Newport water bond defeated

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — Fewer than one out of ten Newport voters turned out Tuesday to defeat a proposed $3-million bond issue to supply water to the city’s east side.

The measure was defeated 154 to 136, an 18-vote margin.

Had the vote gone the other way, the bond would have paid for a 450,000-gallon water tower, a booster pump station, and a new floating cover for the Palin reservoir.

Although the loan would have been for the full $3-million, the state loan fund would have charged a negative 3 percent interest rate on the 30-year bond. As a result, it would have cost the city only $1.8-million to repay the loan.

The entire project was meant to replace water currently supplied by Derby Center. The village water company and the city signed an agreement in 1997 setting terms under which the village would provide water for a proposed industrial park, just off Route 5.

IRS scammer makes a bad call

by Tena Starr

A scammer pretending to be from the IRS recently made a remarkably bad call. She dialed the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department and, unbeknownst to her, ended up talking to Chief Deputy Phil Brooks, who she threatened with arrest if he didn’t immediately pay what she claimed a person owes a significant amount of money in back taxes, and a sheriff will arrest them soon if they don’t pay up. Like, right now.

The Lake Region Union High School soccer team with their championship trophy and medallions on the field at South Burlington High School following Saturday’s Division II final. The members of the team are Keith Herman, Dylan Gagnon, Logan Ingalls, Parker Perron, Riley Urie, Noah Royer, Caleb Rodgers, Brady Perron, Evan Inkel, Mathew Menard, Chad Royer, Hunter Matte, Braden Kerr, Mason Svag, Connor Lanou, Isaiah Braithwaite, Jackson King, Gabe Riendeau, Drew Dragesett, and Liam Kennedy. Brad Urie is the head coach, assisted by Jason Kennedy, Mark Royer, and Laurie Carr-Wolff. For stories and more photos, please see page sixteen.

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According to the producers alliance, the average price paid by CROPP during 2016 was $35.68 per hundredweight. This year it is estimated the average price will fall to $30.59.

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Farmers see price for organic milk drop

by Joseph Gresser

The price paid to Vermont organic milk producers dropped by $6 per hundredweight over the past year, according to a report provided to the Vermont Milk Commission by the Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance.

The cooperative estimates the average price for organic milk in January was $35.68 per hundredweight. This year it is estimated the average price will fall to $30.59.

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But the producers alliance says New England organic dairies’ break-even price is around $35 a hundredweight.

Members of the organic cooperative have quotas based on a farmer’s purchase of preferred stock in CROPP. Should a farmer produce more milk than it allows, the co-op will pay $20 less per hundredweight for the overage.
Police, rescue workers, friends, and family continued to search this week for Chris McCarthy, the 47-year-old Westmore man who was last seen on November 2. State Police Lieutenant Matt Amadon said in a press release that family members advised police Saturday evening that Mr. McCarthy was missing. State Police went to his home and searched the immediate area but said they did not find him.

Through Tuesday, members of the State Police Search and Rescue team, the Westmore, Orleans, Newark, and Sutton fire departments, as well as family and friends, searched for Mr. McCarthy in several locations he was known to frequent, but he wasn’t found.

Mr. McCarthy is Westmore’s fire chief.

In an update Tuesday afternoon, State Police said they had searched wooded areas around Mr. McCarthy’s home using multiple K-9 teams, but the search did not yield any new evidence or tips as to his whereabouts.

“Based on the circumstances of the case and the ongoing missing persons investigation, foul play is not suspected at this time,” a press release says.

State Police urge the public to report any tips regarding Mr. McCarthy’s whereabouts. With hunting season about to start, hunters are also asked to report any suspicious items or circumstances that might help with locating Mr. McCarthy.

The search is ongoing.

“The Vermont State Police would like to thank all of the persons and agencies that have assisted in the search and the outpouring of community support to this point in the investigation,” the release says.

Search continues for Chris McCarthy.

We want to share your Amazing Photos!

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News briefs from around the county

by Elizabeth Trail

Protect Willoughby group meets with FPR leaders

In mid-October, representatives of the informal citizens’ group Protect Willoughby met with leaders of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (FPR), including Commissioner Michael Snyder; Director of State Parks Craig Whipple; and Director of Forests Steven Sinclair.

The citizens reminded the FPR officials that Willoughby Lake is a National Natural Landmark and is listed on the Vermont Fragile Area Registry. “We expressed our overarching concern that the south end area be restored rather than developed,” says the group’s latest e-mail bulletin. “We also spoke about parking, water quality, sanitation, and accessibility.”

Protect Willoughby’s stand is that FPR should focus its efforts on restoration rather than on increased development at the south end of the lake. As a “more sensible, sustainable, and respectful way to proceed,” Protect Willoughby suggested composting toilets at both beaches at the south end of the lake, and composting toilets or port-a-potties in the parking lots.

If flush toilets are necessary, the group would like to see bathrooms built in the parking area at the Cheney House. That lot currently provides access to several other trailheads.

Protect Willoughby proposed designating the existing parking lot for handicap parking only and using the lot by the Cheney House for all other parking except when dropping off car-top boats.

Protect Willoughby also wants to see one handicap-accessible trail from the existing parking lot to the swimming area at the West Cove and East Cove beaches.

FPR’s long range management plan, written for parking, trails, and toilets to address its concerns about erosion, parking, and sanitation. That move prompted a series of public hearings and private actions.

“The delegation from the FPR told us of their respect for the area,” Protect Willoughby’s open letter says, “and reported that they were seriously considering composting toilets, were committed to reducing erosion, and would consider our proposal for parking.”

However, the Protect Willoughby delegates were told that the extensive network of accessible trails outlined in the current site plan is not negotiable.

Kempt Hill bridge controversy continues in Lowell

The select board here is still trying to figure out what to do with a section of the Kempt Hill Road that may be cut off in winter after hopes were dashed for finding grant money to build a new bridge.

The Kempt Hill bridge closed on September 8 after the Agency of Transportation decided the 60-year-old structure wasn’t safe.

That leaves Arlen Warner and Scott Tallman worried about winter access to their house. Without the bridge, the two men have to drive up an extremely steep slope that’s icy during the winter months. Mr. Warner said in a phone interview early in October.

Mr. Warner appeared before the select board last month to talk about his concerns, according to the minutes of those meetings. Letters from both men and their attorneys are also part of the public record for those dates.

Kempt Hill Road isn’t the steepest road in town, selectmen said at their October 17 meeting. The minutes say Mr. Warner replied that his situation is unique in that, from his house, there’s no place to get a running start on the hill.

At the October 3 meeting, Mr. Warner told the board that Vermont law requires towns to maintain Class Three roads so that under normal conditions they can be navigated by “a standard manufactured pleasure car,” in all seasons. Since then, his attorney has sent the selectmen a letter to that effect.

Estimates presented on October 3 put the cost of a new bridge at about $474,000. On that date, the select board voted to build a new bridge only if they could get a grant to cover more than half of the cost.

Having failed to find a bridge grant, the board is proposing a turnaround at the bottom of the road so town trucks can get down the hill to sand it, the October 17 minutes say.

Mr. Warner’s brother, Selectman Alden Warner, suggested alternate bridge ideas that he thinks could cut costs to around $200,000. But Chair Richard Pion doesn’t want to spend that kind of money without a town vote. On October 17, he suggested that townspeople be asked to vote on two articles — whether they want to spend money on a bridge, and whether they want to see the road continued. State law trumps a town vote, Arlen Warner replied. The select board voted to consult an attorney to see what its obligations are.

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Opinion

One way to really thank a veteran

by James Ehlers

Friends and neighbors, on this Veterans Day, while I greatly appreciate the e-mails, texts, and messages thanking me for my service, please know that my sacrifices were few in comparison to my brothers and sisters in arms who make all the hardships seem but a small investment. This Veterans Day, let us all demand that our elected officials who have sent us to war, under whatever pretext, accelerate even further the overhaul of the Veterans Administration (VA). No nation, but especially not ours, can afford endless wars if we cannot afford to care for those sent to do the fighting in our name. I ask everyone, today, to please send their elected officials a note, leave them a message, or post to their social media pages, demanding that our nation does more than just thank our vets — that we also see to their care.

Student seeks help with trip to Thailand

Dear friends and family,

My name is Jaden Willey. I am a 15-year-old sophomore from Coventry attending St. Johnsbury Academy, taking advanced classes like engineering and Japanese 2. I was recently presented with the opportunity to travel to Thailand, South Korea, and to visit the new school, “Jeju,” St. Johnsbury Academy has built.

We will be doing service work during our two-week trip, plus we will be riding elephants and learning the culture of the places we visit.

Asian culture has been an interest of mine since I was little, starting with my passion for drawing Japanese manga. I hope to bring back what I learn to share with my friends and peers to think and dream bigger.

I encourage you to help paying for this trip and am asking for community support. This is such an amazing opportunity for someone of my age, and this trip will mean a lot to me.

I would be the first person in my family to visit another continent. In return, I will document my trip and send a newsletter and pictures of the trip with our accomplishments to those who contribute.

