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A ghoulish quartet



This quartet of ghosts, sculpted by Lila Winstead of Glover, perfectly captures the spirit of Halloween. It also took the top prize at the Great Chronicle Jack-o'-lantern Contest Sunday evening. The Don Sunseri memorial award is given to the most imaginative entry in tribute to its namesake's contribution to the art of pumpkin carving. For more vegetable artistry, please see page eleven.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

Sanders rallies for Democratic candidates

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — Senator Bernie Sanders has seen bigger crowds than the one that greeted him Friday afternoon at the Gateway Center here. But it's doubtful that any gave him a more enthusiastic reception.

Musicians Tod Pronto, and Jonathan Edwards warmed up the 140 or so people who filled the room. Mr. Edwards performed "Sunshine," his hit from the early 1970s, and the sixties' standard "Come On People (Smile on Your Brother)" among other familiar songs. Probably no more than a third of those gathered for the rally were alive when they were first sung.

Unusual for such a rally, the crowd lacked any other Democratic office holders. Most Orleans County candidates have pledged their support to Republican Phil Scott's gubernatorial campaign rather than that of Sue Minter, their party's standard bearer.

The former presidential candidate seemed relaxed as he entered the room to an ovation. He was accompanied by the trio of candidates he was in Newport to support.

Ms. Minter, state Senator David Zuckerman, who is running for Lieutenant Governor, and Katherine Sims, who seeks to represent the Orleans-Lamoille district in the State House of Representatives, have been endorsed by the Senator. Mr. Zuckerman and Ms. Sims are running as Democrats and Progressives.

Speaking in a conversational

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Coventry Select Board

Cash tax payments not deposited, auditor says

by Elizabeth Trail

COVENTRY — A Coventry resident who prides himself on being the first person to get his taxes paid every year also became the first person to prove he made cash tax payments that never made it to the bank, forensic accountant Jeff Graham told the select board at their meeting Monday night.

"He goes to the post office the day the tax bills come out every year," Mr. Graham said. "He gets his bill, walks across the street, and pays his taxes. In cash."

Letters sent out by the accounting firm Graham & Graham several weeks ago asked about 163 Coventry property owners to prove how they paid their taxes for 2013, 2014 and 2015 — when, how much, and whether they paid by check or cash.

The letters were mailed to everyone whose taxes are marked "paid" in the town office, if Mr. Graham couldn't tie the payment to a deposit ticket, he explained before the letters went out.

It's all part of the auditor's efforts to come up with a complete

set of financial records for the town in order to be able to audit its books. It's taken Graham & Graham over a year to try to reconstruct Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Delinquent Tax Collector Cynthia Diaz' missing or incomplete records, at a cost of over \$100,000 to the town.

All of the replies to the recent requests for information will help the accountants finish the audit, Mr. Graham said. The accountants will check every payment that taxpayers report against bank deposits, he said.

But the cash payments stand out because there were zero cash deposits for the years in question, he said. That much is already known.

So far, four Coventry taxpayers have shown that they paid property taxes in cash for years when there weren't any cash deposits made, Mr. Graham said.

At least five letters for the 2015 tax year have come back marked addressee unknown.

"We don't know what that means yet," Mr. Graham said.

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In Superior Court

Garrett Cornelius accused of aiding brother

by Paul Lefebvre

NEWPORT — The ongoing saga involving police and the Cornelius brothers took another turn last week with the arrest of Garrett Cornelius for allegedly helping his brother avoid arrest.

Here in Orleans County Superior Court last Friday, October 28, the 26-year-old Newport man pled innocent to a felony charge of aiding in the commission of a felony. Unable to post \$10,000 bail, he was taken into custody.

Throughout the court proceedings, Mr. Cornelius was loud and combative and offered verbal expletives to just about any officer of the court tasked with handling his case. As he was being led down the stairs, Mr. Cornelius directed one last personalized curse at Newport Patrolman Royce Lancaster, who appeared to shrug it off.

According to information filed

on October 28 by Orleans County State's Attorney Jennifer Barrett, the defendant aided his older brother, Christian Cornelius, 34, who allegedly "failed to return" from a furloughed sentence to the Northern State Correctional Facility in Newport.

According to an affidavit from Newport Police Sergeant Travis Bingham, an arrest warrant went out for Christian on July 16, with bail set at \$50,000.

Police say in an affidavit that they suspect the two brothers have been living together at their residence on the Lake Road. Since the escape, the affidavit continues, "Garrett has been aiding his brother by filing paperwork at District and Superior Court, getting food and supplies from NEKCA, and picking up prescriptions at Rite Aid for Christian."

On October 10, a neighbor allegedly spotted Garrett outside

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News from around the county

by Elizabeth Trail

Coventry finds arsenic in water

Arsenic measured above the allowed level in the spring that provides water to about 60 Coventry Village residents and the school, said Jeanne Desrochers, who came to the October 25 select board meeting on behalf of the Coventry Fire District (CFD.)

The CFD will hold a forum on Thursday, November 3, at 6 p.m. at the community center to answer questions. Despite its name, the Coventry Fire District's job is to supply water to the village, the school, and a few outlying areas.

Everyone who gets water through the fire district, including the Coventry Village School, has already been notified and given recommendations on how to protect themselves

until a permanent fix can be found, Ms. Desrochers said. She invited the board to send a representative to the forum. The school will get a "point of use" filtration system as soon as possible, she said.

The forum will give people a chance to ask questions and get an update on how the Coventry Fire District plans to fix the problem. There is also detailed information in a public notice posted at the town clerk's office.

The Department of Health's Drinking and Groundwater Protection Division allows a maximum of 10 parts per billion of arsenic in any water supply. The fire district's spring recently tested at 11 parts per billion.

Although the fire district is not under the jurisdiction of the town government, at least one member of the select board will be at the meeting.

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Get out and VOTE!

Essex Orleans Senate



Eric Collins



Marcia Horne



Lynn Batchelor



Brian Smith

Orleans 2 House



Gary Viens



Michael Marcotte



Vicki Strong



Frank Huard

Orleans 1 House

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Mark Higley

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 We are AGAINST more industrial wind development in the NEK.
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Irasburg holds open house, Glover looks at Act 46

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Dairy Air Wind hosts meeting

About 40 people came to an informational meeting at the Holland Elementary School on October 27 hosted by Dairy Air Wind.

Landowners were invited by mail, said Andrew Savage, a spokesman for wind developer David Blittersdorf, who is a principal in the proposed project.

Brian and Kim Champney are seeking approval to put a 2.2-megawatt wind turbine on their farm a little more than a mile north of the town office. The tower is expected to be just under 500 feet tall.

The Champneys were awarded a contract last spring to sell the power to Vermont electric utilities. An application for a wind measurement tower was filed with the Public Service Board on September 30.

Irasburg planners hold open houses

The Irasburg Planning Commission is holding a series of open houses at the town library to get public input on each chapter of the town plan before it's written.

A discussion about how Irasburg should meet housing challenges is planned for mid-November. The date hasn't been set, planning commission clerk Judith Jackson said, but it will be after the election and before Thanksgiving.

A similar meeting was held at the end of September to help the planning commission write its chapter on transportation. About a dozen people came to share ideas.

"And we had some great chocolate chip cookies," Ms. Jackson said.

The biggest question on transportation is where Irasburg could put a park 'n' ride, Ms. Jackson said. Right now people are parking in front of Ray's Market or at the south end of the village green.

Both locations cause problems, Ms. Jackson said. The planning commission uses input from

the meetings to write a section of the plan. It then goes to the select board to get their input.

"They've been incredibly supportive," she said.

The planning commission is putting off writing the energy portion of the plan until there is more information on how the state's new energy siting law, Act 138, will affect town plans.

Glover School Board joins Act 46 Study Committee

At its meeting on October 24, the Glover School Board approved a motion to participate in the new Act 46 Study Committee being formed by the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU).

"What's the new goal of this?" Tara Nelson asked. "Is this the same thing we defeated last time?"

Glover was among the towns whose voters

resoundingly defeated efforts to consolidate governance of the seven schools in the supervisory union in an election last June.

"At this point it is the law of the land," board Chair Leah Rogers said.

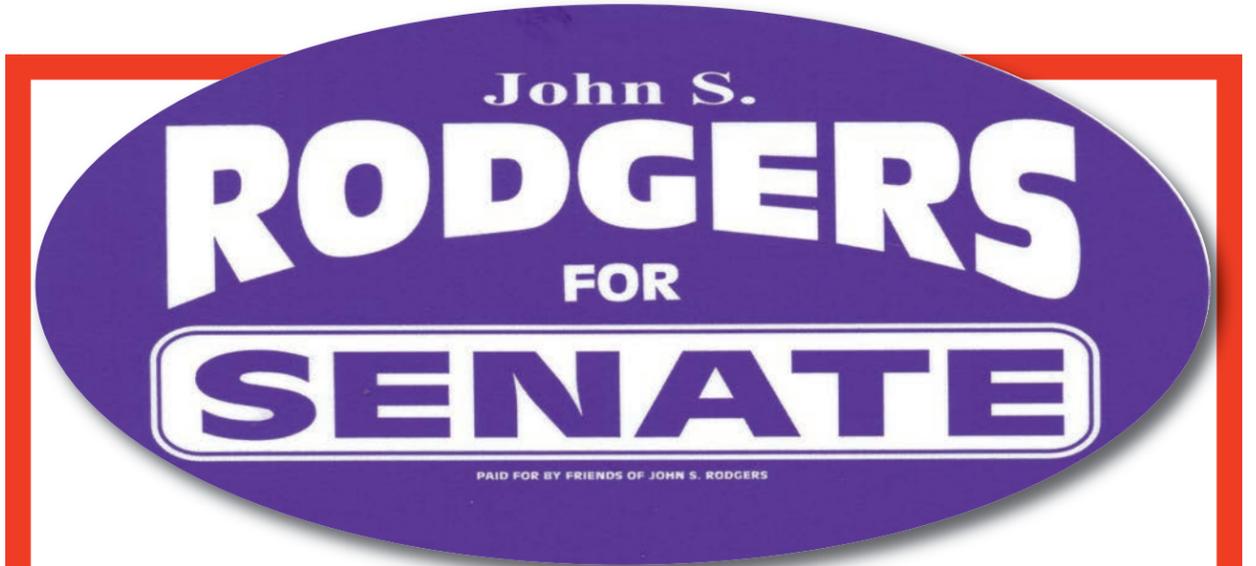
There wasn't much community input during the planning stages of OCSU's first consolidation proposal, she said. The school board hopes to get more input at the beginning this time around.

The school board is drafting a survey that will be offered to voters when they go to the polls on November 8, board member Richard Epinette said.

"The point was, the survey was to be quick," OCSU Superintendent Donald Van Nostrand said.

"Nothing about this is quick," Ms. Nelson replied.

Ms. Rogers was appointed to act as Glover's representative to the study committee.



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- Served 8 years as State Representative and 4 years as State Senator Essex/Orleans.

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"Rodgers has spent his time in the Senate ensuring the voices of those in the most rural part of Vermont are heard, and that critical investments are made in the Northeast Kingdom." — Representative Paul Ralston (D), Middlebury, Co-founder of Vision to Action VT

"He has fought diligently for more and greater opportunities for the people of the region and for those throughout the state." — Representative Heidi Scheuermann (R), Stowe, Co-founder of Vision to Action VT

"Senator John Rodgers has proven to be an important voice for us in Montpelier. With John's farm and forest-related background and as a business owner himself — Rodgers Masonry — he understands the working landscape and other independent businesses." — Colleen Goodridge, Goodridge Lumber Inc., Albany

"Senator Rodgers also can always be counted on to support sportsmen, snowmobilers, and those who work the lands." — Rick Jean, Colchester

"Senator Rodgers knows the heartbeat of rural Vermont and has always been willing to listen to all sides of issues that may affect local voters and Vermonters in general. As a sportsman himself and a veteran legislator, Senator Rodgers can be counted on to get things done that promote Vermont's great outdoors and outdoor traditions." — Graydon B. Stevens, Executive Director, Vermont Outdoor Guide Association

"Senator Rodgers' expertise, common sense approach, and hard work ethic were invaluable to those of us who've been fighting our state bureaucracy to protect the water quality of Seymour Lake." — Candy Moot, Morgan

"The only special interest group that matters to Senator Rodgers are the people he was elected to represent. Senator Rodgers courageously stands up and fights for what he believes is best for his constituents. We urge voters of Essex/Orleans county to continue to support Senator Rodgers. He will make sure your voice is heard." — Brian and Penny Dubie, Fairfield, VT

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Editorial

Voter beware of social media

This has not been a pleasant election year. At the national level, the discourse, if you can call it that, veers between astounding and revolting.

However, we're happy to say that, locally the conversation has been largely respectful — even in the hard fought race between Mark Higley and Katherine Sims.

At a public debate in Westfield, one observer walking out at the end of the night said, "You were right, it was civil."

And candidates in Vermont are generally wise to take the high road. There have been campaigns, even here of course, that were highly negative. Most didn't fare too well, and we sincerely hope that holds true this year.

We are concerned, however, about two things: The presence of super pac money and the increasing use of social media for campaigning.

Skillful use of social media has been credited with boosting several national campaigns, and as a fund-raising tool, we certainly can see its value. But as a campaign tool, it's problematic for both voters and candidates.

Prior to social media, candidates were pretty much dependent on personal appearances and traditional media, in the form of ads and letters to the editor, as well as interviews, or debates, as a means to get their message out.

One of the virtues of that system, for the voter at least, was that both ads and letters are generally vetted for truth.

This newspaper, as do most, tries to find out if letter writers are legitimate and if the content stated as fact is true. Opinion, interpretation of a candidate's record, actions, or speech is, of course, up to the voter. But traditional media does try to present voters with true information so they can

make an informed decision.

On social media a person can say just about anything about anyone. There's no fact filter.

Be careful this year. Don't rely on Facebook when choosing a candidate. Check out the truth of a candidate's position before you vote. Send an e-mail if you have a question, or make a phone call.

We have no doubt that a candidate would be happy to clarify a position rather than have his or her constituents, or potential constituents, voting with false information.

Now, for what it's worth, we offer our limited endorsements.

The Chronicle's policy when it comes to endorsements and editorials is that the editorial staff must be in agreement. Contrary to what might be perception, this crew is hardly in ideological lockstep — on anything, not just political candidates. Often, if there are six opinions to be had, between us we might hold them all.

However, we are unanimous on the following:

We support Bobby Starr and John Rodgers for state Senate in the Essex-Orleans district.

Marcia Horne has exhibited a woeful lack of information about the issues and is patently unqualified to represent anyone in the Senate or anywhere else. Eric Collins, from Richford, we know little about. He was invited to a public debate, accepted, but canceled without explanation four days before the event. We invited him to submit an announcement of his candidacy for free. He did, but then withdrew it.

Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Starr have worked hard and effectively for the Northeast Kingdom. They both understand and love the area, both come from agricultural backgrounds, both have operated small businesses, and both have achieved positions where they do give the Northeast Kingdom a voice in the Legislature, which very much matters.

In the Orleans Caledonia House race, we support Sam Young and Vicki Strong. They have worked hard, are congenial to, and respectful of,

each other, and they have brought a Northeast Kingdom perspective to the Legislature. Mr. Young brings not only an agricultural background, but also needed expertise in technology. One of the things he has worked hard on is getting Internet and cell services to the Kingdom.

