



BIKING TO THE FLEA MARKET—Though hot and humid, the 44th annual Orford Flea Market sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., had a record turnout on Saturday with cars parked along Route 10 north of the village to the junction of Route 25A south of Orford. Some, like this woman, chose to ride their bicycles instead of walking the distance to the Commons to view over 190 vendors. Sunday was a slower pace and not as mobbed but the weather cooperated and no rain ended the festivities.
JO PHOTO BY MICHELLE SHERBURNE

Hearing slated on detention center

by Meg Trogolo
Community News Service
NEWBURY—The Vermont Department of Families and Children and private contractors Becket Family of Services have submitted proposals to state and local governments for the privately run Covered Bridge juvenile detention facility in Newbury.

The Act 250 application to the state government, was submitted on July 23, and a site visit followed by a hearing in Bradford on that application will occur on Aug. 25. Becket also submitted a proposal to the town of Newbury, and Becket attorney Jon Anderson expects there to be a town hearing on that application at some point in September.

DCF and Becket plan to remodel a building on Stevens Place which was originally built as a bed and breakfast and which Becket had been running as a treatment center, according to the Act 250 application. It will hold up to six teenage male offenders.

The building will be retrofitted to comply with “high security standards,” according to the Act 250 application, and will also be equipped with energy-efficient lighting, mechanical equipment, and insulation.

The construction will cost over \$3 million, and the funding for Covered Bridge will come entirely from Vermont DCF, according to an Aug. 3 letter from Anderson to Act 250 District Coordinator Linda Matteson which was filed as part of the application.

The plan comes at a time when Vermont is without a state juvenile detention center. The previous facility, Woodside Juvenile Detention Center in Essex, closed in 2020.

DCF Commissioner Sean Brown said that part of the reason the old facility closed was that Woodside had 30 beds, more than the state needed.

“Over the last several years, the

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2A resolution fails in Groton vote

by Alex Nuti-de Biasi
GROTON—Voters narrowly rejected a resolution that would have proclaimed the town a Second Amendment sanctuary during a special town meeting last week.

The vote, held after less than 30 minutes of floor discussion at the Groton Community Building gymnasium, was taken by paper ballot after at least seven residents requested the procedure. The tally was 41 against the resolution and 39 in favor.

The two-page resolution was largely advisory. It would have authorized the selectboard to declare Groton a “Second Amendment Sanctuary Town,” encouraged the Groton Police Department to exercise discretion in enforcing gun laws; and banned the use of town funds for the purchase or construction of storage systems for weapons seized under unconstitutional state laws.

“We’re giving the selectboard the power to follow the [U.S.] Constitution,” said Dan Webster, who drafted the resolution and was one of the lead petitioners.

He said a number of towns, including Burlington and Rutland, have enacted ordinances or attempted to enact ordinances that would prohibit concealed carry.

“I don’t want that to happen in Groton,” Webster said.

In 2020, the *Times Argus* reported several other towns in Vermont, including Clarendon, Derby, Holland, Pittsford, and Searsburg, approved resolutions developed by the advocacy group Gun Owners of Vermont. A voicemail left for a spokesperson of GOV was not returned by press deadline.

Second Amendment sanctuary designations have also been debated by municipalities and counties in Virginia and elsewhere.

Vermont’s debates came after Gov. Phil Scott signed a package of gun control measures into law in 2018. Among other things, the new laws ban bump stocks, large capacity

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Bradford man killed in police shooting

by Alex Nuti-de Biasi
BRADFORD—The Bradford man shot and killed by Hartford Police last week had been living at Veterans Inc. on North Main Street for the last 10 months.

Police say Joseph John Howard, 35, was shot after he punched and strangled a Hartford Police Department officer outside a Paula Street home on the afternoon of Aug. 5. HPD Cpl. Eric Clifford responded to the address after the homeowner called 911 to report that Howard, who he did not know, was making a disturbance in his driveway.

According to a news release, shortly after Michael Martin, 68, returned home, Howard confronted Martin in his driveway and refused to leave the property. Martin said he feared for his safety.

When Clifford arrived on scene in response to the 911 call, Howard ignored the officer’s directions and charged at the officer. Clifford deployed pepper spray, but that did not subdue Howard, who attacked the officer. While they were both on the ground, Howard repeatedly punched Clifford in the head and strangled

him. Clifford fired his service weapon, fatally injuring Howard, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy later determined that Howard died of gunshot wounds to the chest. Howard, who was white, was also going to be subject to toxicology testing.

Clifford was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and discharged from the hospital later that night. He is on administrative leave as part of the department’s policy.

VSP is conducting the investigation, including interviewing witnesses, reviewing available video such as police-worn body-camera video, and processing the crime scene.

Howard was not known to Hartford Police or Bradford Police. He had no prior involvement with either agency.

VSP confirmed on Monday that Howard had been issued a government-issued identification listing a

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OCT returns with help from a longtime friend

by Linda Buermeyer
WEST TOPSHAM—Scott Silagyi of West Topsham is a quiet, thoughtful man, who, behind the scenes, performs a very important task for every Old Church Theater show.

Placing posters around town is an important advertising tool and he found spots for 100 posters for “Alice in Wonderland,” the first show since 2019, which opens at the Bradford Academy on Aug. 13.

It was a sad 2020 when OCT cancelled all the performances due to the pandemic and Silagyi had no posters to place.

He is happy to be back at what is his 10th year on the job.

For the current show, it took Silagyi about three days to make the rounds to post offices, libraries, and various businesses.

Business owners have grown accustomed to and look forward to seeing Silagyi and he is happy to meet them again as well.

Silagyi, who was born with Down syndrome, makes his rounds with

the help of a volunteer driver. Silagyi was already working as a custodian at OCT when the poster job came up.

Jim Heidenreich, an OCT member from Topsham, praised Silagyi’s work ethic.

“Old Church Theater wanted someone to put posters up for their plays, and turned to the person who already cleaned the theater for them. Scott not only wanted more work but loved meeting people as he represented the theater,” Heidenreich said.

Someone as well-dressed and cheerful as Silagyi proved to be a wonderful ambassador for the community theater.

Seated on a couch in his living room in West Topsham, Silagyi spoke about the many volunteering opportunities he has experienced.

Born in New Jersey, Silagyi attended Bricktown High School in Bricktown. It was there he landed the role of Uncle Henry in the “Wizard of Oz.”

“I really enjoyed it,” he said, “It was fun.”

While he did not pursue acting, he did begin his participation in the New Jersey Special Olympics and excelled in track and field, basketball, swimming, and ice skating.

Bowling is another interest of Silagyi’s. He knows the importance of proper footwork.

“I keep track of my feet to make sure I get a strike,” he said.

According to his mother Marjorie Silagyi, Scott is a great at cribbage and has played in tournaments.

She remarked, “He is quite the cribbage player... usually beats me. I don’t know how he gets good cards!”

Moving to Vermont in 1997, Silagyi found work at the old Butson’s Supermarket in Woodsville.

Before long many other volunteering opportunities came his way.

He happily recalled his volunteer

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Local businesses face labor crunch

by Linda Buermeyer
BRADFORD—Local jobs abound, but workers to fill them are scarce. With business owners still reeling from COVID-19 effects, keeping their companies running has become increasingly stressful. It’s a pattern that is widespread throughout the country.

Many workers who were laid off during the pandemic either managed to find work in other fields or are not in a hurry to return to work.

The latter factor has been blamed by many employers on enhanced unemployment benefits. Even though New Hampshire’s Gov. Chris Sununu ended the additional \$300 per week on June 19, finding workers is still a problem.

Woman assaulted in carjacking

BRADFORD—A Winooski man faces a slew of criminal charges in Orange County and Washington County in an episode that began with a carjacking in Bradford on Sunday afternoon.

According to Bradford Police Department Officer David Shaffer, Donna Godfrey, 57, of Post Mills was in her car backing out of a parking space at Hannaford Supermarket on the Lower Plain when Christopher White, 37, feigned being struck by her 2017 Chevrolet Equinox. When Godfrey opened the

The current New Hampshire unemployment benefit average is \$280 per week.

WMUR-TV reported Sununu as saying that a lot of companies are trying to find workers, and wages are high, in some cases starting at \$15 to \$20 per hour.

“Job fairs are being held, and there is a lot of need for seasonal workers and health care workers,” he told the television station.

Vermont’s weekly unemployment benefit is set to lose its extra \$300 under the CARES Act on Sept. 5.

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door to check on him, White pulled her out of the vehicle and pushed her out of the way.

He then took the stolen car and traveled south. BPD was notified of the theft at 1:14 p.m. Then, shortly before 2 p.m., Vermont State Police in Middlesex responded to the Berlin area for a report of an erratic driver operating Godfrey’s Equinox on I-89 and subsequent multi-car crash.

According to VSP, White was

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WONDERLAND COMES TO BRADFORD—The cast of “Alice in Wonderland” (some in costume) pose before a recent rehearsal at Bradford’s Academy, where the play will be staged the next two weekends. Left to right front row are Lillie Kelley, Sophia Sanborn, Lara van Wyk (as Alice), Brynne Foldeak; middle row: Elle Keith, Michael Fernandez, Dusty Carter, Carrie Anne Quinn, Doug Coughlin; top row: director Melissa Mann, Devlyn Foldeak, Meghan Bullard, Chris Leary, Retha van Wyk, co-director Robin Keith, Gloria Heidenreich. Shows are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door: \$12, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6 for children.

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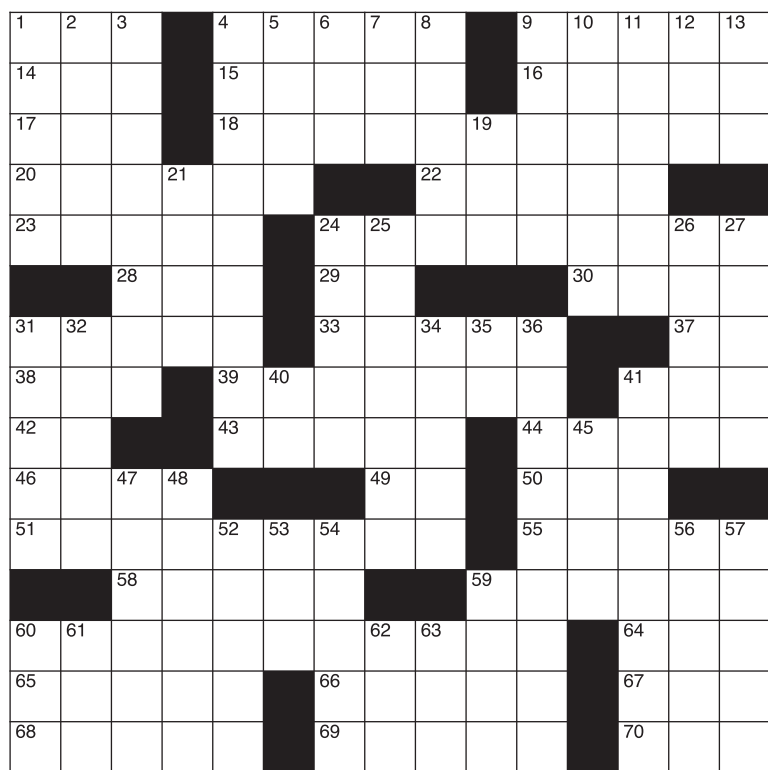
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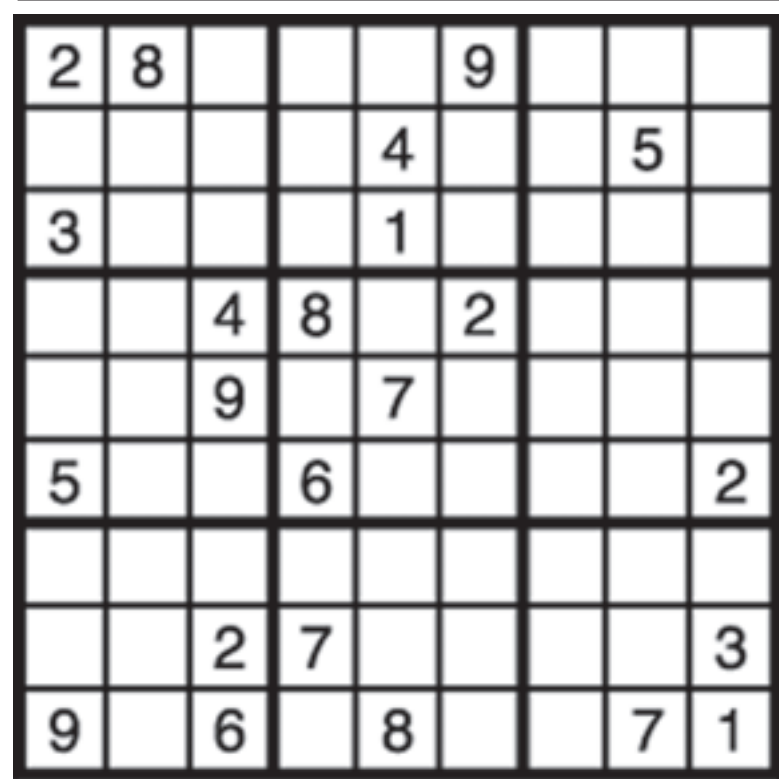
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 9. Repaired shoe
 14. Grass genus
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 17. Immoral act
 18. A tool to communicate
 20. Crumbles away
 22. Egg-like
 23. Districts (abbr.)
 24. Dressed
 28. Small island (British)
 29. Dialect of Chinese
 30. Force unit
 31. Borderlines
 33. Norse gods
 37. Morning
 38. Fiddler crabs
 39. Tell a story
 41. Consumed
 42. Atomic #58
 43. About old Norse poems
 44. Fencing swords
 46. One-time Tigers third baseman
 49. Southpaw (abbr.)
 50. Neither
 51. Conversations
 55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
 58. Cyprinids
 59. Appropriate to a festival
 60. Pearl Jam frontman
 64. Wrath
 65. Italian city
 66. A way to get there
 67. A nose or snout
 68. German seaport
 69. A horse for riding
 70. Airline representative (abbr.)