Donations can be mailed to Jaden Willey, 335 Drowns Mill Road, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Thank you.

Jaden Willey

Coventry

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When in need. They already have. And they continue to do so right now.

This, I believe, is the best way you can thank a vet. In the eyes of this one man honored to have donned the uniform worn by heroes of Americans far more courageous than myself, we need to see to it that our brothers and sisters are not forgotten in the hype of praise and sales and the sensationalism of war. Please, show your gratitude by caring for our band of brothers and sisters. Make the call. Make the post. Send the e-mail. Please.

Join me in supporting those still fighting, not a foreign enemy, but our own government agencies. Enlist a friend a today. We can then begin to make it a truly happy Veterans Day today and tomorrow and the next day. It is the least we can do for those who have given so much.

Freedom and unity.

James Ehlers is a U.S. Navy veteran and Democratic candidate for Vermont Governor.

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Because of you, veterans

Dear veterans,

Because of you our flag was raised today, Red for pain and sacrifice.

White for peace and hope,

Blue for honor and integrity.

And a constellation of the estate.

Because of you and your resolve,

Our flag flew today and sang

The song of freedom!

Thank you and God bless you,

Jim and Dolores Chamberlain,

Barton
Opinion

Perpetrators, not victims, should suffer public scorn

by state senators Chris Pearson (Chittenden) and Joe Benning (Caledonia)

The recent phenomenon known as #MeToo is a powerful way for victims of unacceptable sexual behavior to speak up and support one another. It also provides all of us with a priceless opportunity that cannot be missed. Even though we come from opposite sides of the political spectrum and the rural/urban Vermont demographic, we two Vermont state senators agree the #MeToo discussion is a critical first step in the hard work necessary to bring about much needed social change.

A brief review of #MeToo postings reveals a wide array of acts that have left a trail of pain and bad memories that can last a lifetime. Those acts range from what have too long been considered “harmless play” (cat calls or the snapping of a bra strap) to outright sexual violence. The common theme is disrespect. It is for justices to decide whether a given act transgresses a criminal statute, but just because something doesn’t rise to the criminal definition of “sexual assault” doesn’t mean it is acceptable. It is time for all of us to stop standing idly by. We must hold each other accountable whenever behavior creates a hostile environment for anyone.

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Another form of inappropriate behavior is gender economic inequality. Although we in Vermont consider ourselves as doing better than the nation as a whole, Vermont women still earn only 82 cents when their male counterparts are earning $1 for the same job. This disparity is a cultural inequity, a symptom of an accepted power differential that has been allowed to exist for far too long. Its end will only come about if we speak up at every opportunity.

Our society must recognize this inappropriate behavior comes in many forms, from the seemingly innocent to the grossly obvious. It is found, but masked, in our White House, our State House, and potentially in every gathering where conversation flows freely. As males we know it is much easier to look the other way or join the crowd. But this is not isolated to the male gender. Saying “that’s not cool” in reaction to an inappropriate joke, comment or act is foreign to the social norm. But those brave #MeToo commentators have inspired us to work together and join their fight to foster social change.

Our society must recognize this inappropriate behavior as both a symptom of, and a foundation for, cultural inequality. Power differential is one such inequity. It is the common thread that binds the men making allegations against Kevin Spacey and the women making allegations against Harvey Weinstein in Hollywood. That same thread winds through allegations against politicians from all parties at all levels of government, and against employers in all work environments. When power is used as a manipulative weapon to engage in inappropriate behavior, justice should be swift and to the fullest extent of the law. That perpetrator must be removed from power and, where necessary, subject to civil and/or criminal penalties. The perpetrator, not the victim, should be the one who suffers public scorn.

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Vermont is not immune to inappropriate behavior and we should all thank those who have added their personal experiences to the #MeToo commentary. Their courageous testimony is just the first step. Step two requires all of us to muster up the fortitude to confront such behavior wherever it is found.

This is an important fight for cultural change and all of us need to be a part of it.
Opinion
Show me a felon who wasn’t convicted
by Norman Rioux

The other night I awakened from a deep sleep and a dream in which I was lecturing a creative writing class on the plethora of unnecessary words tacked onto verbs in particular, but other expressions as well, in the English language. I grabbed the pad and pencil that sat on the nightstand for these moments so I could make a list of them to write about some future time.

The hour has come. English is a crazy language, and when someone like me has tried to teach it as a second tongue to another human being, gray hairs begin to abound even if one already had more than enough of them.

At the top of my most aggravating list is the phrase “convicted felon.” I hear this nonsensical word combination on the evening TV news more times than I could ever count. In our real world there is no way to be a felon unless one is convicted by a court, a judge, or a jury, or some legal process. Your local kind priest can forgive even your most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt. The fiancée you have most heinous sin. The fellow to whom you owe money can forget the debt.

Then there are the prepositions tacked onto verbs completely change the original meaning of that verb. Consider the verb pull. There is pull over (when a police car is chasing you, pull out of a parking space), pull in (to an available parking spot), pull up (to a gas pump), pull for (support for some candidate to win something), and pull on (a sweater).

Think about the hapless student trying to master English when he/she has to learn all these individual meanings. Pause for a moment to consider this grouping: take on, take off, take out, take over, take in (respectively) a new job, a coat, a pizza, a country, and too many inches on a pants waist.

Then there’s the verb pick and its ancillaries. Plain old pick (to choose one out of many, or your nose if you happen to have a resident goober needing to be dislodged), pick up (a man at a bar looking for female companionship), pick on (to harass, annoy, or bother somebody), pick at (a fussy child not wanting to eat the food on his or her plate), a guitar (to make music), ice (in the pond in winter in the old days with a proper implement), and pick up in another situation (a paper clip that has fallen on the floor), how about go? The list is long, but here are a few classics. Somebody can go crazy, wild, nuts, or berserk when there is no movement whatsoever involved. A person careless with money can go broke, but he can’t go rich. No movement is involved if Jane goes red when embarrassed. Somebody asks, “How did the meeting go?” The reply can’t be “by horse.”

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Letters to the editor

In order to fix our problems, we must stop the behaviors that escalate them

To the editor,

A couple of weeks ago, I had a student who had recently expressed frustration about the restrictive environment of high school and how eager he was to be on his own. The following week he was reading about the latest terrorist attack in New York City and was questioning the motivation of “people like that.”

“What sort of person would do that?” he asked.

I remembered our conversation from just a few days earlier and asked the student to consider what it was about all the rules he was questioning at the school that angered him the most. Several students overheard and chimed in, and the result of the conversation was that all of them felt “marginalized.” They all had to suffer for the behavior of a few troublemakers, and the result had been stricter rules and more punishments.

As a teacher, I understand that this behavior is natural in all people. The human response to restrictive and/or punitive environments is often rebellion or “acting out.” Our country was founded on the idea. I postulated that this individual may have been reacting to some sort of negative stimulus, and found the answer in his misguided act of terror.

Today we live in a world where it is becoming increasingly acceptable to lash out at various groups of people, such as Muslims, African Americans, Mexican-Americans, or immigrants and paint them all with the same brush when a representative from one of these sectors of society commits a crime. I am not in any way excusing bad behavior, which in this case was a horrendous crime against humanity. I told my students, however, that many of these people probably feel frustration and anger just as you do at being told that they are all causing the problems when it is only a small minority of the group. The ill behavior is not because of someone’s race, religion, or gender, but is often a reaction to some sort of discrimination because they are different from an accusatory group that has more political or economic clout. It is easy in these days of reactionary politics to be sold on the idea that the persecution of these groups is a reliable way to fix society’s problems. Our national reaction is: “Look at the papers, these criminals are all Muslim, black, or Hispanic, let’s get rid of them all!” We rarely look beyond the differences in people, and historically it has always been easy to convince a certain group of folks that others who look or behave differently are a problem. Nobody wants to accept that the reason the crime happened is more complicated than that, and might result from poverty or discrimination.

Bad behavior is, of course, not just endemic to foreigners or minorities. Look at the rise of Fascist ideals that have occurred over the last year or so from “nativist” groups. These white supremacists, who have also risen in power and influence in other countries this past year, are no less extreme or dangerous in their tactics and they come from the white majority. Sure, we can’t excuse the New York attack, but we must also examine what sort of bigoted stimuli might have caused the behavior in the first place. To what extent is modern racism actually fanning the flames of radicalism? In

(Continued on page eight.)

Help Newport Wireless Mesh come alive

Dear editor,

Newport Wireless Mesh is a simple idea to get low cost Internet to Newport, starting with the downtown residential neighborhood. We'll be bringing fiber optic service to a gateway at the United Church, sending it to backbone stations around the neighborhood and then to homes using special routers that can connect with any other router in the system, finding the best route to do so. We're hoping to start with 50 to 100 Mbps, serving about 40 to 80 households, but we could start smaller if necessary. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and all labor is donated, so we won't have any costs except equipment and the bandwidth. So all in all the system is inexpensive, efficient, and relatively easy to install by community volunteers, and can be easily repeated in other neighborhoods. It'll get Internet access to families for whatever they can afford to donate (hopefully an average of about $15 a month) so they can use it for applications that are difficult on a cell phone screen, like online learning, job applications, and homework. Great idea, right?