The people in the Orleans-2 House race are fortunate. They've got four good candidates to choose from: Republican incumbents Mike Marcotte and Gary Viens, and Democratic challengers Ron Holland and Judith Jackson. They don't differ much in their positions, just in how they might go about effecting them, or in their priorities.

Both Mr. Higley and Ms. Sims are also capable candidates.

Another thing this eclectic staff agrees on is that, in Orleans County, at least, party labels can be misleading, or at least not particularly meaningful. For instance, Marcia Horne's attempts to paint Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Starr, both Democrats, as tax and spend liberals who toe the party line was patently ridiculous. If anything, the Shumlin Administration would have preferred to see them both take extended winter vacations in South America to shut them up about all the things they didn't agree with on more liberal Democrats' agenda, such as commercial wind, Act 46, stricter gun laws....

For the most part, the legislators currently representing us are a moderate bunch — meaning if they call themselves Republican they're moderate Republicans, and if they call themselves Democrats, they're moderate Democrats. The result being that there often isn't an awful lot of difference between them. Many could change the R or D beside their name tomorrow, and no one would notice.

Most of the candidates this year have the Northeast Kingdom's interests at heart, not those of a political party.

Above all, vote. It looks like there will be some very close races next week, and your vote matters. — T.S.

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Politics of the lowest order

Dear editor:

I am deeply dismayed by the sudden attempt by Planned Parenthood of Vermont to portray Phil Scott as someone who would attack a woman's right to have an abortion. The announcer, Vicki Hart of Burlington, then attempts to vilify him by calling him "just a typical Republican." This is politics of the lowest order.

For the record, we "typical" Republicans in the Vermont state Senate have voted to support the principles of *Roe v. Wade* in a resolution that has been offered at the commencement of each biennium. Phil Scott also voted for that resolution when he was a state Senator. Sue Minter knows that. Sue, I know you cannot control the Planned Parenthood PAC, but allowing this ad to continue running without challenging it places an obstacle in front of any claim to be able to work across the aisle. I respectfully ask that you publicly disavow that ad.

Joe Benning

State Senator and Minority Leader
Caledonia-Orange District

Huard says Young supports carbon tax

To the editor,

Vicki Strong, Frank Huard, and Sam Young attended a candidate forum in Greensboro on October 24. There were 38 people present. Jon Farber was present and asked each candidate if they will support the carbon tax. Frank Huard and Vicki Strong said they would not support the carbon tax. Sam Young said, and I quote, "I will not oppose the carbon tax." Sam went on to speak about how he believes it is revenue neutral.

Frank Huard
Craftsbury

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S	10/29	39	34	0.23"	0.00"	0.00"
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Young says he does not support carbon tax

To the editor,

I have seen some letters and ads out there saying that I support a carbon tax. I DO NOT support a carbon tax and never have. In case anyone else was confused about my position other than Mr. Huard, I sent a clarification to all of those in attendance at the Greensboro forum.

I did give details of the bill so that people would understand what we were talking about. I always do my best to understand the details of policy before taking a position on it. I think it's probably best to get your information straight from the horse's mouth this time of year.

While I'm at it, I don't support a sales tax on services either.

Representative Sam Young
Glover

Letters to the editor

Sue Minter is ready to be Vermont's next Governor

To the editor:

I have worked in Vermont state government for over 30 years in senior management positions and have reported to over a dozen agency CEOs. None of them can compare with Sue Minter who was my recent boss at VTrans. Sue was the best.

She is exactly the kind of person you want running state government. As a decision maker, Sue carefully listens to all sides, weighs the pro and cons and then explains her decision in an open and honest manner. She works tirelessly and expects the same from her managers. She understands the systems, customer service, administrative, and other improvements necessary to

make government work more efficiently and cost effectively.

The best thing about Sue is that she cares from her heart about our state and its citizens. When Tropical Storm Irene struck she wasn't just another public official giving speeches, she dealt with the challenges with true passion, whether it was extracting dollars from FEMA to rebuild public infrastructure or getting the necessary housing and social services to victims in the storm's aftermath.

Sue's passion for Vermont includes protecting the environment. As VTrans environmental policy director, I saw

Sue lead the way on VTrans' Lake Champlain cleanup responsibilities and the state's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

The press has focused on Sue's support of large scale wind projects and her opponent's blanket opposition. What they fail to recognize is that, while Sue supports large scale wind as a necessary part of the state's total effort to reduce carbon impacts, she is NOT supporting putting them in places where they don't belong. Places where they will have environmental and social impacts under Vermont state law.

Sue believes in community

planning processes. She worked as a professional planner for many years. For Sue, Act 174, the renewable siting bill that passed last year, needs to be tested. It supports our towns having an informed, inclusive and rational dialogue about where they want and don't want renewables to be located instead of emotion-driven fights and a thumbs up or down vote once a project comes to town.

Sue knows how state government works and can get things done. She is ready to be Vermont's next Governor.

Sincerely,
Gina Campoli
Craftsbury Common

Trudell urges voters to check out his independent candidacy for U.S. Senate

To the editor,

I would like to tell your readers about my independent candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Please visit my website at Jerrytrudellforsenate.com to read about my ten-point plan, which is a blueprint for prosperity as well as the only comprehensive set of solutions to the problem of climate change.

We are the poorest rich country in the world, and there is no excuse for the permanent recession economy that we seem to be stuck with. Families and individuals are working harder than ever to make ends meet, working for low wages and at part-time jobs. Senior citizens on fixed incomes are struggling harder than ever to

survive. What we actually have is chronic underemployment, as more and more people work multiple part-time jobs to try to stitch together enough income to scrape by. I know what this is like, because I am one of those people.

In times like this we need new ideas and innovation, not more of the same old pork barreling

approach to solving our economic problems, as this is obviously not working.

That is why I urge you to read my ten-point plan and to please vote for your future when you go to the polls next week. Please also tell your friends. Thank you.

Jerry Trudell
Chelsea

Rodgers is a unique voice in Montpelier

Dear editor,

Senator John Rodgers has served this community for years and deserves our continued support. Rodgers has served as collector of delinquent taxes for Glover, state representative for Orleans-Caledonia-1 and for the last four years senator from the Essex-Orleans district.

Senator Rodgers is a unique voice in Montpelier as he was raised on his family dairy farm in Glover and has real life experience in agriculture and forestry. He is the only senator who fishes and hunts. He has owned and operated his own business for over 25 years and has

experience in construction. In his business, J.S. Rodgers Masonry, he specializes in stonework and excavation and has built everything from roads, bridges and septic systems to fireplaces, stonewalls and patois. Much of his work is around our lakes and ponds building usable space out of side hills and stabilizing the shoreline. His life and work experience is not typical in the State House and is extremely important. Please join us in voting John S. Rodgers for Senate.

Sincerely,
Dennis and Peggy Day Gibson
West Glover

Jackson is diplomatic and educated on the issues

To the editor:

This letter is in support of Judith Jackson for House of Representatives. Irasburg residents are lucky to have Judith as a member of their community.

Her involvement in organizing the opposition to industrial wind is noteworthy. She spent time in Montpelier during the last legislative session educating herself about energy siting policies and lobbyist influence.

She cares about her neighbors and is interested in bringing residents together, even people who differ, to learn from and work with each other. She has organized

dinners before Town Meeting, and through her position on the planning commission is helping develop the town plan — both activities help people get to know one another and talk to each other, a challenge given today's polarizing politics.

A champion of her community, diplomatic, educated on the issues, a collaborator, Judith listens to her neighbors and represents them well.

We would be lucky to have her represent all of us in Montpelier.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Desrochers
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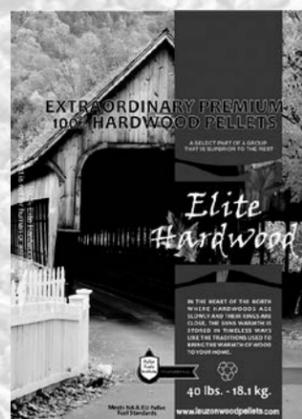
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Letters to the editor

Help create a future that is not doomed to repeat the greatest errors of history

To the editor:

By all measures, Donald Trump is an authoritarian. This means he, like many before, regards his insight and thus his power as supreme. Appealing to our harshest instincts as human beings, he succeeds in exciting crowds to denounce many of the democratic principles that have made America great.

It is understandable people want alternative leadership. Income inequality in our country has been increasing for decades. Wealth is concentrated in fewer hands, the middle class is shrinking, and the American Dream seems lost. U.S. military missions have destabilized resource-rich areas of the world; we live in fear of the resulting terrorism. Economic policies forged by both Democrats and Republicans have left out the common man.

Savvy businessmen like Trump have benefitted from these policies. The rigged system that he decries has given him access and tax benefits few average folk could imagine. The voting fraud that he is inciting extra-legal, quasi-paramilitary action to address is, like so much of what he talks about — a half truth. The real truth is that voter intimidation and disenfranchisement have influenced election outcomes in past decades, and they have been initiated by his party, successfully nullifying the votes of untold thousands of Americans. The commonality among those so disenfranchised:

They have dark colored skin and they usually vote Democratic.

Donald Trump's genius is in dealing in half-truths, scapegoating innocent others, and touting methods that sound like solutions but are patently undemocratic. This type of genius has risen before.

Until visiting the Holocaust Museum in our Capitol, I did not understand that Adolph Hitler was able to amass power by tapping into the fear, anger, and despair experienced by Germans after World War I. His formula was simple — and frighteningly familiar: Find an easily identifiable group of people to blame for what's wrong, use powerful oratory to galvanize action — violent or extra-legal if necessary, and delete that group. Harassment and roundups by paramilitary groups are the first step. Disappearances, torture, execution come next.

Many of us wanted an option other than Republicrat in this presidential election. That didn't happen. If you, like me, remember that silence equaled complicity, call swing state voters daily through Moveon.org's volunteer button. Vote for Hilary Clinton. And post-election, join the base to create a future that may be imperfect, but that is not doomed to repeat the greatest errors of history.

Anne Molleur Hanson
Craftsbury

Clinton has a lifetime of devotion

To the editor,

It seems as though I've been hearing quite a few people who choose to vote for third-party presidential candidates whose views closely align with the voter's own political views. I can certainly understand the personal satisfaction in doing that, but I think this is the wrong year!

We have a Democratic candidate with a lifetime of devotion to improving people's lives, and with the skills honed in the process. She helped develop the state Children's Health Insurance Program, and investigated the illnesses of first responders to the 9/11 attacks, just to mention two of the accomplishments that can be found if you Google "accomplishments of Hillary Clinton."

This is the candidate we need leading our nation, and voting for a third party will increase the possibility that she will not be elected.

Kathy Ketchum
Barton

Sims is the right choice for the district

Dear editor,

I've served in various town offices in the town of Troy for many years. I've seen officers come and go, and let me tell you, serving in office isn't an easy job and not everyone is cut out for it. I feel Katherine Sims is well qualified and will serve our district in a very positive way.

She is running to represent Eden, Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield in the Vermont House of Representatives, and I believe she is the best person for the job.

Katherine has been around our district for many years and knows what needs to be done. She has proven her commitment to making the Northeast Kingdom a better place to live and work. Katherine is the founder and executive director of the Northeast Kingdom Farm-To-School program, which is a successful nonprofit organization. Katherine has also served on statewide boards, the Vermont Council, Rural Development, and the Vermont Land Trust.

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Letters to the editor

This Democrat is voting for a Republican

To the editor,

I believe that this is the most important Governor's race in my lifetime. I consider both Phil Scott and Sue Minter friends. I am one of the few people serving in the Legislature who can say that my grandfather was a Vermont Democrat, and I have served my entire political career as a Democrat, but I will not be voting for the Democratic candidate for Governor. Here are a few reasons why this Democrat will be voting for Phil Scott.

Sue Minter and her supporters plan to clearcut thousands of acres of high elevation forest and replace the forest with impervious surface and industrial sites. Many scientists and naturalists will tell you that these forests are our most important asset for plants and animals to adapt to climate change. Each acre of forest sequesters the carbon output of 63 cars and is our most important asset for flood resilience. Forests slow down rain as well as filter and store water. Our healthy forests are the reason that Vermont is pretty much carbon neutral. Many Vermont Democrats have lost their way and now represent

the liberal rich who, in turn, fund campaigns. They have forgotten the rural communities and the people who live there.

Industrial renewables profit the one percent, the same people Bernie rails against, while doing little to help Vermonters. Industrial renewables concentrate our tax dollars and electric rate dollars to large corporations and the very rich and take most of our money out of state. Phil Scott and I agree that we can reach our renewable energy goals, continue to build green energy jobs and do it without destroying some of the oldest mountains in the world that we Vermonters have protected for generations. Vermont can become more energy independent and keep more of our money in the community, but we must change our energy policy....

Sue Minter and her supporters have called for universal background checks, which cannot work without gun registration and will do nothing to improve safety in the safest state in the nation. What it would do is make criminals out of otherwise law abiding citizens who would not conform when selling a gun to a family member

or a longtime friend. It would also take value from people's gun collections, as they would have to pay for the check not to mention the time that it would take. If a drug addict steals a gun and trades it for drugs with a dealer it is more than foolish to think that they will stop at a gun store for a background check....

We need a Governor who will focus on the economy and has private sector business experience, and I believe that person is Phil Scott. I have worked with Phil Scott, I trust him and believe that he is Vermont's best hope for balance in the State House. I believe that he is the best candidate to tackle the affordability issues and create an environment for business to thrive so that our economy can grow. Phil will protect our environment, traditions, and heritage so that future generations can enjoy the Vermont that people from around the world come to see.

No matter what your party affiliation please join this Democrat and support Phil Scott for Governor. It is for the future of Vermont.

Senator John S. Rodgers
Glover

Send Mark Higley, a hardworking Vermonter, back to the State House

To the editor,

There was a time not too many decades ago in Vermont when the Vermont Legislature was made up of largely working Vermonters. Many of them weren't afraid of getting their hands dirty, including people who worked the land, among them farmers and loggers. There were few career politicians back in the day.

Fast forward in time: Today there are very few laborers in the ranks of the State House who truly understand the needs of the average working person. Even more bothersome are the growing number of career politicians, many who are there to push their own personal agendas. They are too often detached from the lives of ordinary people.

For the most part, the Northeast Kingdom is blessed with many well-grounded legislators, people who know what it is like to struggle to make ends meet. Representative Mark Higley of Lowell is one of those people. Because Mark is a Republican, he is certainly in the minority at the State House, but that isn't the only way he is in the minority. As a carpenter, as well as working with draft horses, Mark is also in the minority because he knows what it is like to make a living with his hands. Mark is also in the minority because he was born and raised a Vermonter. With the exception of a stint with the Navy Seabees, he has called Vermont home his entire life. While Vermonters welcome people to move to our state, and even encourage them to run for

office, there are now very few lifelong Vermonters serving in the State House. Mark is one of those very few.

Mark is a practical man who has earned the respect of people on both sides of the aisle during his years at the State House. He isn't down there because he has an axe to grind. No, he just wants to make the state a little bit better place to live and to make it more affordable.

Let's send Mark, a hardworking Vermonter, back to the State House.

Respectfully,
Lew Hatch IV
Irasburg

Higley is honest, caring and intelligent

To the editor,

I have worked with Mark Higley since being elected to the House of Representatives in 2010. You will not find a more honest, caring, intelligent individual running for office in this upcoming election than Mark Higley.