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Unhappy
 2. Silk fabric
 3. Unbroken view of a region
 4. Middle Eastern territory
 5. ___ and Andy, TV show
 6. Central processing unit
 7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
 9. Weapon
 10. Delivered a speech
 11. Probably going to happen
 12. Midway between northeast and east
 13. Danish krone
 19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
 21. Fall slowly in drops
 24. Bestow an honor upon
 25. Childishly silly
 26. Related on the mother's side
 27. Populations of related plants
 31. Coherent
 32. Tribe of ancient Britons
 34. Financial firm Goldman ___
 35. Stephen King thriller
 36. Went in again
 40. Commercial
 41. Poking holes in the ground
 45. Prisoners of war
 47. Pursued pleasure
 48. "Seinfeld" character
 52. Body of water
 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
 54. People who utilize
 56. Nostrils
 57. Inner mass of some fungi
 59. Honor lavishly
 60. Midway between east and southeast
 61. Turn down
 62. Small round mark
 63. Expected at a certain time

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Fairlee celebrates Main Street to Morey

FAIRLEE—The Town of Fairlee will host a Main Street to Morey celebration on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Fairlee Town Hall. Town residents and residents of adjacent communities are encouraged to join the celebration.

The event honors Fairlee's accomplishments during its participation in the Better Connections process and looks forward by presenting the proposed steps to enhance community vitality.

Activities of the evening will include a wrap-up of the Main Street to Morey project by Dubois & King consultants, description of accomplishments to date implementing the M2M recommendations, and group discussion on future community needs and ways that the town can use the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

There will be light food and drink.

Sci-fi film gets Milldale screening

WEST FAIRLEE—The Western Terrestrials announced that their film "The Ballad of Ethan Alien," a 75-minute sci-fi musical created entirely during the pandemic, will be released in its final version and shown at venues throughout Vermont this summer and fall.

Milldale Farm in West Fairlee will host a showing on Sept. 3.

"The Ballad of Ethan Alien" features appearances by Vermont notables such as Ben and Jerry, Kiah Morris, Luis Guzman, Jen Kimmich, Rusty "The Logger" DeWees, Bill "Spaceman" Lee, and Christine Hallquist. The final product features the work of more than 75 Vermont-based film and music production professionals, performers, artists and creatives, many of whom have struggled to find work during the pandemic. The film features the music of the Western Terrestrials, Sarah King, Brass Balagan, Bow Thayer, Sara Grace and Ben Dunham and other Vermont Artists.

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John Lackard and his blues band will perform at the Orford Bandstand on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. in a rescheduled concert after the June 30 show was postponed due to inclement weather.

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Blues band to perform

ORFORD—John Lackard, leader of the John Lackard Blues Band will make a special appearance at the Orford Bandstand on Aug. 25 as part of his summer touring schedule.

Lackard, leader of the group, has performed as a member of The James Cotton Band, along with Jimmy Rogers and Bob Margolin as well as many others of equal stature in the blues scene. The band has also served as the opening act to many national and international touring blues bands.

This performance was rescheduled from June 30 due to an impending storm.

Balloon festival to be held

QUECHEE—The Quechee Hot Air Balloon Craft and Music Festival will celebrate its 41st anniversary in 2021 when thousands are expected to flock to central Vermont, Sept. 3-5.

Twenty balloonists headline the event with five flights slated throughout the weekend and additional tethered rides during the day. Attendees can visit with 50 craft vendors, and indulge in a variety of fare from food vendors. A2VT will perform on Friday, the Dave Keller Band on Saturday and The Tricksters on Sunday.

Dates for the Quechee Balloon Festival are Sept. 3 to 5: Friday from 3 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Hull, Moses headline Peacham concert

PEACHAM—Pamfest Kingdom County Productions and Catamount Arts will present three-time Grammy Award-nominated singer/songwriter and mandolin ace Sierra Hull and Grammy-nominated multi-instrumentalist Justin Moses in their exclusive northern New England concert Aug. 14 at the Peacham Congregational Church. Showtime is 7 p.m.

Bluegrass/Americana duo, Bob and Sarah Amos will open, highlighting their intimate harmonies through a range of musical styles.

Nacho Mama will be on site to provide custom tacos, outside the church.

Advance tickets for the concert are now on sale at KCPpresents.org or by calling (802)748-2600. Un-



Sierra Hull and Justin Moses will perform together at the Peacham Congregational Church on Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. Both bluegrass musicians have been nominated for Grammy Awards. Bob and Sarah Amos will open the show.

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sold tickets will be available at the door.

In consideration of the fluctuating status of the Covid virus Delta variant and in deference to the concert's host venue, local town and other audience members, concert attendees are expected to be vaccinated against Covid and will be asked to show proof of vaccination, either as vaccination card, xerox of the card or cell phone photograph of the card. Masks are optional. Anyone with questions can contact Jay Craven at jcraven1590@gmail.com.

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A jewelweed flower was photographed roadside last month in New Hampshire.

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What's going on . . .

At the library

Bradford Public Library

BRADFORD—Children can make a woodland garden with the August Family Fun Kit available at the circulation desk of Bradford Public Library. Bring in the summer reading sheets for an ice cream coupon from the Bliss Village Store, a Bakugan action figure, and don't forget to enter the raffle for the 1,368 piece Lego kit on each visit to the library.

On Aug. 17 at 10 a.m., kites will be the program at Elizabeth's Park (or the Space On Main if it is raining). Join Kurt Valenta from the Exordium—where curious minds come to play—and learn all about kites, the materials they have been made of and what they have been used for throughout history. The program will end with making a simple kite to take home. This program is sponsored by the Bradford Public Library and the Vermont Department of Libraries.

The Sept. 15 BPL Reads books are in. Join our discussion of "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy via Zoom. "Migrations" is set in an imminent future in which nearly all of Earth's animals are extinct. As Franny joins a fishing vessel to follow the last migration of Arctic terns, readers begin to learn more about the loss and pain that have brought Franny to this place in her life. A wrenching adventure tale, Migrations reveals the brokenness at the heart of a so-called "wild" woman. Call the library for information and the Zoom link.

The library is open for browsing on Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Piermont Public Library

PIERMONT—The Piermont Public Library announces that it has recently received three new grants. These grants will allow the purchase of lots of new books for children, and enable a switch to a new improved check-out system.

The first grant of \$2,700 will support the upgrade and re-organization of the children's room. Much of this money will go toward the purchase of new books, especially science and robotics non-fiction, early readers, and award winners like Stone Face and Ladybug books. Work is already underway to re-organize the space to make it more accessible and exciting for younger readers. This grant is thanks to federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the New Hampshire State Library.

The second grant will provide a new circulation system for library materials. This grant provides for setting up the new system, transferring data from the current system, and training library employees. This will streamline access to library resources and provide better service to patrons. This grant is also thanks to ARPA funds, with support from ByWater Solutions.

The Piermont Library has also received a CLiF rural libraries grant. These funds are intended to support literacy in the community. The grant includes \$2,500 in new children's books. The CLiF foundation will also provide four storytelling presentations, two for elementary students, and two for preschoolers. All elementary and pre-school students involved will receive a new book of their choice. Included is \$250 to support a library program.



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Clara Martin to exhibit art, writing

RANDOLPH—Clara Martin Center is seeking submissions for the fifth annual art and writing show titled "Resilience: Celebrating Creativity in Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery."

Exhibition dates are Sept. 24 – Nov. 14 at the White River Craft Center in Randolph. Applications must be received by Aug. 20.

Friends of mental health are invited to submit poetry, 2D or 3D artwork, or photography, to display in the exhibit (no hanging items). Applicants must be Vermont residents and preference will be given to artists and writers from the Upper Valley.

Artists or writers must explain how their piece fits into the "Resilience" theme of the show. Creativity in interpretation of the theme is welcomed and appreciated. Work must be hang-ready, meaning it is secured in a frame or a sturdy, supportive background with a hanging device.

One to three images of work responding to the theme of the exhibition will be accepted. Images must come with an artwork list which includes title, medium, dimensions, year, price, artist contact information, name, email address, phone number, mailing address and artist statement.

For an application, contact Gayle at GPLumb@claramartin.org or visit www.claramartin.org.

Northern Stage to host quartet

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION—To close out the outdoor summer season, Northern Stage is bringing the Million Dollar Quartet to the stage from Aug. 11 through Sept. 12 with the musical that drops you into Dec. 4, 1956, when icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins gathered for the first and only time at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever.

Million Dollar Quartet brings the legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Hound Dog."

Performances on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are at 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 5 p.m.

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MEMORIAL CONCERT
FAIRLEE—Classicopia, the award winning chamber music organization, will present a program of Broadway songs on Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Fairlee Town Hall. Seats are \$20 for adults and free for children under 18. Purchase tickets at the door or in advance online.

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Letters

July blood draw results

To the Editor:

The American Red Cross would like to thank Bradford area blood donors for their participation in the July 23 drawing at Oxbow's auditorium. The drawing was the second largest in July in Vermont after Rutland with 76 donations. Just 11 of the 88 preregistered donors did not attend resulting in half the standard no-show percentage.

Additional thanks to the maintenance/custodial staff and particularly Steve Longmore, registrars and refreshment workers Pam Benware, Molly Stone, Barbara Kulzyck, and Carole Taylor.

Those receiving gallon pins were—2 gallons: Richard Otis; 1 gallon: Lisa Hervey, Diane Legato, Judith Randell, and Amelia Emerson.

