but both he and the dogs are unharmed. The building did not burn to the ground, but it's a mess, Mr. Peters said. "They always are." He said one section of the blaze, where the house and garage come together, was particularly tough to extinguish. "It didn't want to settle down there." Photo by Tena Starr

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### School news

#### Xavier Capaldi named to dean's list

Xavier Capaldi of Newport was named to the 2016 dean's list at Union College in Schenectady, New York. Mr. Capaldi is a member of the class of 2016, majoring in physics.

#### Ryan Fletcher named to dean's list

Ryan Fletcher of Irasburg has been named to the St. Lawrence University dean's list for the spring 2016 semester.

Mr. Fletcher is a member of the class of 2019. He attended Stanstead College. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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# Leahy visits NorthWoods Stewardship Center

by Joseph Gresser

EAST CHARLESTON — About 70 young conservation workers were gathered around Luke O'Brien, the trails director for the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on August 4.

They were waiting to hear the results of their field day competition and for a visit from Vermont's senior U.S. Senator, Patrick Leahy, who was running a little late.

Mr. O'Brien was stretching out revealing the result in the contest in which seven teams from around the region faced off against each other in a lumberjack competition with a difference.

The difference was the trivia contest, and Mr. O'Brien was looking to generate maximum suspense among the high school students who have spent the summer working on crews in state parks and other environmentally sensitive areas.

Mr. O'Brien told his charges the winning team finished just one point ahead of the second-place squad. He then began reading through a list of the trivia questions and supplying the answers.

There was a dispute over whether one question called for a list of *Star Wars* characters that appeared in exactly five films in the series, or at least five. Mr. O'Brien said he meant the first.

He also provided, unasked, the name of his favorite *Star Wars* character — Chewbacca.

"What are the four boreal bird species birders hope to find in the northern woods?" Mr. O'Brien asked.

Mr. O'Brien is good at his job, one he has had for 19 years. He arrived at NorthWoods as an AmeriCorps volunteer fresh out of college and never left, he explained.

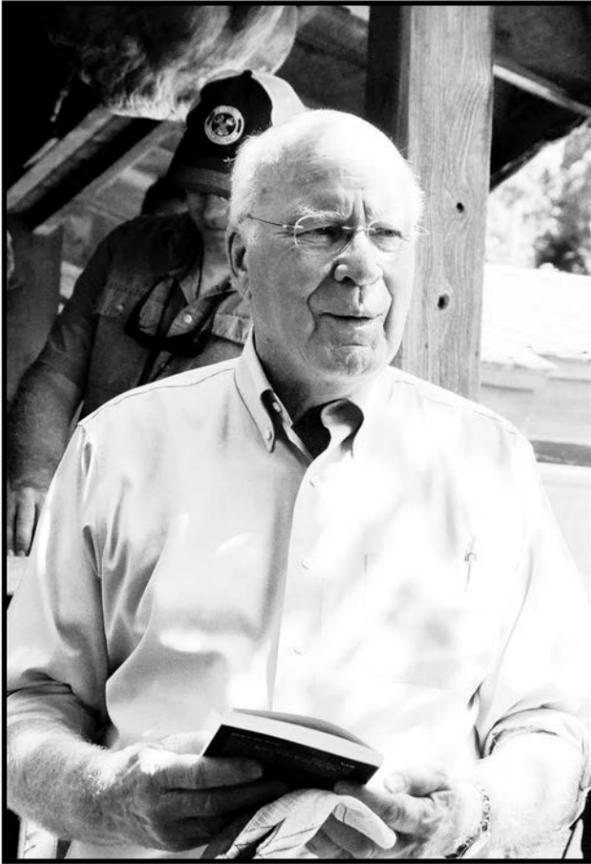
The crew members represent a continuation of the tradition started by the depression era Civilian Conservation Corps, Mr. O'Brien said. The state-run program focuses on wildlife habitat, river restoration, and trail management.

Soon after he awarded the axe handle denoting victory to the Umbagog crew, which was working around the Maine-New Hampshire border, the senator's car pulled in and Mr. Leahy and Marcelle, his wife, approached the group.

Mr. O'Brien introduced Mr. Leahy, explaining that he has been in the Senate since 1975 and is the longest-serving member of that body. He recounted Mr. Leahy's support for conservation issues, and noted that he was able to get Lake Champlain declared one of the Great Lakes for a while.

He concluded by saying Mr. Leahy "is almost as big a Batman fan as I am."

Mr. Leahy picked up the thread easily,



Senator Patrick Leahy thanked NorthWoods Stewardship Center for the gift of a trail guide and NorthWoods Center baseball cap.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

explaining how his position on the Agriculture and Appropriations committees means he can send lots of federal dollars back to Vermont.

"To be fair, I share with the rest of the country," Mr. Leahy joked. "A dollar for Vermont, a dollar for the rest of the country, and so on."

He bragged that Vermont does more with its federal funds than any other state and said it has long been a leader in forestry and conservation.

As for the Great Lakes, Mr. Leahy said Lake Champlain receives waters from the same tributaries as Lake Erie. He recalled the time the Cuyahoga River, near Cleveland, Ohio, burst into flames, and he vowed Lake Champlain would never do the same if he could help it.

To keep the lake in good shape, Senator Leahy said he managed to get a \$25-million appropriation for lake cleanup efforts.

Mr. Leahy then turned his attention to the Caped Crusader, noting that he has been in five Batman films, including the recent *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

He recalled getting his first library card in

Montpelier when he was four years old and developing his love for Batman.

All his pay for appearing in the movies has gone to the Kellogg-Hubbard Children's Library, he said.

"I've made a lot of money for the library by being pushed around by Heath Ledger and blown up by Lex Luthor," the senator said.

He then posed for pictures with conservation corps members and with his old friend NorthWoods Stewardship Center Executive Director Judy Bevans, who in her other life is chair of the Orleans County Democratic Committee.

The senator's party departed as quickly as it had arrived, not stopping until they reached an ice cream stand at the bottom of the Ten Mile Square Road, where they stopped to refresh themselves.

Members of the Umbagog, recalling their victory, ran fully clothed into a small pond in front of NorthWoods' main building. That, Mr. O'Brien said, is a traditional celebration.

As for the elusive quartet of boreal birds, Mr. O'Brien said birders long to see the gray jay, boreal chickadee, spruce grouse, and black backed woodpecker.

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# Letters to the editor

Thanks everyone; among other things, you made Iggy laugh

Dear editor,

Our family would like to extended the most heartfelt thank-you to the Westmore Fire Department and everyone that came to the "All 4 Iggy" spaghetti dinner benefit at The Gap Pub and Grill. My Dad, Ray (Iggy) Pike, has recently been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and needless to say it has been difficult in many ways, but through this we have received the most amazing support.

The benefit was everything we hoped it would be and more! My Dad's fellow firefighters lovingly rallied around him and provided such a delicious meal. Our community donated handmade goods and gift certificates among many other items to be raffled off and winners of the 50/50 raffles even gave their winnings back to him. It was truly a night of compassion and

encouragement. Our entire family keeps wishing that we had better words than thank-you. I can only hope that a brief explanation will touch your hearts the way ours are from your kindness.

Sadly, we see cancer affecting so many families these days. We see the anxiety over test results, missed work, and accumulating bills. Personally, we have seen the effects of all of these things mixed with the consequences of chemotherapy and major changes in everyday life for Iggy. It can be emotionally and financially overwhelming.

The benefit not only met practical needs with all the funds that were raised but also was the first real social gathering since the months leading up to his diagnosis. I saw my father enjoying himself, smiling with friends and family, meeting new people, watching his grandchildren

play in the bounce house, and LAUGHING. You gave us a night that felt normal and fun in the midst of uneasy months. You lifted his (and all of our) spirits, gave us security for him while he is unable to work, and every single one of you assured us that our community is united and heartfelt in coming alongside him. Thank-you just doesn't express our gratitude but we will say it again and again. Thank-you in the sincerest form for your unending kindness, compassion and love. We all felt that you were "All 4 Iggy" in every way. It means more than you will ever know to him and to our entire family!

Marijah Monfette, Cherisse, Amareena, Isabel, and Michele Wildflower, and of course  
Iggy Westmore

## Kudos to Peggy Day Gibson

To the editor,

Kudos to Peggy Day Gibson of the Old Stone House Museum for the brilliant and hugely successful marketing coup.

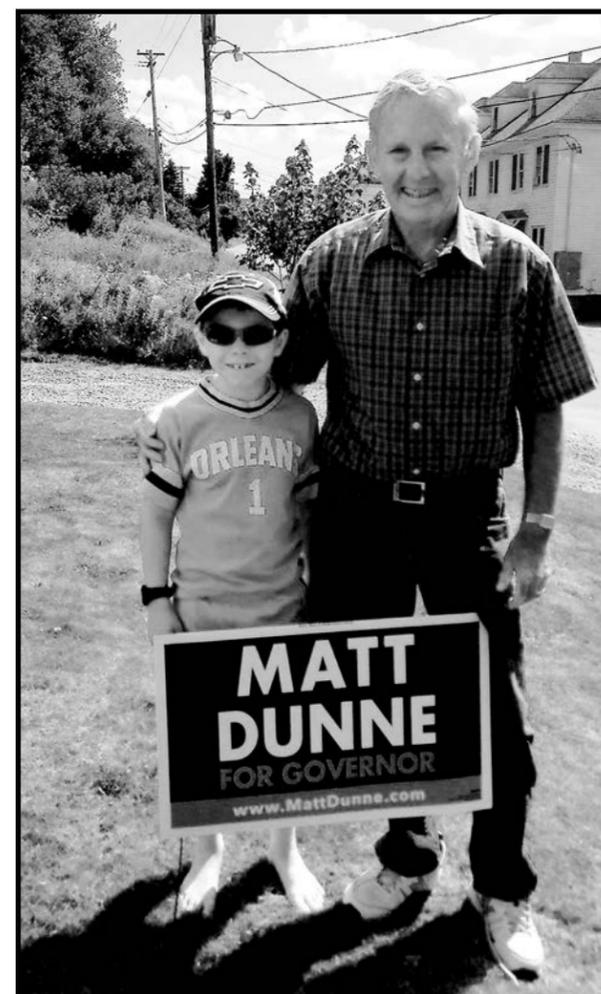
The "Grange/schoolhouse" movers obviously didn't need the oxen. However that "hook" got the public's attention in droves.

If there were *ever* more people visiting Brownington at one time, I would like to know the event. I assume there were thousands of people. However I didn't do a head count.

Perfect day for it as well.  
Congrats!

Gary Marcotte  
Barton

## Benjamin gets a new sign



Last week nine-year-old Benjamin Roberts of Orleans wrote a letter to the editor saying that he enjoyed following political races and had asked for a Matt Dunne sign. A volunteer had brought him one, but Benjamin had it no more than ten days before it disappeared from his lawn. "I would really like to have my sign back," he wrote. Following publication of the letter, state Senator Bobby Starr of North Troy brought Benjamin a new sign. Benjamin said Mr. Starr saw his letter in *the Chronicle* and called him, then brought a new sign to his house. Yes, he said, he was pretty happy to have a new sign. He was also optimistic Tuesday about Mr. Dunne's chances of winning the Primary. Photo courtesy of Benjamin's family

## Derby Center is willing to provide Newport City with water

To the editor,

We'd like to make a few comments concerning an article in the newspaper recently. The village of Derby Center has always been willing to provide water to the city of Newport and, in fact, has been the emergency backup for many years.

In 1997, we agreed to supply the city's industrial park. In exchange for the city allowing us to connect our own customers on the north side of the city's water line to the park, we gave the city a 10 percent discount on the water for its park customers. We've more than an adequate supply, and we'd be pleased to serve additional city customers outside the park at the same rates we charge our village and town customers. Doing that would seem more cost effective than having the city spend money on a new water tower.

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

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# Letter to the editor

Is anyone interested in a study group?

To the editor:

I am voting for Phil Scott because he has the most experience in small business.

When I listened to the gubernatorial candidate debate in Irasburg it was clear that *none* of them had knowledge of the new and upcoming electric power services. Nor *how* to control carbon through agricultural practices that benefit all of us.

The men who wanted more energy tight housing don't know that walk-in fireplaces where the "old people" liked to sit were open to the sky. And food was kept all over the house based on what was the driest place or coolest place. Nor the scientifically sound reasons why they were good choices.

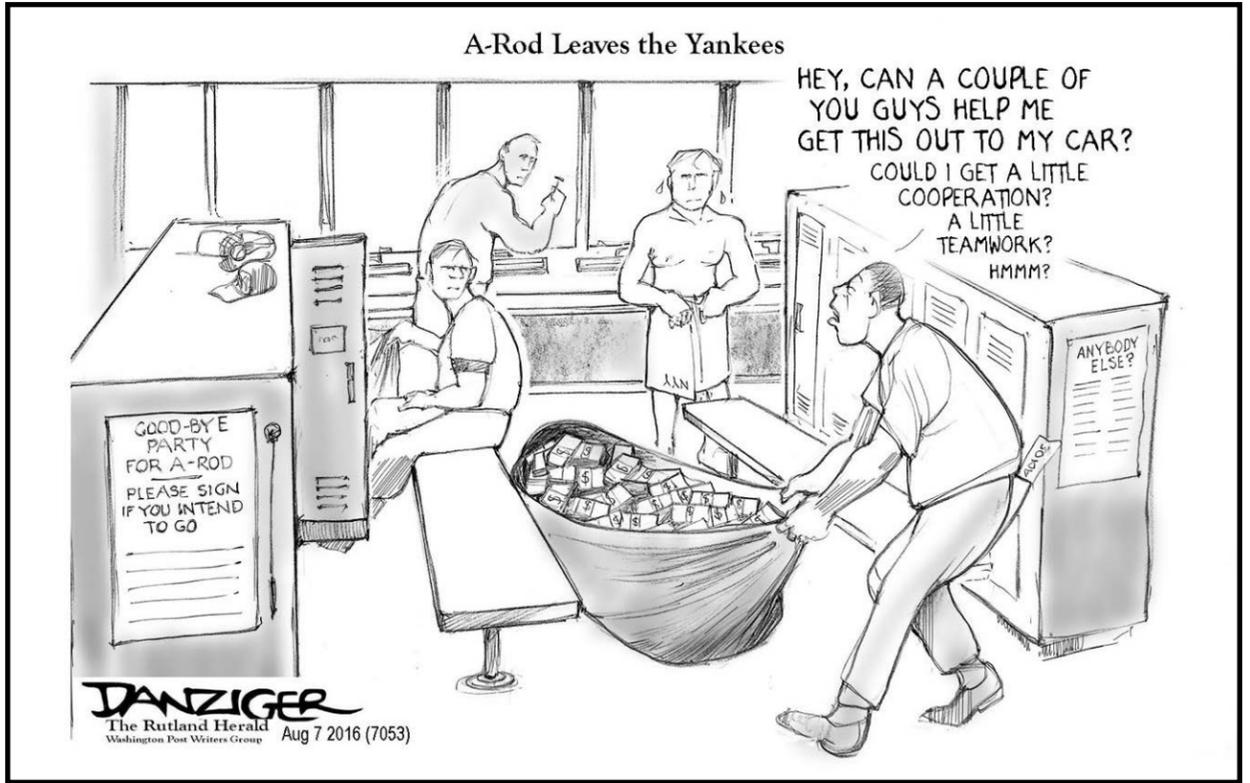
None of them knew the newest health positive details about what they now call the "fourth dimension" of water (E2 water), which is water under pressure such as occurs in manure packs of properly bedded solar cow barns. Or that this is expressed in terms of how hydrogen behaves. (We call this how acid or how alkaline.) This type of "life-giving" water is also found in springs and in properly prepared (under pressure) fermented vegetables.