We think so. So do a lot of people. After a successful pilot project, our neighbors often ask us when the final project will be starting. We plan to start building the mesh in the spring, but raising money for startup costs hasn’t been easy. We want to thank all the people who have donated already and urge others to go to our website at www.newportmesh.net and find out more about the project. Please help make the mesh come alive.

Diane Peel
Newport
Marginalized people become targets for radicalization

(Continued from page seven.)

blaming others for the ills of society, we strip them of power, and this causes them to act out as my students do. It is because they perceive their rights and dignity are being threatened.

If someone is constantly marginalized, told they are a problem, discriminated against because they are of a certain sex, race, or religious belief, they then become prime targets for the sort of radicalization that terror groups use. They will then lash out at those who marginalize them and become one of the individuals we read about in the paper. Persecution becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, and those who are constantly told they are criminals, often become criminals. Sometimes these individuals are mentally ill or emotionally disturbed in the first place, but in their minds, being marginalized by society gives them the right to act out and fight back. Indeed, when a government does not serve us, according to English philosopher John Locke and Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, people have a right to rebel and replace the government with one that will. Therefore, as a responsible government, in tune with its job of protecting the rights of its citizens, we should certainly be able to stem these “rebellions” by helping these outsiders assimilate. We would then spare their lives as well as those of their potential victims just by simply reaching out with a helping hand.

For an immigrant, leaving one’s home is in most cases a desperate decision. The people coming to this country, for instance, give up all that is familiar to them, and then face a grieving three-year vetting process to get into the country. Nearly all of our ancestors had to assimilate to this country as well, so when are we going to get it? Since an immigrant’s survival depends on it, I would assume that the vast majority of them would want to behave as responsible citizens to make the system our founders created work for them. The rest of us, however, must give them a chance. The root of the problem goes beyond simple face value assumptions.

The United States is supposed to be a place where people all have certain inalienable rights, and it is the government’s job to protect them. Though criminals must be brought to justice, they are also given rights of their own until they are proven guilty. Unfortunately, some in our society have already convicted them before they commit a crime. Though society does not necessarilylynch all those individuals, they do lynch their reputations. One of the benefits of the United States is it is supposedly a classless society. I sometimes wonder if we lived in a country where there was more respect given to diversity, we could avert some of the reactionary behavior we are discussing here. If we all followed the Golden Rule, and treated others as we would like to be treated in the first place, (bear in mind, this rule is common to most cultures/religions,) we might introduce a healthy dose of societal preventative medicine. Accusations and ignorant stereotypes only anger and escalate negative behavior.

In our world today, those of us who hope for a more peaceful and forgiving world now feel as though we are moving further and further from that goal. Instead of just trying and punishing criminals, it must also be the role of government, and our citizens, preferably with the help of our various religions, to work towards peace.

Hopefully this can prevent these acts before they happen. In order to fix our problems, we must stop the behaviors that escalate them. If we promote goodwill in this country, we might go a long way towards stemming the unfortunate surge of violence we have experienced in our country of late.

Brian K. McCrae
Newport
Just charge it
by Paul Lefebvre

As someone who has lived off the grid since 1989 — the last time I set up housekeeping in Newark — I know how complicated life can become without electricity. For many years Rocky and I got by using a generator and by relying exclusively on gas appliances. More than once I checked with the utility company to see how much it would cost to bring power into my house, and at $19,000 the price remained pretty constant.

Maybe you could organize a Holiday in the Hills, Rocky said one day, pulling my chain when she heard me grumbling about the cost.

Long before I returned to the Upper Kingdom, she had been living in Lost Nation in a cabin lit by two gaslights and a couple kerosene lamps, while raising two boys. When she agreed to live with me in Newark, though, she had had enough and made me promise we wouldn’t live in the dark.

Our first night could have been our last, for even postcards that had to make do without electricity and bring the cost down as the demand for power increased. It didn’t work.

According to the transcript, Rocky also revealed “there was a misconception that the Hills forsook raising money to bring power in. We made a $1,000 on our first Holiday in the Hills. So 125 years later, maybe we would have it,” she said, referring to the much-desired electricity.

Contrary to hopes, the annual festival also failed to trigger a land rush in either Granby or Victory. What the festival did do, according to Rodney, was publicize the plight of two towns that had to make do without electricity and bring pressure to bear on Vermont’s politicians and utility companies.

As news of the annual festival spread, the towns put on a Christmas program that lit a Christmas tree with candles rather than bulbs. “That of course made the front page of the Boston Globe,” Rodney told his interviewer. Afterwards, organizers from the towns met with the Governor, who at the time was Phil Hoff and the president of Central Vermont Public Service. And sometime, in the summer of 1963, the utility president promised Granby and Victory “we could have power by the time snow flies,” recalled Rodney.

Presently, I’m hoping snow flies by the time deer season opens Saturday. Hunting camp is in fairly good shape, although I haven’t made any improvements in the improvements in the place is light. For me, gas and kerosene lights are as essential to a camp as a sharp knife and compass are to a hunt. At home I light my house with solar panels and a generator, but would never consider using either one at camp. Electricity hums in a modern world that’s another world apart from hunting camp.

Admittedly, though, we are standing on the cusp of a new era in electrification. In Rodney’s day electricity was the power that lit a house and ran appliances and tools. But that primary use is rapidly changing. Today it’s the vehicles rather than the houses that are being wired for electricity. Electric vehicles (EV) are being touted as the up-and-coming option in transportation to reduce carbon emissions.

That’s somewhat daunting for someone who shares Rodney’s desire to use generating generators to power televisions and home appliances. But it’s coming. By 2025, Vermont’s Comprehensive Energy Plan calls for 45,000 EVs to be on the road, compared to the 2,000 operating today.

Dealers are giving customers financial incentives to buy EVs. In June, for example, Nissan awarded one customer who bought its all-electric car, Leaf. Presently, Green Mountain Power is providing battery chargers to its customers free of charge, with discounted rates for charging during off-peak hours.

At a recent meeting of the Legislature’s Joint Energy Committee, a senior analyst with the state’s Agency of Transportation said a study will be released in the next few weeks, demonstrating where charging stations for EV vehicles will be placed within a 30-mile-radius of every town.

And there is a proposal to give a $18-million Volkswagen award on buying electric school buses.

When people ask me what we do for entertainment in the Upper Kingdom, I tell them we ride the roads a lot, stop whenever the occasion arises or wherever an interest beckons. Maybe. No more from what I’ve learned, the cost for living and driving on back roads is going to up. We can either pay the price or move to town.
In Barton
Wheelock settles in as principal

by Elizabeth Trail

BARTON — Kim Wheelock has only had a few months to settle in as principal at the Barton Academy and Graded School, but the big corner office looks and feels different.

In recently retired Principal Bob Partridge’s day, the big wooden desk sat solidly facing the door. Ms. Wheelock has moved the desk so it sits on the diagonal. The white walls are sparingly decorated. There’s a round conference table in one corner with chairs for four. The room feels open and welcoming but purposeful.

The same could be said of Ms. Wheelock. And the changes she’s making at the school are subtler but no less purposeful.

She has her own vision of school culture and climate, and it’s a positive one. It’s based on encouraging children and getting parents and families more involved. Instead of hearing from the school only when there’s a discipline problem, parents may get calls from their children’s teachers — or even from the principal — telling them their kids did something especially well.

And it means that children get recognized at quarterly assemblies for all kinds of achievements besides their grades.

“Tiger Pride” students can be nominated by anyone on the staff, from teachers to kitchen or custodial staff. Children can be nominated for acts of kindness, or for demonstrating particular character, or persistence, or determination. "A lot of kids will never make the honor roll," Ms. Wheelock said in an interview Monday. “And they need to be recognized for what they do well.”

Everyone who works at the school is required to nominate one student per quarter. But it’s not an “everyone gets something” kind of thing.

“It has to be earned, something that kids work for,” she said. The first honor roll and Tiger Pride assemblies will be on November 14.

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In Groveton, there is no director of curriculum at the central office, she said. Instead, teachers volunteer to work on curriculum development.

So Ms. Wheelock got involved in the curriculum side of education early on in her career. She didn’t know at the time that the path would lead her to administration, but curriculum development required not only teaching children, but also working with teachers.

She earned her master’s degree in 2013, and graduated from the National Institute of School Leadership program in 2014.

She earned her principal and curriculum administration certifications in 2015.

The teaching and the hands-on curriculum development experience stands Ms. Wheelock in good stead now that she’s on the other side of the big desk.

“I’ve worked with curriculum as a teacher,” she said, “I know not only what it’s like to teach, but what it’s like to be a teacher and have to meet demands from the administration.”

She’s hoping her experience on both sides of curriculum development can help balance those demands for teachers.