The next drawing will be Sept. 24 at the Bradford National Guard Armory from noon to 5 p.m. Please preregister on your Red Cross App, or by using redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS for a time of your convenience.

*Rob Elder
Piermont, NH*

Thank you for the support

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank Darwin Clogston for having the fortitude to publish in the Aug. 5, 2021 *Bridge Weekly* some of his observations from the past two years.

All too often, local officials cannot discuss or disclose the "other side of the story" and because of that we (town administration and selectboard) are judged without being able to explain our actions or inactions. We often cannot, or do not, discuss the unpleasant side of the story; the tough decisions, the personalities, juggling of priorities, personnel matters, hostile negotiations, harassment, threats, and insults.

Regardless, we come to work every day to serve in the best interest of our citizens. The job of Town Manager is not an easy one, with five revolving supervisors, each with their own unique thoughts, experiences, and ideas; each with their own agendas and biases; each with their own constituents; each with their own reason for wanting to be a selectman. Often these well-intentioned members of the community do not agree on what a Town Manager does or should be doing.

They are elected to the selectboard without true knowledge of what has happened over time and why. They don't know "the other side of the story," but are expected to be a supportive supervisor. It is not easy, for me or them.

As Town Manager, I navigate these differences while doing my job to the best of my ability every day in accordance with NH RSA 37. I had a mentor earlier in my career who told me once when I was discouraged, "Brigitte, we come to work every day and give it 100%, because it's the right thing to do."

I have followed that motto ever since; giving my role as Town Manager 100%, is the right thing to do for Haverhill regardless of how hard it can be. I love my job, I work with amazing people, and look forward to serving the community of Haverhill for years to come.

*Brigitte M. Codling
Haverhill Town Manager*

News headlines from the last week

To the Editor:

IMF warns: Inflation will last longer than expected;
Soviet immigrant (and registered Democrat) warns CRT resembles Marxist curriculum;

Cuban immigrant: What happened in Cuba is happening here;
CNN accused of "pro regime propaganda";
Progressive left wing has hijacked the Democratic Party;
Border Patrol is overwhelmed;
Immigration crisis will get much worse;
Texas Border Patrol agents arrest MS-13 gang member;
Democratic cities call for more officers amid crime spike;
Fauci warns Covid is going to get much worse;
Pelosi is greatest threat to Constitutional liberty in our lifetime;
America could soon be on the brink of economic disaster;
Gas prices on the rise again;
Border Patrol sounds the alarm on illegal immigration;
Businesses close for lack of help (including right here!);
Charles Wade, BLM co-founder arrested for child sex trafficking;
NY Atty. Gen. finds Cuomo sexually assaulted several women;
NY Times is in China's pocket;
Former ICE agent—"with Biden's free-for-all, we're pretty much screwed as a country";

School Board President rips mic from parent speaking against CRT;
Filmmaker Ken Burns calls Zuckerberg "enemy of the state";
Time for Biden to hold China accountable;
Facebook Executive helped Cuomo smear accuser;
Every Covid variant on the planet is coming through Biden's open border;
Democrats are terrified of saying no to the Squad.
That's America this week! Are we going in the right direction? Are you better off now than you were two years ago?

*Ron Willoughby
North Haverhill, NH*

His Creation

by Rebecca Farley

Us and our planet He created;
with a hand wave, it He can end.
Many chances He has given us,
take heed my sisters and brethren.

The climate about her is changing,
she is rumbling and shaking more.
The weather has swapped places,
she is spitting lava from her deep core.

Have you noticed the heat reports—
how California is roasting hot?
Floods unexpectedly showing up
in places where they were not.

Time to wake up and smell the roses
before she can't be reversed at all.
His return is for certain to come,
come make the right blessed call.

The author resides in Wells River.

ON THIS DATE

Alex Palmer Haley was born on Aug. 11, 1921 in Ithaca, NY. He was raised by his grandmother in Henning, TN. In 1939, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard and served as a cook, but eventually he became a writer and college professor. His interview with Malcolm X for *Playboy* led to his first book, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, which sold 6 million copies and was translated into eight languages. *Roots*, his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel published in 1976, sold millions, was translated into 37 languages and made into an eight part TV miniseries in 1977. The story generated an enormous interest in family ancestry. Haley died in Seattle, WA Feb. 13, 1992.

Aug. 11, 1984 was President Ronald Reagan's voice-test joke. In preparation for a radio broadcast, during a thought-to-be-off-the-record-voice-level test, instead of counting "one, two, three," the president said, "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes." The statement was picked up by live television cameras and heard by millions worldwide. The incident provoked national and international reactions including a news network proposal of new ground rules concerning the use of "off-the-record" remarks.

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VT needs law enforcement

by Jonathan A. Ophardt

As the Acting United States Attorney for Vermont, I have spent the last few months visiting with local, state, and federal law enforcement partners throughout our state, as well as many of my prosecutorial colleagues in the State's Attorneys offices. At these meetings, I sought feedback on how my office can better assist in addressing violent crime in Vermont, in particular violence perpetrated by firearms.

Throughout the state, I have consistently heard two concerns: violent crime is increasing, and law enforcement capacity is eroding. The data backs up these concerns, and the ramifications for Vermont's future are troubling.

Violent crime is a significant and growing challenge for Vermonters. My office has seen increased violence by drug trafficking organizations, increases in collateral violence from individuals suffering from severe substance use disorder (i.e., convenience store robberies), increases in domestic violence, and increased violence involving individuals with mental health challenges.

FBI data shows that between 2016 and 2019 (the last year for which data is available), Vermont saw an increase from 136.5 violent crime offenses per 100,000 people to a rate of 202.2 violent crime offenses per 100,000 people. During the same window, the prevalence of firearms as the weapon involved in violence increased by 36 percent.

Unfortunately, the number of officers capable of responding to this rise in violent crime is decreasing swiftly.

Vermont has a police recruitment and retention crisis. A recent report by Jennifer Morrison, the

Executive Director of Policy Development for the State of Vermont's Department of Public Safety, highlighted the incredible challenge of retaining and recruiting the men and women of our law enforcement community. Vermont has seen a 14% decline in the total

number of officers available for duty between 2018 and 2021. Of Burlington's 75 police officers, 31 are actively seeking employment elsewhere. Ms. Morrison's report estimated that by January of 2022, the number of full-time officers in the state will drop below 700 officers, a reduction of over 125 officers throughout the state. While 159 officers are set to leave policing in 2021, only 23 will have graduated from the Vermont Police Academy.

News reports from around the state reveal the reduction in available officers has already led to service curtailments, from Brattleboro, to Bellows Falls, to Burlington. In addition, staffing issues at the Vermont State Police have diminished levels of service provided by VSP to towns without dedicated departments, leading town residents to demand that selectboards establish new police departments.

The reduction in VSP availability has resulted in an increase in reliance and demands on Vermont's sheriffs, who contract with local municipalities to provide patrol coverage, causing increased costs to municipalities. In Burlington, concerns about increasing violence have led the Burlington Business Association to pursue private security for Church Street and have prompted calls to increase police patrols in the commercial center of Burlington.

In Burlington, a man with a long history of violent encounters has caused nearly 26 involvements with police so far in 2021, culminating in his arrest this month for aggravated assault with a hate crime motivation. Another had over 30 involvements with numerous violent episodes, culminating in his assault with a hammer on a good Samaritan trying to protect the intended victim. These cases are two examples of how our police officers continue to be tasked on a daily basis with repeatedly mediating challenging encounters in our communities, functioning as interventionists and mental health crisis responders.

Law enforcement work remains as difficult as ever, with police actions under close scrutiny, but with diminishing resources. Throughout Vermont, communities have been having necessary and overdue conversations about police reform, and an examination of the methods and manners of policing is warranted

and justified. We want reasonable and rational police officers dedicated to serving their communities for the right reasons. But reasonable and rational people are thinking twice about whether to take an oath of service and join the ranks of law enforcement.

A reduction in recruitment and an increase in departures has a broader impact than simply the number of officers available to patrol and respond. Departments will be forced to reduce their numbers of detectives, transforming police departments further from crime solvers to crisis responders and crime documenters.

A reduction in capable investigatory capacity will reduce the detection of sophisticated and covert criminal activity, from child exploitation to human trafficking to fraud. An atrophy of experienced officers will diminish training capacity and deprive departments of capable leaders.

Our law enforcement officers have sworn to protect everyone in Vermont from harm. I am deeply concerned about a shift to private security and a competition for the services of Sheriffs, as it would imply that security in Vermont will only be provided to those citizens and communities who can afford to pay for it.

Vermont needs capable police who can protect vulnerable individuals, investigate criminal activity, and bring to justice those who undermine our communities. Quality, responsive, and compassionate public safety services must be available to all Vermonters, not just the highest bidders.

Ensuring equal access to safety and security requires a steady stream of applicants to law enforcement positions who are smart, capable, dedicated, courageous, and compassionate. While we debate how policing must change, we must also recognize the continuing need for high-quality law enforcement officers, encourage good men and women to join their ranks, and support those who serve honorably in a profession that requires great commitment and sacrifice.

Jonathan A. Ophardt is acting U.S. Attorney for Vermont.

New trail completed on Ascutney

WINDSOR, VT—The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (FPR) in partnership with Ascutney Trails Association announced the completion and opening of a new multi-use trail on Mount Ascutney. The 8-mile Norcross Trail provides a link for mountain bikers and hikers between the Ascutney Outdoors Center and Mount Ascutney State Park.

The Norcross trail offers something for everyone. For hikers and trail runners, it connects the summit-bound Windsor and Brownsville trails, allowing both to be hiked as a loop from a single trailhead without walking between trailheads on busy routes 44 and 44A.

For mountain bikers, the trail connects the vast network of bike trails on the West Windsor town forest with Mount Ascutney State Park and the Swoops and Loops Trail. As bike trails are developed on the Weathersfield town forest, this trail will also serve to link the two town forest trail networks. When compared to typical East Coast mountain bike trail networks, bikers will enjoy the unique simplicity of a through trail with limited intersections and decision points.

To access the Norcross trail, bikers can park either at the Swoops and Loops trail parking area across from the state park, or at the Ascutney Outdoors Center. Bikes are not allowed on the Windsor or Brownsville hiking trails and are asked not to park at either trailhead. Hikers may access the trail from Ascutney Outdoors, the Swoops and Loops parking area or from the Windsor and Brownsville trails existing trailhead parking.

Silver Insights

Crying wolf

by Elena A. Chevalier

Lying in silence and darkness, I was kept awake by my thoughts of writing the next Silver Insights column.

Fear fought against the column I wanted to write.

How could we have come to the point where voicing one's opinion evokes the threat of being labeled an enemy? Or being marginalized for refusing to follow a culturally correct version of truth.

How could our once-noble nation have come to the point where First Amendment rights no longer stir up pride and confidence?

Unable to sleep, a children's fable surfaced in my mind. The story of The Boy Who Cried "Wolf!"

How differently would that story play out in today's world?

I wondered if the boy would even go to work in the field. Would the youth refuse? Would one of the grandmothers be forced to go out to the hillside to watch the sheep?

But for the sake of the story, I imagined the boy went to his job, got bored and cried "Wolf! Wolf!"

Many neighboring shepherds and villagers

came with clubs to save the livestock.

The boy showed them a gash in his leg, blaming it on the wolf. He insisted the vicious predator was still there, even though no one could see it.

The villagers shivered at the thought of the wily wolf. Some cowered behind closed doors.

When word reached the leaders, several decreed that everyone in their neighborhood needed to carry a club, just in case the wolf decided to prey on the people.

Over the course of days and weeks, the boy cried "Wolf!" repeatedly. A vocal majority began to shake in their boots, fearful of the invisible, elusive predator.

Many leaders, never willing to let a good crisis go to waste, demanded that the sheep return to the village. For safety, of course.