Some other things I discovered were that ALL of the seven colleges in the state that I visited as a food soil science student in 2015 were mind-blowingly knowledgeable and right on with cutting edge education. Abbie Nelson from VT-FEED (located at NOFA-VT) was in there, too, explaining how big business bought, got paybacks, etc. But I also learned other things you may not know.

There are "models" for how to present and document research papers, and there are several accepted styles for "how to" put which details (such as name, date, pages, author, title) in which order.

One classmate confided in me that she was *required* to write papers with a minimum of 30 references or she would get no credit from her professor for writing her paper. She showed me how she would "leaf through" documents, picking or discarding, based on whether she had ever read a paragraph or a few pages of that paper.

Think about this folks. You have *many* classes to attend as a student, you also have a few hours a day for the necessities (cooking, cleaning, friends, sleeping). *Just how carefully* can you do this research? Yet the professor may be selected to have *your* paper jointly published with the professor based on how well referenced it is...NOT on the accuracy of the information.



I went to a nutrition class at Community College in 2015. The professor was very knowledgeable and gave us a great deal of information. Because I am new to computers, I downloaded the information and found I had 20 pounds of reading. It was the only thing I did that term. Other students with other classes and families couldn't possibly do it unless they had photographic memories. This professor also mentioned "pressure" as a healing element. As part of this class, I found a research paper that had studied thousands people in relation to which foods they ate and health. No one in this country would print it because it didn't match what the diet dictates said. It was printed in England.

On the state tour I took in 2015, I was most impressed with the soil and animal health knowledge at Green Mountain College because it most closely paralleled the 25 years I have spent learning why things work, or don't.

UVM seems to be the most well-funded of the schools. The biggest problem I have found with UVM, which now has Fletcher Allen as part of the school, is that they work on consensus. Everyone has to agree with the answer, or you cannot use that answer....

They use the Mediterranean diet at the hospital.

Yet, I have found NO ONE who is helpful to autistic people who uses this diet. Commercial food oils seem to be very problematic, especially for males and male children. And helpful diet is person specific.

Teaching nitrogen fertilizer has been, and has seemed to remain, dominant even when Grace Gushery and her co-author called attention to her historically documented better ways. Cooperation with NOFA-VT seems to be helping to change this, as are new ways to scan for nitrogen.

Fact. We grow enough food in the United States to feed the entire world every year. I have some very specific questions as to *how* we get food and its impact on our local economy.

Question: If food is "free" who is paid to grow and prepare it? Where does the food come from? What choices can you make if you need a specific diet? Why would anyone want to claim they grow and give away food for free? Who paid for it? When can you get food if you have no money to buy it?

A best selling book by Donnela Meadows called *Thinking in Systems* (published by Chelsea Green) might be helpful in resolving some of these questions. Is anyone interested in a study group?

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# Letter to the editor

## Holland wind — everything to lose, nothing to gain

Dear editor,

It is my opinion that the Dairy Air Wind project in Holland should be opposed by all. This project has the potential to remove everything about Holland that makes it a great place to live to the benefit of very few. There is nothing wrong with people making money to keep their business (a farm in this case) operating. Unfortunately, when it comes at the expense of the entire community, the community has everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Proponents of the project have said that people who are affected by industrial wind turbines have a "personal preference" to not like the sound that is emitted from them. Nothing could be further from the truth; people don't make a choice as to whether or not the sound has an effect on them. The big wind companies (who stand to profit the most) are propagating this message and ignoring the research about the

health impact of the audible and inaudible sound emissions from wind turbines. This is reminiscent of the big tobacco companies denying their products were causing health problems. Nobody in Holland (has so far) made a choice to live near an industrial wind turbine, and if this project (and possibly more like it) is built, it will be difficult to sell a home in Holland, or even near Holland.

My wife and I made a choice to settle in Holland in 1993. Having moved often while in the Air Force, we were able to realize our dream of living in a rural community with wide open views. We loved the weather (even winter, mud season not so much), the scenery and especially appreciated the people who are our neighbors.

We are now at risk of losing everything — our view, possibly our health, and the 26 years of equity we have invested in our home (because

nobody finds living in close proximity to a wind turbine a valuable feature in a home). As this process drags on, we're also seeing our community divided. A divided community only benefits the developers of this project. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln: A community divided against itself cannot stand.

In closing, I urge people affected by this project to do some research about the detrimental effects of industrial wind turbines. Look deeper than the marketing pieces

published by the developer that are appearing in your mailbox. Ask yourself: If wind turbines are so great, why does the developer need to spend so much time, money and effort to convince the public of this? Read online about the personal accounts of people's homes and lives that are now destroyed. These people have nothing to gain by telling their story; they've already lost everything.

Respectfully,  
John Wagner  
Holland

## Bet she's glad this building finally found a new home



Dolores Chamberlain can finally relax. The Brownington Grange building, which she's apparently supporting here, was finally moved to its new, well actually its original, location on Monday. Photo courtesy of Dolores Chamberlain

## Westfield community mealsite menu

All are invited to a community lunch every Thursday at noon at the Westfield Community Center at the intersection of the North Hill Road and School Street. The requested donation is \$4, and the second Thursday of the month is free.

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pie, green and yellow beans, new potatoes, red hen bread, and melon mélange with ice cream.

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# Letter to the editor

We now have the power that was once reserved for God

To the editor,

The Mayans were right, the world changed in 2012, though it didn't end as a new *National Geographic* (August 2016) cover story "The DNA Revolution" explains. The "new technology" is called "CRISPR" (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) and allows what was once done with a blunt stone edge to become a self-directed scalpel that brings along its own stitches.

This is *not* just transferring genes from one species to another's DNA like before; this "technique" adds "CRISPR-Cas9" with a natural gene drive to, with unprecedented accuracy, send new DNA snippets in any location of billions of nucleotides. When it finds the right spot, it cuts away the unwanted section and inserts a chain from the CRISPR package, made from stem cells or a section from any part of the chain they want to use. These new genes make the change permanent and have the power to change the natural world as we know it.

This is NOT using "transgenic" genes from one species to another; this is merely an "editing tool." With diseases like cancer, they are now engineering tumor cells and testing drugs to stop its growth, and soon they will treat diseases directly by editing out genetic flaws and inserting the "new normal" cells to the patient. With organ transplantation, the leaps are giant and faster than ever as they drive out viruses from animal organs, the biggest impediment for human use to date. On pages 50 and 51 of the *National Geographic* is an eerie photo of a set of pigs' lungs under glass, filtering human blood at U-Maryland school of medicine. The article says human trials may begin in as little as 18 months, and everything from cystic fibrosis to muscular dystrophy may soon be eliminated, forever.

As we all know, once the genie is out of the bottle, it may be impossible to return it. One of the inventors of this technique, Jennifer Doudna of

the University of California Berkeley, says, "I don't know that we know enough of the human genome, or any other genome, (to turn back).... But people will use the technology whether we know enough about it or not."

There is currently no regulation (there are "guidelines") off/for editing human DNA, and the director of Stanford's Center for Law and Biosciences, Hank Greely, is quoted saying, "With gene drives and CRISPR we now have a power over species of all kinds that we never thought possible. The potential good we can do is immense. But we need to acknowledge that we are dealing with a fundamentally new kind of power, and figure out a way to make sure we use it wisely. We are not currently equipped to do that, and we have no time to lose."

Which brings me back to the reality of seeing ISIS goons in Iraq last year smashing a bas relief carving from ancient Mesopotamia with sledgehammers to smithereens. The picture? A hovering "sky-god" looking down on two men with bird heads who are changing or inserting something out of their hand-held baskets and into a "tree of life" that looks amazingly like the intertwined snakes or double helix of DNA.

Their mythology? Written on cuneiform tablets some 4,000 to 6,000 years ago they claimed that the gods came down from the sky and created man, and what did they have to start, and work with? Proto humans, or hominids, that we have found the skeletal remains of from the new finds in caves in South Africa to the "hobbits" in caves in Indonesia. A similar tale is told in the *Bible's* "Genesis" twice, in plural, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." and again "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and man became a living soul."

So which account is the "true" account? The *Bible's* two different stories, Native Americans'

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tales, Oriental mythology, South American natives' stories, old Norse mythology, Australian aborigines' tales, or the ancient Babylonians' pictographs and cuneiform? We may never know, but now we, as a species, have the power that was once reserved for God or the Gods in our hands and with no regulation either. God help us.

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## Barton church gets a facelift



Jonathan Vanasse leans out of a cherry picker to measure the distance between two columns of an ornament he is placing on the west tower of the Barton United Church. Mr. Vanasse and his father, Daniel Vanasse, have been hard at work on the building for the past two weeks replacing rotted moldings and the building's decorations. The elder Mr. Vanasse, who was at street level Tuesday, duplicating elements of the church's nineteenth-century details, said, "I like this kind of work. It's challenging and sometimes you have to think about how to do something." He said he has to recreate many of the moldings that adorn the church at his home shop. He said he expects to spend a few more weeks renewing the building's finery.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

## Community Foundation funding is available in NEK

Funding is now available for organizations and projects in Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties through the Northeast Kingdom Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation.

The fund awards mini-grants from \$500 to \$1,000, and sustaining grants from \$1,001 to \$5,000, in support of projects that benefit the people and communities of the Northeast Kingdom. Nonprofits, schools, and smaller grassroots organizations are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., September 13.

The Northeast Kingdom Fund was established in 2011 by the Community Foundation and local

partners, as a permanent philanthropic resource to support the people and communities of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. The Vermont Community Foundation is a family of hundreds of funds and foundations established by Vermonters to serve their charitable goals. It provides the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise to make giving easy and effective.

Visit [www.vermontcf.org/nekfund](http://www.vermontcf.org/nekfund) to learn more and to apply, or call (802) 388-3355 for more information. — from the Vermont Community Foundation.

## Public alert system deployed for sewage releases

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has launched a new public alert system that enables subscribers to receive e-mail or text message notifications when sewage and unpermitted discharges release into Vermont's lakes, rivers, and ponds.

The program will allow Vermonters to have prompt notification of potential threats to public health and the environment, and to immediately adjust their recreation plans if necessary," said DEC Commissioner Alyssa Schuren.

The subscription system was created as a result of Act 86, a bill signed to strengthen the public's right to know when contaminants enter water bodies unexpectedly. Water system operators are now required to issue public notices immediately upon a release, and issue a full incident report with details on the nature of the discharge or spill within 12 hours.

Subscribers can choose to sign up for three different types of notification options: public alerts of

sewage discharges, full incident reports following a sewage release, and public alerts of unpermitted discharges (dumping or spills of substances other than sewage) to Vermont's surface waters.

Users can opt to receive notifications for the entire state, or limit notifications to a specific water drainage basin where the user lives or frequently recreates. To subscribe for e-mail or text notifications, go to: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/WWInventory/Subscriptions.aspx>.

Other mandatory statewide practices to keep the public informed of safe recreational water use include posting permanent signs at combined sewer overflow discharge points, and posting temporary signs at public access areas when sewage or other releases pose a risk to human health.

For more information, visit <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wastewater/discharge-notifications>. — from ANR.

## Craftsbury market to host plein air

The Craftsbury Farmers Market will hold an en plein air event August 20, on the Craftsbury Common green.

The farmers market is hosting, with the Craftsbury Art House, an opportunity for artists to create their rendition of one of Vermont's most beautiful and iconic town greens. During the Craftsbury Farmers Market, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., artists will draw or paint the common, including the market. All artists — professional, amateur, or student — are welcome to participate.

In the event that artists are unable to finish their artwork between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., they may begin any time before, or finish

after, market hours at a place of their convenience.

The Craftsbury Farmers Market will promote all artists participating in the event at its website, its Facebook page, and Front Porch forums. Promotion may include a photo, biography, examples of artwork, and links to the artist's website or Facebook pages. An art show of all available "plein air paint the common" artwork will be produced toward the end (October 8) of the market's season.

The Craftsbury Farmers' Market, with artists' permission, plans to use images of the final artwork to promote the area and the market. Registration for this event is required. — submitted by Larry Bohlen.



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The Outside Story

# Good news for wild bees?

by Joe Rankin

The honey bee is an introduced species in North America. It's only been here about 400 years, brought by English colonists who found none after stumbling ashore and then promptly put in an order with their backers back home.

The honey bee, more properly known as the European honey bee, took to its new home, spreading across the continent faster than its keepers. Thomas Jefferson, an astute observer of nature if there ever was one, wrote that Native Americans called them "the white man's fly."

Bee colonies thrived in hollow trees as well as in hollow logs called "bee gums" (later bee hives) kept by beekeepers. Thrived, that is, until recently, when wild honeybee populations crashed. Of several contributing factors, the main one is undoubtedly *Varroa destructor*, a bloodsucking mite native to Asia. Like a tiny eight-legged vampire, the pencil point-sized red mite latches onto a bee and sucks its hemolymph (the bee version of blood) while spreading debilitating viruses. The mite's introduction in the mid 1990s caused a crisis in American beekeeping and swept wild colonies from the woods.

By the time the new century ticked over, conventional wisdom among beekeepers had it that wild colonies were history, and that the beloved insect that helped satisfy our sweet tooth and pollinate our crops could only survive in our care and with the help of our chemical miticides.

It is true that the population of wild honey bee colonies did take a nosedive and mites have contributed significantly to that decline. But these days the wild honey bee is thriving, at least in some areas, and scientists are hoping that these colonies have a lot to teach us about how we can breed mite resistant bees and better work with the bees we have now.