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Newport City Council

Council gets virtual walking tour of downtown

by Joseph Gresser

NEWPORT — The city council got a virtual walking tour of downtown Newport at its regular meeting Monday evening. Doug Merten, transportation planner for the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA), and representatives from AARP laid out ideas for improving conditions in the city for pedestrians.

Kelly Stoddard Poor, AARP’s Vermont outreach director, was joined by Mary Butler, the chair of the Newport Age Friendly Advisory Council, as they shared the results of a street and sidewalk audit performed in June.

The city joined AARP’s age friendly community network in 2013. The audit, performed by community volunteers, representatives from North Country Hospital, and city workers along with members of the advisory council, checked out intersections, sidewalks, and crosswalks in downtown Newport.

According to Ms. Poor and Ms. Butler, Newport’s sidewalks are in decent condition, but its crosswalks could do with some improvement.

Ms. Poor timed the light at the intersection of Coventry and Main streets at 13 seconds. That, she said, is too short a time for a person pushing a baby stroller to make it across the street.

“Age friendly is not just for seniors,” Ms. Butler observed. She said AARP cares about people of all ages, including parents and young children.

Ms. Poor said motorists are inconsistent in stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks despite the requirement in state law. She suggested installing flashing lights that walkers can operate by pressing a button before heading across the street.

The published version of the report also suggested Newport could improve conditions for citizens with disabilities by installing sidewalk cuts for wheelchairs and audible signals for the benefit of those with impaired eyesight.

Ms. Butler said she joined a group that walks to and from the Vista supermarket at Waterfront Plaza. She said much of the trip was very pleasant, but suggested a couple of possible improvements.

People with bundles might like a place to sit and rest for a spell, Ms. Butler told the council. She suggested that it would be a good idea to install benches as a convenience for the public.

“It’s possible that someone might have a drink and want to throw away the cup when its finished,” she said, pointing out the absence of trash receptacles along the walk.

Ms. Poor said she noticed the absence of benches on Main Street, and recalled hearing they were removed because of objections from Main Street merchants.

“Perhaps the benches were turned to face the windows, and store owners didn’t like being watched from the street,” Ms. Poor proposed. She suggested it would be a good time to return benches and trash containers to the downtown.

Mayor Paul Monette said there are a few benches in Pomerleau Park, but not on Main Street.

“The benches were very controversial,” he said. “The merchants wanted them all removed very adamantly. Now’s the time to see if we can put some back on Main Street.”

While the Spa on the Bluff was still standing, many store owners believed that some Main Street residents spent too much of their time hanging out on the street and frightened their customers off.

City Council President John Wilson contributed to the bench discussion by asking his colleagues to give their blessing to a pair of granite benches that an anonymous donor offered to the city.

The first would be in Pomerleau Park, and would bear the inscription “Enjoy the Lake,” he said. A second bench will be placed in Gardner Park near the war memorial. It will be inscribed “From Your Vietnam Brother,” Mr. Wilson said. His request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Morton summarized the results of a study of Main Street traffic performed by Stantec, an engineering firm, and funded by NVDA.

The study proposed a number of changes between Coventry and Third streets. It did not extend as far east as Railroad Square, which already is slated to be rebuilt by the state sometime in the next few years.

Mr. Morton highlighted the biggest change, which involves converting the intersection at Third and Main streets to a four-way stop. At present, traffic headed west on Main Street can go straight or turn left without stopping.

Vehicles coming from West Main Street, School Street, or Third Street must stop.

He said out-of-town motorists find the unusual traffic pattern confusing.

Mr. Monette was dubious about the idea, noting that local drivers are accustomed to going through the intersection while headed west.

Mr. Morton said the plan also includes (Continued on page thirteen.)
Council hopes to act on recommendations

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changes to the sidewalks around the Third Street intersection, including bump outs that would have the effect of making the crossing distance shorter for pedestrians.

“They are your streets,” Mr. Morton said, reminding the council that it has the choice to accept or reject any of the proposals set forth in the study.

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Jay-Westfield school

Preschool brings children into the woods

“...the day is spent in free play. Count objects they find in the woods, but a lot of attention to things around them, read stories, and explore in nature. Teachers may draw children's few structured lessons. Children run, play, and winter months.

Jay-Westfield Joint Elementary School will be out by Elizabeth Trail right through the winter months.

Last week's Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School scavenger hunt sent children out on the trails at the Jay Recreation Center in search of natural objects. This group found a particularly wonderful red leaf. From left to right, the students are Cameron Tetreault, Malykie Whitaker, Ivy Hinton, Emma Lucier, and Brady Morse. Photos by Elizabeth Trail

by Elizabeth Trail

JAY — Julie Ste. Marie's preschoolers at the Jay-Westfield Joint Elementary School will be out in the woods two days a week right through the winter months.

In a forest preschool, there are no toys, and few structured lessons. Children run, play, and explore in nature. Teachers may draw children's attention to things around them, read stories, and count objects they find in the woods, but a lot of the day is spent in free play.

“They learn all of that out in the forest,” Ms. Ste. Marie said. Preschoolers are surprisingly tough, she said. Older children might complain about getting wet or dirty, but the little ones take it all in stride. And while they're at it, the children are building physical and mental endurance — the kind of grit and perseverance that will stand them in good stead all their lives.

“...the one exception is the "mud kitchen''— a cabinet in the woods with pots and pans and spoons that kids can use to dig in the dirt and make mud pies.

When children are allowed to climb, jump, and run to their hearts' content in all weather, they are more grounded, Ms. Ste. Marie said, more connected with nature and with their bodies.

“We talk about kids that bounce off the walls,” she said. “In the forest, we don't have walls.

In a typical classroom, teachers spend all day telling kids not to be kids, she said. “We have many fewer problems out in nature.”

This year's school theme is about the qualities people need to have for success in life. After research and brainstorming, Jay-Westfield students at all grade levels came up with remarkably similar lists of what it takes to succeed, Principal Kristy Ellis said. They used different language at different ages, but it all boiled down to respect, encouragement, perseverance, flexibility, open-mindedness, and attitude.

For preschoolers, the perfect place to learn those skills is out in the woods. They hike even when they're tired, they sit down on wet ground to snack, they clamber over rocks and logs, they fall and get up. They learn all of that out in the forest,” Ms. Ste. Marie said.

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Ms. Ste. Marie used to be a third- and fourth-grade teacher. But when Vermont's Act 166 passed, making universal preschool the law, she went back to school to get an early childhood endorsement on her teaching license.

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Principal and parents support the program

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would take to get approval to set up a forest preschool in a larger district.

She thinks about that every time she opens the paper and reads about Vermont Education Secretary Rebecca Holcomb touting the advantages of bigger schools.

She thinks about how fragile children are, and how many of them are dealing with trauma in their lives. She thinks about how they need lots of supportive people around them, trained in dealing with their needs.

She thinks about how cutting staff at schools to get to lower student-teacher ratios also cuts the number of professional jobs available in a state that’s struggling to keep its young college-educated adults.

And she thinks about all the tangible and intangible things her students stand to get out of the time they spend in the woods just down the road from the school.

“These are the opportunities that will stick with children all their lives,” she said.

With her principal firmly behind her, Ms. Ste. Marie held meetings last summer to see if prospective preschool families would be on board with having their children outdoors two days a week.

The forest days are Tuesday and Friday. It would be perfectly possible for parents to send their children to preschool without participating in the forest program. But all 16 of the Jay-Westfield preschoolers are signed up to be in the woods at least one day of the week.

“Not a single family opted out,” Ms. Ste. Marie said.

She also wrote a grant that helped the school buy rain gear for the whole class. And the school bought extra winter gear in case anyone gets to school without a coat.

Finally, she needed enough parent and community volunteers to keep an eye on 16 preschoolers in an environment that includes acres of woods, fields, and water.

She got them.

“One of the biggest safety features is the number of parents involved,” Ms. Ellis said.

But preschoolers aren’t the only kids at Jay-Westfield school who spend a lot of time in the woods.

All of the teachers at the school take their classes across the road to the recreation center trails.

“Every grade and every subject goes out into the woods at some point,” Ms. Ellis said.

The school’s outdoor classroom is a circle of benches in a clearing among the trees.

It’s completely open to the weather.

So the whole school was behind the idea of building a simple open-sided shelter — nothing fancy, but something with a roof overhead and posts to lash tarps onto as a windbreak.

Last week, the school held a nature scavenger hunt at the recreation center trails to raise money for the project.

The scavenger hunt part was the children’s idea. They collected pledges from family and friends, and with some of the money still not in, the event raised over $1,745.

The goal was $1,000.

The preschool class raised at least $600.

“We have enough to go ahead and order the gazebo,” Ms. Ste. Marie said. “And we have a lot of people willing to help build it.”

A steering committee from the community, led by Denise Rossignol and Sally Rivard, chose the design and will coordinate volunteers to get the gazebo up before snow flies.

The scavenger hunt was on the calendar rain or shine.