A few thinkers pointed out that people had lived with dangerous wolves throughout their entire lives. And so had their ancestors. It was a part of life.

The people ridiculed the thinkers. If that did not shut them up, the people followed their leaders' example and shamed them or banned

them from their company.

When whispers of rapidly multiplying wolves reached the village, the people were warned to hide in their home to keep them safe.

And thus they stayed.

Whether the people remained caged by fear of wolves or ridicule, it did not matter. What mattered most was the common good, as the leaders repeated, despite the squelched lives and the silenced voices.

And so the people suffered.

Some outsiders slipped into the village, past the watchmen posted to guard against wolves. Few questioned whether the wolves might creep in behind their shadows.

But just to be safe, some leaders said all the villagers ought to keep their clubs with them even in their own homes.

All of them should, that is, except for the leaders. They, of course, had to have the freedoms no longer afforded to the villagers.

Because, after all, they needed to be free to keep the caged people safe.

This certainly was not the best bedtime story, but at least it solved my problem.

•Labor crunch

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Looking for ways to attract workers, many employers are offering incentives.

For instance, Tri-Valley Transit is seeking full- and part-time bus drivers in the Bradford area and is offering a \$1,000 signing bonus after successful completion of a probationary period.

Hardest hit is the food industry. The Little Grille in Woodsville closed July 18 due to lack of workers.

Scott Rutherford, who owns Little Grilles in Bradford and Littleton, moved his Woodsville staff to those locations.

He could not be reached for comment.

Several chain restaurants, including Dunkin' Donuts and McDonald's in Woodsville, have reduced hours of operation, reportedly in response to labor shortage.

The *Journal Opinion* found owner Victor Dube behind the register at Aldrich General Store in North Haverhill on a late Saturday afternoon.

The difficulties in keeping business as usual are challenging at best. For weeks, he has had openings but has been unable to find workers.

"We're stretched thin," he said.

On July 29, he announced on the Aldrich Facebook page that effective Aug. 8, the store would no longer be open on Sundays. Gas will still be available on Sundays for those who pay at the pump. "We have been short staffed and our hard-working employees need a day of rest."

The labor shortage cannot be entirely attributable to Covid.

According to Ruth Ann Hacking, executive director of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce, "We were hearing about labor shortages from local businesses even before Covid hit, particularly in the skilled trades."

In an email, Hacking wrote, "The Chamber is taking both immediate action and ramping up our long-term programs in response."

A new section on the chamber's website lists local businesses which are hiring.

Those seeking jobs can access cohasc.org/for-job-seekers.

The chamber has attempted to bring employers, students, and schools together for workforce development.

"As part of that program," she wrote, "we surveyed employers in the trades about their hiring issues this spring, and over 80% of respondents said that they have trouble hiring as many employees as they need. These employers offer a competitive wage and are willing to train motivated workers, and they are still not able to fill open positions."

Another issue concerning the availability of workers is that of affordable housing.

"We have all heard how difficult it is for locals to buy a house right now, particularly young people," Hacking wrote.

Higher pricing of homes has affected the local area just as it has all over the country.

Dale Bromley of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty in Fairlee says home prices are starting to level off a bit.

"A lot will depend on what happens regarding the Covid third or fourth wave."

One local company, however, is seeing an improvement in its employment situation.

According to Tim Copeland of Copeland Furniture in Bradford, "We felt we needed to make greater effort in recruiting, advertising, getting the word out and being thorough in screening applicants in the interview process so we could ensure a good fit."

Current Copeland employees have received bonuses for referring prospective candidates who are hired.

Copeland refers to himself as a perpetual optimist.

"Our future looks great," he said. "Over the last six weeks, we've increased with seven or eight new hires. We are at 95 now," he said.

Production is looking good. "We've received a number of applications within the last couple of weeks and we're pretty confident we'll get the people we need."

Orders are coming in. There is a backlog of orders equal to a half a year's worth of orders," Copeland said.

Hacking is also optimistic. "[I]f we are able to take this renewed focus on labor and housing prompted by the pandemic and transform it into concrete action, we stand to strengthen our economy for the long term."

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CRAFTING
NORTH HAVERHILL—Crafting is held under the tent at Horse Meadow Senior Center on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 603-787-2539 for a reservation. Crafting with Eileen is on Aug. 3 and 17; florals with Jane on Aug. 10; needlework crafts with Gerri on Aug. 24; there will be no class on Aug. 31.

•Shooting

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Bradford address. BPD Chief Russ Robinson said he learned on Tuesday that Howard had been a resident at Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. in Bradford opened in 2011 across the street from Wright's Avenue in a building, which was once a doctor's office, private residence and, later, Wanda's Rest Home.

The site in Bradford is a shelter that provides wellness and employment and training services to veterans who are homeless, in transition, or facing other challenges.

Since 1991, the Worcester, Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization has aided thousands of veterans in need and maintains various sites and programs to address housing, educational and health needs in all six New England states. It has an office in Woodsville as well.

A voicemail left with a spokesperson at Veterans Inc. in Worcester was not returned by a press deadline. Katie Haley, a regional manager for the organization, said she was not authorized to speak to the press because the investigation is still underway.

Email: editor@jonews.com.

Chamber music festival returns

RANDOLPH—The Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival will celebrate its 28th season with a two-week residency at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph.

The first week will include music for piano and strings. On Aug. 11, as a special Concert for Community, veteran Festival pianist Adrienne Kim will perform J.S. Bach's piano concerto #5. The performance begins at 7 p.m. on the Chandler stage.

The concert on Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m., offers two rich and romantic works never before heard at the Festival: the Robert Fuchs Trio for Violin, Viola and Piano, Op. 115, the Piano Quintet by Giuseppe Martucci Opus 45, separated by the beloved Schubert Quartet in d minor last heard on a festival program in 1995.

The second week brings a variety of offerings. On Aug. 18 at 7 p.m., there will be a special event, and the audience will be entertained by the Daily Special Barbershop Quartet. On Aug. 20 at 7 p.m., the concert will be specially tailored for kids of all ages, with Vermont artists Annemieke and Jeremiah McLane.

The Aug. 21 concert offers three string quartets: the Haydn "Ryder" Quartet, Op. 74, #3, Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Beethoven's Quartet in F, Op. 18, #3.

Tickets for in-person or livestream can be found on the festival website, the Chandler website, or by calling (802)728-9878.

•Carjacking

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traveling north at a high rate of speed when he rear-ended a northbound Hyundai Elantra operated by 62-year-old Della Pagano of Williston. The collision forced the Elantra to cross the median and then struck a southbound Toyota Carolla driven by Kris Lizzarti, 29, of Montpelier. White continued north at a high rate of speed before eventually crashing on I-89 in Bolton.

Godfrey was treated at the scene, but did not sustain any injuries requiring a hospital visit. Pagano and White were taken to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and Lizzarti was uninjured.

I-89 traffic was delayed for 90 minutes as a result of the crash. There were other crashes in Barre, Berlin, and Middlesex that White was allegedly involved in. In Middlesex, he allegedly sideswiped one car, but there were no injuries.

White was issued a flash citation on behalf of BPD for the charges of assault and robbery, reckless endangerment, aggravated operation without owner's consent, driving with a criminally suspended license, and negligent operation. In Washington County, he has thus far been charged with gross negligent operation, driving with a criminally suspended license, and leaving the scene of an accident. He was also processed for DUI.

He was arraigned in Washington County Superior Court on Monday.

GRAB N GO
NORTH HAVERHILL—Horse Meadow Senior Center provides a drive through hot Grab N Go meal each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Masks are required. The procedure is check in, order and pay, the meal will be brought to the car, and drive out. Meals are \$3 for those over 60 and \$5 for all others.

•Silagyi

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time with the Waits River Valley School where he assisted the gym classes and helped with the office work.

"The kids liked me," he said, "I still have my whistle."

He was an office worker for the Modern Woodmen in Groton; helped at food banks in Bradford, Woodsville and Newbury.



Scott Silagyi has been publicizing Old Church Theater performances for years putting posters up in area communities. The West Topsham man was back at it this month after a near two-year absence due to the pandemic.

JO PHOTO BY LINDA BUERMAYER

Working in the kitchen at the Lake Morey Resort is also a fond memory.

"I really liked that job. I made and served coffee and bussed tables."

Music is a joy in Silagyi's life.

Recently, he joined Drums Alive, sponsored by the Horse Meadow Senior Center in North Haverhill.

An avid country music fan, he likes to listen to and sing along with Dolly Parton and Shania Twain, his favorite singers.

"Music makes me feel good," he said. "It is better than watching TV or movies."

There is one exception to his "watching TV" stance. Silagyi is an unabashed fan of the late 1960s, cult

classic "Dark Shadows."

Attending a Dark Shadows convention in New York City nearly 20 years ago (Marjorie said it was three days before 9/11) allowed him to meet Lara Park, who played Angelique.

"She was nice. I liked her," he said.

Silagyi is living a life full of exciting opportunities and experiences. He is happy and it shows in his happy grin.

So when you see an OCT poster, you will know who placed it there.

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BREAKFAST
WEST BARNET—Breakfast (inside/sit down) will be served at Lake View Grange Hall in West Barnet on Aug. 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, white, wheat, rye, challah toast, coffee tea and juice. Adults \$8, Over 60-\$7, under 12-\$4

DHMC to require vaxxed staff

LEBANON—Effective Sept. 30, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, including Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, will require COVID-19 vaccination of employees as a condition of employment. All employees will be required to submit documentation that they have been fully vaccinated, or to obtain an approved medical or religious exemption through an established process.

The requirement for COVID-19 vaccination will apply to all D-HH employees, including employees working remotely and per diem employees. Vaccinations for remote and per diem employees are required because it is anticipated that they will, from time to time, access D-HH facilities and sites to participate in required meetings, programs and activities.



PUBLIC NOTICE
ACT 250 NOTICE
APPLICATION 3R0805-2
SITE VISIT AND HEARING
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

On August 6, 2021, Vermont Permanency Initiative, Inc. and the VT Agency of Human Services, Division for Children and Families, 280 State Drive, HC 1 North, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 filed application #3R0805-2 for a project generally described as **remodeling the existing youth education and treatment center to accommodate up to 6 boys ages 12-17 whose treatment needs require a higher level of support and security than the facility currently offers. The project is located at 487 Steven's Place in Newbury, Vermont.** This Project will be evaluated by the District 3 Environmental Commission in accordance with the 10 criteria of 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a). The application and plans can be viewed on the Natural Resources Board website (<http://nrh.vermont.gov>) by clicking on "Act 250 Database" and entering Project Number 3R0805-2.

Note to Prospective Parties: Pursuant to Vermont statute and Act 250 Rules, any person seeking to participate as a party to this proceeding must make such a request "on or before the first hearing." Failure to timely appear at the hearing or to timely file a written request by the date of the hearing might result in the forfeiture of your rights relative to this matter.

A hearing is hereby scheduled to convene:
Date: Wed., August 25, 2021
Site Visit: 9:30 AM at 487 Steven's Place in Newbury
Hearing: Immediately following the site visit at the Bradford Town Offices
If you would like further information regarding this hearing, please contact the District Coordinator (linda.matteson@vermont.gov or 802-289-0598).
If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process please notify us as soon as possible.
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OBITUARIES



Daniel Bacon

THETFORD CENTER—Daniel M. Bacon, 55, son of Arthur and Marion Bacon, died Oct. 28, 2020 after a brief illness.

Dan was living in West Virginia at the time of his death. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Thetford Center with his parents.

He leaves behind two sisters, Bonnie Campbell and Theresa Auchmoody; four brothers, John Bacon, Jim Bacon, Mark Bacon and Will Brown. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews; two aunts and an uncle. May he rest in peace.

Thomas Wilson Jr.

1944 - 2021

TOPSHAM—Thomas E. Wilson Jr. died on his farm on Aug. 1, 2021.