He is a Vermonter who will fight for better schools at a lower cost to the taxpayers. He believes in less regulation on businesses, a siting bill that allows towns to approve or deny wind projects in their communities, and overall lower taxes for our citizens so we can afford to live and stay in Vermont. Mark will uphold the Second Amendment. He feels that Vermont does not need more gun control laws. What we have are

sufficient to protect Vermonters. Guns don't kill, people do.

Please vote on November 8. Many have fought for our right to vote.

Re-elect Mark Higley to the House.

Respectfully,
Lynn Batchelor
Representative, Orleans One

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Letters to the editor

Send Higley back to Montpelier to help the state change direction

To the editor,

Mark Higley has your back.

During this election cycle we have seen letters to the editor voicing complaints concerning Mark Higley's voting record from Katherine Sims and her followers.

As two members of the Vermont House of Representatives who have worked with, and have watched how hard Mark works for his constituents, let us tell you about him and his record firsthand.

First, Mark voted YES to support loggers and the industry from unnecessary regulations.

Mark voted YES to protect small farms from certification fees and even sponsored two amendments giving farmers incentives to certify.

Mark voted YES to JRH8, a joint House resolution he sponsored with Representative Vicki Strong, bringing awareness to and support for the men and women in the military struggling with PTSD and the unbelievably high rate of suicide. These are just a few in the past couple of years.

So now what has Mark voted against?

Mark voted NO the last six years on \$700-million in new taxes and fees that have hurt hardworking middle class Vermonters who live, work, and try to raise families along with our senior citizens who are living on a fixed income trying to maintain their homes and the way of life they are accustomed to.

Mark voted NO on Act 46, the education bill, which pitted rural areas in Vermont against the urban areas, such as Chittenden County, and their reckless spending.

Mark voted NO on the failed Vermont Health Connect and the out-of-control spending of over \$200-million tax dollars.

Mark is running for re-election in the hopes that Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott becomes our next Governor, so if the super majority of Democrats/Progressives continue down their road of overspending and overtaxing Vermonters, Governor Scott will veto any such legislation and he will need Mark's support and

vote to sustain that veto.

If the present Democratic/Progressive super majority continues in the manner that they have been, then you can be assured they will pass some form of a carbon tax that will add taxes and fees that you cannot afford and should not have to spend.

Folks, you have a choice. ...Help send Mark back to Montpelier where he will vote NO to protect you and your wallet....

If you look back objectively at the last six years of Montpelier's runaway tax and spend policies, you will clearly see that Mark has been working extremely hard to protect you, your family, your wallet, and your way of life.

We would appreciate it if you would please send Mark back to Montpelier to help us finally start to change direction for the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

Respectfully,

Representatives Michael Marcotte, Coventry, and Gary Viens, Newport

Sims is a smart and creative problem solver

Dear editor,

I am writing to encourage folks in Eden, Lowell, Jay, Troy, and Westfield to vote for Katherine Sims for House this November.

As a farmer in Craftsbury, I've worked with Katherine and her organization Green Mountain Farm-to-School for years. Katherine's organizational skill, passion, and dedication to the people, and especially the children, of the Northeast Kingdom are inspiring. Katherine is a smart and creative problem solver, and I have no doubt that when elected she will be an excellent advocate for our region.

Pete Johnson
Craftsbury

Sims has a strong, independent voice

To the editor,

Katherine Sims is exactly the kind of person I want representing our area in Montpelier. Like Bernie Sanders in Washington, we need people in Montpelier who have a strong independent voice that stands up for working families.

Katherine is that kind of person. She is gutsy and not afraid to challenge conventional thinking.

When I served in Montpelier I watched too many representatives back their party leadership, no matter how they felt about the issues.

That is not what we need.

Katherine is smart, likes working with people, and is driven by what is best for our towns. With her energy and passion, she will hit the ground running.

Please, join me in supporting Katherine Sims for state representative. Let's send an independent voice to work for us in Montpelier.

Dexter Randall
former state representative
Newport Center

Sims would support workers, farmers

Dear editor,

The political landscape sure has been interesting lately, huh? As election day comes closer, there's one race that's even keeled and on track. Katherine Sims is running for the Vermont House to represent the towns of Eden, Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Senator Bernie Sanders has endorsed Katherine Sims saying, "I know Katherine and the great work she has been doing in supporting local agriculture for a number of years. She will be a strong supporter of workers, farmers, and the environment in the Vermont State House."

Like most Vermonters, I'm with Bernie and I trust his judgment. Therefore, I'm also with Sims.

Katherine's representation will be good for working Vermonters and good for the Northeast Kingdom. Please vote for Katherine Sims on November 8.

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Letters to the editor

First-time voter says Sam Young is her candidate

Dear voters,

This election is one that will be going down in the history books. I know, for me, it will always be important because it also happens to be the first election that I can vote in.

I have made a conscious and well-informed decision to focus my energies on the local elections. With that, I have taken into great consideration the representatives who I will be voting for on Tuesday. Sam Young, who is running for representative of Orleans-Caledonia, is a candidate I happily give my public support to.

This past year I worked with Sam on a project at Lake Region Union High School where I am a senior. We collaborated and held a voter registration drive during the lunch periods, getting juniors and seniors who weren't registered to vote signed up online so that they would be eligible for the local primaries in August.

Through my work with Sam, I've come to respect him greatly. Having seen him work in the House Committee on Ways and Means, and understanding what a difficult job he and all other representatives have each year, I can safely

say that a vote with Sam is a well-placed one. Coming from a small, rural community, Sam has made every effort to reach out to constituents, and represents us well in Montpelier. I, for one, hope to again see him around the State House and giving updates on Town Meeting Day this coming March.

Sincerely,
Ashley Morrill
West Glover

Strong and Huard would make a great team

Dear editor,

I am writing to express my support for Vicki Strong and Frank Huard in the upcoming election for Orleans-1 representatives to the Vermont House.

I have known Vicki Strong for almost 30 years and know her to be a person of the greatest integrity and dedication to the real needs of the people of Orleans County. She knows the issues better than anyone and has spoken out on many

occasions in the House. There is simply no one better qualified than Vicki to represent us in Montpelier.

I have spoken with Frank Huard on numerous occasions and have been impressed by his sincerity and good common sense approach to the many important issues facing our county and the state. He runs two small businesses and has a growing family, but still has the time and interest to represent us.

Vicki and Frank are busy, hard-working and talented people who are willing to sacrifice their time and energy to stand up and fight for what is right in the tough world of politics today. I believe they will make a great team in the Legislature representing our district. They will get my vote; they deserve yours, too.

Jeremy Wintersteen
East Albany

Young and Strong are committed voices for small towns

To the editor,

I have had the great honor of serving in the Vermont Legislature for the past 12 years. One of the important insights I gained during my tenure was to learn what qualities and skills are necessary to serve as an effective legislator and advocate.

It is with this knowledge that I can attest to the fact that Sam Young and Vicki Strong are

seasoned legislators who understand what it takes to represent their constituents in a successful and effective manner. I served on the same committee with Sam for two years and was always impressed with his commitment to his district. He refused to allow partisan politics to disrupt the committee's goal of achieving workable solutions to complex problems.

Sam and his seatmate Vicki Strong provide

strong voices for small towns in Vermont. They refuse to allow the larger, urban areas of the state to control and dominate the political climate in Montpelier.

Patti Koline
Former Republican representative
Dorset

There's a lack of common sense in state government

To the editor,

I'd like to recommend to the voters of Orleans Caledonia the candidacy of Frank Huard. As a longtime farmer here in Barre and a founder of the Montpelier, Stowe, and Waterbury farmers markets, I know from firsthand experience how important it is to have working people and farmers in the Legislature. The absence of common sense shows in the current constitution of state government. Time for a change; the kind of straightforward thinking that Frank does will affect that.

Alan LePage
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Letters to the editor

Jackson's faith in the community is obvious, as is her commitment

To the editor,

I write this letter in support of Judith Jackson, candidate for the Vermont House of Representatives. Judith and I sit together on Irasburg's Leach Public Library Board of Trustees. I can personally attest to Judith's leadership qualities. Judith guides our meetings and discussions with a natural ease and diplomacy. Her faith in our community is obvious, as is her commitment.

In addition to the library's board of trustees, Judith is a key member of the Irasburg Planning Commission and participates in, often leading, innumerable efforts to improve the quality of life in our area. She recognizes the great strength in conviction of citizens in the Northeast Kingdom and will work determinedly in Montpelier to preserve our area's long-proven history of hard work, resilience and independence.

Judith is a steward of our beautiful and

unique environment, tackling the difficult ridgeline debate head on. She will advocate for our communities to move towards economic stability. I cannot think of a candidate more deserving of our support. Please join me in voting for Judith Jackson, Vermont House.

Sincerely,
Molly Veysey
Irasburg

Take a look at Johnson and Weld

To the editor,

As to the upcoming election, I have heard from so many: "I'm voting for _____ because I can't vote for _____." I've also heard many say they weren't going to vote because they didn't want either candidate. I am one of the many who are dissatisfied with both major party candidates. So, I took a look at Gary Johnson and Bill Weld.

Yeah, they're running on the Libertarian ticket, heaven forbid, you think. I urge you to look into them. They are actually moderate Republicans. Johnson was the Republican Governor of New Mexico. Weld was, get this, the Republican Governor of Massachusetts, almost unheard of.

Google them please. For me, I'm with Johnson on more issues than either major party candidate. I guess many of you would say I'm throwing away my vote, but I'll feel good about my choice when I leave the polling place, that's important to me. How about you?

Marcy Mastin
Craftsbury

New regulations on wind turbine noise are no help

To the editor,

Climatologists were not inclined to use Tropical Storm Irene as an example of climate change. Though Vermont had survived major disasters in the past, the Shumlin Administration promoted Tropical Storm Irene as the poster child for climate change. The solution was to promote ridgeline wind development. Vermonters were asked to make sacrifices. Ridgelines were clearcut and blasted into submission. Valuable ecosystems were destroyed. Clean air and water were compromised. Animal habitat was destroyed. What most people did not anticipate was the extent that wind turbine noise would impact their lives and the lives of their neighbors.

After spending billions of taxpayer dollars to develop big wind projects around the state, big wind proponents still refer to it as free renewable energy. Based on a poll taken nearly a decade ago, some proponents still insist that the majority of Vermonters favor industrial wind. Developers and proponents insist there are no detrimental health issues around wind turbine noise, when there is clear evidence that people living too close to wind turbines can be severely affected.

Once an industrial wind project is completed, developers and regulators soon forget the reason for monitoring wind turbine noise. For developers,

it is a matter of complying with their Certificate of Public Good. Developers negotiate with the Public Service Board to protect their projects when the intent of noise monitoring is to protect close neighbors. New Public Service Board noise "regulations" on wind turbine noise are designed to keep developers in compliance and do nothing to protect the public. No regulation at all would have had the same effect.

Respectfully,
Richard H. Rumery
Newport Center

Sam Young is the best representative for the district

Dear editor,

Sam Young is the best representative for our district. Sam works very hard for us in Montpelier. His only agenda is to do everything possible for the people he represents. After six years in the Legislature, Sam has the experience, the knowledge, and the seniority to accomplish this goal.

I've known Sam since he was a young Lake Region student. I've been with him through the good and the bad times that all of us experience. I hope you will trust me when I ask you to do the best thing for our community and vote for Sam Young for state representative on election day.

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Jack-o'-lantern art shines through



After taking their prizes at the 2016 Great Chronicle Jack-o'-lantern Contest, winners gather for the traditional group portrait. Standing in the back row (left to right) are Tripp Roberge, runner-up for biggest pumpkin; Nicole Lafratta, runner-up for most original; Caroline Lowry, scariest runner-up; Kaitlyn Kaiser, most original; Maia Young, funniest runner-up; Kelby Knight, biggest; Lila Winstead, Don Sunseri memorial prize; and Adam Cook, adult winner. In the front row are Bryce Roberge, scariest; Cierra Cole, funniest and runner-up for most spooked; Dayna Knights, most spooked; Jack Sumberg, current affairs; Sam Young, current affairs runner-up; Michelle Lussier, adult; Bob Hunt, adult runner-up, and Nick Lussier, adult.



A pair of contrasting faces are loosely stitched together in a disturbing Jack-o'-lantern created by Michelle Lussier.



A rendering of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump shines its light at the Great Chronicle Jack-o'-lantern Contest Sunday night. Fortunately for Jack Sumberg, the creator of the portrait in squash, a new award for the carving that best comments on current events was instituted this year. Mr. Sumberg easily won in the new category for what Dennis Gibson called his "Trumpkin."



The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser *U.S.S. Port Royal* is portrayed on this Jack-o'-lantern. John and Brenda Rodgers brought it and a second naval-themed pumpkin to *the Chronicle's* contest to honor their son Derek who serves aboard the ship as a radar technician.



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Welch thinks Paul Ryan is open to dairy program fix

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using national prices, which differ greatly from those in the Northeast. As a result, desperate farmers saw no return on the money they paid to join the insurance scheme.

Mr. Welch said he believes he can work with Mr. Ryan, who also comes from a dairy state, to rework the program.

The real solution, he said, would be a supply management system. He praised the old dairy compact, which worked well, but ended due to opposition from some Congress members.

Mr. Welch also praised Ben and Jerry's for paying a premium price for milk produced in an environmentally sound manner, but noted the overall problem is one of an oversupply of milk.

"The bottom line is we need a better price and a safety net that works."

On being told that many farmers think he and Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders don't care about them, Mr. Welch said, "I sympathize with that, but I do the best I can."

He said he has worked with Speaker Ryan to clear up problems between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and artisan cheesemakers.

The FDA had gone overboard with regulations that threatened cheesemakers, he said, including a proposed rule that would have banned the use of wooden boards in aging cheese. While cheesemakers recognize the need for regulation and share the goal of producing a safe product, they felt the FDA

didn't understand what they do, Mr. Welch said.

He recalled calling Mr. Ryan, and saying "We've got a cheese problem." Mr. Welch then recruited a number of House members from both parties to sign a letter asking for reconsideration of the policy.

He said they have been able to start a dialogue between cheesemakers and regulators. That seems to be helping to resolve misunderstandings and could lead to better regulations in the future, he said.

When the subject turned to health care, Mr. Welch said Obamacare did two of the three things it was established to achieve.

The first was to extend access to people who couldn't get insurance before. The Affordable Care Act also eliminated insurance restrictions, such as lifetime caps on coverage, and bans on coverage of those with pre-existing conditions.

What it has struggled to do is restrain the rise in health care costs, he said.

"Drug costs are exploding," Mr. Welch said. He pointed to Mylan Pharmaceutical Company, which produces the EpiPen, a device that dispenses a form of adrenalin to people suffering severe allergic reactions.

Mylan bought rights to the product from another company and over the course of several years has raised its price from \$100 for a pair of the devices to more than \$650.

Mr. Welch quoted a mother whose child has life-threatening allergies and who said she was faced with the choice of "purchasing

something I can't afford or facing a loss I can't endure."

Mr. Welch said Mylan sought to avoid U.S. taxes by using a tax loophole moving its official headquarters to the Netherlands. In that country EpiPens still cost \$100, he said.