Cornell University biology professor Thomas Seeley is one of the nation's pre-eminent honey bee researchers and the author of the new book *Following the Wild Bees: The Craft and Science of Bee Hunting*. He's studied wild bees for decades. He finds it great fun to "line" bees, which involves trapping a honey bee nuzzling a flower in a box, feeding it sugar syrup, taking a compass bearing on its beeline, and following it to its hollow-tree home.

In the late 1970s Mr. Seeley studied and sampled the wild honey bee colonies in Cornell's 4,075-acre Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, south of New York's Finger Lakes. Fast forward a couple of decades and he found himself questioning the idea that wild bees were history.

Back to the Arnot Forest he went.

"I went back to the forest in 2002 and found the same density of wild colonies I did in 1978," Mr. Seeley said. "That was a surprise." Especially when he determined that these wild colonies are infested with varroa mites, but that the mite populations do not reach lethal levels.



And the Arnot Forest isn't the only place he has found wild honey bee colonies. "Wherever I go bee hunting I find wild colonies," Mr. Seeley said. "It's not hard. I've done it in Maine. I've done it in Connecticut. I've done it in Massachusetts."

Mr. Seeley's researches turned up a lot of interesting things.

DNA sequencing on his Arnot honeybees from 1977 and some from 2010 showed that they had gone through a "genetic bottleneck" — indicative of a population collapse — and emerged with their genome changed. "We found 634 sites

across the genome that had been changed very strongly through natural selection. Genetic drift couldn't account for the high level of change at these sites," said Mr. Seeley. Testing also showed significant differences between the wild Arnot Forest honey bees he sampled in 2010 and managed bees kept in apiaries several miles away.

The question, of course, is whether the bees' altered genome is helping them deal with varroa mites. Mr. Seeley thinks it's probably a combination of genetic resistance and how the bees live. The wild honey bees live in smaller colonies — up to 20,000 bees versus up to 50,000 in managed hives. Their nests are fairly far apart, about a half mile on average. And they swarm frequently.

Mr. Seeley's research also suggests that the primary bee-killing virus carried by mites — deformed wing virus — is not virulent in wild bees, while it spreads rapidly in hives managed by humans. That might be a result of differences in colony density: a half a mile or more apart versus crowded in a beeyard.

Mr. Seeley and his colleagues are now trying to unpack the genetic and environmental reasons for the wild colonies' resistance to mites and whether some of those traits can be transferred to our managed colonies. Do the workers have a shorter development cycle that interferes with the mite's reproduction? Are they better at "grooming" mites off their bodies? Are they more assiduous about cleaning their six-sided brood cells of mites? Those are only a few of the questions. Answers still to come.

*Joe Rankin is a beekeeper who also writes on forestry and nature. The illustration for this column was drawn by Adelaide Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine: northernwoodlands.org, and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: wellborn@nhcf.org*

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# Electric vehicle charging station in Derby Line

by Jef Barker

The first publicly available charger in Orleans County is now operational thanks to the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, the First Universalist Parish of Derby Line, and Derby Line Village. The charger is at the church at 112 Main Street in Derby Line.

The Vermont Clean Cities Coalition offers incentive programs to help bring electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to the state.

One such program provides a Clipper Creek level-2, single-port charging station to Vermont businesses with at least ten employees, free of charge.

On August 2, the Derby Line Village Trustees agreed to support an application for one of the free charging stations, spearheaded by Barton resident Ed Helm.

“We agreed to support it, but we couldn’t support it financially,” Derby Line Village Trustee Chair Roland “Buzz” Roy said. “[Mr. Helm] was able to get grants for it, so we said go for it.”

The charger retails for \$565 and requires a 240VAC power line, like a home electric dryer or oven. The chargers are not as fast as the much more expensive DC fast chargers, but can charge a vehicle significantly faster than a conventional 120V line, up to 20 miles of driving per hour of charge.

According to the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, there are currently 115 public EV charging stations in the state. The only one currently in northern Vermont is located in St. Johnsbury.

This is not the Derby Line church’s first clean energy project. Forty-two solar panels were installed on the church’s roof in 2012.

“I was told that we were the first faith community in the Northeast Kingdom to have solar on our roof — and this is a church of 32



The first publicly available charger in Orleans County is now operational thanks to the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, the First Universalist Parish of Derby Line, and Derby Line Village. Laurie Moss, clerk of the trustees, is seen here plugging in Ed Helm’s 2014 Ford Fusion Energy. Photo courtesy of Ed Helm

members or so, this is not a big congregational church,” Mr. Helm said about that project. “So this was a big deal for this little church to do it.

The Universalist Church shares a driveway with the Derby Line Village office, and the next building north is the U.S. Customs and Border Protection crossing station, with Canada on its other side.

“As Canadians or Americans stop, they can look south and see a sign, in French and English: Welcome to the United States — charge your electric vehicle here,” Mr. Helm said.

“I think it has a nice welcoming ambiance that says we’re trying to get with the program, the world program — here in Vermont and in the United States, too.”

The church’s building and grounds committee met in late July, approved the proposal for the charger, and forwarded it to the church board of trustees.

The process went even faster than Mr. Helm or the church expected. He initially thought it

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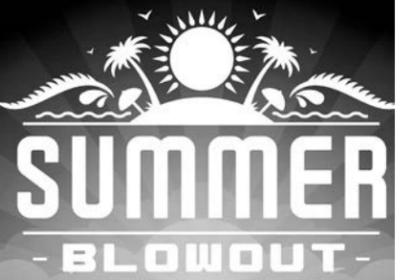
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# Free EV chargers still available for businesses

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would take a few more weeks, but the charger actually went in Monday.

The initial application is a simple seven-question online form, but of course, there are siting and potential future costs the church had to consider.

For example, having the charger attached to a building is cheaper than running power to it and installing a curbside pedestal to mount it on — and there is much less risk of it getting taken out by a plow.

The electricity must be provided free of charge to the vehicle owner since the station does not have a timer or credit card reader. However, a business could attach a donation box for public use to help pay for the power usage.

The maintenance and upkeep costs seem to be minimal, but there must be a plan to cover damage or malfunction.

The Clean Cities Coalition program was conceived as a way for employers to encourage

their employees to use electric vehicles.

The terms of the program require that the applicant be a Vermont business or workplace with ten or more employees, but Vermont Clean Cities Coordinator Abby Bleything said that category can extend to include a town or village itself, or a collection of businesses.

“The program is designed for workplaces,” Ms. Bleything said. “Statistics show that if you provide workplace charging, your employees are 20 times more likely to purchase an EV, because you’re essentially doubling the range of their vehicle.”

“The program is designed around businesses with ten employees, but Mr. Helm successfully pulled together multiple businesses right around the charging station.”

Those businesses include the church, a bank, the post office, and the Customs and Border Protection crossing station, Ms. Bleything said. That pieced together about 20 employees, whose employers have agreed to provide access to the charger and to make sure their employees know about it.

The program does not limit the businesses from making the charger available for public use, Ms. Bleything said. However, “they have to make sure that the employee access is unhindered.” The public cannot be given priority.

Asked how many vehicles using the stations will make it worthwhile for a business, a village, or a small town to get a charging station, Mr. Helm responded, “I think if we get five vehicles in the next year, that’ll be fine, but it’ll be growing exponentially. If it’s five next year, it’ll be 25 the next.”

Businesses interested in the incentive program can contact Ms. Bleything at (802) 656-9123, or at [abby.bleything@uvm.edu](mailto:abby.bleything@uvm.edu).

For additional EV information or to find an EV charging station, visit the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition at <http://vtccc.w3.uvm.edu/electric-and-hybrid/>. The coalition has six chargers remaining with the current program.

## Blueprints Tour is coming to Island Pond

The Island Pond Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a major addition to its “Farewell to Summer” events. The Blueprints Tour featuring Mary Bee along with Kate Connaghan and Dani W will be performing in Lakeside Park from 5 to 9 p.m. on September 3.

On the Blueprints Tour, the band will raise their hearts to unite with local musicians and pioneers through song. Traveling across the country, they champion the voices of all who return home to pursue their innermost passion and find satisfaction in coming together to live out their wildest dreams.

Ms. Bee hails from Rhode Island and now lives in Los Angeles, where she recently finished her newest album with top producer Mark Mazzetti (John Mayer, Sting, Janet Jackson). Before moving to Los Angeles, she won Best Female Vocalist in *Phoenix Magazine* and shared the stage with many great artists, including The Low Anthem and Deer Tick.

Ms. Connaghan is a rising singer-songwriter from Bel Air, California. She has been writing and performing alongside top songwriters and internationally known artists. Ms. Connaghan has

received attention in the Los Angeles music scene from many top songwriters for her passionate and uplifting songwriting.

Los Angeles based indie artist Danielle W. Carter, known as Dani W, has played with countless notable acts, including Wayne Brady and Judith Hill from Michael Jackson’s *This Is It* and *The Voice*. Dani W recently performed for presidents and CEOs of fortune 500 companies, and raised more than \$1-million for education. Her music has been featured in some of the biggest TV shows in the U.S.

The chamber’s Farewell to

Summer also includes its popular market day event featuring a mix of vendors including crafters, antique dealers, a flea market, yard sale, and a farmers market. Market day will also be held in Lakeside Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 3 and from noon to 3 p.m. JCH Duo Jim Cross and Christine Sykes will be performing in the pavilion. Vendor spaces are available and can be reserved by calling 723-0470, or by downloading the reservation form at [www.VisitIslandPond.com](http://www.VisitIslandPond.com). — from the Island Pond Chamber of Commerce.



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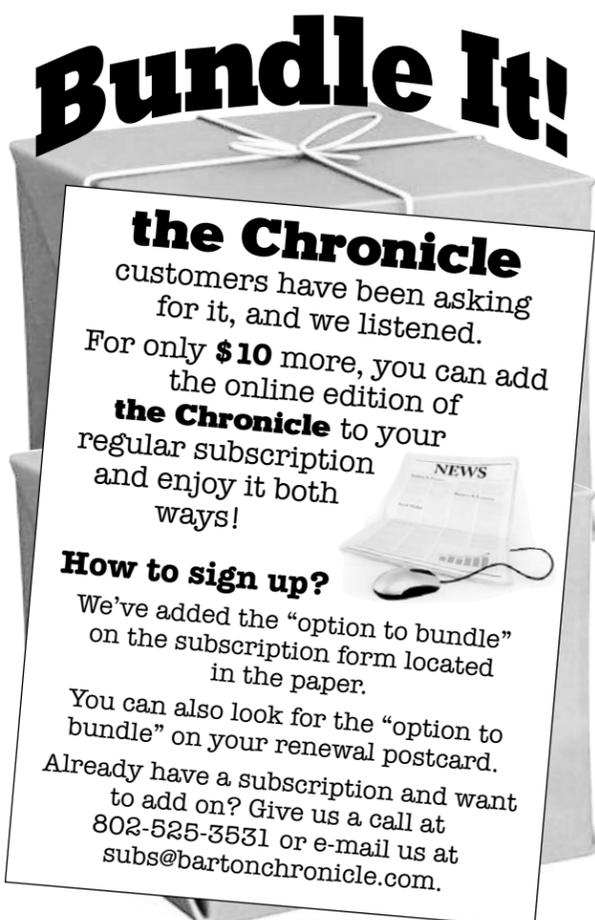
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# Entrepreneurs meet at third annual Barn Pitch

by Joseph Gresser

LOWELL — Tara Lynn Scheidet hoped to get something from the third annual Barn Pitch. Before starting her presentation to a group of 20 to 30 potential investors Thursday afternoon, Ms. Scheidet asked if anyone might be interested in a custom-made motorcycle jacket.

She knew her audience. Several of the investors, who had been touring the state by motorcycle, raised their hands. Ms. Scheidet passed out business cards.

A few moments later she asked if anyone knew someone who was getting married soon. Some did and they, too, soon had Ms. Scheidet's card.

Ms. Scheidet then asked for a \$500,000 investment in her company Tara Lynn Bridal. No hands shot up, but nobody was surprised. That was why they had come to Steve Mason and Patricia Sears' barn in Lowell.

The investors were among the 47 or so in the capitalist biker gang put together by Cairn Cross, one of the founders of freshTracks Capital, a venture capital firm that invests in Vermont companies.

Mr. Cross admitted putting the Road Pitch tour together as an excuse to cruise Vermont's roads with his friends. They justify their time together by stopping around the state to hear the pitches of budding entrepreneurs in search of capital to create or expand their business.

The model was one he had used to get the gang together for skiing trips, Mr. Cross said. Those excursions are billed as lift pitches, in which an entrepreneur has the time it takes to get to the top of a mountain to persuade investors to put their money into his business.

Mr. Cross said his firm has invested in two companies he learned about on ski lifts. So far, freshTracks has not put money into any of the Road Pitch projects.

That's partly because Road



Tammy Lynn Scheidet holds her newly won Teddy bear as she watches Cairn Cross write out a \$500 check. Mr. Cross, the founder of Road Pitch, presented the money to Ms. Scheidet for her presentation to his group of investors. About 20 Vermont investors traveled by motorcycle to Lowell to hear from five Northeast Kingdom entrepreneurs seeking money to help their businesses move forward.

Photos by Joseph Gresser

Pitch is only in its third year, and partly because his company is highly selective, Mr. Cross said.

"We look into about 400 Vermont companies a year, and invest in one or two," he said.

When the motorcycles roared into the drive at Ms. Sears' and Mr. Mason's home, five business owners were already eagerly waiting. One hopes to start a bicycle shop where bike owners can make their own repairs, another is Vermont's first maker of maple wine, and another needs money to expand his wireless broadband network. Flavored syrups for fashionable cocktails

rounded out the menu of businesses.

Ms. Sears explained the rules of the game. Each presenter had up to seven minutes to make a pitch. The crowd of investors then peppered the business owner with questions, comments, and suggestions.

They would vote on who had the best pitch at the end of the session and reward the winner with a \$500 check and a special Teddy bear. Onlookers were invited to cast their ballots, in the form of wrapped chocolates, for the people's choice award, a \$250 check and a carved bear.

Travis Foley was up first. He wants to connect with the bicycle riders who are drawn to Burke by Kingdom Trails.

While the idea of biking presupposes a properly tuned and maintained vehicle, the reality often falls far short, he said. He wants to set up a fully equipped bike repair shop and allow cyclists to fix their own machines.

He said it could be a membership organization, with the highest level of dues reaching about \$450 a year. For that money a member could not only use the shop, but also would have access to video production facilities to put together her own biking movies, and to ski and snowboard tuning equipment.