Tom was born in Detroit, MI on June 7, 1944. He lived there until he went off to college in New England, then was commissioned as an officer in the Army when he graduated in 1966. He was honorably discharged after serving two tours in Vietnam, during which he was decorated for bravery.

Upon returning to the States, he was drawn to the wilds of Alaska, where he learned to make traditional wooden dog sleds and put together a dog team that won second place in the North American Freight Championship.

He met his wife, Donna Townshend, when they were both cast in a community theater production of "My Three Angels," and swept her off her feet. They spent several years together in Alaska before deciding to move south to Vermont to pursue their dream of living on a farm.

They bought the old Dimock Orchard in Topsham in 1975 and began the work of reclaiming the fields and orchards, which had not been worked by the previous owners. Over the years Tom cleared acres of hayfields, built barns and houses, raised sheep, pressed cider, worked with wood, and homeschooled his children. He loved Jesus Christ, his wife, his kids, his neighbors, his country, and his farm (in approximately that order).

He is survived by his wife Donna; his children, Aurora McClain (Tom), David (Jen), Grace (Ely Stuart), and Justice (Rachel); and his grandchildren, Jack and Charlie.

Please join us to celebrate his life and share food together at 4 p.m. on Aug. 14 at Peaceful Pastures Farm, 51 Karl Nye Road, East Topsham.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
BRADFORD—There will be a clothing giveaway on Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bradford Evangelical Free Church, Lower Plain, Bradford. Donations will be accepted Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. No housewares or miscellaneous good. Only good clean clothes accepted.



LOVE REQUIRES RENEWAL

by Dr. Dennis Prutow

After forty years of wondering and grumbling the people just didn't get it. After all the miracles in Egypt, the manna, and the quail from heaven, the people did not understand the grace of God. Moses gave the reason. "To this day the Lord has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear" (Deuteronomy 29:4).

Moses also gave this promise. "The Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 30:6). This promise is in keeping with the Great Commandment.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5).

The New Testament picture is the same. Jesus says, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). The apostle John declares, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (1 John 5:3). The apostle Paul says of fellow Christians, "The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). Hearts inclined toward the love of God require spiritual awakening and rebirth. This is why Jesus declares, "You must be born again" (John 3:7).

Injured hiker rescued from Beaver Brook

WOODSTOCK, NH—On July 24 just before midnight, a report came in to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department about an injured hiker on the Beaver Brook Trail.

The reporting party had hiked to the trailhead to make a call that his sister had suffered a leg injury that was causing her to make very slow progress down the trail. The injured hiker's father was assisting her down the trail but they were approaching a very difficult portion where iron rungs are inserted into the bare ledge to help aid hikers in traversing the trail. The reporting party did not believe his sister would make it to the trailhead without being carried down. With rain forecast for the early morning hours, a rescue effort commenced.

A Woodstock police officer hiked in to meet the hiker and a rescue team comprised of conservation officers and volunteers from Pemi Valley Search and Rescue Team responded to the trailhead. The first rescuer arrived with the hiker at 12:30 a.m. about one mile up the trail and reported that slow progress was being made and they were at the most difficult section of the trail. It was determined that the easiest way to get the injured hiker out would be to support her on each side and help walk her out. The rescue team arrived at the trailhead at 1:45 a.m. Sunday morning, and she was taken by a family member for further treatment and evaluation of her injury.

The 22-year-old hiker was identified as Marissa Avadanian of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Avadanian was hiking with her younger brother and father. They had hiked up the Beaver Brook Trail and made it to a point just below the summit of Mount Moosilauke when they turned around and started back down the trail to allow for them to make it out by dark. On their descent, the group quickly learned that Avadanian had aggravated a prior injury and was having great difficulty making progress. As they approached the difficult stretch of trail, it was decided that her brother would hike out to make a call for help.

Hunter ed courses offered now

MONTPELIER—Anyone who would like to go hunting this fall but has never taken a hunter education course should act now. Vermont's hunter education instructors are now holding a limited number of courses throughout the state.

A person must pass the hunter education course before they can purchase their first hunting license.

The courses will be listed as they become available on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com. There are both home study courses and traditional courses, including one in Thetford.

NHSP to wear body cameras

by Christian Wade

(The Center Square)—New Hampshire's state police will be equipped with body cameras this year after the state approved funding for the new program.

Gov. Chris Sununu said the body cameras are "another step forward" toward implementing "the most transformative changes ever made to New Hampshire's law enforcement system."

"This effort provides yet another layer of transparency and accountability in our continued efforts to further bolster public trust in the incredible work done by New Hampshire's law enforcement officers, who set the gold standard for the rest of the country," Sununu said in a statement.

On [Aug. 4], the Governor's Council approved a five-year, \$3.4 million contract with Georgia-based Utility Associates, Inc. to provide at least 320 body-worn cameras and 522 cameras on police cruisers, as well as a wireless network to support the systems.

"This is long overdue for our agency," Maine State Police Col. Nathan Noyes told counselors ahead of Wednesday's vote. "It is certainly going to create greater transparency, better evidence collection... it's going to show and document exactly what's going on at any given event or incident throughout the state that our troopers are facing."

Several of New Hampshire's largest cities, including Manchester, already require body cameras for police officers.

Police body cameras were among dozens of recommendations by the state Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency, or LEACT, which released a report last year calling for police reforms to curb police misconduct.

The panel's recommendations came in response to the murder of George Floyd, a Black man, by Minneapolis police officers during a routine stop last year.

Last year, Sununu signed an order calling for implementation of number of the recommendations including the cameras and training for police officers on bias, racial profiling and de-escalation tactics.

The order also calls for improving records on police misconduct and creates a new unit within the state Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute allegations of criminal conduct by government officials.

One of the more controversial recommendations of the LEACT report was the release of a list containing names of about 280 officers across New Hampshire who have committed wrongdoing.

That issue has been playing out in the courts, where police unions and their opponents of releasing the so-called "Laurie List" argue that it constitutes an invasion of privacy.

Lawmakers approved a bill earlier this year that would require the state to release the names on the list but gives officers due process protections from disclosure.

Advocates say the policing reforms are desperately needed to eliminate bias among law enforcement officers in New Hampshire, one of the whitest states in the nation.

COURT REPORT

GRAFTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

HAVERHILL—On July 16, the Grand Jurors for the State of New Hampshire at Grafton County Superior Court in Haverhill handed down the following indictments with connections to this newspaper's coverage area:

Jordan Michael Johnson, 31, of Wells River, was indicted for controlled drug act, acts prohibited, for possession of methamphetamine in Lebanon on March 15.

Mckayla A. Jordan, 32, of Lebanon, was indicted on two counts of bail jumping in North Haverhill on Aug. 14, 2020, and between or about Sept. 11 to 13, 2020, for failing to surrender for service of a sentence at Grafton County House of Corrections.

Alexander W. Lantas, 47, of Lyman, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking valued at more than \$1,000 in Lincoln on Feb. 3 for removing a catalytic converter from a truck without permission. Lantas was indicted for criminal mischief for damaging the truck with damages in excess of \$1,500.

Nicholas Peterson, 28, of Bath, was charged with the misdemeanor charge of simple assault and criminal threatening in Bath on March 11, for causing bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact with the chief probation officer by striking him in the face. Peterson was also charged with misdemeanor criminal threatening for aiming a taser at and attempting to deploy it on several probation parole officers.

Lisa Poore, 32, of Bradford, was indicted for two counts of theft by unauthorized taking on Oct. 21 and 27, 2020, for taking store merchandise from Price Chopper in Lebanon. She has twice before been convicted of theft of property or services—attempted grand larceny and grand larceny in Nevada in 2019. Poore was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking at Hannaford's in Plymouth on March 5, 2021. She was indicted for two counts of controlled drug act, acts prohibited, for possession of heroin and alprazolam in Plymouth on March 5. Poore also was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on March 27 for taking merchandise from Walmart in Lebanon.

David E. Prime, 48, of Vershire, was indicted for controlled drug act, acts prohibited in Lebanon on Oct. 13, 2020, for possession of methamphetamine.

Brian J. Smith, 41, of Woodsville, was indicted for motor vehicle penalties in Woodsville on Jan. 3, for driving as a certified habitual offender.

Charlie E. Villar, 36, of Orford, was indicted for two counts of controlled drug act, acts prohibited, subsequent, for possession of methamphetamine, and possession of heroin and fentanyl in Lebanon on March 17.

HAVERHILL DISTRICT COURT

HAVERHILL—The following complaints were heard in telephonic or in-person hearings at Haverhill District Court on July 14, 20 and 21 with Judge Thomas Rappa Jr. presiding:

Nicolle Sherman, 36, of North Haverhill, pleaded not guilty, but changed her plea to guilty of reckless operation in Haverhill on April 17. She was fined \$620, and her license was revoked for 90 days. Two additional charges of driving under the influence and reckless operation were dismissed in a plea agreement.

William J. Hofmann, 48, of Haverhill, pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea to guilty of disobeying an officer by neglecting to stop and reckless operation on Jan. 8. He was fined \$1,885. His license was revoked for 120 days, and he is required to complete a drivers' enhancement course. In a plea agreement, prosecution of a second charge of disobeying a police officer was deferred, and the State did not bring forward a charge of negligent driving.

Felicia L. Sweat, 32, of Newbury, pleaded not guilty to driving after revocation or suspension in Piermont on May 13. In a plea agreement, she changed her plea to no contest and was fined \$310 with \$155 suspended on condition of good behavior for one year. Two additional charges of driving after revocation and suspension and speeding were dismissed.

Gregory E. Crews, 37, of Wells River, pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea to guilty to driving after revocation or suspension and unregistered vehicle in Haverhill on June 2. He was fined \$434 with \$62 suspended on condition of good behavior for one year. An additional charge of driving with an expired license was dismissed.

Albert J. Boutin, 40, of Danbury, NH, pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea to guilty to driving with an expired license in Warren on Sept. 20, 2020. He was fined \$62. A charge of driving after revocation or suspension was not brought forward by the State.

David Clemons, 43, of North Haverhill pleaded not guilty to failing to stop after an accident. He changed his plea to guilty and was fined \$1,240, suspended on condition of good behavior for one year.

Kyle Logan, 28, of Haverhill was charged with driving after revocation or suspension, subsequent, in Haverhill on Dec. 11, 2019, and July 24, 2020. He pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea to guilty, and was fined \$1,240.

Turkey results from spring season

CONCORD—Hunters harvested a total of 5,399 turkeys in New Hampshire during the 2021 spring season, a decrease of 319 turkeys (5.6%) from the 2020 season.

The 2021 youth turkey hunt weekend resulted in a total harvest of 542 turkeys, or 10% of the season's total, which was an increase in harvest from the previous year. In 2020 youth hunters took 500 birds which represented 8.74% of the spring season total.

Of the 5,399 turkeys harvested this spring, 28 (0.5%) were bearded hens, 2,002 were jakes (37.1%), and 3,369 were toms (62.4%).

There were 12 birds registered weighing 25 pounds or more. The heaviest birds harvested included a 30-pound trophy from Rye, a 27-pound harvest from Brookfield, a 26-pound bird from Pelham, a 25.8-pound take from Hollis, and 25.5-pound gobbler from Kensington.

Classic car meet coming up

WATERBURY—The 64th annual Vermont Antique and Classic Car Meet is one of the largest and longest running automotive shows in the Northeast. Held annually at Farr Field in Waterbury, the three-day show, Aug. 13, 14 and 15, features over 500 antique and classic cars, trucks, race cars, tractors and military vehicles.

The show also features 400 flea market vendors selling just about everything automotive. There is also a "Car Corral" where antique cars for sale are grouped together. Included during the event is an antique parade through Waterbury village, a street dance, Vermont crafters tent, 36 classes of vehicle judging and much more. The famous Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be on site for its first-ever appearance at the Show.