While Congress voted to repeal Obamacare 66 times in the last session, Mr. Welch said he thinks the body might be ready to act in this term to deal with the jump in drug prices.

That, he explained, is because large corporations that self-insure for their employees' health insurance are angry about having to pay skyrocketing prices for drugs.

One possibility for lowering the cost of medications is to allow Medicare to negotiate prices with drug companies, something presently banned by law.

Mr. Welch said he is optimistic about the chances for a change. He noted that even Mr. Trump has called for price negotiations between the government and drug manufacturers.

From Barton, Mr. Welch headed to Newport where he met with City Manager Laura Dolgin, Mayor Paul Monette, and Alderman John Wilson.

Joining the city officials at the table in the city council's chambers, were state Senator Bobby Starr of North Troy, state Representative Gary Viens of Newport, Karen Geraghty of the Northeastern

Vermont Development Association (NVDA), and Mike Welch of Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIS) as well as Steve Breault of Newport Natural Market and Café and Isobel Marks of the Memphremagog Arts Collaborative.

A discussion of the area's economy

Representative Welch listened more than he spoke as those around the table described the city's situation after the promise of EB-5 visa-funded economic development faded.

Ms. Geraghty said the city is looking at ways to reconfigure its downtown, as a court-appointed receiver prepares to offer the former Spates Block for sale to potential developers.

Ms. Dolgin said Newport has applied for grants to help with its planning process and will hire the consultant that led St. Albans' efforts to revive its downtown.

The city also hopes to attract visitors from across the border to visit and shop, although the fall in the Canadian dollar, which is now worth 74 U.S. cents, has cut back somewhat on trade, Ms. Marks said.

According to Mr. Monette, another roadblock to increased trade from the north is the unwillingness of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) to clear boats arriving at the Newport waterfront,

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Congressman urged to address border holdups

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or airplanes landing at Northeast Kingdom International Airport in Coventry.

The lack of cooperation from Customs officials, who, he said, claim they need a 5,000-square-foot building to deal with people arriving at the city's waterfront, means that a company that hoped to run excursion boats from Magog, Quebec, to Newport several times a week, has been stymied.

That, Mr. Monette said, has cost Newport merchants a great deal in lost sales. Similarly, he said, the promise of a free trade zone is mocked when Customs officials refuse to drive from Derby Line to Coventry to check incoming flights.

At present, he said, they tell anyone asking permission to land in Coventry to fly instead to Burlington, clear Customs there, and head back to the Orleans County airport.

People making short hops over the border are sent well out of their way by Customs, Mr. Monette said.

Mr. Viens provided the perspective of one who worked in the upper echelons of CPB.

During his 27-year career, Mr. Viens said, he spent time running day-to-day operations on the border from Blaine, Washington, to Houlton, Maine. That gave him perspective on how CPB operates.

Since his retirement seven years ago, Mr. Viens said, there has been so much turnover in the CPB's Office of Field Operations that he no

longer knows anyone he could call on for help.

He said he has enough Washington experience to know a call from a Representative or Senator will get an almost instantaneous response. He asked Mr. Welch to make that call and press the CPB for improved service in the Newport area.

He termed CPB's claim that large buildings must be put up before service can be provided on the waterfront and at the airport preposterous.

Others at the meeting said they thought the excuse of insufficient staffing levels doesn't hold water.

Senator Starr said he has often come through Customs and found only one or two lanes open. At the same time he sees the station's office crowded with Customs agents.

Mr. Wilson talked about the Route 5 Customs station in Derby Line. A Canadian crossed into the U.S. and, following his GPS device's instructions, turned left onto Caswell Avenue rather than going straight to the inspection station, he said.

"They should have changed the GPS," Mr. Wilson said. Instead CPB has stationed two agents to stop each car coming across the border and direct them to go straight ahead. The officers supplement a host of signs in English and French that say the same thing, he said.

"It sounds like a management issue," Representative Welch said.

Ms. Dolgin said she has spoken with local CPB representatives but

found their response disappointing.

"They need someone who knows the area," Representative Welch suggested.

Mr. Viens said that since September 11, 2001, CPB has changed. "They've forgotten common sense," he said.

Mr. Starr said the agents in Troy and Derby Line are no longer from the community they serve.

"There is no continuity," he said.

Mr. Monette said he has done some investigating about airports and found Vermont's are treated differently than those in neighboring states.

All local airports in New York and Maine have Customs services, but Vermont's air traffic is all directed to Burlington, he said.

"If 9-11 changed everything, it certainly didn't change Maine and New York," the mayor said.

Ms. Geraghty said local merchants are getting hit on all sides. Last year's lack of snow, the weak Canadian dollar, and the impending opening of Walmart have all had a serious effect on the bottom line of local businesses, she said.

Mr. Starr contrasted Newport's sluggish economy with that of Magog, where, he said, people are lined up four deep on the sidewalk.

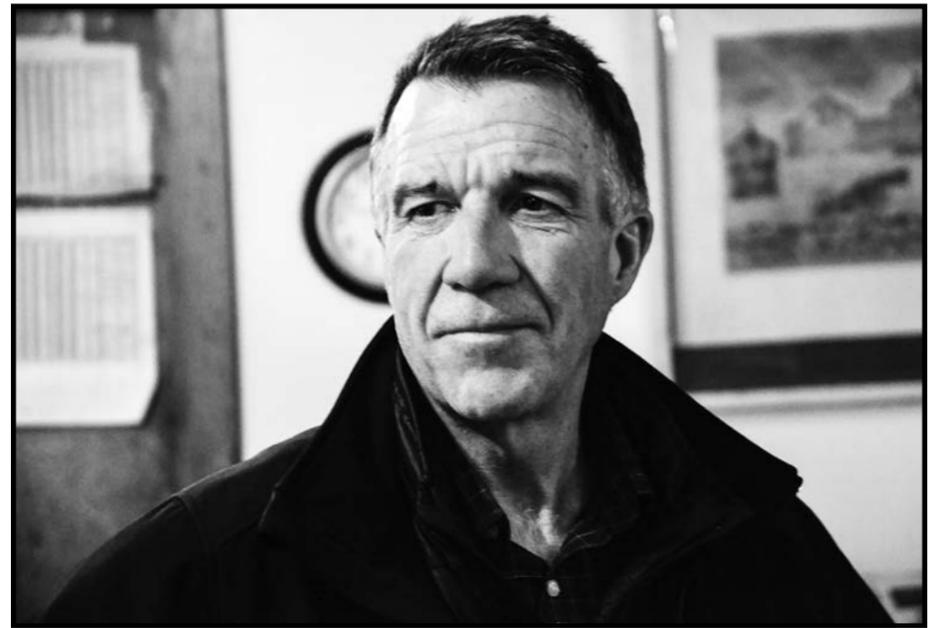
He suggested that a more helpful attitude on the part of Customs officials might help bring more traffic south.

Representative Welch promised to work with Senators Leahy and Sanders to clear up border problems.

"You want to be ready for the next boating season," he said, in summing up the meeting.

"We want an ice-breaker," Mr. Starr shot back.

Phil Scott pays a visit



Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott paid a neighborly visit to *the Chronicle* Monday. The Republican candidate for Governor dropped in unannounced while campaigning throughout the Northeast Kingdom. He stayed just long enough to exchange greetings and shake hands all around before heading off to visit businesses around Orleans County.

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Randy Brock hopes to create a vibrant economy

by Joseph Gresser

BARTON — Randy Brock stopped by *the Chronicle* office Friday to talk up his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor. The Republican former state Auditor of Accounts and Senator from Franklin County wanted to discuss his plans for Vermont's second highest office.

As Mr. Brock noted, the Lieutenant Governor has only two clearly defined responsibilities. The first is being available to take over in case the Governor dies in office, as Richard Snelling did in 1991.

The second is to preside over the state Senate. Other than on ceremonial occasions, or to break a tie vote, the Lieutenant Governor's presence is rarely necessary for the smooth operation of the Senate.

The rest of the job is a "blank slate," Mr. Brock said.

Without any day-to-day responsibilities, the Lieutenant Governor is well positioned to take a broad view of state government, he said. While the Governor and legislators have to deal with a constant stream of issues that demand immediate attention, the Lieutenant Governor doesn't, he said.

Mr. Brock said the government ought to be dealing with long-term issues. He said he hopes to be a catalyst for making the state not just affordable, "but, down the line, to help make a vibrant economy."

He said he is concerned about poverty and will devote his attention to jobs and the economy.

"People say they want to retire, but don't know how they can afford to stay in the state," he said.

"State government needs a sea change to say Vermont is open for business."

He also cited the high cost of health care, rising property taxes, increasing education spending, and the opiate epidemic as issues he will tackle as Lieutenant Governor.

"They all track back to the economy," Mr. Brock said.

He said he would first address "attitudinal issues."

"State government needs a sea change to say Vermont is open for business," he said.

Mr. Brock said studies show the state does not have a positive attitude toward business. Vermont needs new jobs, and must also keep existing ones, he said.

"The tone at the top is great, but more important is the tone in the middle. Most people are dealing with middle rank officials," he said.

Leaders can inspire their employees to treat the people they deal with as customers not as adversaries, he said.



Randy Brock.

Photo by Joseph Gresser

When he worked for Fidelity Investments, Mr. Brock said, the company was seeking a location for a new operations center in Europe.

In Ireland his company was asked to tell the government what it wanted. That attitude was enough to get Fidelity to move to Ireland, Mr. Brock said.

He said he has visited many large companies around the state and asked when the last time someone from Vermont's government visited to see what they wanted from the state. None said they had ever been approached in such a manner, he said.

"Government doesn't create jobs," Mr. Brock said, "but it can create the climate in which jobs can grow."

Mr. Brock criticized the Shumlin administration, saying it raised spending by \$700-million over the past six years, and allowed budgets to rise by 5 percent a year, when the economy only grew by 2 percent a year.

The state's infrastructure needs upgrading, and cleaning up Lake Champlain will cost \$65-

million a year, Mr. Brock said.

He proposed a radical way to fund the work.

Although the EB-5 program has a black eye, he said, nodding to the problems uncovered with Jay Peak's programs, the federal visa program may provide an alternative to selling state bonds as a way to finance state infrastructure projects.

The law already permits foreign investors seeking permanent residency status in the U.S. to put money into public as well as private projects, Mr. Brock said.

Not only should the state look for them to invest money in the state, but it should also encourage the foreign investors to move to Vermont, Mr. Brock said.

"Wouldn't it be nice to invite them to become Vermonters?" he asked.

He said the state has to find different, more

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State needs to pay competitive wage in tech

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efficient ways of doing things and recalled his time as state auditor.

During the two years he held that office, the state reviewed every prescription paid for by Medicaid and found large numbers of errors.

He said a similar approach might have avoided some of the problems encountered by the state Health Connect website.

He said that Optum, the company hired by the state to build the site, changed its name four years before getting the contract, due to its involvement in "massive fraud."

Mr. Brock said it was inexcusable that no one in state government was aware of the firm's history before hiring it.

He said the state's Department of Information and Innovation needs to be shaken up.

"They don't innovate and don't do information technology well," he said.

Mr. Brock suggested the state pay competitive wages so as to hire competent tech workers who don't immediately move to the private sector.

He suggested the state also look toward hiring more Vermont information technology companies to do work for the state. While those small companies might not be able to take on the kind of projects needed by the state all by

themselves, they could create modules that can be knit together by a "systems aggregator," Mr. Brock said.

Vermont will sign three-quarters of a billion dollars worth of contracts for computer systems in the foreseeable future, Mr. Brock said.

Giving state contracts to local businesses could help create an information technology sector and jobs for students graduating from Vermont Technical College or other state schools with degrees in computer science.

"We didn't get this way overnight, we won't change overnight."

In that way, Mr. Brock suggested, the state could nurture a high-paying industry that could help keep young Vermonters from going off to seek their fortunes in other places.

Mr. Brock said there are other areas of state government that could use a new set of eyes.

The Public Service Board (PSB), which makes decisions on whether energy projects ought to be built and where they ought to be sited, is

friendly to lawyers, but not to the public at large, he said.

He suggested the PSB and Act 250 should be "re-engineered." That would involve a constant examination of the board's process to determine if the public is pleased with its workings, he said.

If it's not working well for citizens, it should be changed, and the process examined again to see if it has become more satisfactory, he said.

In his last job in private industry, Mr. Brock said he took a company division with an annual budget of \$105-million and pared it down to \$80-million, while increasing the efficiency of its operations.

"The state government needs to do this throughout its system," Mr. Brock said. "We didn't get this way overnight, we won't change overnight."

He said he is not calling for massive layoffs in state government, but rather an examination of how its work gets done.

He said he believes in climate change, but thinks the present rush to build industrial wind and solar installations is a mistake.

"We're rushing to build twentieth-century technologies in the twenty-first century," he said.

The state's resources would be better spent on weatherization and other conservation programs, he said.

Grant funds legal services for people facing eviction, debt collection

Legal Services Law Line of Vermont (Law Line) has received a two-year \$246,034 Pro Bono Innovation Fund Grant from the Legal Services Corporation to organize and manage clinics that focus on housing and debt collection cases in several counties. The grant provides an important opportunity for Vermonters who usually have to represent themselves in court against opponents who are represented by attorneys.

Court statistics show that more than 85 percent of tenants facing eviction are unrepresented, while almost 90 percent of landlords have attorneys. For consumer debt collection cases, defendants are often unable to represent themselves effectively against attorneys who try hundreds of cases every year.

Because affordable housing is so scarce in Vermont, preventing evictions has been an

important priority for Law Line for years. Working with the Civil Division court, Law Line has already piloted a clinic that provides volunteer attorneys for tenants facing eviction in Chittenden County. This grant will enable Law Line to replicate the clinic in three more counties in Vermont and pilot a new clinic to provide representation to consumers in debt collection cases. These clinics could have profound long-term effects on clients' housing and income.

"The whole state of Vermont benefits when more Vermonters live in safe, healthy, and stable housing," said Sam Abel-Palmer, Law Line's interim executive director. "Children perform better in school, and families require fewer emergency health services."

Senator Patrick Leahy applauded the grant. "For two decades, Law Line of Vermont has

provided critical legal services to low income Vermonters," Senator Leahy said. "This grant will enable Law Line to expand those services to defendants in eviction cases who might otherwise not be represented. No one should face the loss of housing without an understanding of their legal rights. But another benefit of this grant is that it will also provide training for volunteer attorneys who are dedicated to pro bono work."

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The Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) is partnering with about 15 public libraries around the state to present special displays of books on One Health topics. These books, on loan from the VVMA, are available for circulation to library patrons.

Examples of one health topics include diseases spread from animals to people, called zoonoses. Rabies is an example of a zoonotic disease. Each year, 25 to 50 animals in Vermont are found to have rabies.

Emerging diseases shared by humans and animals are another One Health topic. About three-quarters of human diseases emerging in the last 30 years have originated in animals. Examples include Ebola, AIDS, Hanta, SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome). All these viruses cause serious human disease and many of them have been responsible for devastating disease outbreaks.

Areas beyond infectious disease also fall under the broad One Health umbrella. The human animal bond is recognized as providing health benefits across a spectrum of human conditions. Pet ownership has been shown to improve physical health of cardiac and cancer patients alike, while animal-assisted therapy (AAT) has gained widespread recognition for its beneficial effects for children with autism. AAT is also now being used in many other ways such as reading dogs (improving children's reading skills through reading aloud to dogs) and canine advocacy programs (dogs helping calm child victims while in the criminal justice system).