There wasn’t much shine Friday. But that didn’t bother the children as they set off into the woods in teams, looking for colored leaves, odd-shaped rocks, and everything else on the scavenger hunt list.

Swathed in boots and raincoats and toting bag lunches, the happy horde seemed unconcerned by the weather, which varied between drizzle, mist, and downpour most of the morning.

With a roof overhead and tarps on the walls to break the wind, Jay-Westfield teachers will be able to hold classes in the forest year-round. The children seem ready for anything.

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Ranger danger: LRU wins second straight title

by Brad Usatch

SOUTH BURLINGTON — They were tried and tested, but in the end the Lake Region Union High School Rangers left Munson Field at South Burlington High School just as they had arrived: as the reigning Division II soccer champions for the state of Vermont.

Up 2-0 in the second half, the top ranked Rangers (15-2) weathered a two-goal rally by the sixth-seeded Harwood Union Highlanders (10-4-1) before Brady Perron seized the championship with a golden goal header just 5:57 into the overtime period.

It has been an incredible run for a talented group led by senior snipers Riley Urie and Brady Perron. The Rangers ran the table last year (18-0) to win the school’s first ever soccer title in the team’s first finals appearance since 1978. In 2015 they also finished the regular season undefeated before falling to U-32 in the semifinals. Over the past four seasons, Lake Region has racked up a combined record of 62-6, capped by a pair of silver championship bows for the display case.

In addition to the team’s offensive stars, this year’s seniors include goalkeeper Liam Kennedy who came up with a number of big saves on Saturday, starting fullbacks Noah Royer, Bradey Kerr, and Gabe Riendeau, and forward Chad Royer.

“Most of us have been together since we were like seven years old,” Kennedy said, “so we’ve grown together as a team. It’s great. It’s amazing. There’s no better feeling than this, especially in our senior year.”

On Saturday, nerves were evident on both sides in the early going, but as the teams found their feet the result was an exchange of near misses. Brady Perron’s header missed high in the opening minute, but Kennedy was equal to it.

In the nineteenth minute, Kennedy made a diving save on a low burner off the foot of Wyatt Kerr, and tested, but in the end the Lake Region Union High School Rangers left Munson Field at South Burlington High School just as they had arrived: as the reigning Division II soccer champions for the state of Vermont.

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Moments before the start of the game, the team lines up awaiting the introduction of the lineup.

exactly two minutes after its first tally, Harwood knotted the game when freshman Asa Moskowitz threaded a cross to Connor Woolley at the 18, and Woolley buried the shot head-high just inside the post.

To their credit, the Rangers kept their composure and marked Harwood well in the final minutes. Regulation drew to a close, and for both teams an entire season boiled down to next goal wins.

It wouldn’t take long.

O’Brien ripped a decent shot for Harwood in the opening minute, but Kennedy was equal to it. At the other end, Urie tried to dribble through five players but only got through four of them.

Then just under six minutes into the extra period, Mathew Menard served a perfect free kick from the right side of the field to the far post and

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Harwood answers, Perron has the final word

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Perron knocked it in with his head.

“We’ve got a couple of plays,” Perron said. “We called out the play. Matt Menard gives great balls all the time. We had my brother in there. Normally he’s pretty good at heading the ball. The ball just happened to come right to me, so I got to jump up and it just happened to be me.

“I can’t really explain it actually,” Perron said.

of the magical moment — a golden goal to win a championship in his senior year. “Going into overtime, it’s just kind of surreal in the moment. I couldn’t really believe it after that first half. I’m so glad we could come back senior year and get it.”

“Harwood is a heck of a team, and to be honest they were on us the whole game,” said Coach Brad Urie. “But these guys are resilient, they’re fighters and they’re confident. And they know that they’re never out of any situation. And I’m super proud of them.”

Harwood Coach Don Haddox said he was extremely proud of how his team played.

“No one’s leaving the field saying, ‘Oh I got a little left in the tank, or ‘I wish I would have done this,’” he said. “You know we scored two unanswered goals in the second half. We outshot outpossessed, outpenetrated. Any game with a goal that doesn’t necessarily matter. But the game is what it is.”

Five years ago, when the oldest players on the Lake Region roster were still in eighth grade, Coach Brad Urie, then heading the girls team, took this reporter aside and said to watch the boys in a couple of years. They had some great

players who have been playing together since they were kids, and winning state tournaments, he said. These guys are going to win some championships.

Reminded of that prediction, Coach Urie all but shrugged.

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Jackson King gets position on Harwood players Henry Drake (7) and Liam Hall to bury this header and give Lake Region a 1-0 lead. Lake Region’s Logan Ingalls (4) is trailing on the play.

“Their knowledge of the game, the will to win, the confidence. They know that they belong here. They know that this is where they’re supposed to be and that these are the type of games they’re supposed to be in, and it doesn’t intimidate them. It never has and hopefully it never does in life. Hopefully it carries over in that they can be confident and productive people the rest of their lives because of things like that.”

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Lake Region senior defender Bradey Kerr tangles with Harwood’s Owen Labombard.

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**Rangers return to finals with win over U-32**

by Joseph Gresser

Lake Region boys punched their ticket for a return trip to the Division 2 soccer finals before a hometown crowd on November 1. The Rangers topped U-32’s Raiders by 3-1 in their semifinal match.

With an 11-2-0 record over the season, Lake Region did not equal last year’s unbeaten string, but played a more difficult schedule and wound up in first place for the division.

The Rangers and Raiders met during the season, a match Lake Region took three goals to two. Over the season, U-32 compiled a record of eight wins, four losses, and one draw.

A string of wet days left the pitch in soggy condition for the start of the contest and players struggled to maintain their footing for the early part of the match. Those problems abated as time went on, though.

As befitted a side seeking to defend its championship, the Rangers pressed hard in the early going. Lake Region drew first blood with 33 minutes and 54 seconds left in the first half. Forward Riley Urie battled Raider defenders into the area, and midfielder Rowan Williams placed it nicely in the goal.

Two minutes later with 18 minutes and nine seconds remaining on the clock, Urie was elbowed hard and knocked to the right corner of the net. Meanwhile, Urie was beset by Raiders in pairs and trios who vainly tried to slow or change his game. Their efforts proved to be in vain, and in one important instance during the second half, were counterproductive in the extreme.

Urie was awarded a penalty kick. Though he had been elbowed, hard and knocked to the right corner of the net, his efforts proved to be in vain, and in one important instance during the second half, were counterproductive in the extreme.

Urie then launched the ball into the right corner of the net. His position was perfect but the shot went wide. Nevertheless, Inkel did not leave the Division I semifinal game empty-handed; he scored Lake Region’s first goal in the team’s 3-2 win over the Raiders.

Photos by Joseph Gresser

Evans Inkel shoots over U-32 goalie Max Kissner, as Riley Urie (right) looks on. His position was perfect but the shot went wide. Nevertheless, Inkel did not leave the Division I semifinal game empty-handed; he scored Lake Region’s first goal in the team’s 3-2 win over the Raiders.

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U-32 coach says Urie is hard to stop

Lake Region clamped down on defense, and the Raiders didn’t get another look for the remainder of the game. The team was jubilant as the players realized they had earned themselves another shot at the division title.

Coach Brad Urie was a bit more complacent. “That’s what we do,” he said in the aftermath of the game. “We do LR soccer. I’m very proud of these boys. At the right time everything was going in the right direction. They’ve earned it.”

Looking at it from the other side, Coach Towne saw only Riley Urie. “Riley made the difference again,” he said, reflecting also on his team’s earlier loss to Lake Region. “He’s got enough support around him. We can mark him, defend him with two or three men, but when you can run with the ball on your foot like he can, it’s hard to stop.”

Coach Urie sounded relaxed as he looked forward. “We’ll play Saturday,” he said. “We’ve got nothing better to do.”

Raiders Rowan Williams (left) and Malone Bruce have the unenviable task of trying to defend against Raider forward Riley Urie

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Congrats, Lake Region boys soccer team!
Alleged baking soda bandit charged

by Paul LeFebvre

NEWPORT — A 33-year-old Newport man who allegedly came knocking on a condo unit’s door in search of an ingredient to bake cookies is being charged with three unrelated crimes.

John Bosco pled innocent to a felony charge of burglary, prescription fraud, and retail theft during an arraignment here in Superior Court on the three unrelated charges.

Judge Robert Bent imposed bail of $5,000, with 10 percent down in cash. Unable to post bail at the time of his arraignment, Mr. Bosco was taken into custody.

On the burglary and latest of the three charges, Newport Patrolman David Jacobs said in his affidavit that on November 2 he investigated the theft of a stolen computer from a West End Avenue condo.

In an interview, the tenant told him of a “weird situation” that had arisen earlier in the day and before the burglary. According to the affidavit, she said a man who looked like a druggy had come to the apartment “asking to borrow baking soda for baking cookies.”

She allegedly suspected that he might be checking out her apartment, and recalled her computer was in the same location as it was when it came up missing.

At the time of the theft, the affidavit continues, the apartment’s door had been left unlocked as the tenant said, “she had been running in and out and had forgot to lock it.”