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SCHOOLS OPEN THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

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School	Hours	Principal/Director	Phone	Lunch Prices full/reduced	Breakfast Prices full/reduced
Blue Mountain	7:45 AM-2:25 PM	Scott Blood PK-6 Dr. John Barone 7-12	757-2711	PK-12 Free	PK-12 Free
Bradford Elementary	7:45 AM-2:30 PM	Marla Ianello	222-4077	K-6 Free	K-6 Free
Newbury Elementary	7:45 AM-2:40 PM	Loretta Cruz	866-5621	K-6 Free	K-6 Free
Oxbow High School	7:55 AM-2:25 PM	Jean Wheeler	222-5214	7-12 Free	7-12 Free
River Bend Career & Tech.	8:00 AM-2:25 PM	Brian Emerson	222-5212	N/A	N/A
Thetford Elementary	8:30 AM-3:00 PM	Bernice Mills	785-2426	K-6 Free	K-6 Free
Waits River Valley	7:50 AM-2:50 PM	Carlotta Perantoni	439-5534	K-8 Free	K-8 Free
Early Education Services	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Alison Kidder	222-5216	N/A	N/A

BRADFORD ACADEMY & GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OXBOW HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 BUS ROUTES

For further information, please contact Butler's Bus Service at 603-787-6925. Listed below is a brief statement regarding rules for the transportation of students followed by the bus routes.

The daily transportation of the area students is a privilege accorded by the school system and complies with statutory requirements regarding such transportation. To provide maximum safety, each eligible student riding the school bus shall conform to the regulations as established:

1. Not occupy any position that would interfere with the bus driver's vision.
2. Remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
3. Not place bundles, books etc., in the aisles or step well or in front of the emergency door of the bus. Any parcel a student brings on the bus must fit in their lap and cannot be higher than the back of the seat facing the student.
4. Follow the same standards of conduct and courtesy that are expected in the classroom or as prevail for the school system.

(Students must have permission to ride another bus. A "pass" must be given by an authorized person before a student can ride on another bus.)

NEWBURY

Route #1: Bus starts on Bowen Road almost to Newbury/Corinth Town line at 6:20. Turn around and proceed North to the Swamp Road, proceeds to South Ryegate, turns around on Pleasant Street. Continues back on Swamp Road take a left onto Jefferson Hill Road at 6:53, turn onto Scotch Hollow Road to Crusher Hill Road then to Newbury Center Road and North Road at 7:11 back onto Scotch Hollow, then proceeds to Newbury Elementary School at 7:25 and south on Rte. 5 to Oxbow High School.

Route #2: Bus starts Brock Hill Road/North Road at 6:50 a.m. Proceeds south on North Road turn left on Tucker Mtn Road 6:55, take right onto Tyler Farm Road turn onto Rogers Hill Road, down to the O'Gorham Road turn left back onto Tyler Farm Road. Turn right onto Snake Road at 7:06 to West Newbury Post Office to Moore Hill Road, take a right onto Peach Brook Rd. then take a left back onto Snake Road continue to the end. Turns left to Rte. 5 and proceeds to Newbury Elementary School, at 7:28 then south on Rte. 5 to Oxbow High School.

Route #3: Bus starts at Conway Trucking in Wells River at 6:25 a.m., proceed south on Route 5 take a right onto Scotch Hollow Road turn right onto Wallace Hill Road at 6:35 proceed to the end take a left onto Route 302 West to Leete's Farmhouse, turn around continue back down Route 302 East, turn right onto Leighton Hill Road at 7:05. Proceed to end of Leighton Hill take a left onto Scotch Hollow Road take a left onto Perini Road at 7:24, turn around and get back onto Scotch Hollow Road East to Newbury Elementary School, pick up Village Students at Newbury Elementary School at 7:25, then proceeds south on Rte.5 to Oxbow High School.

BRADFORD

Route #4: Bus starts at South Road at 6:50 a.m. then proceeds west on South Road to 4882 South Road at 7:12 turns around then to Branch Road. Turns left onto Rowell Brook then left onto Cross Road at 7:22 proceeds back to South Road east at the junction and continues down South Road, Kidder Road to High Street & along North Pleasant Street at 7:37 then proceeding to Oxbow High School to Bradford Elementary School for 7:45. PM only: Bus turns left at Rowell Brook Road off South Road, stops at Cross Road and continues down Rowell Brook Road to Route 25.

Route #5: Bus starts at 6:55 a.m. at the Salomaa Residence. Proceed back down Route 25, take a right onto Chelsea Road, turn around across from log yard at 7:05, proceed back to Rt 25 south, take left up Wright's Mt Road go left onto Fulton Road, left onto Flander Brook Road at 7:15 to Route 25 east, stop at Kenyon Road, then continue on Rt 25. Take left onto Route 25B at 7:30 picking up at Appleton Street, Water Box and White Apartments, proceed to Oxbow High School to Bradford Elementary School at 7:45.

Route #6: Bus starts at 7:15 a.m. at the Bradford Elementary School, proceeds north on Fairground Road at intersection veer left around corner, becomes Goshen Road East. Turn around at T past Old Goshen Church 7:22. Take Goshen back down to Summer Street turns onto Bank Street picking up from Subway 7:35, to Rail Road Street. Proceeds to Oxbow High School to Bradford Elementary School at 7:45.

Route #7: Bus starts at 7:00 picking up from the Legion stop to Cobblestone Alley, takes left onto Route 25, take a right onto Old Creamery Road and up Plateau Acres to proceed around circle at 7:05 and return to Route 25, to Saddleback Road at 7:10, going east and making additional stops then take right onto Route 5 South to Lake Morey Road at 7:15, turn around at Town Road return to Rt 5 South turn around at Pratt's Propane, get back onto Route 5 North to Huntington Terrace continue on 5 North take a right onto 25 to Whistle Stop at 7:28, get back onto Route 5 North, pick up at stops to before Subway, then to Blue Spruce at 7:33 & then on to Oxbow then turn into Oxbow for drop off/pickup, proceed to Bradford Elementary School at 7:45.

CORINTH/TOPSHAM

Route #8: Bus starts at 6:30 a.m. East Topsham Village (Dodge) take a left over Willey Hill Road to Rte. 302 West then take a left onto Rte.25 East. Stops at the Gramps Store at 6:40 and at the Waits River Store then takes a left onto East Corinth Store at 6:47. Back onto Rte. 25 West to Monty's Garage, takes a left up Brook Road at, take a right on Cookeville and Center Road @ 7:00 turn around at the Town Clerks Office and back down Cookeville Road and to Goose Green Road to Iron Bridge at 7:10. Go right on Rte.25 East and on to Oxbow High School at 7:30. PM: All buses start loading at Oxbow at 2:25, except Bus 7 which begins at BES at 2:25.

WAITS RIVER 2021-2022 BUS ROUTES

Route 1: Karen
6:50 AM, Begin at the East end of Willey Hill Road, up Downing Road and return to bottom of Downing Road at 7:00, continue on Willey Hill Road to Rt 302 East to Butternut Lot Turn Around at 7:10, head West on Rt 302 to Junction of Rt 25 East, then East on Rt 25 to Zion Hill Road, turn around at Old Cemetery Road 7:20 return to 25 East. Warsley Road stop, 7:25, East on Rt 25 to East Orange Road and up to East Orange Church, turn around at 7:35. Return to Rt 25 East, final stop before Pike Hill Road at 7:45, arrive at WRVS 7:50.

Route 2:
7:10 AM start at Groton Town line on Powder Spring Road, South to Corinth/Topsham Road, pick up at East Topsham Post Office at 7:20, continue on Corinth/Topsham Road to Thompson Road to Currier Road turn around, back down Topsham Road to Village Road, to East meeting house at 7:40, continue on to Page Hill Road to Buzzy's Barn across from tan house turn around, back down Page Hill Road, left onto Village Road, 25 West last stop house across from Fairground Road on right then to WRVS 7:50.

Route 3: Mike
6:45 AM, start at intersection Pike Hill Rd and Brook Road then to turnaroud at Cookeville Road & Backway Road at Bunk House sign in West Corinth, East on Cookeville Road, take left onto Brook Road 7:10, Left on Richardson Road, right on Pike Hill Road 7:20, continue on Pike Hill Road, take a left on Brook Road, left on Miller Road, turn around at top of Miller Road, return down and take a left onto Brook Road to Rt 25 West, go past WRVS and up Watson Hill Road, then into Waits River Village, turn around at Spooner & Watson intersection, return to East Rt 25 to WRVS at 7:50- PM only: Brook Road to Cookeville Road then down Center Road to Coppermine Road turn around. Then return to Cookeville Road to end of route at Cookeville and Backway Intersection.

Route 4: David
6:50 AM, Intersection of Heath and Ryder, take Heath Road, left onto Chelsea Road, left onto Goose Green Road and immediate right onto Young Road, turn around at Young Farm and return to Goose Green Road 7:15, South on Goose Green Road to South Road Bridge, right onto Camp Munn Road, turn around at Beaver Meadow Road stone wall, back down Camp Munn Road, left on Goose Green Road to White Road 7:20, right onto Taplin Hill Road and left onto Rt 25, to Fairground Road, go up Fairground, turn around at Martin's turn around across from Topsham Phone Company 7:40, return to Rt 25 West, WRVS 7:50.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



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THETFORD ELEMENTARY 2021-2022 BUS ROUTES BUTLER TRANSPORTATION

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THETFORD MORNING ROUTES

Bus #1: Pick up student Rte 5, Latham Road, Godfrey Road, Old Stone, Quail John Road Stevens Road, Rte 113.

Starts at Rte 5 S. & Rte 244 (7:10) Go South to Latham Road to Rte 113, south to Rabbit Lane (7:30), to Stevens Road, to John Quail Road, to Old Stone Road, to Godfrey Road turn around at Deer Run Lane (7:40) and back to Rte 113 (7:50), to Thetford Academy (7:55), back to Rte 113 to Thetford Elementary School (8:05)

Bus #2: (picks up students on Sawnee Bean, Barker Road, Route 113, Cross Road, Route 244, Robinson Hill Road and Lake Shore Drive)

Leaves Thetford Center and goes west on Route 113 to Sawnee Bean Road (7:00 a.m.) Straight to Colby N. turn around, Left onto Barker Road, left onto Route 113 (7:20 a.m.)

Proceeds west on Route 113 to Rte 244 (7:28 a.m.) to Robinson Hill 5 corners Turn around (7:35) Back to Lakeshore Drive to Rte 244 left to Cross St. (7:40 a.m.) Left onto West Fairlee Rd. left onto Rte 113 (7:45 a.m.) to Thetford Academy (7:55 a.m.) then to Thetford Elementary (8:05 a.m.)

Bus #3: (picks up students on Tucker Hill Road, Route 132, New Boston Road, Gove Hill Road Union Village and Academy Road)

Starts at Tucker Hill Road (7:15 a.m.) Goes to Route 132 and turns right onto Route 132 (7:20 a.m.). Proceeds up Route 132 to Tyson Road (7:30 a.m.) left onto New Boston Road to Gove Hill Road (7:35 a.m.) to Route 132 (7:43 a.m.). Turns right onto Route 132 to Main Street, Union Village (7:50 a.m.) and Academy Road to Thetford Academy (7:55 a.m.) Then to Thetford Elementary (8:05 a.m.)

THETFORD AFTERNOON ROUTES

Bus #1: Starts at Thetford Elementary. (2:45), goes to Thetford Academy (2:55), takes right onto Rte 113, to Rte 5 S. to Rabbit Lane (3:10), to Steven Road, to Quail John Road, to Old Stone Road, to Godfrey Road, to Deer Run Lane turn around (3:25) and back out Godfrey Road, to Rte 113 to Latham Road, to Rte 5 N to Rte 244 (3:40).