Participating libraries include the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Jones Memorial in Orleans, Goodrich Memorial in Newport, and the Barton and Glover public libraries.

People can also visit the VVMA website at www.vtvets.org for a reading list of One Health books and to learn more about One Health. — from the VVMA.

Business casual?



The staff at Community National Bank in Barton celebrated Halloween in full costume. From left to right are Lori Wells as Flo; Cecile Gaboriault as Minnie Mouse; Jessie Fontaine as Sponge Bob; Amber Bernier as a Minion; Heather Hodge as Maleficent; and Cathy Hayes as a Bumble Bee. Photo by Elizabeth Trail

Business workshop offered for loggers

A free business management workshop for Vermont loggers and others in the logging industry will be offered in St. Johnsbury in November.

University of Vermont Extension will conduct the workshop on Tuesday, November 29, at the UVM Extension office, 374 Emerson Falls Road, Suite 1, in St. Johnsbury. Lunch and all class materials will be provided.

The workshop will cover a range of financial topics, including recordkeeping, pricing jobs for profit, business plans, accessing capital for investment and operations, transitioning the business, and retirement planning. Participants also will hear about current industry economics

and the PATH (Planning and Analysis in Timber Harvest) spreadsheet tool, among other topics. Participants will earn eight Vermont LEAP (Logger Education to Advance Professionalism) credits.

Presenters include Steve Bick from Northeast Forest, LLC, in Thendara, New York; Paul Frederick from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation; Chris Lindgren from UVM Extension; and Steve Paddock, from Vermont Small Business Development Center.

To register, call Christi Sherlock at (866) 860-1382, or e-mail christi.sherlock@uvm.edu by November 23. To request a disability-related accommodation, please call by November 1.

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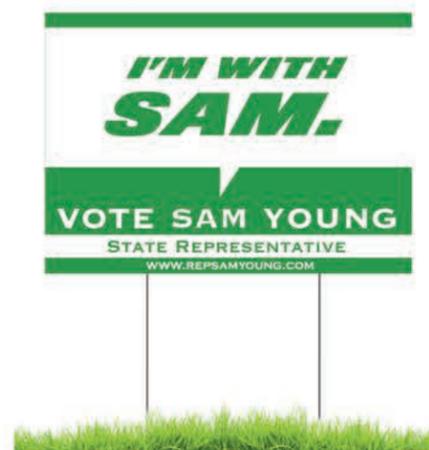
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Urie nets OT winner, Rangers advance

by Brad Usatch

Sixteen straight wins later, the Lake Region Union High School boys soccer team is back where they left off last season — headed to the Division II semifinal with a perfect record in tow.

Riley Urie's strike in the first minute of overtime lifted the second-seeded Rangers (16-0) to a 2-1 win over seventh-ranked Montpelier (10-6) in their quarterfinal match on October 28.

Whether it was nerves, the soggy field, or the quality of its opponent, Lake Region looked off its game to start, and the first 20 minutes was staged largely on the Lake Region side of the field.

Each team had a few dangerous opportunities, but neither put a single shot on goal until Montpelier sophomore Hayden Ellms found some space at the edge of the penalty area and tucked a shot low inside the left post 23:23 into the match.

"They weren't so much scared as timid," Lake Region Coach Tom Evans said of the Rangers' unsettled early play.

Though possession evened out after the goal, the Solons took a 1-0 advantage into the break.



Montpelier goalkeeper Nelson Brown lies on the pitch as Lake Region junior striker Riley Urie takes a celebratory dive, chased by his teammates. Urie had just scored the golden goal 48 seconds into overtime, to send the Rangers to the Division II semifinal. Photos by Brad Usatch

Montpelier's early strike would mark the only real defensive lapse of the game for the Rangers. And, oddly for a team that averaged over six goals per game through the regular season, it would be the Lake Region defense that carried the team on this day in more ways than one.

The Rangers found their footing in the second half and dominated possession from the opening touch. But quality scoring chances were few and far between thanks to a disciplined Montpelier back line consisting of Ben Ward, Connor Barrett, Karyka Taylor and Izak Raker.

The equalizer came 13:09 into the second half off the head of fullback Rian Hayman-Jones. When the Rangers forced a corner kick, the speedy and rangy defender was urged to push forward and look for an opening. Maybe the tallest player on the team, Hayman-Jones said he's been moving up on corners throughout the latter half of the season.

Matt Lawlor's corner was well placed to a spot about 18 meters out from the far post. Hayman-Jones jumped above everyone else and flicked a header up and over Montpelier goalkeeper Nelson Brown, who was coming out to challenge on the play.

"I knew where it was going and I just jumped as high as I could," said Hayman-Jones.

The Solons made a few forays deep into
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Lake Region faces Harwood in semifinal

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Ranger territory in the second half, but on the only truly threatening Montpelier attack it was Hayman-Jones again who recovered quickly and sped back to make a brilliant and squeaky clean slide tackle poking the ball away from the Solon striker.

In general the field was switched in the second half, and it was the Rangers who seemed to be playing downhill on the Solon side. But at the end of 80 minutes the

What happened a mere 48 seconds into the overtime period was that Urie received the ball at the top of the box and two touches later it was in the back of the net before the goalie even had a chance to react. Urie then sprinted toward the corner flag and dove head first in a celebratory slide with the team chasing after him and piling on in a scrum of joy and relief.

"Montpelier is a good soccer team, and we were fortunate to come away with the win," said Coach Evans.

This year they play host to third-seeded Harwood Union (11-1-1), which advanced to the semifinals with a 2-0 win over Green Mountain Valley on October 31.

Lake Region and Harwood did not meet during the regular season, but they did share some common opponents. Both teams faced Lyndon Institute. Harwood edged the Vikings 2-1, while the Rangers coasted to a 4-0 win. Both teams

beat Peoples Academy by six goals. Harwood blanked Lamoille and Montpelier 3-0. Lake Region eked out a 3-2 win at Lamoille and just survived Montpelier 2-1 in overtime.

The semifinal kicks off at Lake Region on Wednesday, November 2, at 3 p.m. The winner of that game will play for the state championship on Saturday, November 5, at South Burlington High School.



Rangers fullback Rian Hayman-Jones (number 17) is on his way down after flicking a header that would tie the game at 1-1 early in the second half of Lake Region's quarterfinal match with Montpelier on Friday, October 29. Matt Lawlor assisted on the goal off a corner kick. Brady Perron is at right.

score was knotted at one apiece.

In terms of pure drama, the Rangers would have done better to let the tension build in the overtime period. But as the fans were still settling into their seats, Urie found a little space and made it count.

"Coach told me to put it in the back of the net, and thankfully I had a chance and that's what happened," said Urie. "I honestly don't even remember seeing it go in the net. I just remember taking the shot and the next thing I know my teammates are jumping all over me."

Now back in the semifinals for the second straight year, Evans offered a measured assessment of a successful season that seemed inevitable to many observers.

"You have to take each game one at a time," he said. "Hopefully you're playing your best soccer at the end of the season with the ultimate goal of having the privilege to play in a championship game."

In 2015, the Rangers were also undefeated heading into the semis where they fell to the eventual champion U-32 by a score of 3-2.



Lake Region midfielder Brady Perron (right) looks to flick a ball ahead watched by Montpelier defenders Davor Vukoja (obscured) and Ben Ward (number two). Lake Region senior midfielder Matt Lawlor (number nine) is seen following the play.



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Senator stumps against “obscene” inequality

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tone to the friendly crowd, Mr. Sanders delivered his familiar message, calling for a “political revolution.”

“We live in a country where a small number of billionaires have unlimited amounts of money. They are not content with controlling our economy,” he said. “They also want to control the government.

“Our view is absolutely different than the billionaire class. We believe in a democracy — one person, one vote — not billionaires buying elections,” he continued.

The vast majority of voters of all political stripes want “to overturn the disastrous Citizens United decision,” Mr. Sanders said. That is a 2010 Supreme Court decision prohibiting restrictions on political spending by corporations and labor unions.

“We are living right now at this moment in the wealthiest country in the history of the world,” Mr. Sanders declared. Nobody knows that, he said, “because almost all of the new income and wealth is going to the people on top.

“You know people out there who are voting for Trump, they are voting for Clinton,” he said. “They are not racist, they are not sexist, they are not homophobes. They are working longer hours for lower wages, they are scared to death about the future for their kids, they are wondering what is going on in this country. How does it happen they can’t afford childcare for their kids, they can’t afford to send them to college, they can’t go on vacation?”

Mr. Sanders said the country has to end what he called the “obscenity” of having “greater income inequality than any other on earth.”

He said the wealthiest one-tenth of 1 percent of Americans “are making out like bandits.

“Many are bandits,” he added.

“This election is about you,” Mr. Sanders told the crowd before setting out an agenda that included raising the national minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15, ending the disparity between what women and men are paid for the same work, providing 12 weeks of paid family leave for workers, and providing the guarantee of health care for all citizens.

Mr. Sanders also said climate change is causing devastating damage to the environment, and urged the country to take on the fossil fuel industry.

“Short-term profits are not worth the future



U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders makes a point at a Newport rally Friday. The senator and former presidential candidate set out his policy priorities and called for a “political revolution” before introducing and endorsing candidates for statewide and local offices. The rally was sponsored by Rights and Democracy, a group that supports progressive causes in New Hampshire and Vermont. Photos by Joseph Gresser

of the country,” he said.

Mr. Sanders said he traveled the country talking about the unfairness of the country’s tax system, only to find that Donald Trump was able to make the point better than he could.

In early October the *New York Times* printed several pages of the Republican candidate’s tax returns from 1995. Because the return showed a nearly \$1-billion loss, tax experts said Mr. Trump may not have had to pay any income tax for the following 18 years, the paper said.

“On November 8, he will lose,” Mr. Sanders predicted. He said the work of reforming the tax code can then begin.

The senator said Ms. Minter, Mr. Zuckerman, and Ms. Sims are committed to the policies he laid out but said they can’t do it alone.

It takes a mass movement,” Mr. Sanders said. “When we stick together and have a vision, there is nothing we cannot do.”

Mr. Sanders acknowledged that Vermont cannot do everything by itself, but said the state “can be a model pointing the way.”

He then introduced Ms. Minter, who thanked Mr. Sanders for “changing the course of the national conversation for bringing social and economic justice into the core of our political agenda.

“Thank you, Bernie, for fighting for Main Street, not Wall Street,” Ms. Minter said.

She glanced up the hill from the waterfront and continued, “On that point, let’s talk about what’s happening on this Main Street.

“What’s going to happen when I’m your Governor, is that that hole in your Main Street is going to get filed with your vision for your community,” Ms. Minter said. “We’re not going to leave the Northeast Kingdom behind.”

She said, “I know too many Vermonters struggle in this economy, which is stacked against them because wages are not keeping up with cost of living.”

Ms. Minter decried the number of children in poverty, and debt-laden college students. She also pointed to work needed to deal with opiate abuse in the state, and the need for clean water.

After celebrating the first snowfall of autumn, Ms. Minter pointed out the abnormality of having 80-degree weather in October.

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Sue Minter pledges to fill the Newport hole

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"Climate change is not just real," she said, "it is here."

Ms. Minter said Vermont should work to "transform our energy future," and it could be a "leading-edge state."

The state, she said, can't afford to have "a Governor who wants to push the pause button on progress."

She implicitly criticized her Republican opponent, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott, as "someone who's opposed to sick leave."

Ms. Minter said she would work for paid family leave and a higher minimum wage.

She also promised to "stand firm with Planned Parenthood to preserve women's right to choose."

According to Ms. Minter, the Republican Governors Association put \$2-million into the effort to defeat her. She urged those at the rally to show the party and its donors "Vermont is not for sale."

Ms. Minter concluded by declaring her readiness to be the second woman Governor in Vermont's 225-year history.

Another woman, Ms. Sims, followed Ms. Minter to the microphone.

She thanked Mr. Sanders for his support and asked those living in the Orleans-Lamoille district of the state House of Representatives to cast their ballots for her.

Ms. Sims promised to give a voice to areas of the state that she said are often ignored in Montpelier.

Mr. Sanders then introduced Mr. Zuckerman by recalling how he heard of him while running for reelection to the House of Representatives.

One of his campaign workers told him of a University of Vermont student who was registering hundreds of his fellow students to vote.

Since then, Mr. Zuckerman has served 14 years in the Vermont House and another four in the Senate.



Sue Minter, state Senator David Zuckerman, and Katherine Sims listen as Senator Sanders outlines his vision for the country. Mr. Sanders endorsed Ms. Minter's run for Governor on the Democratic ticket, Mr. Zuckerman's for Lieutenant Governor, and Ms. Sims for state representative for the Orleans-Lamoille district. Both Mr. Zuckerman and Ms. Sims are running as Progressives and Democrats.

The candidate's trademark ponytail came in for a bit of teasing during the rally.

Ms. Minter said she was looking forward to having it in her cabinet, while Mr. Sanders, in introducing the candidate, said, if elected, Mr. Zuckerman would be the only lieutenant governor in the country with that hairstyle.

The Senator also said Mr. Zuckerman would be the most progressive lieutenant governor in the nation.

Mr. Zuckerman, in turn, acknowledged Mr. Sanders as inspiring him to enter politics, which he defined as "public service."

He expressed his belief in democracy as it's practiced in Vermont.

Mr. Zuckerman then pointed out Lester Barrett, who had introduced himself before the rally as a Korean War veteran.

"Our right to have these conversations is owed to people like

you, who put your life on the line for us," Mr. Zuckerman said. He noted that his late father, a doctor, also served during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Zuckerman also paid tribute to his wife, who, he said, has been working his farm while he campaigns. He held up his hands and noted they are unusually soft for the time of year.

He, like Mr. Sanders and Ms. Minter before him, said he supports a higher minimum wage. Since so much of the state government's

spending goes to programs to support people, a wage increase would do a great deal to cut spending, he argued.

He urged everyone to get out to vote.

"We don't win elections without your help," he declared, adding that people need to stay involved after the election to make sure issues are resolved in the manner they prefer.

Mr. Zuckerman told of a bill he sponsored in the Legislature in 2007. It would have made seed companies responsible if genetically modified crops grown by one farmer contaminated his neighbor's crops.

He said he organized support to get the bill passed in the House and was approached shortly afterward by then Senate President Pro Tem Peter Welch.

"David, can you make the calls stop?" Mr. Welch asked. Supporters of the bill were phoning incessantly in an effort to get the Senate to take it up.

Mr. Zuckerman said he extracted a promise from Mr. Welch that he would schedule hearings on the bill in the Senate Agriculture Committee. The next day the phones were silent, he recalled.

"I never had more power in the State House," Mr. Zuckerman concluded. "Your involvement makes the difference."

The rally was sponsored by Rights and Democracy, an advocacy group that works in Vermont and New Hampshire.

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The application is available at www.clifonline.org. The deadline for spring 2017 grant applications is December 7.

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"As our network of partners continues to grow, we encourage any organization serving at-risk children across Vermont to examine our criteria and apply for this free grant opportunity," said CLiF program manager Jana Brown. "Bringing professional authors, illustrators, poets, and storytellers directly to kids and allowing them to choose two brand-new books to keep helps foster a love of reading and writing."