Mr. Foley said he will need about \$75,000 to set up what he calls The Hive. Of that, about \$45,000 would go toward equipment and setup, \$25,000 would cover early operations, and \$5,000 would pay for publicity.

The investors had a lot of questions and suggestions. One asked if he had considered making his operation a nonprofit. Mr. Foley had and may pursue that route.

Another suggested partnering with a brewery. Mr. Foley said he is investigating the possibility of doing cross marketing with a brewery that will soon start operations in Burke.

He was cautious about making the bike shop into a bar, although he said he was open to allowing people to bring their own beer to keep them cool as they work.

Barton farmer Nick Lussier was up next to share his plan to make maple wine. He laid out his business history, starting with his lawn mowing and landscaping business.

In 19 years, he said, he never lost a customer.

After earning a degree in plant and soil science, Mr. Lussier said, he returned to Barton and found a

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# Time will tell if businesses will find the funding

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119-acre piece of land was up for sale. He had always considered the property his stomping grounds and hated the idea of houses cluttering up a magnificent view, so he bought the land.

He decided to plant some of it to Christmas trees, but quickly realized that there would be no return on his investment for many years.

Next, he thought of sugaring, and built a sugarhouse. Mr. Lussier looked around and saw that huge new sugaring operations were sprouting up all over the state, and the price of syrup was dropping.

"It's becoming a commodity, like milk," he said.

He decided to make a dessert wine from syrup. It would be the first such product in the state, he told the investors.

As he spoke, assistants were passing out small samples of an amber liquid. The investors emptied them quickly as Mr. Lussier moved on to the meat of his pitch.

His company, Maple Hill Farm Winery, needs \$24,000 for equipment, classes, and marketing materials to get up and running, he told the investors.

Luc Beaubien, of New England Wireless Company, was looking for a \$400,000 investment to get his new enterprise moving forward. Mr. Beaubien said his company took over the assets of Great Auk Wireless, a company that shut down last year after its founder was accused of illegal activities connected with another business he ran.

Mr. Beaubien was very clear that his business is a separate company set up to provide broadband service to people around Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

He told potential investors that he is able to compete with FairPoint Communications, on both speed and price. The speed of the phone company's Internet connections depends on how far a signal has to travel. Customers who are more than a mile from a switch box, see low speeds, Mr. Beaubien said.

Wireless technology can provide a faster connection to those customers, he said.

One of the investors asked about VTel Wireless, a company that has been rolling out a wireless Internet service across the state.

"Who?" Mr. Beaubien asked, affecting not to have heard of his competitors.

He then gave a straight answer, telling his questioner that his company's prices are much lower.



Travis Foley talks to an investor after the program Thursday. He hopes to open a bicycle repair shop where riders can work on their own equipment. If things work out, he'll open up in West Burke.

Linda Fox, who along with Ms. Scheidet, was making her second appearance at Barn Pitch, began her talk by taking her audience to exotic locations where cocktails made with her company's products are served.

The Walden-based entrepreneur is one of the founders of Sumptuous Syrups, which produces, as its name suggests, flavored syrups.

Ms. Fox said she is looking for a partner, or perhaps to sell her company. Sumptuous Syrups has proved popular among creative bartenders around the country, but needs to be able to do its own marketing.

The company, she said, could easily ramp up production to a 1,000 cases a week, but needs to develop a sales force.

Investors seemed skeptical, suggesting that she work with established food distributors and widen her market.

Ms. Fox said she had tried to work with other companies and found it unsatisfactory.

Ms. Scheidet said she is also open to selling her company. If she gets the half-million-dollar

investment she's seeking, she would put it toward hiring more skilled workers, including a pattern maker, she said.

Already, Ms. Scheidet said, her work is widely known and people travel to Sutton from all over the world to be fitted for a custom-designed bridal gown. While here, her customers stay in local hotels and visit local restaurants and attractions, she said.

She said many designers are financed by rich husbands. Hers is not in a position to buy her a bigger business, but she loves him anyway, she said.

He runs a motorcycle repair shop, she told the crowd of bikers, and is a superb mechanic.

When it came time for voting, Ms. Scheidet was the popular choice and the investors' favorite. She walked away from the event with \$750, a teddy bear, a carved bear, and some potential customers.

Time will tell if she, or any of the other business owners, will find the funding they are looking for.

## Doctor to join North Country Pediatrics

North Country Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Tatiana Sergeev will join North Country Pediatrics on the Newport campus, at 121 Medical Village Drive, in September. She is currently practicing medicine with Avena Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Sergeev has a

comprehensive background in pediatric medicine, providing outpatient and inpatient care in the United States for more than 15 years. She will be joining Alexandra Bannach, MD, Cynthia Fort, DN, FNP, and the clinic staff at North Country Pediatrics. — from North Country Hospital.

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# A 75-mile wheelchair odyssey for justice

by Elizabeth Trail

JEFFERSONVILLE — A week or so ago, Danny Perry of Newport Center felt a sudden calling to take a trip. Not just any trip, but a 75-mile journey from Newport to Burlington in his wheelchair — and sometimes on his hands and knees — to speak out about injustice and inequality.

He didn't plan, he didn't pack. But two days later he crawled the first mile out of Newport Center, then hauled himself up into his hand-propelled chair and began to wheel himself along Route 105.

Mr. Perry is traveling without an agenda, or much in the way of advance arrangements.

"I decided to count on the good faith of the people I meet," he said.

So far his confidence has been amply rewarded. People have offered him food, conversation, and places to stay.

He spent the first night at his brother's house in North Troy. A friend has picked him up each evening along the route, taken him to her house, and dropped him back off the next morning.

This reporter caught up with Mr. Perry at a modest restaurant

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*"I am trying to create a platform where people can get together, not just complain on Facebook."*

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By Tuesday, he'd traveled Route 100 to Route 100C in Johnson, and then west on Route 15 as far as Cambridge.

On Saturday, August 13 — his thirty-fifth birthday — he will crawl the last mile up Church Street to Burlington City Hall on his hands and knees.

The fact that not much will be going on at City Hall on a Saturday doesn't phase him.

"We'll just see how it works out," Mr. Perry said on Monday from Jeffersonville where *the Chronicle* caught up with him.

Thousands of people are following Mr. Perry's trip on Facebook, but he doesn't know whether he'll be surrounded by a crowd for that last mile, or find himself alone except for friends.

He wasn't even quite sure at first why he was led to make the trip.

It's not about religion, and it's not directly about politics for him.

"I could not sit for another day and justify inaction," he said.

But as he's gone along the road he's started to see more and more that what he wants to do is start a social movement.

"I am trying to create a platform where people can get together, not just complain on Facebook," he said.

Along the way, he's talked to dozens of people, sharing his outrage about the failures of the American economic and political systems, and listening to people's stories of the challenges they are facing in their own lives.

behind the Smuggler's Notch Inn. He was nowhere along the expected route, so it took a flurry of cell phone calls to find him.

It turned out that his mother had picked him up just past Johnson and driven him to the coffee shop for a break.

Mr. Perry's face and arms are deeply tanned from three days in the sun, and he has a blister on the palm of one hand.

On the table beside him, his tablet and smart phone were charging while he devoured a platter of eggs and toast.

His face lit with passion as he talked about the reasons for his pilgrimage and the people he's talked to along the way.

What he's after is to help ignite something like the Occupy movement, but with enough leadership to make it work, he said.

The issues that ignited the Occupy movement are still with us, he said — money and power in the hands of a few people, while the vast majority struggle to make ends meet in a system that's stacked against them.

He's not really certain what his role is, or should be, in such a movement.

"I can be a leader, or symbol, or a cog," he said. "I'm willing to put the rubber to the road, to crawl on my hands and knees to get this going."

He has a huge number of ideas, and he speaks with conviction.

"But there's no idea I have that



Danny Perry gestures with his hands as he explains why he is making the 75-mile trip from his home in Newport Center to Burlington by wheelchair to talk to people about injustice and inequality in society. He plans to crawl the last mile to Burlington City Hall on Saturday on his hands and knees. Photo by Elizabeth Trail

other people couldn't add to or improve upon."

Mr. Perry graduated from St. Michael's College, then worked on a master's degree in international nonprofit management at the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro.

Except for the required internship, he would have finished his degree, he said.

But going abroad and working for a year without pay was a hurdle he couldn't manage. He ended up with a lot of student debt and no degree.

He lived and worked in Burlington for a while, including a stint as a sign language interpreter at the University of Vermont.

But working while drawing disability — a category called "working disability" — made him ineligible for Medicaid. And once he had to pay health insurance premiums, he couldn't afford to live in Burlington.

"They purposely pay working disabled just enough to force them off of Medicaid," he said.

From student loans, to the health care system, to heroin addiction, Mr. Perry ticked off the ways the government has failed to address the issues that people face.

"The government is supposed to

be a tool for me and you to make our lives better," he said. "It's not there to tax us to death and spend the money on things we don't need."

The things we don't need, according to Mr. Perry, include endless wars to protect so-called American interests, which usually means oil and corporate profits.

But those things are a long way from what people really care about, he said.

People care about their families, their neighbors, their community, their country, and their neighbors around the world, he said. And they care about how the system is crushing their communities.

"Everybody I've talked to agrees that this is true," he said.

Mr. Perry wants to see the federal government downsized.

But he's not against government itself. In fact, he sees a role for expanded local government, responsive to — and run by — the people it serves.

He has mixed feelings about Vermont's state government.

Vermont probably has a higher percentage of ethical politicians than just about anywhere, he said. A lot of people in state government have high ideals and good intentions.

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# Perry has been collecting stories as he travels

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“Yet the state is ravaged by one economic crisis after another,” he said.

Vermont’s self-image may blind Vermonters to the problems that its government is causing.

Health care is just one example, starting with Vermont Health Connect, Mr. Perry said.

“All that money — \$200 million—spent on a website that’s unusable.”

There’s plenty of money out there to solve social and environmental problems, he said. Some of it is just a matter of the government reprioritizing what it spends money on. Some of it is a matter of tax reform.

Mr. Perry would like to tell the government: “Stop making laws you have no intention of funding.”

He’d also like to see corporations step up to the plate and take a bigger role in tackling issues, from pollution to smoking.

“Why can’t big companies fund programs to address the problems their product creates?”

Mr. Perry blames the government for creating a culture of fear and distrust, dividing people to suit its own ends.

And the media has played right into it, quoting hate speech and incidents because they sell newspapers, he said.

His own experience on his journey has been quite the opposite.

“I can’t even understand where that’s coming from,” he said. “Most people are not filled with hate, they’re filled with love and compassion.”

And most people are too busy trying to make ends meet and dealing with their own day-to-day problems — whether it’s money, or finding work, or dealing with alcohol or drug addictions — to care about race or gay marriage or someone’s religion, he said.

Along the road Mr. Perry has talked to people all along the political spectrum, and he said he hasn’t met anyone — even self-identified arch conservatives — who has expressed the kind of desire to interfere in other people’s lives that he sees coming from Washington.

“Stop bringing it up,” he said. “Nobody cares.”

Mr. Perry has collected a lot of stories in just a few days. Stories and pictures and ideas that he posts on his Facebook page as he goes.

There’s the farmer about to lose his place because of a tax error that he can’t raise the money to fix. There are parents who can’t feed their children and grandparents who need to take their grandchildren in but can’t afford it. There are people struggling with addiction. And there are people who will always live with criminal records from a single mistake.

“I haven’t said this before, but I cry every time I hear their stories,” he said. “Not while I’m with them, but after I leave. There’s just so much pain out there.”

Mr. Perry understands pain.

He ticks off the ways he’s an outsider in this society. He’s a gay man. He comes from a poor family with a lot of children — some biological, some adopted, some cousins that were taken in by his family when their parents died. Four of his siblings are black. He has family members and close friends who are dealing with addiction.

And oh yes — he’s disabled. He says that almost as an afterthought.

From the waist up, Mr. Perry is a big powerful man. Getting around in a wheelchair has given him the muscles of a weight lifter. But his legs are shortened and underdeveloped, a condition he was born with. His feet don’t reach the footrest of his wheelchair.

As a child, he learned to walk with crutches, but eventually he had to go into a chair.

And there was a time after that when he let himself go and gained a lot of weight, he said. At the highest point, he weighed over 400 pounds.

But he lost weight and started working out. He’s had back problems, and 19 surgeries.

“And here I am,” he said.

But he talks about himself only when prompted.

He really wants to find out what other people’s lives are like.

After lunch, Mr. Perry got into the car with his mother and headed back east on Route 15 to resume his journey at the exact spot where she had picked him up a couple of hours before.

This reporter had intended to find him and walk alongside the wheelchair as he pushed himself up the long incline out of Johnson headed for Burlington.

But at the Jolley convenience store, he was already surrounded by people, deep in conversation.

“Everybody wants to help,” he’d said at the restaurant. “Everybody wants to take part.”

But most people don’t have what he called “the luxury of protest.”

Doing something that attracts attention and starts conversations about the problems in this country requires taking time away from work and other responsibilities.

Being on disability, he said, he has that luxury.

“They want us to crawl and beg and bleed at their altar of greed,” he said. “I am willing to sacrifice myself on the altar of good.”

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## Harvest of the month: carrots

These root vegetables have a crisp texture come in an array of colors — white, orange, yellow, and purple. Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A and can supply over the recommended daily amount in just one serving.

Carrots can be enjoyed a number of ways — raw, steamed, roasted, or incorporated into baked goods or soups. Add shredded carrots to salad for a pop of color, or toss with oil and your favorite

seasonings and bake. The leafy green tops of carrots may also be consumed. Try sautéing carrot greens with olive oil or incorporating into a stock for added flavor.

These root vegetables store well in the refrigerator. Consider wrapping them in a paper towel to prevent condensation and extend freshness. Carrots can also be blanched (boiled briefly) and frozen for up to a year. For more

information and recipes, visit [www.vermontharvestofthemonth.org](http://www.vermontharvestofthemonth.org) or like Vermont Harvest of the Month on Facebook. — from Green Mountain Farm to School.

### Carrot fries

Yield: six servings  
 Ingredients:  
 2 lbs. carrots, peeled and cut into thin sticks  
 2 tbsp. oil

1/2 tsp. salt  
 pinch of black pepper  
 1/4 tsp. ground oregano  
 1/2 tsp. chopped raw garlic  
 Directions:  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees.  
 Toss carrots with remaining ingredients: oil, salt, pepper, oregano, and garlic.  
 Spread out on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake until tender (15-20 minutes), stirring occasionally.