Bus #2: Same as A.M. bus
Bus #3: Same as A.M. bus

BUTLERS TRANSPORTATION

CORINTH/TOPSHAM/ROUTE 113 MORNING ROUTE

6:55 a.m. Corinth Town Hall
7:05 a.m. East Corinth Gen Store
7:35 a.m. Chelsea Square
7:45 a.m. Route 113
7:50 a.m. Thetford Academy

Depart as soon as loaded for River Bend

CORINTH/TOPSHAM/ROUTE 113 AFTERNOON ROUTE

2:55 p.m. Depart Thetford Academy
3:00 p.m. Route 113
3:10 p.m. Chelsea Square
3:40 p.m. East Corinth General Store
3:50 p.m. Corinth Town Hall

HARTLAND/SHARON/STRAFFORD MORNING ROUTES

6:55 a.m. Hartland 3 Corners (1 stop only)
7:20 a.m. Sharon (Apt building next to Exit #2)
7:30 a.m. Strafford (Strafford Recreation building)
7:50 a.m. Thetford Academy

HARTLAND/SHARON/STRAFFORD AFTERNOON ROUTES

2:55 p.m. Depart Thetford Academy
3:15 p.m. Strafford
3:25 p.m. Sharon
3:50 p.m. Hartland 3 Corners

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BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION 2021-2022 BUS ROUTES BUTLER TRANSPORTATION

BMU Route #1 Sue Hill AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:40 Barnet Park and Ride
6:45/3:00 JFB Trucking McIndoe Falls
6:55/2:50 East Ryegate Village
7:03/2:45 East Rd to Davidson Rd turns around at Longmoore Rd
7:10/2:39 Green house across from Mill Pond
7:12/2:35 Route 302
7:15/2:25 BMU

BMU Route #2 Wanda Leonard AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:45/2:56 Apt. Building after VT/NH Bridge
6:52/2:53 CCX
6:55/2:50 Copies and More
7:00/2:45 Wells River Fire Station
7:05/2:40 Bible Hill Rd
7:09/2:36 Whitelaw Rd.
2:32 PM New Beginnings
7:15/2:30 BMU

BMU Route #3 Dianne Warren UPPER SCOTT HIGHWAY 302 AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:45/3:25 Fuller Hill
3:30 PM 3816 Scott Highway
6:48/3:21 Seyon Pond Road
6:49/3:20 Westville Road

STATE FOREST ROAD

6:53/3:10 Ricker Mill Road /both Ends
6:55/3:13 Lakeside Drive

7:03/2:57 232/302 Intersection

LOWER SCOTT HIGHWAY 302

7:05/2:56 Coal Kiln Road
7:06/2:54 Powerhouse Road
7:07/2:53 Branch Brook Road
7:09/2:52 1618 Scott Highway
7:09/2:52 1536 Scott Highway
7:10/2:51 Community Building
7:11/2:50 Post Office
7:15/2:45 Witherspoon Road
7:30/2:30 BMU

These are estimated times. Please try to have your children out and waiting for their bus approx. 10 minutes early the first week of school and 5 minutes early during the school year.

BMU Route #4 Mark Ruel AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:35/3:02 South Bayley Hazen
6:42/2:56 Ryegate Corner
6:45/ 2:54 Nelson Farm
6:52/2:52 Witherspoon Rd
6:58/2:45 Stone Rd
7:06/2:40 Church Street/Pleasant Street
7:08/2:39 Pinehurst Cemetery
7:10/2:37 Rte 302
7:15/2:30 BMU

BMU Route #5 Alan Thompson AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:40/3:25 Railroad Street
6:50/3:22 Minard Hill Road
7:00/3:12 Great Road
7:05/3:04 Cross Road
7:10/3:00 Stone House Rd
7:15/2:56 Glover Road
7:20/ 2:48 Rt 302
7:30/2:42 Creamery Road
7:35/2:38 Quint Road
7:45/2:30 BMU

BMU Route #6 Jeff Norton AM/PM SCHEDULES

6:45/3:08 Goodfellow Rd
6:46/3:07 Willow Lane
6:47/3:06 Cliffs Hill
6:49/3:04 W. Gloucester Rd
6:50/3:03 Birchwood Lane
6:52/3:01 Red Brook Rd
7:00/2:53 Powder Spring Rd
7:02/2:51 Weld Rd
7:08/2:45 Mountain View Drive
7:10 /2:43 Quarry Lane
7:12/2:41 Ansley Rd
7:14 /2:39 Railroad Street
7:16/2:37 Groton Post Office
7:25/2:30 BMU

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES “CHILD FIND NOTICE” AUGUST 2021

In accordance with state and federal laws Orange East Supervisory Union, serving the towns of Bradford, Corinth, Groton, Newbury, Ryegate, Topsham, Thetford, and Wells River serves notice that special education and related services are available to appropriately identified individuals between the ages of birth through twenty-one. Any individual wishing to take advantage of these services or desiring additional information may contact Alison Kidder, Director of Student Services at (802-222-5216 Ext. 6111)

If there are parents within the school districts who should have this information interpreted or written in other languages, please notify the Orange East Supervisory Union

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM AUGUST 2021

All Vermont schools are required to have a tiered system of academic, social emotional and behavioral supports commonly referred to as “MTSS.” Therefore, per policy, all schools within Orange East Supervisory Union must develop and maintain, in consultation with parents, a comprehensive system of education that includes a wide range of layered supports. This system of support is designed to enhance, supplement and intensify classroom instruction resulting in practices that support, to the greatest extent possible, the success of all students in the general education classroom. This approach recognizes that both high quality instruction and additional layers of support may be necessary for some students.

The schools of Blue Mountain, Bradford, Newbury, Oxbow, Thetford, and Waits River Valley have developed an educational support system and educational support teams. Parents, teachers and/or students may make a referral to school based teams through their classroom teacher when a student is at risk of failure or requires additional assistance in order to succeed in the general education environment. This system is designed to provide all students with the supports and interventions they need to be successful regardless of eligibility for categorical programs.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AUGUST 2021

All affected school facilities within OESU have asbestos management plans available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility.

2021-2022 Annual Notification

DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION & RIGHT OF REFUSAL

Schools in the Orange East Supervisory Union may disclose designated directory information on students and eligible students* without the prior consent of the parent of eligible students, and without any record of such disclosure. The following types of personally identifiable information have been designated directory information:

- Student’s name, address, date of birth, dates of enrollment;
- Parent or legal custodian’s name and address;
- Student’s grade level classification;
- Student’s participation in recognized school activities and sports;
- Weight and height of member of athletic teams;
- Student’s diplomas, certificates, awards and honors received.

Disclosure may include such personally identifiable information contained or reflected in photographs.

If you are the parent of an eligible student currently attending any of the schools in the Orange East Supervisory Union, you have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of these types of information as directory information concerning your child or (if you are an eligible student) yourself, by providing written notice of your refusal, listing the types(s) of information which you refuse to have so designated, to the principal of the school your child attends (or the school you attend, if you are an eligible student), not later than 15 working days of receipt of Annual Notice Regarding Student Records.

*You are an eligible student if you are at least 18 years of age or are attending an institution of post-secondary education.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

(As required by the 1979 Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR part 100, App. B, IV-OO))

River Bend Career and Technical Center is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Programs of Study for the school year 2021-2022:

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Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Blue Mountain UHS, Rivendell Academy, Thetford Academy, Woodsville HS, Oxbow HS, and home school students throughout the region.

The Orange East Supervisory Union/River Bend Career & Technical Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and marital/civil union status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. The Supervisory Union/Technical Center provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The ORANGE EAST SUPERVISORY UNION/RIVER BEND CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER offers additional services to students with limited English language skills or with disabilities so that they may benefit from these programs. Individuals wishing to obtain information about the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities should contact the 504 Coordinator (information below).

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Katherine Chobanian, Title IX Coordinator
Phone Number: 802-222-5212
Address: 36 Oxbow Drive, Bradford VT 05033

Elizabeth Towle, 504 Coordinator
Phone Number: 802-222-5212
Address: 36 Oxbow Drive, Bradford VT 05033

ANNUAL NOTICE REGARDING STUDENT RECORDS

TO: Parents of students and eligible students of Orange East Supervisory Union
FROM: Emilie Knisley, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: August 2021
RE: ANNUAL NOTICE REGARDING STUDENT RECORDS

As an eligible student (18 years or older) or a parent of a student enrolled in the Orange East Supervisory Union, you have certain rights concerning the education records, which the district maintains. These rights are afforded by the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA), and other legal requirements.

You have the right:

- To a list of the types and locations of student education records maintained by the district and the titles and addresses of the school officials responsible for those records.
- To inspect and review your education records within a reasonable time after such a request (no more than 45 days after the request is made, and before any IEP meeting or hearing related to the identification, evaluation, or placement of a student with a disability). This includes the right to:
 - a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the education record.
 - have a representative of your choice (i.e. an advocate, relative, etc.) inspect and review the records on your behalf.
 - a copy of any of your education records free of charge if the established fee effectively prevents you from exercising your right to inspect and review the records.
- To seek the correction of your education records through a request to amend them, or through a hearing procedure provided for by law, including the right to a copy of the Orange East Supervisory Union’s “Procedures for Request to Amend Information in Education Records”.
- To review the access log (record of disclosure of personally identifiable information) from your record.
- To examine and receive a copy of any policies or procedures of the Orange East Supervisory Union regarding education records by contacting the superintendent.
- To receive this notice in your home language, if it is other than English, or by any other primary mode of communication that you use unless it is clearly not feasible for the district to do so.

G. To file complaints, regarding the Orange East Supervisory Union’s failure to grant these rights by writing to the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4665.

H. To have information from your education records withheld from disclosure to third parties without your prior written consent, except:

- to school official with legitimate educational interests
- to official of another school of school system in which you (your student) seek(s) or intend(s) to enroll
- to federal or state government officials and other authorities, as provided by law
- in health and safety emergencies
- to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
- directory information which includes student’s name, address, telephone number, current grade enrolled in
- degrees and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance and most recent previous education agency or institution attended, date and place of birth, and major field of study.

(Please see the following resource: FERPA General Guidance for Parents for more information -link below)
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>

NOTE: The education agency is neither required nor prohibited from disclosing personally identifiable information contained in these exceptions. This means that the supervisory union may release the information if it chooses to do so but the fact that the information is included in the exception does not create a requirement that the information be released to a third party. Either parent or an eligible student has the right to inspect, review, and release the student’s education records unless the district is provided with evidence of a statute, court order or other legal document that specifically resolves these rights.

In order to request inspection and review of your education records, or if you have any questions concerning your rights in this matter or if you wish to have a copy of the district’s policy, contact the principal of the school the student is enrolled in for an appointment.

For a complete copy of Parent’s Rights in Special Education please contact Alison Kidder, Director of Student Services, Orange East Supervisory Union (802-222-5216 Ext. 6111).