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Charges filed in hostage case

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the residence carrying a rifle on his shoulder and cutting wood. The neighbor, who has had a long running property dispute with the Cornelius brothers, said he heard but did not see Christian yell at him to mind his own business, as he was calling police about the firearm.

Police responded by going to a neighboring apartment building, where Patrolman Josh Lillis allegedly saw Christian standing by the back door before going inside his house. According to the patrolman's affidavit, he also saw the two brothers standing together in the driveway.

As police applied for a warrant to search the house, Newport Police Chief Seth DiSanto contacted Garrett by phone.

At some point during their conversation, Garrett allegedly told the chief: "Christian made it out hours ago," and "I wouldn't tell you where he was even if I knew."

Police say they began collecting evidence the next day, October 11, including a trip to Rite Aid where a clerk agreed to provide a sworn statement, alleging that Garrett had been picking up prescriptions for his brother. According to Sergeant Bingham's affidavit, he collected two sworn statements on October 17 from the clerk, supporting the allegations.

The inmate who authorities suspect was the mastermind in the August hostage taking incident at Northern State Correctional Facility has been arraigned on two felony charges and a misdemeanor.

Mehmed Devac, 22, pled innocent to felonies of kidnapping and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, along with a related misdemeanor of carrying a dangerous weapon.

The affidavit in support of the charges offers no insight as to why the hostage-taking of a prison guard ended when authorities assented to their demands by giving each inmate a cigarette and promising a transfer to another prison.

According to court records, Mr. Devac was transferred to Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield.

State Police Detective Sergeant Darren Annis said in an affidavit that around one o'clock on the afternoon of August 11 police were informed that two inmates were holding a guard in their cell at knife point and "were threatening to kill him if anyone entered or attempted to enter the cell."

Roughly four hours later, at about five o'clock, the inmate submitted a demand saying they would release the guard if they could have a cigarette and a transfer to another facility. They also advised, the affidavit continues, that they wanted the guarantee in writing.

The written transfer guarantee and two lit cigarettes were slid under the cell's door. Upon smoking the cigarettes, the inmate allowed the guard "to walk towards the cell door to be released."

The next day, Detective Annis interviewed the guard, Malcolm Brown. According to the affidavit, he had gone to the cell because each of

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Both inmates allegedly threatened guard

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the inmates was sporting new tattoos, which is not permitted. He planned to confront them with the alleged violation and seize any equipment they had for making tattoos.

The cell is located in one of the facility's restricted units for bad inmate behavior, "with half the unit being locked down at a time," says the affidavit. And once the guard spotted the tattoo equipment inside the cell, events quickly spiraled out of hand.

The second inmate inside the cell that day was Leroy Hughes, 32. The guard had patted him down first and "had him exit the cell," before turning his attention to Mr. Devac, with the warning he was going to have the cell, "shaken down," according to the affidavit.

At that point Mr. Hughes allegedly stepped back into the cell and a brief struggle ensued before the guard saw his assailant was brandishing a knife.

Caught in a cell whose door had been shut and locked when Mr. Hughes reentered, the guard got a good look at the knife. Later he described it to Detective Annis as a possible sharpened ruler or compass with a three- to four-inch blade.

In the commotion that followed, both inmates allegedly threatened Mr. Brown, who found their threats credible. Later, he told authorities he was afraid he was going to be stabbed, according to the affidavit.

While initial attempts at negotiations inside the cell between the inmates and Mr. Brown floundered, the officer began to believe his kidnapping was preplanned, according to the affidavit. And, it continues, while the inmates had not targeted him, they took Mr. Brown hostage, knowing a search of their cell would turn up other shanks.

But while it may have been a matter of being at the wrong place at the wrong time, Mr. Brown told authorities he had been "taken hostage because they wanted a transfer out of the facility."

According to the affidavit, Mr. Brown saw Mr. Devac as the "mastermind of the plan." He noted the defendant was the one who did most of the talking with the guards outside the cell. And it was Mr. Devac who allegedly said, "let's do this," when Mr. Hughes began to express doubts and suggested letting the guard go.

Once the inmates got their cigarettes and the promised transfer, the hostage-taking crisis ended. Police say other shanks were found in the cell.

When questioned, defendant Devac denied the hostage taking had been planned. According to the affidavit, he told a guard later that the

"incident today was a spur of the moment event," and that it had "just happened."

When authorities interviewed his cellmate, Mr. Hughes, they heard a different story. Mr. Hughes allegedly said he had seized the guard "to make a statement" about being mistreated by the prison's staff.

A corrections officer who filmed and taped interviews with both inmates filed a report that concluded the hostage incident did not appear "to be planned for a specific time or a specific officer." Rather, it was carried out "to prove a point over what these inmates viewed as mistreatment and their requests to be transferred out of state not being fulfilled."

The report also characterized Mr. Devac as the dominant inmate, and noted he has a history of being "in possession of a shank or in the presence of a shank."

Judge Howard VanBenthuyzen set \$50,000 bail on Mr. Devac, who was returned to Northern State in Newport following his arraignment.

Jail for convictions on two misdemeanors

Doris Gibney, 59, of Newport, will serve two months at the Chittenden County Correctional Facility of a sentence of nine to 12 months. She was found guilty by the court of misdemeanor charges of simple assault and violating her conditions of release.

Sergeant Bingham of the Newport Police Department said that on the morning of August 17, 2015, he was flagged down on the sidewalk in front of the police station by someone reporting an assault on Bayview Street.

In his affidavit, Sergeant Bingham said a dispute between neighbors turned physical when Ms. Gibney charged at the victim — who was hobbled by a broken ankle and dislocated elbow at the time — and pushed her to the ground with two fists. Ms. Gibney was cited and released that day on conditions that she not have any further contact with the victim.

On December 26, 2015, the victim reported that Ms. Gibney had violated those conditions by yelling an insult at her from across the road two days earlier on Christmas Eve. After an investigation, Ms. Gibney was issued a citation on December 27.

Ms. Gibney waived her right to a jury trial, but was found guilty of both charges in a court trial before Judge Howard VanBenthuyzen on October 26. As part of her sentence, Ms. Gibney will remain on probation until April 26, 2018, and must pay \$147 in surcharges.

Derick Ward, 32, of Newport will serve 19 to 20 days on a community work crew and pay \$147 in court surcharges. He pled no contest to simple assault, stemming from a July 4 incident at Gardner Park.

Newport Patrolman Corey Marcoux said in his affidavit that he was on foot patrol with another officer when they were alerted to a fight behind the concession stand. At the scene, the officers separated Mr. Ward from a juvenile.

The juvenile, as well as two bystanders, alleged that Mr. Ward had grabbed the teenager by the throat. After further investigation, police cited Mr. Ward on July 22.

Domestic assault cases

Paige Horner, 47, of Albany was released on bail after pleading innocent to felony domestic assault along with three underlying misdemeanor domestic assault charges and a charge of negligent or careless operation.

He was released after posting 10 percent of \$10,000 bail. Court conditions of release prohibit him from harassing or contacting the minors or approaching within 300 feet of their school.

State Police opened an investigation after being contacted by the Department of Families and Children regarding an incident at an Albany residence on October 10

According to an affidavit by Trooper Callie Field, Mr. Horner repeatedly struck a minor on the head. The assault continued outside the residence when the defendant allegedly pursued the fleeing family until he cornered them with his car on a back road.

At that point, the affidavit continues, he proceeded to beat the driver through the car's open window.

Police say they arrested Mr. Horner on October 24.

After the prosecution dismissed one charge of domestic assault, Haven Provencher, 19, of Jay pleaded guilty to another count of the same charge, along with three counts of violating court conditions of release.

Judge VanBenthuyzen accepted the sentence

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Irasburg man fined \$400 for baiting game

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recommendations of a plea agreement and handed out a suspended sentence of nine to 18 months on all four convictions.

The sentence also included surcharge fees of \$588 and a lengthy list of probationary conditions, including bans on threatening and harassing behavior and an order to participate in mental health counseling.

Newport Patrolman Marcoux said in his affidavit he cited Ms. Provencher on April 30 after learning that she had given her companion a bloody nose during an altercation at a Fairview Street residence.

The latest of three violations of court conditions occurred on October 31 when Ms. Provencher returned to a Newport residence despite a court order to keep a 300-foot distance.

She was also cited on July 5 for violating a court condition to stay away from her companion.

And on June 10 Patrolman Marcoux cited her for riding in her companion's truck.

Erin Toupin, 48, of Derby will serve a split sentence of one to three years working in the community on three pleas of guilty to domestic assault. The court imposed a long list of

probationary conditions, including one that she participate in counseling for anger management.

All three charges arose out of an August 10 altercation in Derby in which Ms. Toupin fought with household members.

Because of a prior domestic assault conviction, State Police Sergeant Andrew Jensen first cited the charges as felonies. However all three charges were later amended to misdemeanors.

A conviction for baiting game

A 52-year-old Irasburg man was caught this month bow hunting from a tree stand using corn, apples, oats and a salt lick.

Omer Bousquet pled guilty through the mail to the charge and was fined \$400.

Game Warden Thomas Scott located the stand and the bait on September 27, before archery season opened on deer. On October 10, according to his affidavit, he walked back to the stand and found Mr. Bousquet sitting in the tree with a cocked crossbow, facing the bait.

After pleading innocent to a felony charge of burglary, Patrick Roberts, 35, of North Troy was released on conditions, including one to keep

away from Jay Peak.

Trooper Steven Fauteux said in his affidavit he investigated an August 20 break-in of the Alice's Table Restaurant at the Jay resort. Inside, the liquor cabinet door had been forcefully opened, and a bottle of Crown Royal whiskey was found to be missing.

A surveillance camera recorded the break-in, and the restaurant's head chef allegedly identified the perpetrator as Mr. Roberts.

According to the affidavit, the defendant was employed as a chef at the restaurant at the time of the burglary. His employment has since been terminated.

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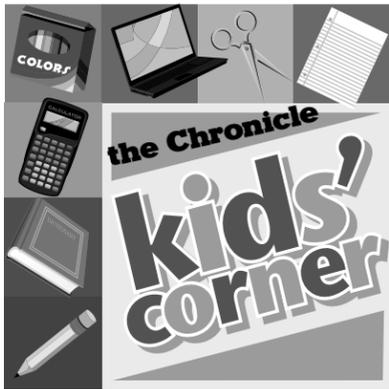
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Jessica Delorme, 32, of North Troy to aggravated disorderly conduct on August 1 in North Troy; and

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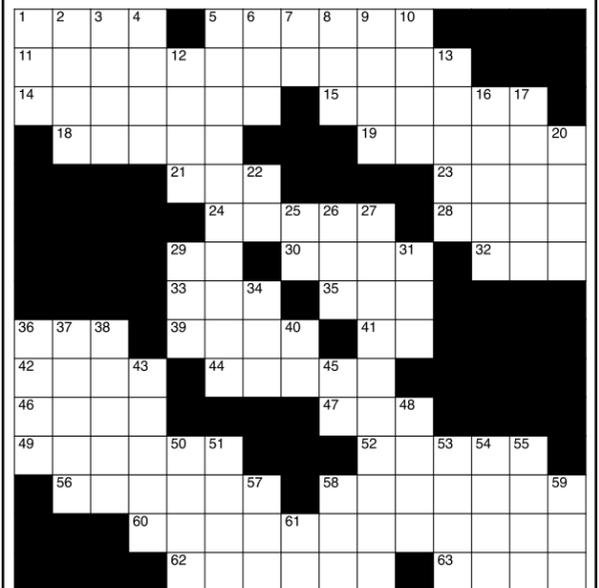
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ANSWER: SEAPLANE

Accountants could complete audit within ten days

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The select board is committed to following up on any letters that don't get a response.

Previous auditors who tried sending out similar letters didn't follow through when they didn't hear back from taxpayers.

At a September meeting, the selectmen agreed to call or visit anyone who doesn't respond, and to keep after it until they get the information they need.

The accountants hope to wrap up their audit in a week to ten days, Mr. Graham said. He expects to issue his final report to the select board at the November 14 meeting.

As recently as last week, he was hoping he'd have his report ready by the end of October.

But he said he's only received one out of the 22 documents or reports he's asked Ms. Diaz for recently.

High on the list of items is a thumb drive that the treasurer appears to have saved some of her work to, Mr. Graham said.

That means some financial data isn't on the town computer and doesn't appear when the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) software runs its nightly backups.

Mr. Graham said he has also asked the treasurer for a breakdown of payments the town has gotten from banks and mortgage companies on behalf of their customers.

Financial institutions usually send one bulk payment to each town. The treasurer has to break that payment down and apply it to the properties involved.

Recently, Ms. Diaz provided some names and tax amounts, Mr. Graham said. But he's a long way from having them all.

At last week's meeting, he said one of the goals of his audit will be to determine whether there's evidence of wrongdoing.

"There's a difference between saying that cash is missing and saying that it's been taken," he said at that time.

The select board is trying to move slowly and cautiously to be sure that they are acting within the law, Chair Mike Marcotte said last week.

On Monday night, the select board spent more than an hour in executive session with Mr. Graham, Ernie Saunders from NEMRC, and the

select board's recently hired general counsel, Paul Gillies of the Montpelier firm Tarrant, Gillies, & Richardson. Mr. Gillies specializes in municipal law.

No action was taken at the close of the executive session. Mr. Gillies and Mr. Saunders left immediately, and the selectmen had no comment.

At last week's meeting, selectman Scott Morley declined to go public with the details of several telephone conversations he'd had with Mr. Gillies.

"I'm going to take a conservative approach," Mr. Morley said at the October 25 meeting. "The rest of the select board hasn't heard any of this, and they should hear it first."

The first time Mr. Morley met with Mr. Gillies, he gave the attorney a stack of financial paperwork and asked him to talk it over with Mr. Graham and Mr. Saunders.

As of last Tuesday, Mr. Gillies hadn't gotten all the way through the paperwork. And he hadn't had a chance to talk to the accountants.

"We've spoken since then," Mr. Graham said.

Before going into executive session, the selectmen said they would be discussing a legal matter where premature public knowledge could unduly affect the outcome.

Louise Evans of Hunt Financial Services came before the select board to talk about the town's investment portfolio. She said she has been trying to reach out to the select board for some time.

Messages Ms. Evans left with Ms. Diaz for the select board apparently hadn't been passed on, Mr. Marcotte said at last week's meeting.

There was a lot of confusing information at a previous select board meeting about the money invested in annuities, Ms. Evans said.

There were questions at the September select board meeting about why Ms. Diaz' and Mr. Marcotte's names were on the paperwork, apparently as beneficiaries.

Some of the paperwork the Massachusetts investment company provided to the select board was wrong, Ms. Evans said, adding that she has only been involved with Hunt Financial Services for the past few months.

"I've checked carefully into each of the

policies, and there's no question," she said. "The town is both the owner and beneficiary of the annuities."

Ms. Diaz' name is on the forms as something that accountants call the "annuitant."

"There's never been any question about that," Ms. Evans said.

An annuitant has to be a real person, even when the owner or beneficiary is a nonprofit or other kind of legal entity, she said.

And Mr. Marcotte and Ms. Diaz' names appear elsewhere because they are the ones legally authorized to sign checks and documents.

Mr. Graham's question was why Coventry had been advised to invest in annuities at all.

"Annuities give a higher rate of return than a lot of investments," Ms. Evans said.