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# 2016 Primary Election results

State Senate Orleans-Essex			
Two seats * = incumbent • = selected	Ron Horton	John Rodgers*	Robert Starr *
Albany	14	68	49
Barton	26	118	88
Brownington	14	42	28
Charleston	14	59	45
Coventry	20	40	41
Craftsbury	20	126	85
Derby	78	195	213
Glover	27	104	79
Greensboro	13	119	70
Holland	9	18	12
Irasburg	4	63	66
Jay	14	12	23
Lowell	14	26	41
Morgan	15	30	19
Newport City	94	139	171
Newport Town	18	41	60
Troy	39	45	88
Westfield	22	32	58
Westmore	11	27	13
Orleans County	466	1304	1249
Bloomfield	9	7	16
Brighton	14	41	33
Brunswick	3	6	8
Canaan	11	13	16
Concord	23	39	30
East Haven	6	18	12
Granby	1	3	2
Guildhall	10	16	10
Lemington	1	1	2
Lunenburg	13	29	26
Maidstone	6	12	13
Norton	0	10	9
Victory	2	4	3
Essex County	99	199	180
Montgomery	54	40	71
Richford	49	25	71
Wolcott	44	83	62
Grand Total	712	1651	1633

Lieutenant Governor, Democrat			
	Kesha Ram	Shap Smith	David Zuckerman
Albany	15	22	49
Barton	14	59	62
Brownington	33	38	53
Charleston	13	24	36
Coventry	9	22	28
Craftsbury	24	59	80
Derby	39	139	125
Glover	33	38	53
Greensboro	23	47	64
Holland	3	8	17
Irasburg	13	28	35
Jay	5	9	16
Lowell	7	27	19
Morgan	8	16	10
Newport City	35	102	97
Newport Town	9	26	39
Troy	9	43	63
Westfield	12	27	31
Westmore	4	10	20
Orleans County	308	744	897
Bloomfield	5	11	8
Brighton	6	11	38
Brunswick	0	7	4
Canaan	2	16	13
Concord	12	29	33
East Haven	3	10	14
Granby	0	2	2
Guildhall	5	10	15
Lemington	0	2	1
Lunenburg	8	20	25
Maidstone	5	6	14
Norton	2	3	8
Victory	1	2	4
Essex County	49	129	179
Montgomery	17	37	79
Richford	10	41	61
Wolcott	12	84	58
Total	396	1035	1274

## Voter turnout was low

(Continued from page one.)

Republican gubernatorial candidate Phil Scott easily beat Bruce Lisman in Orleans County. He collected 1,238 votes compared to Mr. Lisman's 744. (We did not have results in that Primary race for Troy and Newport City.)

Mr. Lisman won in Charleston and Jay, according to results posted on the Secretary of State's website results.

In the Democratic Primary for Governor, Matt Dunne and Sue Minter were virtually neck and neck with 690 and 692 votes, respectively, in Orleans County. In the Essex County towns *the Chronicle* had results for, however, Mr. Dunne had 199 votes compared to Ms. Minter's 101, and Mr. Galbraith's two. The totals were 1,073 for Mr. Dunne, 475 for Mr. Galbraith, and 949 for Ms. Minter.

In the Democratic Lieutenant Governor's race, David Zuckerman won Orleans County easily with 897 votes. Shap Smith had 744 votes, and relative newcomer Kesha Ram had 308.

Orleans County's results were generally in line with the state's as a whole, with the exception of Ms. Minter, who was the favorite by a far wider margin statewide than she was here.



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# 2016 Primary Election results

Governor, Democratic			
* = incumbent	Matt Dunne	Peter Galbraith	Sue Minter
Albany	38	19	28
Barton	49	27	43
Brownington	18	11	14
Charleston	31	19	25
Coventry	25	9	23
Craftsbury	61	35	67
Derby	110	47	130
Glover	66	14	40
Greensboro	33	44	53
Holland	16	0	6
Irasburg	26	32	16
Jay	8	5	16
Lowell	16	12	18
Morgan	10	17	9
Newport City	93	25	111
Newport Town	23	34	13
Troy	34	35	42
Westfield	24	17	24
Westmore	9	11	14
Orleans County	690	413	692
Bloomfield	17	1	5
Brighton	25	13	21
Brunswick	5	0	4
Canaan	20	3	11
Concord	38	1	13
East Haven	13	1	11
Granby	1	0	3
Guildhall	20	1	4
Lemington	0	1	2
Lunenburg	35	2	16
Maidstone	14	0	10
Norton	9	1	0
Victory	2	0	1
Essex County	199	24	101
Montgomery	61	12	59
Richford	58	10	38
Wolcott	65	16	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>949</b>

Governor, Republican		
	Bruce Lisman	Phil Scott
Albany	29	71
Barton	66	116
Brownington	21	34
Charleston	53	34
Coventry	51	58
Craftsbury	21	77
Derby	144	244
Glover	28	78
Greensboro	15	32
Holland	25	47
Irasburg	40	75
Jay	20	17
Lowell	42	62
Morgan	47	47
Newport City	107	182
Newport Town	?	?
Troy	?	?
Westfield	21	34
Westmore	14	30
Orleans County	744	1238
Bloomfield	3	10
Brighton	53	68
Brunswick	6	11
Canaan	27	37
Concord	49	87
East Haven	15	20
Granby	8	11
Guildhall	13	23
Lemington	2	4
Lunenburg	34	54
Maidstone	11	14
Norton	5	14
Victory	15	7
Essex County	241	360
Montgomery	28	56
Richford	54	66
Wolcott	31	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>1819</b>



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# Thousands view historic schoolhouse journey

by Joseph Gresser

BROWNINGTON — The 1823 Orleans County Grammar School traveled a third of a mile Monday with the help of 23 yoke of oxen and a pair of powerful hydrostatic motors. Peggy Day Gibson, director of the Old Stone House Museum, which owns the building and arranged for the move, estimated the crowd of onlookers at around 2,500 people.

On Sunday, organizers of the move were pleasantly surprised when more oxen than expected showed up for the move. The teams arrived from around the state, the largest contingent being members of the Hooves and Horns Club from the Randolph area.

Museum staff had put up a temporary stable complex. Dennis Gibson, Ms. Gibson's husband and an enthusiastic volunteer, called the facility the "steer motel."

After the animals were taken out of their trailers and given some refreshment and time to adjust to the unfamiliar surroundings, they were brought into the ring and yoked together as teams.

The teams were connected by means of a chain stretched between

the two oxen in each team. It was not directly connected to the team's yoke, but to a triangular piece of steel called a jingle bob.

Mr. Gibson said the jingle bob, which swung from the yoke by one corner, provides some play in the chain, which therefore places less strain on the oxen.

The museum's jingle bobs were forged on site by Courtney Mead. The steel stock came from the Glover Town Hall where bars once protected windows from errant basketballs, he said.

The teams' owners were eager to share information about the cattle. Chris Billings was willing to provide the most elementary information.

Some of the working animals, he explained, were steers, others oxen. The first step in training oxen is going to a dairy farm and selecting a pair of bull calves.

Most of the animals were Holsteins, but he pointed out a pair of Guernseys, a number of Randalls, and his own team, Harley and Davidson. They were local boys, Dutch belted cattle from Paul Daniels' herd in East Albany, Mr. Billings said.

The young bulls are castrated at six months, which makes them



Eight-year-old Ava Evans experiments with another way to move a large load, pulling it on rollers. The activity was one set up to amuse children during the day.

steers. After four years of training, they graduate as full-fledged oxen, said Mr. Billings.

Much of the equipment used by pullers is quite old. Some of the teams are connected with yokes that are a 100 or more years old, he said.

Mr. Billings held out a small metal pin that he said is used to hold the oxbow in position. That was also more than a century old, he said.

Some people make their own yokes, the piece that crosses the top of the animals' neck and links them as a team. Oxbows, the U-shaped piece that goes under an ox's neck and fastens it to the yoke, are tricky to make, he said.

Most people get their bows from an Amish man in Ohio who steams and shapes the hardwood pieces to order. Mr. Billings praised his work, but said he can only be contacted by mail, as he will not use a telephone.

One of the enjoyable aspects of training teams of oxen is naming them. Mr. Billings rattled off a few of the names of teams that made the trip to Brownington: Justin and Morgan, Calvin and Coolidge, Charlie and Brown, and Camou and Flage.

Gail Billings, his wife, was in the ring with Briggs and Stratton, her team of red Holsteins. The team, which weighs about 5,000 pounds in total, dwarfed Ms. Billings, who commanded it with ease.

The placid giants seemed comfortable being hitched together

and after making a few circles they were led back to their quarters to rest for the next day's exertions.

Around eight Monday morning, other teams were in place on the Hinman Settler Road.

Norman Messier, whose company contracted to move the building, was looking over his arrangements and completing last minute tasks.

Crews from FairPoint Communications and Comcast had taken their lines from poles along the road and placed them on the ground. Orleans Electric Department workers had to wait until farmer Fred Kolaski finished milking and had seen the milk truck leave his dooryard.

Once they got the all clear they shut off power and took down power lines that were far too low to allow the school to pass.

Nancy Sweeney, her sister Peggy Glodgett, her parents Harriet and Dale Sweeney and Ms. Sweeney's partner, Gary Ewen, sat in the front yard of the home they used to live in and which Ms. Sweeney now owns.

Across the street the 1823 Orleans County Grammar School loomed. The building, used in more recent years as the town's Grange Hall, had been raised off its foundations and was perched on several large sets of wheels.

"I used to take cherry sticks and put apples on them, and try to flick

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The sun is low in the east as a giant truck backs up to the schoolhouse. The truck was used to pull the building onto the Hinman Settler Road and, again, to haul it next to its new foundation.



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# Carla Messier took the captain's seat

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them over the power lines," Ms. Sweeney said. "Sometimes the apple curved and hit the building," she confessed.

The family watched as Mr. Messier's crew put plywood over the shallow ditch through which the communications cables had been laid.

Mr. Messier took a moment to

give a visitor a tour under the schoolhouse, which rested on a series of I-beams that, in turn, were clamped to other steel supports attached to the wheels. The steel supports were mounted on jacks supported by the under-carriage's frame.

Almost the whole arrangement was constructed in Mr. Messier's shop, he said. Lines from the wheel assembly snaked up to the back of

the building where a platform held generators that powered the air brakes that would keep the building from rolling backward toward Orleans.

Another unit mounted on the back powered a pair of motors. These, owned and operated by Kim Brownie, could push the building in the event the oxen were not able to haul the 107-ton load up the hill to its new home.

Once the power lines were down, Mr. Messier gave the signal and Carla Messier, his wife, ascended to what he called the

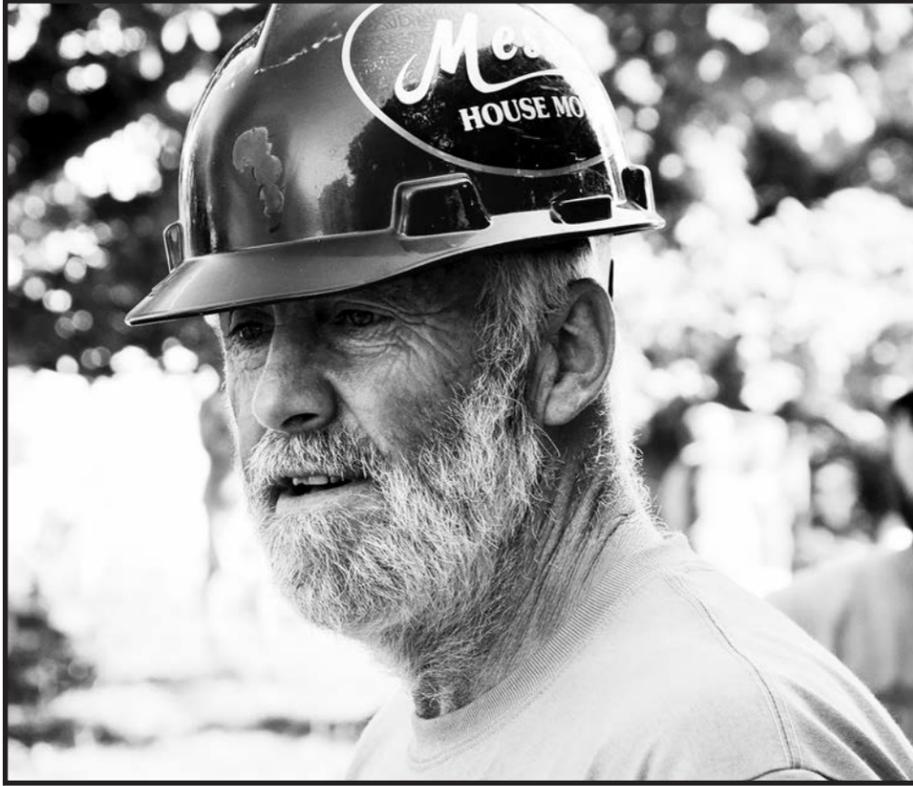
captain's seat. There she sat behind a set of controls that allowed her to steer the building and apply brakes as needed.

Mr. Brownie controlled the power wheels from a small device, about half the size of a car battery, that he wore around his neck. He walked, relatively inconspicuously along with the procession.

"I could stand across the road and control the wheels," he said.

A large truck backed into place and pulled the building away from

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Norman Messier organized the details of the move, which went without a hitch.

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# Newspaper, radio and TV vied for the best views

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its old home and onto the road. Mr. Messier led the procession up the road to West Street where the teams could turn around to be hitched.

The small crowd that was on hand to watch was growing as time went on and filling the Hinman Settler Road. Mr. Gibson rode up and down on his bicycle warning people to get out of the way. A tape line was laid out on the west side of the road in order to keep people at a safe distance.

The other side was brushy and fewer people chose to stand there.

The crowds parted as the teams made their way down to meet the building.

Steve Allan of West Burke, himself a highly experienced handler of oxen, directed the process of lining up the teams and hitching them.

Mr. Messier produced a few old tires and attached the oxens' chain to one side and chained the other to the building.

He explained that the tires' ability to absorb the shock of a sudden pull made the chain act as if it were three times as strong as its rating.

The oxen lined up in two rows and in size order, with the smallest teams at the front of the line.

John and Jim, 11-year-old Alyson Ballou's team, led one line. The year-old steers are the second team she has owned, Ms. Ballou said.

The first two were so big at two years old that she had to sell them, she explained. She hopes to keep up with these oxen and raise them to maturity, she said.

Like many of the younger drivers, Ms. Ballou is a 4-H member.