When the apartment’s landlady heard about the incident, “she immediately thought of John Bosco,” who also has an apartment in the building, according to the affidavit.

Police say they later recovered the computer from a backpack that Mr. Bosco allegedly retrieved from a Lake Road residence.

It was Mr. Bosco’s second run-in with police in less than a week’s time. On October 30, Newport Patrolman Nicholas River was dispatched to the Rite Aid store on a complaint that the defendant “had handed the pharmacist a prescription that had been altered,” according to officer’s affidavit.

Upon his arrival at Rite Aid, the officer said he met Mr. Bosco standing outside the store. When confronted with the complaint, Mr. Bosco allegedly said that a doctor had written the scrip lightly, “and he had used a pen to darken it.”

Police suspect Mr. Bosco was trying to obtain his prescription at an earlier date than authorized by the doctor.

On the retail theft, a misdemeanor, Mr. Bosco is accused of stealing a case of beer from Maplefields on September 25 in Newport.

When alteration leads to assault

Clinton Mihill, 43, of Newport will pay $441 in surcharge fees following convictions on domestic assault and two charges of violating court conditions of release.

Mr. Mihill switched his pleas to guilty after the state consented to dismiss two felony charges of aggravated domestic assault.

Judge Bent accepted the recommendation of the plea agreement and handed out a probationary sentence of 12 to 30 months.

Trooper Joshua Mikkola said in his affidavit that the domestic assault charges stemmed from an altercation on August 23, 2016, inside a Derby residence, in which the defendant allegedly tried to choke a woman with a stereo cord.

The two violations stemmed from an incident on October 16, 2016, in Derby when Mr. Mihill and his girlfriend began squabbling while watching television.

Jim Hagen, 55, of Troy was released on conditions after he pled innocent to a felony charge of violating an abuse prevention order.

Among the conditions was an order to keep off the Dunn Mountain Road in Sheffield.

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Guilty plea leads to furlough in Walmart theft

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Westmore meal site menu for November

All are invited to enjoy a community lunch every Thursday at noon at the Westfield Community Center located at the corner of North Hill Road and School Street. A donation of $4 per person is requested.

November 9 (free, no donation requested) — Juice, roast pork, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, and apple cake.

November 16 — Turkey dinner.

November 23 — Happy Thanksgiving. No meal site.

November 30 — Juice, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole grain bread, dessert du jour.

A free RSVP Bone Builders balancing and strengthening class meets weekly before the meal from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Following lunch join the fun and play hingo and card games.

Menu is subject to change. For more information call 744-2484. — submitted by LaDonna Dunn.

Westfield meal site menu for November

State Police Corporal Callie Field said in her affidavit that on October 24 Mr. Hagencocked his finger and pointed it like a gun when he drove by a woman pumping gas at an Evansville store. Jordan Medley, 28, of Derby Line pled innocent to a companion misdemeanor of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Furloughed prison sentences

Thomas Tullis Jr., 36, of Derby will report to a community service work job and provide up to 30 days of labor as a result of his conviction on retail theft in Derby.

Mr. Tullis pled guilty to the charge, which arose when he failed at an attempted bluff a price scanner on September 26 and leave Walmart without paying for $275 worth of merchandise. Jason Corbitt, 26, of Newport struck a deal with the state to resolve twin charges of giving false information to a police officer and petty larceny.

In return for a guilty plea to each charge, he received a community work sentence of six to 12 months, all suspended but 60 days. Mr. Corbitt was cited after a surveillance camera caught him stealing a woman’s purse at Price Chopper’s Market on April 6, 2016, in Derby.

At the time of the theft, Mr. Corbitt was an employee of the store, according to an affidavit from Trooper Field.

No jail or fine for DUI offender

Judge Bent sent Tyler Fortin, 25, of Brighton to the Community Reparative Board on convictions for DUI and violating court conditions of release.

Ms. Fortin pled guilty to each charge after accepting a sentencing offer from the state.

On September 19 Ms. Fortin was cited for violating conditions of release that were imposed during her DUI arraignment in February. Deputy Sheriff Tyler Jacobs said in his affidavit he cited the defendant for using alcohol after pulling her over for speeding in Derby.

The court also ordered her to pay $307 in surcharges resulting from the conviction.

Prosecuted by Attorney General

Given a probationary sentence of 36 months, Joshua Bean, 34, of Newport will serve six months of home confinement for selling heroin and possessing drug paraphernalia. He pled guilty.

Prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General

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Jury finds driver guilty of felony gross negligence

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Paul Baskus, the case was triggered by a drug bust on January 14 when Mr. Bean sold $80 worth of heroin to a police informant in an undisclosed location in Orleans County.

The police described paraphernalia as the wax packaging used to contain the heroin at the time of sales, according to a supplemental affidavit from the Director of the Vermont Forensic Laboratory in Montpelier.

Michael Stevens, 21, of Barton pled innocent to felony charges of selling or delivering heroine, selling drugs to minors on school property, aiding in the commission of a felony, and violating court conditions of release, a misdemeanor.

The court ordered a hearing for Mr. Stevens, who is presently in custody, to determine if he could be released into the care of a supervising adult.

The four charges pending against the defendant stem from two separate cases. The latest case of dealing heroin was brought in April by Detective Sergeant Shawn Loan of the Vermont Northern Drug Task Force.

According to the detective’s affidavit, Mr. Stevens sold heroin on April 14 to an individual cooperating with the police at an undisclosed location in Orleans County.

At the time of the sale, Mr. Stevens was allegedly free on court conditions from an earlier court appearance on charges of selling heroin on school property on March 22 during a transaction that occurred in the parking lot of Cuddy Cubs Child Care Center in Newport.

The buy was allegedly set up using a confidential individual (CI) and monitored by Detective Aaron Lefebvre, operating with the state’s Northern Drug Task Force.

Jury convicts on three charges

Heather Root, 41, of St. Johnsbury was sentenced to serve 15 years after a jury found her guilty on two felony charges of neglectful operation with an injury resulting and a companion misdemeanor of careless and negligent operation.

Ms. Root was acquitted on a third felony charge of negligent operation resulting in a serious injury.

The case stems from a single car accident on the Lake Road in Newport on September 25, 2014.

Upon arriving at the scene, Newport Patrolman Jay Lillis said in his affidavit that he found an extensively damaged green Ford Mustang down an embankment, about 60 yards into the woods.

Inside, he found a "smoker laying limp on the center console," and a juvenile trapped in the back seat.

He also found the driver sitting on the ground who, when asked, denied she had been drinking, blaming the accident on a loss of headlights.

Police discovered that there were five people inside the vehicle at the time of the accident, which occurred around 9:30 at night.

Ms. Root, who sustained two broken hands as a result of the accident, later on allegedly told police the accident occurred after a passenger prompted her to drive faster.

Later, when police interviewed the passenger, he allegedly said he had fallen asleep before the accident, and characterized Ms. Root as an operator who "routinely drove 80-90 miles per hour," according to the affidavit.

Police concluded that at the time of the accident, Ms. Root was driving "at least 30 miles per hour in excess of a local speed limit of 25 MPH."

Gregory McAllister, 56, of Troy was fined $750 after pleading guilty to driving while under the influence of alcohol (DUI).

He was cited on August 21, 2016, when police, acting on a tip, pulled him over for failing to use his signal before turning onto the Coventry Station Road.

An unwelcome caller

Shane DeLong, 41, of Newport pled innocent to felony charges of burglary and larceny and larceny of property. He also pled innocent to an accompanying charge of unlawful mischief.

According to the affidavit of Orleans County Deputy Sheriff Tyler Jacob, he responded to a call on October 25 that a man had forced his way through the door of a Derby residence in search of a co-worker.

He allegedly was looking and acting weird.

According to the co-worker’s description, he “had white foam coming from his mouth,” and he was

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Jeudevine Library will host Vermont Holocaust Memorial speakers

Speakers from the Vermont Holocaust Memorial (VTHM) will discuss the importance of history in promoting tolerance, respect, and understanding.

Jeudevine Library is proud to be carrying forward the important lessons learned from the Holocaust. Knowledge is the most powerful tool in the fight against ignorance, intolerance, and fear. By sharing stories of survival, and teaching their invaluable lessons learned, the Vermont Holocaust Memorial envisions a time when prejudice, bigotry, and hate are replaced by respect for all.

Additional information can be found on the Vermont Holocaust Memorial website: www.holocaustmemorial-vt.org.

There will be refreshments and informal discussion after the presentation. For more information, call 472-5948. — from Jeudevine Library.

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Holland man sentenced for sexual assault

“holding his shoes in one hand and his pants and underwear in another hand,” the Deputy wrote.

Told the police had been called, the defendant allegedly went into the woman’s bedroom, dressed, and tried to leave with a pair of her underwear that she snatched back before he could get away.

The next morning Mr. DeLang allegedly called the deputy, “as soon as he could,” according to the affidavit.