"These are public funds," Mr. Graham said after a series of back and forths with Ms. Evans.

"You're not telling me you're being aggressive with public funds?" he asked.

According to Mr. Graham, annuities are not an approved type of investment for towns in Vermont. In part that's because they are high risk, and in part it's because they aren't designed to be used by municipalities.

At the September meeting where the annuities were discussed, Mr. Graham was critical of the fact that the paperwork classifies Coventry as a nonprofit.

"It's a municipality, not a nonprofit," he said at that time. "They aren't the same."

Calling Coventry a nonprofit on the forms was done only because there's no drop down choice for municipalities, Ms. Evans said.

"Doesn't that tell you something?" Mr. Graham asked.

"I've talked to a number of people in my line of work, long-time municipal auditors, and as far as we can tell, there is no other town in Vermont that has its money in annuities," he said.

After a testy exchange with Ms. Evans, who had consulted her own list of experts, each challenged the other to come up with an actual law or rule that says whether or not annuities are an acceptable investment for municipalities.

Mr. Morley had the last word.

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Select board taking a cautious approach

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"This just doesn't pass the smell test for me," he said. "I want an exit strategy. In writing, next week. I want to know what, if anything, it's going to cost the town to get out of this."

In the meantime, the select board has a new computer and a bookkeeper to run it.

On the advice of Mr. Graham and Mr. Saunders, the select board bought its own computer and had it set up in the listers room. A technician from NEMRC installed software on the

new computer on Monday morning, and Tech Patrol put in a security system.

Right now the new computer is running parallel to the existing computer in the town clerk's office. Instead, it will generate its own reports.

Only Amber Baker, a NEMRC employee, has full access to the system. She will be coming in one day a week to do the bookkeeping in the NEMRC software. And at the other end, NEMRC should be getting a backup of each day's transactions every night.

For the backups to work as intended, entries need to be made in the NEMRC software, on the computer, not on a thumb drive. And the computer has to be left on all night, Mr. Morley said.

"We don't have it all ironed out yet," he said.

The cash receipt printer, which will give townspeople numbered receipts for every transaction and feed the data into the NEMRC system, is on order and should be installed within the week, Mr. Morley said.

North Country students to put on *Footloose: The Musical*

One of the most memorable movie musicals will burst onto the live stage as North Country Union High School (NCUHS) presents *Footloose*. A student cast will perform at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5, with a matinee on Sunday, November 6, at 2 p.m. All shows will take place in the NCUHS auditorium.

The show will include a live pit band of NCUHS students led by Bill Prue with Vivian Spates on piano. It will also feature several high-energy dance numbers with choreography by NCUHS student Micaela Ortiz.

The musical is based on the hit film of the same name. With its Oscar and Tony-nominated score and dynamic new songs for the stage, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, and guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, they aren't quite

prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher. Many of the locals are eager to believe the worst about the new kid. But with the help of his new friends, Ren works to show the town of Bomont who he really is, and that dancing is not a crime, but a powerful and positive form of expression.

Note: The show contains some minor adult language.

Footloose was adapted for the stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie, and is based on the

original screenplay by Dean Pitchford. The music was composed by Tom Snow and the lyrics were written by Dean Pitchford, with additional music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins, and Jim Steinman. *Footloose* is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals.

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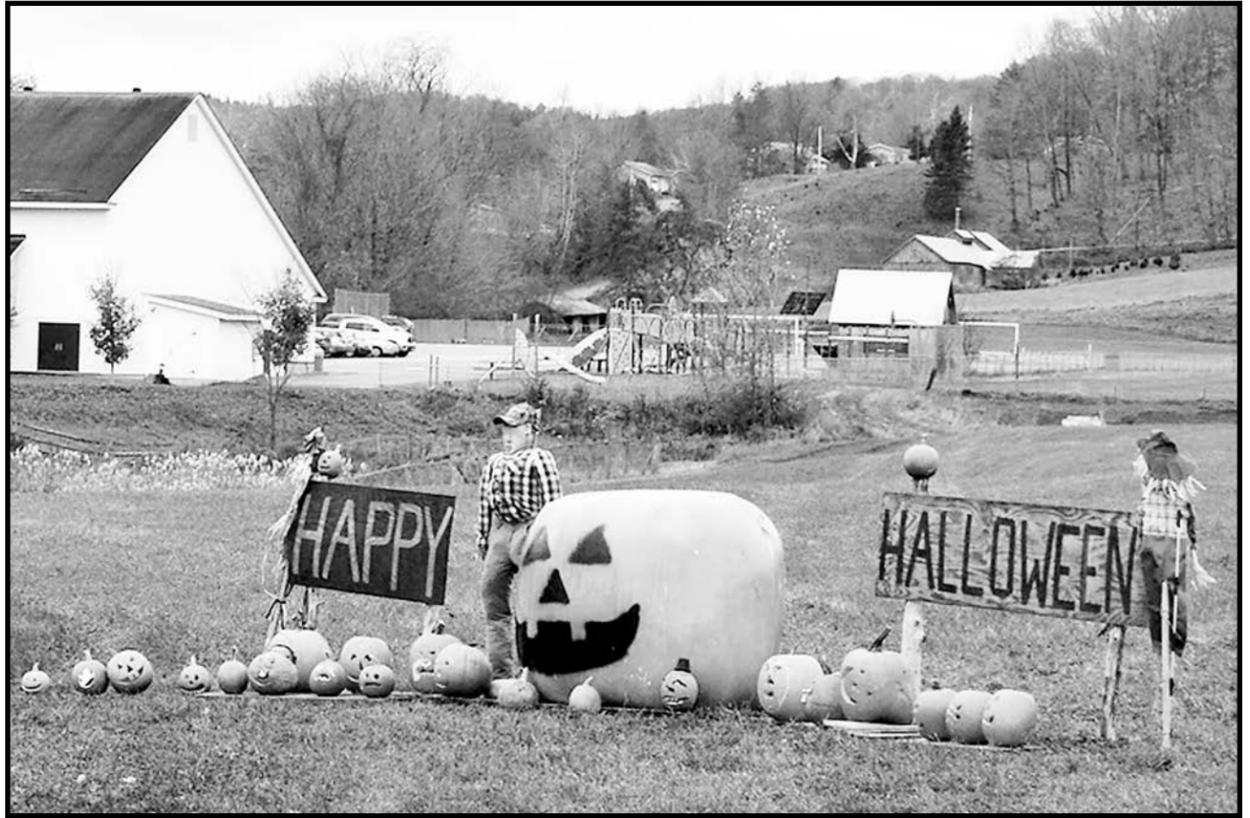
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West Mountain shooting range opens to the public

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says a newly developed West Mountain shooting range in Ferdinand is now open for public use.

Shooters are required to follow all range rules, including hours of operation and the requirement to have a Vermont hunting or fishing license.

The West Mountain range is the second shooting range developed by Fish and Wildlife to be open for public use. Sited within an existing gravel pit that was already popular for target shooting, this new facility in Essex County meets a need long identified by the department as well as a local conservation group and area hunter education instructors. The range was developed to transform this site into a safe, accessible, and environmentally friendly shooting range. Funds for development of the range came through a combination of federal wildlife and sport fish restoration funds and state capital funds.

The range includes four shooting lanes with overhead baffles, side berms, a backstop, and a small parking area. Targets are movable from 15, 50, 75, and 100 yards. This facility is located 3.2 miles along South America Pond Road, within the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

The shooting range will be operated seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to sunset, from April 16 to December 14, unless otherwise posted at the discretion of the Fish and Wildlife commissioner.

Given the wet and snowy conditions of this region for several months of the year, the range will only be open when South America Pond Road is



The West Mountain Shooting Range in Ferdinand is open for public use.

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accessible by motor vehicle.

Before using the range, shooters should review the range rules on the Fish and Wildlife website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

“Vermont has some of the safest and most conservation-minded hunters anywhere,” said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter.

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The Outside Story

Canada geese — migrant or resident?

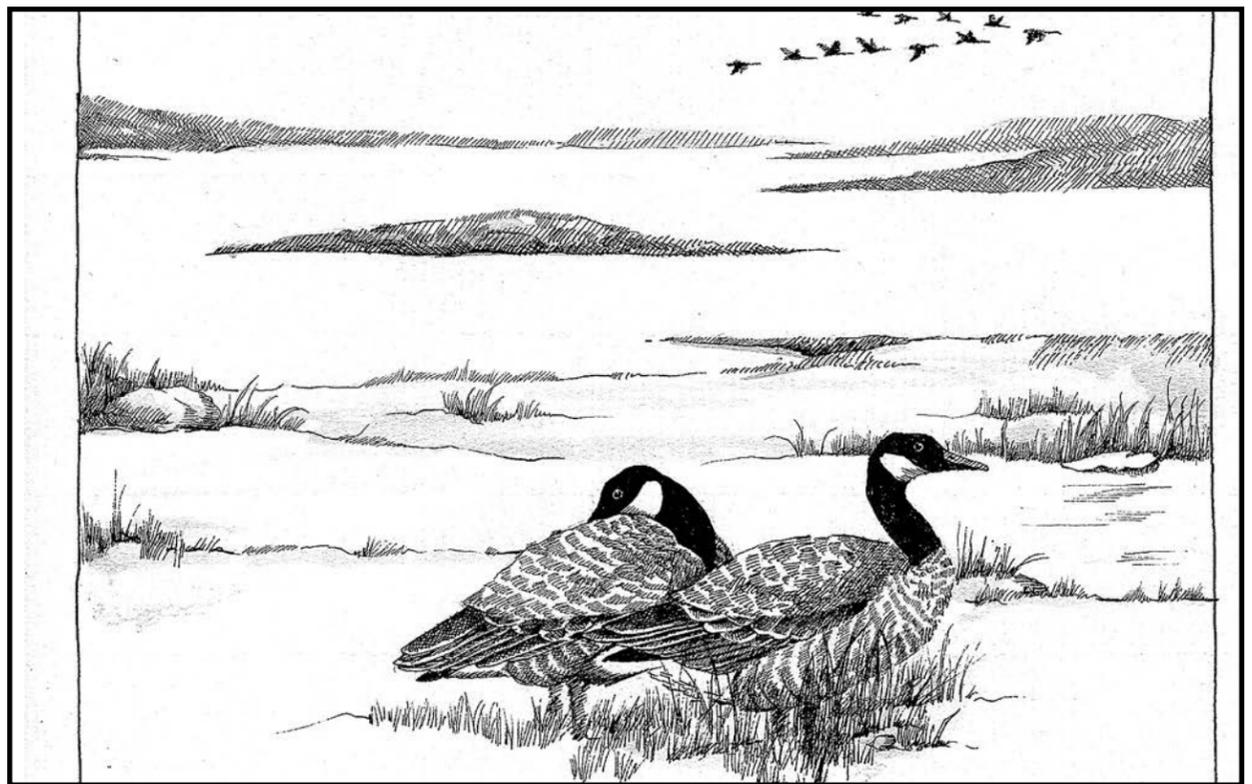
by Meghan McCarthy McPhaul

A large V of Canada geese flying noisily over my head — and traveling north, rather than south — got me wondering about the ins and outs of fall migration. Shouldn't these big birds be flying to warmer climes this time of year? Why do they travel in that V formation, anyway?

It turns out the answers aren't simple. Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) live throughout the continental United States and across their namesake country. These loud honkers are easily identified by their size — up to

20 pounds, with a wingspan up to five feet — and their characteristic white chinstrap markings across black heads and necks.

There are myriad subspecies of Canada geese (not "Canadian," please), but wildlife biologists tend to identify them by where they go, or where they stay. Two populations fly over northern New England annually, heading north in the spring and south in the fall, but there is also a large resident population. The latter is considered by many people to be as aggravating as party guests who eat and drink more than their fair share, make a huge mess, and just



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Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

According to the terms and conditions of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale (the "Order") in the matter of U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., As Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust v. Timothy Cook and Occupants residing at 38 Poplar Drive, Jay, Vermont, Vermont Superior Court, Orleans Unit, Civil Division, 296-11-14 Oscv, foreclosing a mortgage given by Timothy Cook to Bank of America, N.A. dated May 26, 2010 and recorded in Volume 63, Page 789 of the Town of Jay Land Records (the "Mortgage") presently held by the Plaintiff, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., As Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, via an Assignment of Mortgage for the purpose of foreclosing the Mortgage for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, the real estate with an address of 38 Poplar Drive, Jay, Vermont 05859 (the "Property") will be sold at public auction at 11:00 AM on December 5, 2016 at the location of the Property.

Property Description. The Property to be sold is all and the same land and premises described in the Mortgage, and further described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Timothy Cook by Deed of Andrew P. Cook of approximate even date herewith and to be recorded in the Town of Jay Land Records. Said lands and premises being more particularly described as follows:

Being all an the same lands and premises conveyed to Andrew P. Cook by Quitclaim Deed of Cynthia A. Cook dated November 19, 2003 of record at Book 46, Page 542 of the Town of Jay Land Records.

Being all an the same lands and premises conveyed to Cynthia A. Cook and Andrew P. Cook by Warranty Deed of Robert W. Leclerc and Loretta M. Leclerc dated January 10, 1996 of record at Book 36, Page 29 of the Town of Jay Land Records.

Being a parcel of land, consisting of 1.3 acres, more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, consisting of a chalet. Said lands and premises being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of lot No. 13 as said lot is shown on a survey map entitled "Shallowbrook Development, Marlowe-Chute, Inc.," dated July 31, 1974, and prepared by C.W. Drown, St., Newport Center, Vermont. Said lot is bounded on the west by Lot #14, on the north by Lot #4, on the east by the main road connecting Shallowbrook Development to Vermont Route 242; and on the south by another Town Road. Said lot has a northline of two hundred sixty-three and seventy-six hundredths (263.76) feet, more or less, an east line of two hundred thirty-three and thirty-six hundredths (233.26) feet, more or less, a south line of two hundred thirty-six and fifty-one hundredths (236.51) feet, more or less, and a west line of two hundred thirty-nine and eighteen hundredths (39.18) feet, more or less.

Herewith is the right to take water from and utilize the central water system of Shallowbrook Development. Said rights shall be used in common with other owners of lots in the Shallowbrook Development until such time as the water system is conveyed to the Land Owners Association, which is to be formed.

Terms of Sale. The Property shall be sold "AS IS WHERE IS", to the highest bidder for cash or wire funds only. The sale of the Property is subject to confirmation by the Vermont Superior Court, Orleans Unit, Civil Division. The Property is sold subject to unpaid taxes, municipal assessments, and superior liens, if any.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Mortgage Property Deposit. \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of auction, with the balance due at closing. The balance of the purchase price for the Property shall be due and payable within the latter of 10 days from the date of confirmation of said sale by the Vermont Superior Court, Orleans Unit, Civil Division or 45 days from the date of public auction. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid within the period set forth herein, the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be retained by the Plaintiff herein as agreed liquidation damages and the Property may be offered to the next highest bidder still interested in the Property.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the Property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP at 518-786-9069.

Dated: October 18, 2016

_____/s/
Daniel N. Young, Esq.
Attorney for the Plaintiff

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION
ORLEANS UNIT DOCKET NO: 106-3-15 Oscv

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff

v.