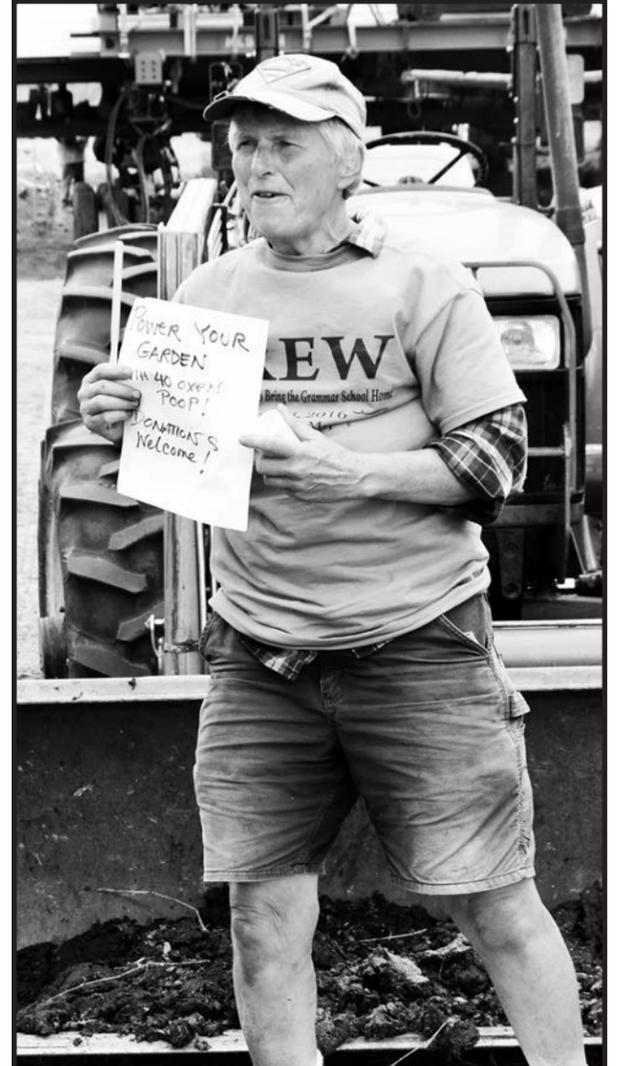
After a period of adjustment, Mr. Allen

signaled he was satisfied and Ms. Messier raised her arm. The teams leaned into the weight and the tire stretched, but Mr. Allen spotted a problem and the teams stopped pulling.

That was the pattern for the day. In part, that was because the oxen were not able to handle the load on their own. Ms. Billings said afterward that Mr. Brownie's motors went faster than the oxen could keep up with.

She said the oxen occasionally did some serious pulling, but could not have managed the whole load in any event.

The slow-moving caravan never managed to catch the crush of reporters and photographers who traveled in front of it. Newspapers from around the state, *Vermont Public Radio*, and television crews vied for the best views.



Jane Greenwood hawks cow flop gathered along the road as a fundraiser for the moving project. Even at the low price of \$1 a cup she had few takers for her high-powered fertilizer.

Some of those who watched the procession from the sidelines came from a distance to experience the event. There were visitors who journeyed from California and Florida.

Anyone who looked unsuccessfully for a friend or neighbor Monday morning probably would have found their quarry in the Brownington crowd.

A little way past the Samuel Read Hall House, the oxen made a left turn and were unhitched from the building. Their drivers led them down to their quarters for a well-earned meal as the crowd applauded their efforts.

The large truck was hitched to the house and towed it into place next to the foundation designed for it by architect Rob Brown of Sheffield. Mr. Brown said the concrete had to be poured to accommodate some irregularities in the building, including some slight bowing on the sides.

Ms. Gibson said some of the granite used for the school's downtown foundation was taken to Barre where it was sliced into narrow sections. These, she said, would sit on a specially designed ledge on the new foundation where they will give the appearance of the old foundation while supporting some of the building's weight.

The old school is in perfect condition said Jan Lewandoski, an expert on historic buildings. He worked with engineer Janet Kane and checked out the building before it was moved.

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# School was moved before — in 1869

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Ms. Kane said the structure was a tiny bit out of square but completely sound.

Monday's spectacle was the building's second journey along the same route, Ms. Gibson said. A January 1870 article in the *Orleans Independent Standard* reported on an alcohol-free social event sponsored in the building by the Good Templars.

The article mentioned that the school building had been moved the month before and was still being put back into shape after its journey.

It was customary to move heavy loads in the

winter when roads were frozen and snow provided a surface on which they could be easily moved, Ms. Gibson said. She guessed the biggest concern for the crew that moved the building was keeping it from sliding out of control.

The movers probably put chains around trees along the route to break the school's momentum, she said.

Records are not perfectly clear on why the building was moved, Ms. Gibson said, but the school's account book has a gap between 1865 and 1870.

"I don't think they misplaced the book and

found it five years later," she said.

The school building was the one in which Alexander Twilight taught classes. The big stone house, which he built a couple of hundred yards away, was put up as a dormitory for students from surrounding communities who boarded at the grammar school.

What is known is that, as more towns in Orleans County opened their own high schools, the dormitory saw less and less use. Eventually, only local children were attending the school, and they lived down the hill in the village.

The Good Templars, a temperance organization that preceded the Grange as an agricultural fraternal group, were allowed to use the building in return for moving it, Ms. Gibson said.

Eventually they were succeeded by the Grange, which continues to hold its meetings in the old schoolhouse. The Brownington Ladies Aid Society also meets and holds events in the building, Ms. Gibson said.

Once the building is on its new foundation and connected to water and power, the groups will continue to use the space, Ms. Gibson said.

Brownington voters agreed to donate the building to the museum on Town Meeting Day 2015. The building lacked amenities the state requires of public buildings and might have been closed at any time, Ms. Gibson said.

Jane Greenwood, head of the museum's building and grounds committee, said she and Ms. Gibson have been planning for the move ever since the town voted to transfer ownership.

As soon as the museum took ownership it restored insurance that had lapsed under the town's policy, she said. They also made some minor safety improvements.

Once it is in place the building will get a new kitchen and, for the first time, a bathroom. The

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Briggs and Stratton, two red Holsteins, are led by their trainer, Gail Billings. The company's advertising slogan, "The power within" inspired the team's names, Ms. Billings said.

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# Old Stone House day is August 14

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building will be warmed with radiant heat from the concrete floor of the basement, Ms. Gibson said.

In addition to meetings by the two organizations, Ms. Gibson said she hopes to hold exhibits, have classes, and use the space for events.

The move will cost about \$300,000, she said. The museum is still trying to raise \$150,000 to cover the cost.

Ms. Greenwood did her part. She followed the schoolhouse up the road in a small tractor scooping up cow flop as she went. Once she caught up to the house she began offering 40-oxen manure for sale at \$1 a paper cupful.

With the addition of the old schoolhouse, Ms. Gibson said the Old Stone House Museum now has seven buildings.

The organization now hopes to create an endowment to provide a predictable amount for upkeep of the buildings each year, she said.

Ms. Gibson will not be getting much rest right away. On Wednesday, the building will be moved to its new foundation. On Tuesday she was scurrying in hopes of finding more oxen to help with the job.

Sunday, August 14, marks what has traditionally been her biggest event of the year, Old Stone House Day. Those who missed the big move might take the opportunity to visit the old schoolhouse in its new old home.



Alyson Ballou encourages John and Jim, her one-year-old steers, as the teams lean into their work. The 23 teams that participated in the move were arranged with the smallest at front. That meant the youngest drivers took on great responsibility.

## Campbell hits hole-in-one on a par four



Andy Campbell is seen here after his first ever hole-in-one, an albatross at the Lake Willoughby golf course. Photo courtesy of Andrew Cappello

Big Andy Campbell hit a hole-in-one on the seventh hole at the Lake Willoughby golf course on Wednesday, July 27. His hole-in-one, on a par four is known as an "albatross" in golf lingo. Witnessing his shot were the rest of the Wednesday night golf crew consisting of Billy Cashin, Mac McKenny, Andrew Capello, Chris McCarthy, Kayden Swett, Mike Field, Jeff Lieberum, James Lanoue, and Erik Smith. This was Mr. Campbell's first ever hole-in-one. — submitted by Andrew Cappello.

## King hits hole-in-one

Sam King from Barton (a senior at Lake Region High School) recently got a hole-in-one at the Barton Golf Club on hole 14 using a gab wedge. Witnesses were James Ingalls and Jack King. — submitted by Barb Limoge-King.

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In Superior Court

# Police accuse man of stashing grocery carts

by Paul Lefebvre

NEWPORT — In Superior Court here Tuesday, Danual Morrow, 44, of Newport pled innocent to a felony charge of possessing stolen property.

Judge Howard VanBenthuisen released him on conditions, including that he stay out of Vista Foods in Newport.

Newport Patrolman Richard Wells said in his affidavit that he cited Mr. Morrow after receiving a complaint he was stashing grocery carts in the basement of a Newport business.

Police allegedly found 16 carts, valued at \$206 apiece.

Christopher Coughlin, 36, of East Burke was sentenced to serve up to 30 days in the community.

He pled guilty to driving after his license had been suspended (DLS) and giving false information to a police officer on June 28.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department Deputy Eric Hazard cited Mr. Coughlin when he clocked him doing 71 miles per hour while driving a motorcycle on Route 5 in Westmore.

On a DLS conviction, James Cunningham, 51, of Orleans will serve up to 12 days doing community work.

State Police Trooper Abigail Drew cited him on March 1 for driving with defective equipment on Main Street in Orleans.

A 37-year-old woman will serve up to five years for convictions on a wide range of charges.

Mindy Lee Maskell of Newport pled guilty to a felony charge of burglary and to misdemeanors of child cruelty, unlawful mischief, driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI), reckless endangerment, DLS, and two charges of violating court conditions

of release. She also admitted to three charges of violating probation.

A second DUI charge was dropped by the state.

The sole felony charge stems from a citizen's call to police on June 27, 2015, that his neighbor's house in Coventry was being burglarized.

According to an affidavit from Trooper Erika Lavallee, the caller intercepted Ms. Maskell and a juvenile in his yard.

While attempting to leave, Ms. Maskell proceeded to drive her car off a retaining wall at the end of the neighbor's driveway, according to the affidavit.

Police founds bags containing shoes, bottles of water, costume jewelry, and similar items that had been taken from the house. Police report the value of the stolen items exceeded \$250.

Misdemeanor charges of cruelty to a child and unlawful mischief also arose out of the bungled burglary.

On the DUI, DLS, and reckless endangerment convictions, Trooper Callie Field said police received a complaint on June 26, 2015, that someone during the early morning hours had run into a stone wall in Coventry.

The trooper's investigation also led to charges that the defendant had endangered a child passenger, who reportedly was being given a ride to a birthday party.

Included in sentencing were two convictions for violating court conditions of release on May 30 and August 8.

Police say the violations occurred when she violated curfew by sleeping in a car parked in a Newport driveway, and when she gave police an alias during their investigation of a stolen stereo from

the Newport Family Dollar Store.

Tyrel Cortez, 21, of Lowell pled guilty to DUI and was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$382 in court surcharges.

Newport Patrolman David Jacobs cited Mr. Cortez for erratic driving on May 25.

Alex Becker, 28, of Newport saw three to 12 months tacked onto his sentence after pleading guilty to a

felony escape charge.

Parole Officer Tyrel Kerr said in his affidavit that Mr. Becker cut the strap holding his electronic monitoring device and absconded from supervision on June 8 while residing in a prison run transitional housing program.

Dennis Demers, 59, of Hardwick pled guilty through the mails to  
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## Business news

### Community National Bank employees donate to Gardner Park

Community National Bank (CNB) Derby teller Mariah Goodell presented Newport Parks and Recreation Department Director Andrew Cappello and Gardner Park Restoration Committee (GPRC) member Jenn Smith with a donation of \$500 on behalf of the bank's Derby office employees. Bank employees dress casually on Fridays as part of the bank's Casual for a Cause program. Employees donate money to local nonprofit organizations for the opportunity to wear jeans on Fridays.

The GPRC has been actively fund-raising and applying for grants to improve the playground. Ms. Smith said, "The committee would like to see the park offer a wider variety of playground equipment to meet the needs of all members of the community." She said, "Our vision is to design a playground that includes both natural playscapes and playground structures for varied ages and abilities, so everyone can access and enjoy it."

To date, GPRC has raised over \$12,000. New committee members and volunteers are always welcome. To learn more about GPRC and its progress, join their Facebook page,

or e-mail Ms. Smith at gardnerparkrestoration@gmail.com. — from Community National Bank.

### Boutin retires from Columbia Forest Products

After 11 years of service, June 16 marked the retirement of Ronald Boutin from Columbia Forest Products. Born in Barton, he worked on the family farm until he graduated from Lake Region Union High School.

He worked as a laborer at Ethan Allen for one year and as a carpenter with Gerard Carrier for five years. Mr. Boutin then operated his own farm for six years, before joining Spates Construction where he worked for 17 years and achieved the level of master carpenter.

He joined Columbia on May 5, 2005 as a mechanic and held that position until his retirement.

Mr. Boutin lives in Glover. He has raised three children and has six grandchildren. His retirement plans are to finish building his house and to spend more time with his grandchildren. He enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking and gardening. — from Columbia Forest Products.

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# Lower legal alcohol limit for commercial drivers

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operating a commercial vehicle over the .04 legal limit for alcohol in his bloodstream.

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In exchange for the plea the state dismissed a companion DUI charge. A fine and court surcharges for the conviction cost the defendant \$882.

The court handed a suspended sentence to Monica Grondin, 34, of Albany, who changed her plea to guilty to a felony charge of making false pretense.

While serving 12 months to four years of probation, the court ordered Ms. Grondin to undergo substance abuse screening and comply with any request by her probation officer to wear an electronic monitoring device and to live under a curfew.

Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Jonathan MacFarlane said on December 7 he responded to a complaint of stolen checks. An investigation a day later revealed that stolen checks totaling \$7,000 had been cashed at Bob's Quick Stop, Ray's Market, and North Country Federal Credit Union.

Ms. Grondin allegedly had no difficulty cashing the checks as they were drawn on a family member's account.

As a further condition of her probation, Ms. Grondin must participate in substance abuse screening.

Shawn Grenier, 32, of North Troy pled guilty to separate charges of possessing a misdemeanor amount of heroin and passing a bad check, both misdemeanors.

Judge VanBenthuyzen accepted the sentencing terms of a plea agreement and approved a suspended sentence of 12 to 24 months.

Probation conditions include screening for drugs and complying with any curfew imposed by his probation officer.

Police say they picked up Mr. Grenier on an arrest warrant on April 4 when they encountered him driving in Newport Center.

A search following the stop turned up four bags of heroin in his left sock.