DUI charge amended

In return for pleading guilty to an amended charge of giving false information to a police officer, the state dismissed a DUI charge brought against Daniel Scott, 69, of Newport.

As part of the plea agreement, he was sentenced to perform up to 20 days of work in the community.

Trooper Robert Helm said in his affidavit that Mr. Scott was in an ambulance when the officer spoke to him about an accident on March 28, 2015, in Coventry.

Mr. Scott allegedly told police that prior to the accident he had only drank one beer.

Policen say a sample was taken of the defendant’s blood. According to court records, the accusation of giving false information to police was added on November 3 as a third charge in the list of criminal complaints.

Christopher Kinkade, 52, of North Troy pleaded guilty to a felony charge of cultivating marijuana and was ordered to perform 60 days of community service out of an underlying sentence of one to three years.

One of the special conditions of probation requires Mr. Kinkade to appear before the Community Reparative Board and comply with any of their requests.

A 2015 conviction upheld

Judge Howard VanBenthuyzen accepted the recommendation of State’s Attorney Jennifer Barrett and again sentenced a repeat aggravated sexual assault offender to serve ten years to life.

Robert Stacey, 68, of Holland changed his plea in September to guilty on both the sexual assault charge and a companion felony of lewd and lascivious act with a child. In return for the guilty plea, the state dropped a third felony of obstructing justice.

The court sentenced Mr. Stacey last week after receiving the results of a pre-sentence investigation, whose recommendation is confidential.

The immediate case goes back to separate incidents that occurred over a period spanning close to 20 years — January 27, 1999, and June 2000 — when Mr. Stacy subjected a person to “repeated sexual acts,” according to information submitted by the prosecution.

The present sentence mirrors an identical sentence that was handed out on January 21, 2015, by Judge Timothy Tomasi on guilty pleas to two felony sexual assault charges.

The case went to the Supreme Court on appeal. The verdict was overturned and the case sent back to the trial court on the technicality that Mr. Stacy never admitted to the facts underlying the case when pleading guilty to the charges.
Brasseur brothers find success

Pictured at left, Colby Brasseur, 13, of Derby, shot a 142-pound, three-point buck on Saturday in Newport Center. Shown above, his brother, Tyler Brasseur, 14, was also successful, taking a 136-pound doe on Sunday, also in Newport Center. The boys were hunting with their father, Joe Brasseur.

Photo by Joe Brasseur

Cotter Stevens gets a doe

Cotter Stevens, age nine, of Brownrington, took this 123-pound doe on Saturday evening of youth hunting weekend.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Stevens

Amyot takes his first deer

Camden Amyot, age 12, of Barton, shot his first deer on youth weekend while hunting alongside his dad, Jean Amyot. The doe weighed 112 pounds.

Photo courtesy of Gina Lyon

Tessa Patrick gets her first deer

Tessa Patrick of Coventry shot her first deer on opening youth day, a 70-pound button buck, while hunting with her grandfather George Frost of Newport Center.

Photo by Stephanie Bickford

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Brownington cousins shoot bucks nearly simultaneously

Pictured at left, Cody Marckres, 13, of Brownington, shot this six-point, 133.5-pound buck at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday while hunting with his dad, Randy Marckres, in Brownington. Officially, Mr. Marckres reports, his cousin Sammie Moulton, 10, also of Brownington, (at right) shot her three-point, 129.5-pounder one minute later, at 7:16 a.m. on Sunday while hunting in Derby.

Photos courtesy of Randy Marckres

Lafleur gets deer his first time out

Colby Lafleur, 12, of Barton, shot his first deer on Saturday in Charleston, while out for the first time on youth hunting weekend. His father, Wayne Lafleur, said Colby took the 114-pound doe with a perfect shot from about 100 yards using his grandfather’s .243.

Photo courtesy of Wayne Lafleur

AARP Tax-Aide program seeks volunteers

Each year from early February through mid-April, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns for low to middle income taxpayers through the AARP Foundation. AARP Tax-Aide, the nation’s largest free volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation. Volunteers of all backgrounds are welcome; they do not need to be an AARP member or a retiree. No prior experience in tax preparation is necessary and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing an IRS exam. They help residents one-on-one at tax sites in Newport and Derby. Volunteers are needed for coordinating and administrative tasks as well. It’s a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, and use existing skills to help others in the community.

To join the AARP Tax-Aide Program, visit the website at www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/. — from AARP.
Defeat adds uncertainty to ongoing water woes

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In 2009 the village changed the way it charged for water, adding a ready-to-serve fee that, in essence, made the city pay for its entire 10,000-gallon-per-day allocation, even though the industrial park, now the home for Revision Military, never has used more than a third of that amount.

The city paid under protest, and when it could not resolve the dispute through negotiations took the matter to court. Newport won in Orleans County Superior Court, but that decision was overturned by the Vermont Supreme Court. As the matter worked its way through the court system, Newport recommended preparations to replace the Derby supply.

The court decision gave the village the right to approve or disapprove connections to its water system, and the city could not supply water with sufficient pressure to operate a sprinkler system at the higher elevations of its east side.

In 2015 Newport bought a parcel of land in Derby that was high enough to build a tower. Over the past year Aldrich and Elliott, a civil engineering firm, was engaged in drawing up plans for the new system.

At the same time Newport and Derby Center negotiated a new agreement that City Manager Laura Dolgin said was a “disengagement agreement.” It required the city to pay the village $50,000 to resolve outstanding issues, and another $30,000 when and if the city disconnected its system from Derby’s lines.

It is unclear what will happen now that voters have rejected the plan set forward by the city council.

City Clerk and Treasurer James Johnson suggested the measure might be put up for a revote on Town Meeting Day when more voters are likely to show up at the polls.

Regardless of whether the city remains connected to the village’s lines, the state will require it to replace the reservoir cover at a price of around $250,000.

City officials, including Mayor Paul Monette, have also been clear they no longer want to ask the village’s permission to hook up water customers.

“We need to control our own destiny,” the mayor has often said.
NOTICE
Village of Barton property tax payments are due on or before November 17, 2017 at 4 p.m. Payments may be dropped off at the village office, mailed to 19 School Street, Barton, VT 05860 or contact the Village Clerk (802) 754-6617 to schedule an appointment. In addition, the clerk will be at the Barton Town office at 34 Main Street, Barton on Friday, November 17th, from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Clerk at 754-6617.

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Hardest hit are those transitioning to organic

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Perhaps the hardest hit farmers are those transitioning from conventional to organic production. They have been told they will not have a market even when they produce organic milk.

Another buyer of organic milk, DanoneWave, has announced it will not take on new producers. It is also cutting the amount it pays for milk by $4 a hundredweight.

The report says Organic Valley can adjust its prices more quickly than DanoneWave. The report says Ben and Jerry’s has separate pricing more quickly than DanoneWave. The report says Organic Valley can adjust its prices more quickly than DanoneWave.

The producers alliance says, could sell well keep organic milk prices depressed for more than two years.

The dairy producers alliance also blames the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Organic Program for failing to pass regulations to set and maintain a consistent organic standard.

It says the National Organic Program has been lax in enforcing existing standards and has neglected to keep an eye on “large scale vertically integrated organic dairies that have economies of scale and economies of fraudulent practices.”

Those large producers upset the balance between supply and demand, the report says.

The organic producers alliance’s recommendation for a solution was relatively simple. If the USDA regulated organic standards consistently and fairly, much of the problem would be solved, its report says.

Two companies, Stonyfield and Ben and Jerry’s, could have a positive effect on the organic milk economy in the region, according to the producers alliance.

Stonyfield is owned by Groupe Lactalis, a French corporation. It buys milk from CRIPP and has supply contracts with its own group of farmers. The report says Stonyfield hopes to expand production by sourcing milk to its own processing facility in New Hampshire.

Should the company further increase production and buy in New England, it would increase the competition for milk in the region, possibly sparking a rise in prices in Vermont.

Ben and Jerry’s is reported to be in the process of converting to organic milk, the producers alliance says. At present, it is buying its organic milk components from a processor in New York State.

Given the current problems in Vermont, the producers alliance says, Ben and Jerry’s might see an advantage in buying from Vermont farmers.

The producers alliance notes it would not be the most inexpensive option for Ben and Jerry’s and would require some capital investment for a processing facility, but the report suggests it would be a good way of showing how the company supports Vermont farmers.

Vermont law has given the milk commission the job of offering advice to the state’s congressional delegation concerning the farm bill that will come up in 2018. The report says Stonyfield offered several suggestions to ease the plight of organic producers. They include requiring inspectors for organic certification to be licensed by the USDA.

A program intended to allow farmers to buy insurance against low milk prices should be modified to allow organic producers to buy protection based on the cost of organic feed and other supplies.

The Dairy Margin Protection Program is already in the milk commission’s sights. It has come under fire from conventional producers who said the program uses unrealistically low national standards to determine the cost of production.

Two other items are on the organic producers’ wish list. One calls on the USDA to collect more data on organic farming and production.