GUY R GUILLETTE;
DIANA B GUILLETTE;
CHITTENDEN TRUST CO. DBA CHITTENDEN BANK;
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Guy R. Guillette and Diana B. Guillette to Chittenden Trust Co. dba Chittenden Bank, its successors and/or assigns, dated May 18, 1993 and recorded in Book 108 at Page 20 of the City of Newport Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 13, 2015 in Book 227 at Page 387, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on November 29, 2016 at Willey Street n/k/a 55 Willey Street, Newport, VT 05855 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being a parcel of land consisting of one-fifth acre, more or less, with building thereon adjacent to Willey Street in the City of Newport, which land and premises are all and the same as were conveyed by Howard I. Brainerd, Jr. and Rachel L. Brainerd to Guy Guillette and Diana B. Guillette, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed dated March 26, 1984 and recorded in Book 77 at Pages 493-495 of the Land Records of the City of Newport.

Reference is here made to the above-mentioned deed and its records, and to all prior deeds and the records thereof, for a further and more complete description of the land and premises herein conveyed.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

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won't leave, no matter how many hints are dropped.

These resident geese are descended from captive populations. Until the 1930s, waterfowl hunters often kept tame flocks of geese and ducks to act as live decoys. When that practice was outlawed in 1935, some of these geese, which had no natural inclination to migrate, ended up living as wild birds.

"These geese were raised in private captive farms, so they don't have the urge to migrate,"

It's like a rearview mirror. The geese can see where they've been as well as where they're going.

said Jessica Carloni, the waterfowl project leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. "That is how the resident population was created, and it's believed to be made up of a mix of subspecies."

Resident geese do move around, following food sources and transitioning seasonally to different bodies of water. But they don't move far. The birds I see returning each spring to a local pond in northern New Hampshire, for example, likely only move as far south as is absolutely necessary, probably to southern New Hampshire or into Massachusetts.

Still, those places are south of here. So why do I see geese flying the "wrong" way?

"They're probably just going back and forth to food sources," said Pam Hunt, avian conservation biologist for New Hampshire Audubon. "Often they're following rivers, and rivers tend to run north-to-south. That's where the food is. This time of year, a lot of the food they eat is going to

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Two populations fly south

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be in wetlands, or in big fields where farmers have recently cut the corn.”

Canada geese are large and generally have plenty of fat reserves to survive harsh winters. Resident birds, without that inherent instinct to migrate, have little reason to vacate come winter. As Ms. Hunt puts it, “It’s not about temperature. It’s about food.” In our human-altered landscapes of agricultural fields and golf courses, there tend to be more opportunities for cold weather snacking than there would naturally be, and long-distance flying is expensive in terms of both energy expended and risk of predation.

As to the migrating geese, there are two populations you’re likely to see flying south this time of year: the Atlantic population (mainly *B.c. interior*) and the North Atlantic population (mainly *B.c. canadensis*). The former nests in northeastern Canada on the Ungava Bay and follows the Connecticut River some 1,600 miles to wintering grounds in the Chesapeake Bay. The

latter breeds in Labrador and Newfoundland then fly along the coast to New Hampshire’s Great Bay, or perhaps as far south as New Jersey.

Generally those large groups of geese honking and flying — in whichever direction — this time of year are family units, or collections of several families. And they almost always fly in a V formation. If you’ve ever watched a cycling race and seen the peloton of competitors drafting and taking turns at the lead, you’ll understand the reason behind the characteristic flight shape: It’s all about saving energy.

“Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front, which creates an updraft that provides lift to the bird behind it,” said Ms. Carloni. “Another advantage is that it enables visual communication among the flock. Canada geese have a blind spot at the back of their heads, so if the angle is right, they can see every bird in the flock, even the ones behind.”

It’s like a rearview mirror. The geese can see where they’ve been as well as where they’re going, whether it’s far away or just down the river to the next pond — or golf course.

Meghan McCarthy McPhaul is an author and freelance writer. 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.

Barton’s Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot

Barton’s annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot is gearing up for its fifteenth year. The race has steadily gained in popularity each year with everyone from serious competitors to families making it a traditional walk. There will again be door prizes, including frozen turkeys, maple syrup, and Christmas trees and wreaths from local businesses.

The race takes off from the heart of downtown Barton next to the Municipal Building at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the senior meal site.

The first turkey trot was organized by Robin and Gail Robitaille and their friends as a fundraiser for Melissa White, who had cystic fibrosis, and needed a double lung transplant. Every year proceeds go to the 98 Mile Foundation to assist other cystic fibrosis patients.

With thanks to everyone involved over the past 14 years, especially the volunteers, this year, the Robitailles are passing the leadership over to Heather Wright, older sister of Melissa White.

New this year, there will be no age groups, which means no times and placements recorded. Racers will still be timed at the finish. Pre-registration is encouraged. For all pre-registrations and information, please contact Ms. White at shedkab@yahoo.com. — submitted by Gail Robitaille.



STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION
ORLEANS UNIT DOCKET NO: 243-8-15 Oscv

CITIZENS BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff

v.

PHILIP N. SHEPARD, JR.;
OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT: 2904 DUCK POND ROAD
BARTON, VT 05822
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Philip N. Shepard, Jr. to RBS Citizens, N.A., A National Banking Organization, its successors and/or assigns, dated March 21, 2014 and recorded in Book 168 at Page 545 of the Town of Barton Land Records for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on November 18, 2016 at 2904 Duck Pond Road, Barton, VT 05822 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF BARTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ORLEANS AND STATE OF VERMONT:
AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 1 THEREIN, BEING 24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN LOT NUMBER 1 IN THE 11TH RANGE OF LOTS IN THE TOWN OF BARTON, VERMONT.
EXCEPTING AND RESERVING FROM THE WITHIN CONVEYED LAND AND PREMISES PREVIOUS TRANSFERS TO THE STATE OF VERMONT AND VELCO WHICH TRANSFERS REDUCE THE ACREAGE BEING TRANSFERRED HEREIN TO APPROXIMATELY 19 UNSURVEYED ACRES, BE THE SAME, MORE OR LESS.
THERE IS FURTHER CONVEYED HEREWITH, A RIGHT OF WAY 50 FEET IN WIDTH FROM THE WESTERLY SIDE OF TOWN HIGHWAY NUMBER 52 TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREBY CONVEYED, THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING COURSE: COMMENCING AT AN UNMONUMENTED POINT IN THE WESTERLY EDGE OF TOWN HIGHWAY NUMBER 52 A DISTANCE OF 58 FEET, MORE OR LESS, NORTHERLY OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE HEREIN CONVEYED 67.56 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE THE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE COURSES AND DISTANCES: SOUTH 88 DEGREES WEST 153 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 61 DEGREES WEST 35 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 52 DEGREES WEST 97 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 73 DEGREES WEST 76 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, SOUTH 80 DEGREES WEST 71 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 85 DEGREES WEST 28 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 58 DEGREES WEST 38 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 35 DEGREES WEST 78 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 72 DEGREES WEST 30 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, SOUTH 90 DEGREES WEST 30 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, SOUTH 81 DEGREES WEST 120 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT, NORTH 84 DEGREES WEST 80 FEET TO AN UNMONUMENTED POINT AND SOUTH 80 DEGREES WEST 15 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID 19 ACRE LOT.

Meaning and intending to describe and convey the same premises as conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed dated December 9, 2003 and recorded with Town of Barton Land Records Registry of Deeds in Book 124, Page 443

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale. Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

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PROPOSED STATE RULES

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

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

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

State Board of Education (SBE) Rule 3400 Series - Proposals for Alternative Structures Under Act 46.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 16P065
AGENCY: Dept. of Education/Board of Education
CONCISE SUMMARY: Act 46 (2015) requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to issue a mandatory statewide plan (the Plan) by November 30, 2018, that to the extent possible and practicable, merges and realigns districts and supervisory unions where necessary to meet the Act’s goals (Goals). Act 46 contemplates that “Alternate Structure” proposals will be considered in connection with development of the Plan and are not evaluated pursuant to the merger process in 16 V.S.A. §§ 701-723. The proposed Rule 3400 series identifies the criteria and processes by which proposals for “Alternative Structures” will be evaluated. The proposed rules are grounded in the requirements and guidance provided in Act 46 and elsewhere in law and reflect the SBE’s discussion, analysis, and recommendations about how to implement the law as written.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Donna Russo-Savage, Esq., Agency of Education, 219 N. Main Street, Suite 402, Barre, VT 05641. Tel.: 802-479-1744. Fax: 802-479-1835. E-mail: donna.russosavage@vermont.gov. URL: <http://education.vt.gov/state-board-councils/state-board/rules>.
FOR COPIES: Bill Talbott, Deputy Secretary Agency of Education, 219 N. Main St., Suite 402, Barre, VT 05641. Tel: 802-470-1030. Fax: 802-479-1835. E-mail: bill.talbott@vermont.gov.
Written comments should be addressed to: Donna Russo-Savage, The Agency of Education, 219 N. Main Street, Suite 402, Barre, VT 05641, or e-mailed to: AOE.Act46@vermont.gov, and should be identified in the subject line as “SBE proposed Rule 3400”.

Rule 45. Rules for Administrative Citations and Penalties, Stop Work Orders and Debarment.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 16P066
AGENCY: Dept. of Labor
CONCISE SUMMARY: These rules update the Workers’ Compensation program’s administrative citation and penalty provisions to address the debarment penalties added to the statutes, and Supreme Court decisions on penalty assessment and calculation. The Rules also address recent changes to the Workers’ Compensation fraud provisions.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: J. Stephen Monahan, Vermont Dept. of Labor, Workers’ Compensation and Safety Division, P.O. Box 488, Montpelier, VT 05601-0488. Tel.: 802-828-2138. Fax: 802-828-2195.
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URL: <http://labor.vermont.gov>.
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STATE OF VERMONT PROBATE DIVISION
SUPERIOR COURT, ORLEANS UNIT DOCKET NO.: 301-9-16 Ospr
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: HUDSON, MONIQUE L.
LATE OF: BARTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of the estate of Monique L. Hudson, late of the Town of Barton.

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

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Publication Date: 11/2/16
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Orleans Superior Court
Probate Division
247 Main Street
Newport, VT 05855

Signature of Fiduciary
s/a Anita Robert
Executor/Administrator
Anita Robert
1145 CH Baldwin Barnston
Coaticook, Quebec J1A 2S5

State revises water rules for loggers

An improved set of practices designed to protect water quality on logging jobs went into effect as a revised rule on October 22. The Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont (AMPs) are a set of practices designed to protect water quality by minimizing soil erosion and runoff during and after logging activity.

The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation revised the AMP rule as a requirement of Act 64, an act passed in 2015 to improve the quality of state waters. The final AMPs are a result of significant public input and numerous discussions with foresters, landowners, loggers, environmental groups, and other departments within the Agency of Natural Resources. It will apply to all logging operations on public and private lands in Vermont regardless of the purpose of the logging.

The AMPs were originally adopted in 1987 and have been in effect for nearly 30 years. The revised rule clarifies how landowners and loggers should protect Vermont's waters during logging, and creates room for more flexible interpretation, more effective implementation, and improved access to environmental enforcement when necessary. When the practices are implemented, landowners and loggers also satisfy legal requirements under the state water pollution control statutes and the Vermont Water Quality

Standards.

A landowner or logger who chooses not to implement AMPs may be subject to enforcement action and significant penalties if state waters are negatively affected by a logging operation.

"The AMPs will continue to be an important tool for loggers and landowners to protect water quality and soil health," said Forests, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Michael Snyder. "We are currently preparing workshops and guidance material to get this information into the hands of practitioners."

Forests play a critical role in filtering and protecting water for drinking, recreation, and aquatic habitat, and mitigating flood impacts by absorbing heavy rains. The management of forests also provides a critical economic foundation for Vermont, contributing nearly \$1.5-billion and 10,500 jobs to the state's economy each year.

"The implementation of the AMPs plays a major role in ensuring that these ecologic and economic benefits are compatible and sustained," said Mr. Snyder.

The revised rule is available at: http://fpr.vermont.gov/forests/amp_proposed_rule_change

NCUHS athletics awards ceremony November 9

On Wednesday, November 9, there will be a new and different gala evening at the athletics awards ceremony at North Country Union High School (NCUHS). Some fans of all sports felt awards night was a bit dull and ordinary, so a couple of people decided to make a change.

At 5:15 p.m. in the school's cafeteria, NC's pep band, directed by Bill Prue, will begin the proceedings with music as the fall sports teams enter the cafeteria with a special tribute of "We Are the Champions" for the girls and boys golf teams, who were the Vermont state Division I champions in the spring of 2016. They will enter first, followed by the other fall sports teams.

Many balloons will decorate the cafeteria to add to the festivities.

At 5:30 p.m. dinner will begin, including dessert, for the athletes, their parents, and various fans.

Superintendent John Castle will briefly speak about the athletes and their endeavors.

Finally, the prestigious awards will be given, especially the Charles Griffith Award, for one female and one male athlete who best symbolize the criteria for this award. Also, the fan of fall sports season will be honored.

When all is said and done, all teams and their coaches will go to the various classrooms to summarize their accomplishments.

Credit should be given to Jackie Young, whose ideas and creative style made this all possible, along with Athletic Director Ian Dinzeo. — submitted by Marguerite Griffith.



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Ailey II in Lyndonville Friday



Legendary dance company Ailey II has embarked on a 24-city world tour that will include an appearance in Lyndonville on November 4. Photo by Pierre Wachholder

The 12-member dance ensemble Ailey II will perform at Lyndon Institute on Friday, November 4, at 7 p.m.

The program will include two of the company's new commissions, *Stream of Consciousness* and *Sketches of Flames*, as well as Alvin Ailey's signature masterpiece, *Revelations*.

Revelations brought the company international recognition in 1960, and is the most widely-seen modern dance work in the world.

One of America's richest treasures is the

cultural heritage of the African-American, Mr. Ailey said, "sometimes sorrowful, sometimes jubilant, but always hopeful."

For more information about the company, visit www.alvinailey.org. Tickets for the performance at Lyndon Institute can be purchased at the Catamount Arts box office or by calling (802) 748-2600. Tickets are available online at www.KCPpresents.org — from Kingdom County Productions

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SymphonyKids visits Orleans

Kyler Sylvester said it all: "It was *really* great!" Kyler, age nine, and over 100 other students at the Orleans Elementary School recently took part in a SymphonyKids program, offered by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO). Harpist Heidi Soons and flutist Anne Janson, members of the VSO, introduced the students to their instruments and to the world of classical music.

The orchestra, founded in 1934, is the oldest state-supported orchestra in the country, and has been committed to bringing fine music to all of Vermont. In addition to performing at the Flynn Theater, the orchestra travels to many of the cities and towns throughout the state performing major concerts in gyms, armories, churches, and on hillsides. And, in keeping with its vision to "educate, entertain, and enhance lives in Vermont," the orchestra has established the SymphonyKids programs, bringing highly skilled musicians to many of

Vermont's elementary and middle schools. Last year some 37 schools were visited by SymphonyKids musicians, benefiting over 4,000 local school children.

William Peck, a member of the North Country Friends of the VSO, has made it a point to attend several of the SymphonyKids programs. He said the musicians all seem to enjoy goofing around a little as they explain, in terms directed to children, the history of their instruments and the sounds that can be made. He said the students are attentive and full of questions such as: How old were you when you started playing the flute? And, Your harp is big, how can you move it around?

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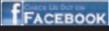
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