Earlier, Mr. Grenier was arraigned for writing a check in North Troy on a closed account, according to an affidavit from Deputy Sheriff Eric Hazard.

The State's Attorney's office dismissed a felony charge of unlawful restraint along with a misdemeanor of domestic assault after Anthony Gilman, 44, of Newport agreed to change his pleas to two lesser charges.

The court accepted guilty pleas on twin charges of violating conditions of release and handed out a suspended sentence of six to 12 months.

A special condition of probation requires the defendant to participate in alcohol screening and counseling.

Police cited Mr. Gilman on the charges when they caught him drinking and out after curfew on October 5 in Newport, according to an affidavit from Newport Patrolman Jesse Testut.

On the other two charges, arising out of a domestic altercation in Newport on September 7, police cited Mr. Gilman for restraining a woman against her will.

According to an affidavit, the pair has a prior history of abuse dating back to February 2012.

Among those pleading innocent to misdemeanor charges were:

Casey Perry, 27, of Irasburg to violating court conditions of release on July 10 in Coventry;

Kelse Davis, 29, of Newport to retail theft on June 19 in North Troy;

Michele Bonin, 46, of Orleans to DUI, careless or negligent operation, and excessive speed on June 6 in Derby;

Joshua Wolf, 33, of Orleans to stalking on August 7 in Derby; and

Duane Colburn, 51, of Derby to two charges of violating conditions of release on July 23 and August 7 in Newport.

contact Paul Lefebvre at paul@bartonchronicle.com

# Farmer input needed for Memphremagog cleanup plan

One key to the economic stability of the Northeast Kingdom is the use and benefit of its many water resources. Rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes contribute to the economic benefits of the agricultural, recreational, and scenic aspects of the NEK.

In Lake Memphremagog, nutrient levels are elevated above state standards and so a cleanup plan to establish a total maximum daily load (TMDL) is being developed to restore the lake.

The Memphremagog Watershed Association, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District, are sponsoring a series of public dialogues to raise awareness of the need to reduce the phosphorus being introduced into the Memphremagog watershed, and to get public input on how best to achieve the reduction of phosphorus levels.

The first two of these meetings in July focused on actions municipalities and landowners can take to address runoff from roads and developed lands, as well as the studies that support the details of TMDL.

The third meeting in this series is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, between 11:30 a.m. and

2 p.m. at the Poulin Grain Conference room at 24 Railroad Square in Newport. A light lunch will be provided.

The meeting will focus on practices that will be required on agricultural lands to meet the phosphorus reduction targets to restore water quality conditions in Lake Memphremagog. TMDL studies indicate that agricultural lands are responsible for 46 percent of the phosphorus loading to Lake Memphremagog, in large part because agricultural lands make up almost 17 percent of the Lake Memphremagog watershed. This meeting will be an open discussion to explain the development of the TMDL with a focus on agricultural lands. There will also be a presentation of one alternative for agricultural practices needed to meet the TMDL and an opportunity to get feedback on practical alternatives that might be better suited to the Lake Memphremagog watershed.

The meeting will also include a discussion of technical and financial resources that are available to support farmers in meeting new required agricultural practices. Dan Hudson of the University of Vermont Extension Service will also give a presentation on economic and

operational considerations for farmers to consider when applying cover cropping, no till, and crop rotation practices which can both support farm sustainability and help to meet phosphorus load reduction targets.

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# Fire departments today are totally different

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department presented him with a plaque that reads in part “in appreciation for your dedication and support.”

As is the case in many small town endeavors, Mr. Lafont joined the department to serve and hang out with guys who were his friends. In an interview last week, he also recalled that he was working in town and had some free time when he joined.

“So, why not?” he said.

Like most small kids, Mr. Lafont chased after fire trucks on his bicycle. At 12 years old, he got his first job, followed by working a few years as a farmhand. He spent most of his working 30 years at Calkins Sand and Gravel in Lyndonville. Upon his retirement, he went to work for Radiant Floor and Heat, a local business started by his daughter and son-in-law in Mr. Lafont’s basement.

“All I had to do was go downstairs to work,” he said, after commenting on a work ethic that he acquired as a youngster. “I’ve never not worked.”

Mr. Lafont, who is 72, started as a volunteer firefighter when the department only had a pumper and a tanker and a crew of ten. Training



Glen Lafont was honored recently for serving 30 years with the Glover Fire Department. Photo by Paul Lefebvre

was minimal; learning how to fight a fire was more or less consigned to on-the-job training.

“They gave me a helmet and told me to grab a hose and fight that fire,” said Mr. Lafont, recalling a time when fighting a fire required more spunk than equipment.

As limited as it may have been, the training taught Mr. Lafont how quickly a fire could turn dangerous. He recalled that even training to fight a house or barn fire could be scary.

“Air packs were very rarely used then,” he said.

To keep pace with technology and changes in demographics, volunteer fire departments have had to step up their training and preparation. In Bennington, for example, the department has had

to expand into two separate entities — one to fight fires downtown and a second to respond to fires in the outlying, more rural districts. Combined, they rely on a crew of about 150 volunteers.

Presently, the two separate departments respond to 300 to 400 calls a year. “That’s a lot to expect from volunteers,” said Mr. Goodhue.

Along with growth and development, technology is forcing firefighters, whether they are volunteers or paid professionals, to be better equipped and better trained.

Mr. Goodhue said all firefighters trained a minimum of 150 hours at the Fire Fighting

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# Training was minimal when Lafont started

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Academy at Pittsford. The departments also set aside two evenings a month for training.

Today's firefighters, he added, need to be "tech savvy" as computers are used to run equipment, such as pumpers. A firefighter has to know what buttons to push on the department's computer, and that can be a challenge for any firefighter whose hair is turning gray.

Presently, there are 13 paid professional fire departments in the state that belong to the firefighters association, according to Mr. Goodhue, who also serves as its president.

Training and technological improvements

aside for the moment, a firefighter's dedication may be the most important asset he can bring to his department.

Mr. Lafont believes that dedication is what brings a volunteer firefighter to the two-hour training sessions the Glover department holds once a month. And he worried that recent attendance is falling off, with only a few members showing up for a session.

"There's just no interest," he said, noting at the same time that the department has to scramble to field a full crew. "During the daytime the crew is very scarce," he said.

Mr. Lafont never fought a big fire. Most of the fires he responded to were chimney fires and

grass fires. Once, however, he responded as a department of one when a neighbor's tractor burst into flames. He almost had it under control using a fire extinguisher, but there was too much oil on the transmission, and it kept fueling the fire until there was nothing to be saved when the firefighting crew arrived.

"It got so hot," he said, speaking of the fire, "it ruined the steel."

During his 30 years on the department, Mr. Lafont said he made a lot of good friends and had a lot of fun. Being a member of the Glover Volunteer Fire Department, he said, was like being part "of a little brotherhood."

# Newport Rotary secretary retires after 22 years

Recently, Newport Rotary members and friends gathered at the Newport Country Club to celebrate the retirement of Secretary Janet Cartee. Mrs. Cartee has served the club in the office of secretary for 22 years, a faithful example of Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self."

Serving as secretary requires one to be organized, hard-working, patient, and have a heart to serve — all strong characteristics of Mrs. Cartee. Both secretary and treasurer were also noted as integral and essential roles that work behind the scenes to make a club run smoothly and successfully. Thanks to Patsy Tompkins, also, for all her hard work as treasurer.

Members shared words of thanks and Ms. Cartee was presented with a festive cake, flowers, and gifts of appreciation. She was also honored with her second Paul Harris Fellow. The Paul Harris Fellow award expresses appreciation for a substantial contribution to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs.

Mrs. Cartee and her husband, Roger Cartee, continue to be an integral part of the Rotary Club of Newport, and many thanks to this wife and husband team who serve together and continue to make a difference in our communities through Rotary. — from the Newport Rotary.



Newport Rotary President Terrie McQuillen presents retiring secretary Janet Cartee with a bouquet of flowers. Photo courtesy of the Newport Rotary



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Baked Stuffed Shrimp	\$8.95
Fried Shrimp	\$9.00
Fried Whole Belly Clams	\$10.00
Fried Clam Strips	\$7.00
Fried Oysters (when available)	\$10.00
Fried Mushrooms	\$5.00
Mozzarella Sticks	\$4.00/6 \$8.00/12
Bone in Wings	\$5.00/6 \$9.00/12
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Served with Chips or Fries	
With Salad Bar	Without
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With Salad Bar	Without
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Cheeseburger	\$14.95 \$7.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$16.95 \$8.00
Bleu Cheeseburger	\$16.95 \$8.00
<b>Subs</b>	
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## School news

### Husson University president's list

The following students have been named to the spring 2016 president's list at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Kelsea Cutting of Newport Center is a junior who is currently enrolled in Husson's bachelor of science programs in criminal justice and psychology with a mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification program.

Ashley Lackie of Westmore is a senior who is currently enrolled in the bachelor of science psychology program.

Students who make the president's list must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.80 to 4.0 during the period. — from Husson University.

### CCV president's list

The following students were named to the spring 2016 president's list at the Community College of Vermont: Karen Fillmore of Derby; Ashley Young of Derby; and Holly Lillis of Newport Center.

This honor recognizes full-time students with a 4.0 grade point average. — from CCV.

### Lussier makes conference honor roll

Nicholas Lussier of Barton was one of 142 students from the Newberry College Athletic Department to be named to the South Atlantic Conference commissioner's honor roll.

To be eligible for inclusion on the honor roll, student-athletes must have competed in a sponsored championship sport, and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher throughout the academic year. — from Newberry College.

### Governor's Institute of Vermont graduates

The following have graduated from the Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) this summer: Levi Wahler of Craftsbury; Jacob Morse of Craftsbury Common; Caleb DeLaBruere of Derby; Lily McMurtrie of Greensboro; Kaleb Gates of Greensboro Bend; Elijah Hill of Greensboro Bend; Elizabeth Chitambar of Newport; Cadence Shuman of North Troy; and Brandon Blau of Troy.

In all, 460 Vermont high school students attended the GIV this summer. The program offers intensive, hands-on learning experiences for young people on college campuses throughout the state. Nine institutes were held this summer in the topics of arts; astronomy; current issues and youth activism; engineering; entrepreneurship; environmental science and technology; information technology and digital media; mathematical sciences; and young writers.

Students apply to the competitive GIV through their schools. To learn more, visit [www.giv.org](http://www.giv.org), or call (802) 865-4448.

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Interested persons should contact:  
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Applicants must submit three letters of reference, resumé, and a letter of interest.

Mail all documents to:  
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### Preschool Kitchen Helper

Orleans Central Early Childhood Program has an opening for a part-time kitchen helper.

This is a preschool year position (35 weeks), 10 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Applicants should submit letter of interest, resumé, and three letters of reference to:

Julie Lavine, OCECP Director  
Orleans Central Supervisory Union  
130 Kinsey Road  
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### LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching Position for Spring 2017:

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### Two part-time paraeducators Orleans Central Early Childhood Program has an opening for two (2) part-time paraeducators.

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# Orleans County Fair will feature a hypnotist

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General admission is \$15 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$16 Friday through Sunday. Children 13 and under get in for \$10 on Wednesday and seniors 62 and older for \$10 on Friday. Small children, less than three feet tall get in free to the fair.

Saturday is military honor day — active duty military, with current identification card, and their immediate family get in for free.

Parking at Lyons Field is included with admission, and handicap and senior parking is available in the fairgrounds.

“We’re one of the only fairs left in the state of Vermont, and the only fair left in northeastern Vermont that has harness racing — on Thursday and Friday this year,” Mr. LaCoss said. “That’s pretty big because there aren’t many other places you can go and see that. And we’ll have the Radio Rangers playing on the grandstand between the races.

“There will also be entertainment in the beer and wine garden starting on Thursday, in the evenings — live bands and things like that,” he said.

“And there will be a Demolition Derby party in there on Sunday,” Mr. LaCoss.

Other events include a daily flag raising by the National Guard at 8:45 a.m., daily escape explosion shows, a pig scramble, beef and dairy shows, a kids’ bicycle giveaway on Wednesday, a women’s skillet toss on Thursday, and many others.

“We’d just like to stress that our real mission at the fair is to be an agricultural fair, to be able to involve our community, and to be able to bring our community together every year,” Mr. LaCoss said.

For more information and a complete list of scheduled events, visit [orleanscountyfair.net](http://orleanscountyfair.net) or on Facebook, search @bartonfair.

## Ann Young exhibit at The 99 Gallery

An exhibit called The F Train: Paintings by Ann Young, opened August 5 at The 99 Gallery in Newport and will run through September 30.

Barton artist Ann Young has been featured in solo and group exhibitions in New York City and

across New England. Displaying her love of intense color, these captivating recent works will make you think about what it means to be isolated in a crowd. An opening reception was held on Friday, August 5. The 99 Gallery and

Center is located on School Street behind 316 Main Street. For more information call (802) 323-7759. — from The 99 Gallery and Center.

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Position requirements: ability to plan and implement age appropriate activities for 3-5 year old children in a classroom setting. Provide services to families in areas of Health, Nutrition, Family/Community Partnerships and Education. Willingness and ability to function in a team effort, keep meaningful and objective records, and maintain confidentiality. Minimum requirements: Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or related education field, VT educator’s license with Early Childhood Endorsement, and experience working with young children.

Closing date for applications is August 22, 2016, or until filled. To apply, send cover letter, resumé, and 3 references to: [jobs@nekavt.org](mailto:jobs@nekavt.org); fax to 802-334-5249, or mail to: NEKCA Human Resources, P.O. Box 346, Newport, VT 05855. E.O.E.

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Job Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in Accounting or Business Administration preferred. Experience in healthcare preferred. Experience in multifaceted accounting and a working knowledge of electronic spreadsheets. Knowledge of GAP required.

Interested candidates may apply online at [www.northcountryhospital.org](http://www.northcountryhospital.org). For additional information contact: Lisa Bohlman, Administrator, 766-2201, ext. 101.

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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.

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# North Country Engineering goes solar

Another landmark Northeast Kingdom Vermont business is going solar.

North Country Engineering of Derby, and AllEarth Renewables, a Vermont-based solar tracker manufacturer and developer of local solar projects, have announced a partnership that will provide solar energy to the machine facility from a 150 kW Vermont solar orchard.

North Country Engineering runs an 18,000 square foot machining facility for the manufacturing of precision machined parts and assemblies, servicing the aerospace, valve and pipeline, industrial pump, precision electric

motor, and other component industries. The company will benefit from a new solar array by saving money on electric bills, and greening its energy use.

Once online, the new solar project will provide nearly all of the energy the Derby facility needs annually with emissions free, net metered solar, and provide the company long-term annual savings on its electric bill.