The second would change the Organic Food and Production Act, a section of the overall farm bill, to eliminate a provision allowing a one-year transition period for non-organic cows and heifers to gain organic certification.

That is no longer necessary, the producers alliance says. The organic industry has grown strong enough to supply all the organic cows and replacement heifers farmers need.

The milk commission is due to meet again in early December. Its recommendations to Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders and Representative Peter Welch are due in January.
Don’t give personal information to callers

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“The ‘agent’ utilizes fear and intimidation tactics to get the victim to forward money discretely and privately, and even tells them that a warrant will be issued by the Sheriff and the person will be arrested if they don’t comply,” the Sheriff’s Department wrote in a press release about the incident.

Chief Deputy Brooks dragged the call out for 15 minutes or so and pretty much let the scam run its course.

In this case, the scammer, who called herself IRS agent Christina Fernandez, said he owed $7,986 to the IRS. He said that when he informed Ms. Fernandez that he didn’t have that amount of money, the sum drained downward to $2,795.

Eventually, Chief Deputy Brooks told her he only had $1,872. She was apparently good with that and went on to tell him how to transfer the money from his savings account to his checking account and pay the Department of the Treasury.

“The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department does not issue arrest warrants and does not enforce federal IRS tax laws. If you receive one of these calls, hang up the phone and do not return a call to the phone number they provide. If you think that you do owe money to the IRS, call them directly at 1-800-829-1040.”

The IRS warns of such scams on its website. It says that scammers can resell iTunes cards or use them to buy products, a new iteration of the scam.

Chief Deputy Brooks said he saw a story about a Walmart employee who saved a person from being scammed. The worker suggested to the customer that either she had an awful lot of birthday gifts to buy, or was the victim of a scammer.

“Agressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpayers, but now the IRS is receiving new reports of scammers calling under the guise of verifying tax return information over the phone,” the IRS website says.

Scammers call saying they have your tax return, and they just need to verify a few details to process your return. The scam tries to get you to give up personal information such as a Social Security number or personal financial information, such as bank numbers or credit cards.

“Don’t be fooled. The IRS won’t be calling you out of the blue asking you to verify your personal tax information or aggressively threatening you to make an immediate payment,” the website says.

The IRS reminds taxpayers to guard against all sorts of con games that continually change.

In January, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said the agency, at that point, reports of roughly 896,000 phone scam contacts since October 2013 and was aware of over 5,000 victims who had collectively paid over $265.5 million as a result of the scam, the IRS website says.

The call back numbers do not actually lead to the scammers, Chief Deputy Brooks said. In this case, the call came from California, but he doubts it actually originated there. Scammers are able to acquire telephone numbers that appear to be local, or at least somewhere where they actually are not.

The IRS warns that it does not call to threaten arrest; do not fall for a scam. Hang up.

Legislators will meet in Barton to discuss privacy, data security

The House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is a legislative committee that considers matters related to business organizations, including issues related to privacy and data security breaches. Representatives from the Attorney General’s Office, the Department of Financial Regulation, and the Office of Legislative Council will join the committee in presenting a brief summary of current law and recommended responses to security breaches. Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate have been invited to join the committee at these hearings.

The committee will invite the public to share their questions, experience with breaches, concerns, and suggestions. This topic is a continuation of the committee’s work last session, and of particular interest in light of current events in relation to the Equifax breach.

The committee will meet at the Barton Village Office at 17 Village Square in Barton on Thursday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m. Signup will begin 30 minutes prior to the hearing’s start time — from the Office of Legislative Counsel.
Senior center is special case

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money will allow BASSI to buy food and hire a part-time cook and director.

The letter of support should open the way to finalizing the rest of the paperwork that is necessary before the organization can start serving meals. It may also help BASSI apply for more grants.

Selectman Paul Sicard suggested the grant as a workaround for the funding impasse. The rest of the board eagerly adopted the idea.

Chair Bob Croteau said the intent of the annual appropriation is to be sure there are senior meals and activities.

“I feel really good about this,” Mr. Croteau said. “It’s nice to support a group that’s doing something good.”

A lot of the select board’s work involves things that are negative, he said. Getting a new senior center up and running is positive.

Mr. Croteau was careful to say that the select board doesn’t want to set a precedent for handing out grants or giving groups advances on appropriations.

But this is a special case.

“We made clear at Town Meeting that the will of the people was to fund a senior center,” he said.

The grant will be paid out of the town’s contingency fund. It will be offset by the fact that the appropriation for the defunct senior center won’t be paid.

The Barton Senior Center closed its doors abruptly in late September after learning that its contract with the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging wouldn’t be renewed due to a long history of complaints and record-keeping issues.

Barton Village, the senior center’s landlord for the space in the Memorial Building, got only eight days notice. Barton Senior Center, Inc., legally dissolved on September 30.

Typically, a nonprofit keeps going despite changes in leadership. But Barton Senior Center’s founder and executive director, Brenda Lowther, chose to disolve the organization instead of passing management on to a new board.

That left seniors in the lurch while volunteers

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scrambled to fill the void.

And $20,000 that could have been used to start up a new center is in limbo — perhaps still in bank accounts belonging to the dissolved nonprofit. According to IRS rules, that money is likely to be claimed by the federal government.

Since mid-October, a group of private citizens has been putting on a meal once a week at the Barton Memorial Building.

BASSI has incorporated with the state and started the rest of the paperwork that needs to be done before there’s a fully functioning senior center again.

The new group plans to serve meals twice a week and have a regular schedule of activities.

On November 3, BASSI officers learned that the IRS had approved the group’s 501(c)(3) application. The official IRS letter should arrive in the next week.

That news puts the new organization’s board on track to sign contracts with the local food shelf and the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, which supervises senior meal sites and reimburses them for a portion of the cost of each meal served.

The group already has verbal commitments from those agencies. BASSI will also need a rental agreement with Barton Village to use the downstairs space in the Memorial Building. A proposal has been drawn up to be presented at the next trustees’ meeting.

The group is advertising this week for a part-time cook and director.

“We already have three people interested in the cook’s job and one person interested in the director’s job,” said Cathy Swain, one of BASSI’s organizers. “But at the public meeting in October, we committed to advertising the positions and we want to honor that.”

Ms. Swain is a Barton Village Trustee, but is involved with BASSI as a private citizen. She is focusing herself in any negotiations between the village and the new senior center.

It’s the town of Barton that provides financial support for senior meals.

Before the town hands the $7,000 grant over to BASSI, select board members want proof that the old senior center is dissolved and the new one is legally incorporated. They want to know that Barton Village will rent the Memorial Building space to BASSI. And they want a pledge that BASSI is planning to offer meals and services to seniors at least through the end of the year.

After tweaking the wording a couple of times, the board passed a motion that will allow Barton Town Clerk Kristen Atwood to approve the required documents and issue the check in order to avoid waiting until the next select board meeting.

“We’re ready to roll,” Ms. Swain said excitedly. Contact Elizabeth Trail at elizabeth@bartonchronicle.com

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Dailey Christmas craft fair

The Dailey Memorial Library will hold its annual Christmas craft fair and Christmas café luncheon on Saturday, November 11, at North Country Union Junior High School in Derby. The fair will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Over 40 crafters will display and sell their beautiful creations. Included in the festivities will be a turkey basket door prize raffle, instant raffle, rug raffle, and crafter’s raffle. Please call the library at 766-5063 for further information or questions. — from the Dailey Memorial Library.

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Lake Region to perform *The Music Man*

Professor Harold Hill (Nate Chambers, left) horrifies librarian Marian Paroo (Olivia LeBlanc) as he sings of his love for her. Sarah McCartney (top) and Sydney Whipple (seated on the floor) try to read in the Lake Region Union High School production of *The Music Man*. The high school offered a student matinee on November 3, but the show’s main run at the Orleans Municipal Building is from Thursday, November 9, through Saturday, November 11. All performances are at 7:30 p.m.

Photos by Joseph Gresser

Several of River City’s illustrious ladies entertain their fellow citizens with a Fourth of July pantomime in the Lake Region production of *The Music Man*. Demonstrating the mysteries of flight are (front, left to right) Sarah McCartney, Alyssa Cloney, and Ana Prue. Behind them stand Hilary Wailonis, and Jade Warner. The attentive audience includes, from left to right, Shelby Fortin, Owen Sukkaew, Sam Heinrichs, Hailey Thompson, Audrey Roessler, and Sydney Harper.

At right, Nate Chambers (center) as Harold Hill, an unscrupulous traveling salesman who stirs up concerns about the arrival of a pool table in the small town of River City, Iowa, as part of his scheme to sell band instruments. In “Trouble,” one of *The Music Man*’s most famous numbers, he succeeds in persuading residents, from left to right, Melina Hapgood, John Matthews, Sam Heinrichs, Shelby Fortin, Audrey Roessler, Nate Chambers, Hilary Wailonis (obscured), Jade Warner, Sydney Harper, Audrey Roessler, and Anna Quinn, that their community’s morals are threatened. Lake Region students will present the award-winning musical Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.