“For our business, the ability to save money on our electric bills by going solar represented a win-win,” said North Country Engineering general manager Tom Bronson. “As a local employer rooted in the Northeast Kingdom, we wanted to do our part by using, clean local solar energy produced from another Vermont-made product. But we also know our business is stronger when we can reduce our operating costs at the same time.”

The 150 kW system in Jeffersonville, on land owned by Robert and Tanya Nuzzo, will produce

more than 275,000 kWh of clean energy each year. Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) will remain with the project.

“Our family has long sought to make our land productive and put to good use,” Mr. Nuzzo said. “We are happy to now be producing power on our land that is going to a Vermont machine shop creating much needed, blue collar jobs for our state. This isn’t some granola, tree-hugging situation. This is a future we need for Vermont.”

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# Quilters reach out to foster children

The Monday Girls, a local group of the North Country quilters, heard about the Tatum's Totes program for foster children in Orleans County and were impressed with its mission. They immediately decided to donate some quilts for children moving into foster care.

Tatum's Totes is a statewide program that provides backpacks loaded with essential items for foster children and teens who many times arrive at foster homes with just the clothes on their backs. The backpacks are filled with age and gender appropriate items such as basic clothing, hygiene items, a fuzzy blanket, stuffed animals, activity and reading books, and games.

In Orleans County, Green Mountain United Way is the coordinator of this program and collaborates with the Newport office of the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) to make sure they have the backpacks needed.

In July, Monday Girls member Betsy McDonald of Derby Line presented 13 handmade quilts to Tammy Lalime, the resource coordinator for the Newport DCF office, to be given to foster kids as a sort of security blanket.

For more information about the Tatum's Totes Program and to see a list of items needed to fill backpacks, please visit [www.gmunitedway.org/blog/green-mountain-united-way-leads-tatums-totes-effort/](http://www.gmunitedway.org/blog/green-mountain-united-way-leads-tatums-totes-effort/), or call their Derby Line office at (802) 647-2148. — from the Green Mountain United Way.



Betsy McDonald, left, a member of North Country Quilters, and Tammy Lalime, the resource coordinator at the Newport office of the Department for Children and Families, display some of the quilts donated to the Tatum's Totes program.

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## Craftsbury Creek Road bridge update

Bridge 4, on the Creek Road in Craftsbury will remain closed to all traffic through Friday, August 19. The bridge spans Whitney Brook along a rural section of the Creek Road approximately two miles from the intersection with the South Craftsbury Road. Project completion is scheduled for September. During the closure period, the town of Craftsbury will provide a marked detour by using Ketchum Road, South Albany Road, Allen Hill Road and Seaver Road.

During the week of August 1, crews took delivery of the pre-cast abutments and set them over the foundation piles. The pre-cast

wingwalls, and deck segments that were attached to the steel bridge beams were also delivered to the project and set in place. Crews also worked on final adjustments to the bridge components.

Through the week of August 8, crews plan to place the rapid-setting concrete for the closure pours and backwalls. The work plan also includes installing the bridge rail and waterproofing membrane and constructing the new approaches.

Construction updates are posted at [www.roadworkupdates.com](http://www.roadworkupdates.com). Call Project Outreach Coordinator Francine Perkins at (802) 479-6994. — from FRP Enterprises.

## Farm-to-Plate benefit August 16 in Craftsbury

The second annual Farm-to-Plate Feast to support Wonder and Wisdom is planned for Tuesday, August 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The benefit event will be held in Craftsbury Village's new community green space, located at 321 South Craftsbury Road. The two-acre site is diagonally across from Pete's Greens. Event parking is reserved at The Music Box and other designated sites in the village. A bus shuttle will be provided from the village parking to the green space and back.

Local farms and businesses have donated fresh produce and cheese for the event. The Craftsbury General Store will cater appetizers and a vegetarian dinner. Blueberry sundaes will be served. The Tree Frog Trio, accompanied by Don Houghton, will offer live music and folk songs in the green space amphitheater. Volunteers from The Art House will guide walking tours of the new green space labyrinth.

Event tickets are \$20 for adults and teens, \$10 for ages six to 12, and free for ages birth to five. For information and to reserve tickets, visit [www.wonderwisdom.org](http://www.wonderwisdom.org), call 533-9370, or e-mail [info@wonderwisdom.org](mailto:info@wonderwisdom.org). Wonder and Wisdom is a nonprofit, community-based organization providing learning opportunities for children and seniors. — from Wonder and Wisdom.

# NOTICES

## NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Albany, in the County of Orleans are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year 2015-2016, remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

Parcel One: BERNARD ALDEN and VAUNNE ALDEN, \$2,644.44 Being all and the same land and remises conveyed to Bernard Alden and Vianne Alden by warranty deed of Andre Lamarche and Traci Lamarche, dated July 19, 2011 and recorded in Book 59 Page 421 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Two: ZACHARIAH BEAUDRY, \$252.14 Being a 12' by 60' mobile home conveyed to Zachariah Beaudry by mobile home bill of sale from Tara Lynn Devoid-Beaudry, dated August 15, 2011 and recorded in the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Three: ZACHARIAH BEAUDRY, \$161.51 Being a 12' by 65' mobile home conveyed to Zachariah Beaudry by mobile home bill of sale from Sheila Farrell, dated April 2, 2003 and recorded in Book 48 Page 379 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Four: PATRICIA CRAWFORD, \$5,473.52 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Patricia Crawford by warranty deed of Maynard Mason and Dorothy Mason, dated December 21, 2014 and recorded in Book 51 Page 289 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Five: ALFRED C. JACKSON, JR., \$7,568.68 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Alfred C. Jackson, Jr. By warranty deed of Catherine Sheehan dated August 13, 2012 and recorded in Book 61 Page 71 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Six: DAVID BARCHUGOV, REBECCA SHEA, SAMUEL C. JOSEPH, \$3,268.67 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to David Barchugov, Rebecca Shea, and Samuel C. Joseph by quit claim deed of Elizabeth A. Wilder and Ruth B. Wilder, dated September 4, 2013 and recorded in Book 62 Page 162 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Seven: BARBARA WELLS LAFOUNTAIN, SHIRLEY WELLS WESTMAN, LINDA WELLS GINGRAS, HOWARD WELLS, \$487.41 Being all and the same land and premises decreed to Barbara Wells Lafountain, Shirley Wells Westman, Linda Wells and Howard Wells by Decree of Distribution dated September 16, 1976 and recorded in Book 29 Page 433 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Eight: CALVIN MASKELL, \$7,874.56 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Calvin Maskell by warranty deed of Ann Villeneuve, dated January 13, 2011 and recorded in Book 59 Page 122 of the Albany Land Records, except that portion conveyed to Robert G. Lawson, Trustee of the Robert G. Lawson Revocable Trust, dated November 14, 2011, recorded in Book 60 page 86 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Nine: CALVIN MASKELL, \$4,809.92 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Calvin Maskell and Patricia Maskell by warranty deed of Eugene Locke and Gordon Locke, dated July 15, 1993 and recorded in Book 38 age 424 of the Albany Land Records. Patricia Maskell conveyed her interest in the property to Calvin Maskell by Quit Claim Deed dated June 18, 2001, recorded in Book 46 page 54 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Ten: CAROL ANN MASON, \$1,340.05 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Donald Mason (now deceased) and Carol Ann Mason by deed recorded in Book 34 Page 45 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Eleven: SHAWN MASON, \$1,468.98 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Shawn Mason by Administrator's Deed of Carol Ann Mason, Administrator of the Estate of Donald Mason, dated September 8, 2009 and recorded in Book 57 Page 308 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Twelve: ANDREW MERCERI, \$1,724.54 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Andrew Merceri and Leanna Merceri (deceased) by warranty deed of Richard Bouchard and Mary Bouchard, dated April 4, 2006 and recorded in Book 52 Page 536 of the Albany Land Records. Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Andrew Merceri and Leanna Merceri (deceased) by warranty deed of Robert Larose and Nancy Larose, dated November 12, 1997 and recorded in Book 42 Page 293 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Thirteen: LORETTA PALIN, BRUCE BREAUULT, AND ELLEN BREAUULT, \$2,392.21 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Loretta Palin, Bruce Breault, and Ellen Breault by warranty deed of Loretta Palin, dated March 14, 2001 and recorded in Book 45 Page 369 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Fourteen: KENNETH POTHIER, EDWARD POTHIER, ANNE MARIE WARNER, LAWRENCE POTHIER AND ELIZABETH POTHIER, \$3,250.34 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Lawrence K. Pothier and Elizabeth V. Pothier by Phillip Lovely and Belinda Brown, dated October 11, 1983 and recorded in Book 30 Page 164 of the Albany Land Records. Also being a mobile home located thereon. Reference is hereby made to a deed from Lawrence Pothier and Elizabeth Pothier to Kenneth Pothier, Edward Pothier and Anne Marie Warner recorded in Book 57 page 142 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Fifteen: JEFFREY RAND, \$6,165.25 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Jeffrey Rand and Sheri Rand by warranty deed of Shirley S. Cononi, Trustee of the Shirley S. Cononi Real Estate Trust, dated August 28, 2009 and recorded in Book 57 Page 193 of the Albany Land Records. The interest of Sheri Rand was conveyed to Jeffrey Rand by Quit Claim Deed dated September 8, 2015 recorded in Book 64 page 540 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Sixteen: NANCY ROONEY, \$4,072.59 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Nancy Rooney by Warranty Deed of Charter One Bank, N.A., dated June 14, 2004 and recorded in book 50 page 343 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Seventeen: ERIC RUNDGREN, \$1,759.83 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Eric J. Rundgren by Quit Claim Deed of Geraldine A. Rundgren, dated August 2, 2001 and recorded in Book 46 page 164 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Eighteen: MICHAEL SHELTRA, \$3,800.44 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Michael Sheltra and Valerie Young by warranty deed of Donald Young and Sharon Young, dated October 31, 1993 and recorded in Book 39 Page 65 of the Albany Land Records. Valerie Sheltra conveyed her interest to Michael Sheltra by Quit Claim Deed dated May 2, 2002 recorded in Book 47 Page 204 of the Albany Land Records.

Parcel Nineteen: ELIZABETH TRAIL, \$2,927.43 Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Elizabeth Trail by Quit Claim Deed of Vermont Relinquished Properties, LLC, dated March 26, 2007 and recorded in Book 54 page 239 of the Albany Land Records.

and said lands and premises, or a portion thereof in accordance with 32 V.S.A. sec. 5254, will be sold at public auction at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Albany, Vermont, a public place in such town, on the 7th day of September, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., as requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid. Taxpayers are also hereby notified that they may have abatement rights under 24 V.S.A. sec. 1535. All payments from the date hereof up to and including the date of tax sale must be made by cash, money order or certified funds.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, this 8th day of August, 2016.

ATTEST: DEBRA ANN GEOFFROY,  
TAX COLLECTOR for the Town of Albany, Vermont

## Highland Center offers tours of new building

The Highland Center for the Arts will begin offering Friday tours of the new building at 2875 Hardwick Street in Greensboro, still under construction, starting Friday, August 12, at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., by reservation only. There is no charge for the tour.

Groups will be limited to ten to 12 persons and the tour will take around 45 minutes.

Closed-toed shoes are required and long pants are encouraged. Those arriving in sandals or flip-flops will be turned away.

Reservations are required. The center will try to accommodate date and time requests. Parking will be provided on site. There will be signs directing visitors to the designated parking area. Please e-mail tour requests to [info@highlandartsvt.org](mailto:info@highlandartsvt.org). Include preferred date, time and the number attending. — from The Highland Center for the Arts.

### BOND SALE NOTICE

The undersigned will receive sealed bids at the office of the Village Clerk in Barton, Vermont, until ten o'clock (10 a.m. EST) in the forenoon of Monday, August 22, 2016, for the purchase of all but no part of the Eighty-Three Thousand Dollar (\$83,000) public water system improvement bond of Barton Village, Inc., which bond shall be dated September 1, 2016, principal and interest payable in eighty (80) consecutive semi-annual installments, commencing March 1, 2017, through September 1, 2056. Thereafter, at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Barton Village, Inc. to be held at seven o'clock (7 p.m. EST) in the afternoon of Monday, August 22, 2016, such bids will be opened and considered.

Right is reserved to prepay the bond in full without premium or penalty. The bond will be payable at such place as the registered holder may designate. Bids will be submitted only in the face amount of the bond without discount or premium. The bond shall bear interest at a fixed rate not to exceed 1.625% per annum. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Approving legal opinion of Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer, PC, of Montpelier, Vermont, will be furnished to the purchaser free of charge. The bond will be issued in registered form, both as to interest and principal. The bond will be designated a "bank qualified obligation" under Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the opinion of counsel, interest paid on the bond is not included in gross income of the recipient thereof for present federal and Vermont income tax purposes.

Interested persons are advised that the Village has not prepared nor disseminated an official statement, offering memorandum or other disclosure materials with respect to the issuance and sale of the bond. The Village has not applied for nor received a credit rating or any form of credit enhancement with respect to the issuance and sale of the bond, nor has it engaged an underwriter or financial advisor, nor has it undertaken any commitment to make post-issuance disclosure of material events under Securities Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. Address sealed bids to the undersigned marked "Proposal for Bond."

Dated: July 21, 2016.

(s) Shelia R. Martin  
Village Treasurer  
17 Village Square  
Barton, VT 05822-0519  
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# Westmore Association awards ten \$1,000 scholarships

The Westmore Association has awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to college students from the Westmore area. The recipients are: Tyler Valley, a senior at Lyndon State College; Morgan Valley, a sophomore at Castleton University; Bryant Prue, a sophomore at Lyndon State College; Ian Strange, a sophomore at Lyndon State College; Clark Hayden, a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington; Veronica Hayden, entering her fifth year at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences;

Brittany Chase, a junior at Johnson State College; Maeve Scarlett, a sophomore at Lyndon State College; Cassi Martin, a freshman at the University of Vermont; and Ryan Streeter, a freshman at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

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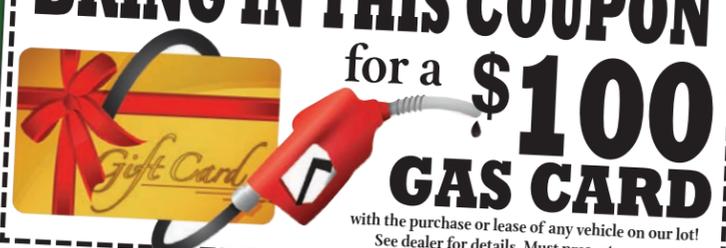
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