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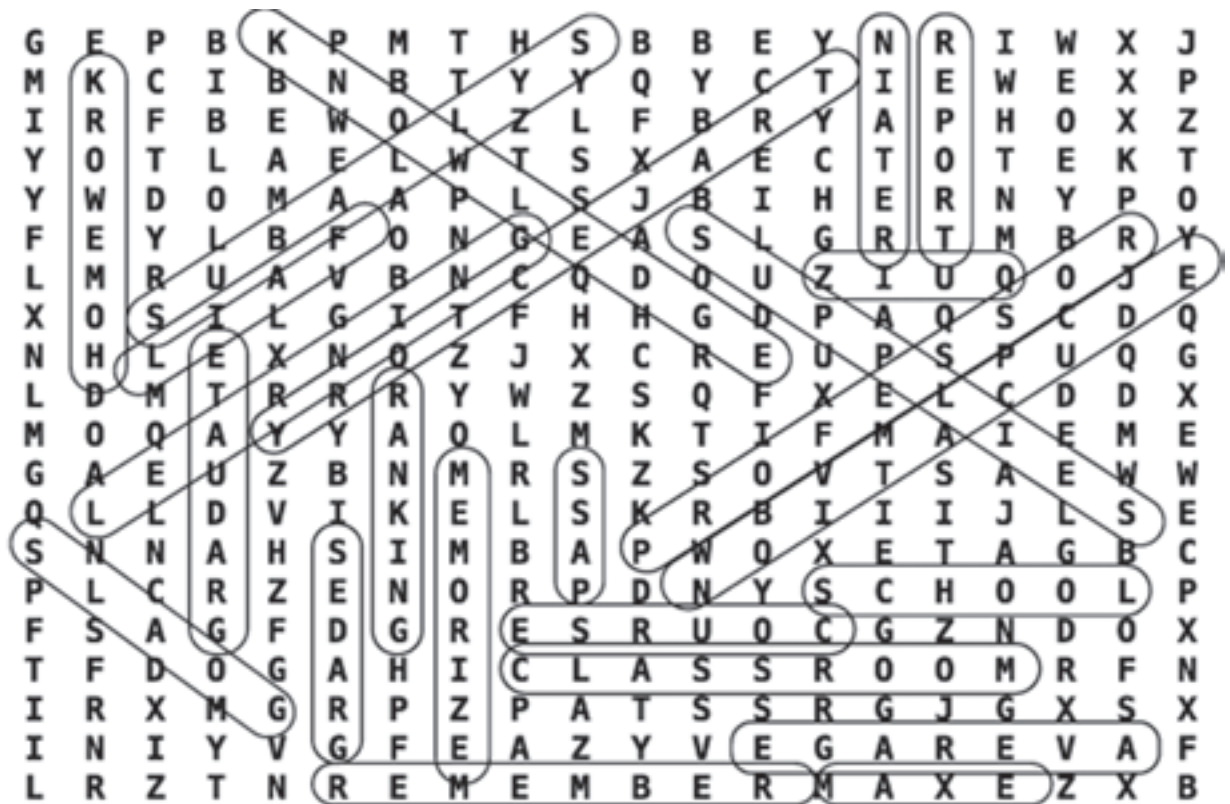
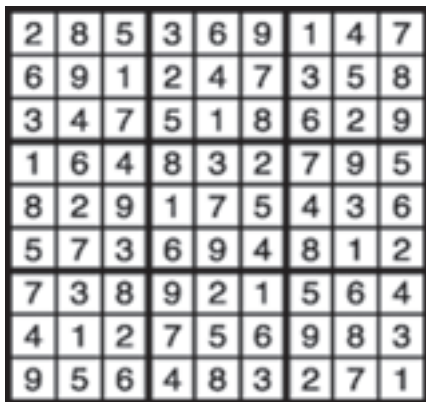
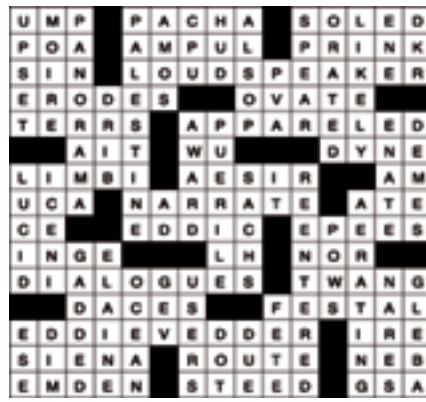
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WHEN: Monday, August 16, 2021
WHERE: Robert E. Clifford Building 65 South Court Street Woodsville, NH & over Zoom Webinar
<https://zoom.us/j/98756380795?pwd=T1Z0MGl0UStHSWZzZm5mM25CVTRUz09>

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An electronic sign outside the Groton Community Building promotes last week's special town meeting on a proposal to become a Second Amendment sanctuary town.

•Groton

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magazines with some exceptions, and the sale of guns to people under 21 unless training and certification requirements are met.

They also implemented the so-called red flag law, which allow family members or police to petition a court for an extreme risk protection order allowing authorities to seize a weapon from someone who is deemed a risk to himself or others.

Those laws have been roundly criticized by gun rights advocates.

Despite the new laws, several Groton residents said they were wary of the resolution and asking the selectboard to wade into the debate and decide what's constitutional and what isn't.

"The Second Amendment is important to me too," said gun owner Jess DeCarolis. "But the selectboard doesn't have the authority to choose what it follows and what it doesn't."

Former selectboard member

Deb Jurist agreed.

"We expect them to act like King Solomon, but we treat them like King Solomon's baby," she said.

Another speaker said telling the selectboard to not follow a law is equivalent to telling the board to break the law.

The results were announced a little less than an hour after the meeting commenced. Groton Town Clerk Carrie Peters said ballot counters took their time counting the ballots because the result was so close.

The special town meeting on the resolution had initially been warned for last spring, but the meeting was postponed due to the pandemic.

At the end of the meeting, selectboard member Zachary Conaway thanked everyone for attending. He said while the close vote showed people felt very strongly about the issue, the discussion was polite and civil.

"It's time for us to put this behind us and work on issues in Groton," he said.

After the meeting, Webster said he was disappointed, but satisfied with the result.

"I tried the best I can," he said. "The townspeople have spoken."

Moderator Brent Abare led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance before the meeting was called to order.

The meeting was held inside, but doors on either side of the gymnasium remained open on a clear and pleasant summer evening. Most of those attending did not wear masks or facial coverings, but several did.

Email: editor@jonews.com.

•Detention center

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most [Woodside] had at any one time was five youth, so we believe a six bed facility will meet the needs of Vermont's youth who need this level of treatment," Brown said.

Woodside did come under scrutiny as it approached its end. Multiple separate investigations into the facility were in progress as it shut down.

According to a July 2020 VTDigger article, Disability Rights Vermont, a nonprofit organization, filed a federal lawsuit stating that DCF had failed to address "dangerous conditions" at Woodside, including the use of inappropriate restraints and an incident where a staff member caused a youth to injure his head on a door.

Additionally, 11 of Woodside's 30 employees were under investigation for misconduct in the weeks leading up to the facility's close, according to a September 2020 VTDigger article.

Woodside was operated by the state of Vermont, while Covered Bridge will be operated by Becket, a private company which approached DCF with the idea to convert an existing building.

According to Brown, Becket and DCF have been collaborating on the design of the treatment programs youth will go through at the facility, as well as the design of the building itself.

Brown also led several public forums over the course of the spring where community members discussed the Covered Bridge project.

Several Newbury residents expressed concern that youth would run away from the facility or that local traffic would increase, and Brown proposed a number of solutions to address those concerns.

Brown does not believe it is likely that anyone will leave the facility given that the building itself will contain security measures, and said that a system will be in place to alert local residents in case anything takes place at the facility that could affect the community.

"If there's an incident at the facility, we will use a mass communication tool to let people know if something's happened," Brown said. "It's a very rare event, and we've offered to look at increased law enforcement presence if that's what the community would like to see happen."

In addition, the executive director of the facility will attend meetings in surrounding communities regularly in order to keep up with local events and address residents' concerns.

The Act 250 hearing for the Covered Bridge project will take place on Aug. 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a site visit at 487 Stevens Place in Newbury and continuing afterwards with a hearing at the Bradford Academy.

Individuals interested in participating in the hearing should contact District Commissioner Linda Matteson at linda.matteson@vermont.gov before the hearing.

Bear Ridge shortened by Mother Nature

BRADFORD—Walker Motor Sales night feature winners were Jason Horniac in the Wells River Chevrolet DIRTcar Sportsman Coupes Madness, segment one, and Cody Copeland in segment two; segment three will be run Aug. 14; Jo Kawiec in the USAC DMA Midgets; and Dustin Towle in the LaValley Building Supply Dirt Stocks. The rained out features will be made up Aug. 14 and 21.

It was a history making night at the Ridge when it was announced in the drivers meeting that the Wells River Chevrolet DIRTcar Sportsman Coupes drivers had collected lap money for 360 laps for their Madness event making this the biggest payout in history for any regular division at the Ridge. The hard work of the drivers is affording them the opportunity to be competing for over \$13,000 in lap money, purse, and special bonuses added to the pot for their efforts. The first nine across the line are in it to win it scoring the lap money. In addition to the purse and lap dollars, a bonus of \$100 to each segment winner was added, had all three segments been won by the same person, they would have scored a total of \$500. Plus, two Hoosier Tires and two Five-gallon certificates for VP Racing fuel will be awarded to four of the drivers who brought in over 20 laps, the car numbers to be pulled from a hat in victory lane at the conclusion of their event Aug. 14. Going into segment three it is still anyone's race with the top seven drivers combined points for the first two segments separated by five from first to seventh.

In the USAC DMA Midgets, the points battle has suddenly become the focal point with Joe Krawiec's second win of the season putting him on top of the heap, and knocking Seth Carlson off the point which he has held since race one. Joining Krawiec in victory lane was Manny Dias with his best finish of the season, and Justin Phillips, his fourth visit to victory lane this season.

The LaValley Building Supply feature made it past halfway just before the rains came, making it official and able to be scored in the record books. This growing division had 19 cars in the pits with a handful suffering from some heat race struggles, shortening the field for the main event. When the green waved on the feature, Dustin Towle and Dawn Rumrill set the pace for the field. Towle was able to hold onto the point and be scored the winner with Jacob Brown in second and Mike Stender taking home third.

Coming up Aug. 14, it is topless night and Bradford Bull Dogs Benefit sponsored by Swenson Insurance Company. Swenson night will feature the DIRTcar Sabil & Sons Sportsman Modifieds, DIRTcar Wells River Chevrolet Sportsman Coupes, C.A. Miller Limited Late Models, LaValley Building Supply Dirt Stocks, and Peanuts Auto LLC Four Cylinders. Plus, the Granite State Mini Sprints. Also, the final segment of the DIRTcar Wells River Chevrolet Sportsman Coupes and the Peanuts Auto LLC Four Cylinders, which were rained out will compete.

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The Mentoring Program meets in two sessions. Hours for the position will be from 8:15-11:15 daily M-F. The Mentoring Program transports students from Woodsville High School to Woodsville Elementary and/or the Bath Village School where the high school students work in elementary classrooms, supporting the learning at those schools. This is an ideal position for a retired teacher.

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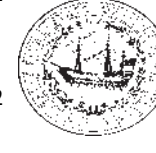
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The Outside Story

—Skillful swimmers with a powerful pinch—

by Declan McCabe

I was sitting poolside with my children on summer day when another parent hustled her son out of the water because of a swimming cockroach. The “cockroach” turned out to be a giant water bug (family Belostomatidae), the largest of the hemipterans, or true bugs. These insects are typically found in lakes and ponds, but sometimes show up in rivers – and occasionally in swimming pools.

“Toe biter” is another common name for these spectacular insects, and although they rarely bite people, when they do, it can be an intensely painful experience. The bite of a giant water bug can even lead to numbness of an entire limb. Symptoms vary but may persist for up to five hours, typically without lasting damage.

You may wonder why a large—up to 4 inches—and robust insect needs such potent weaponry. The explanation lies in how they feed. Giant water bugs hang upside-down in aquatic vegetation, their pointed abdomens close the water surface. They breathe through snorkel-like tubes and patiently wait for an errant fish—or amphibian, turtle, snake, or even a duckling—to pass. Then the bug goes from zero to sixty in a flash.

Giant water bugs are incredibly fast and skillful swimmers and pounce on prey, grabbing on with all six legs—including a pair of forelegs so powerful they’re sometimes confused for pinchers—and engaging in a brief struggle reminiscent of a rodeo ride. A single puncture wound delivered by a pointed proboscis is all that is required to subdue prey. It is less the physical wound and more the venom that delivers the coup de grâce—or the painful sensation in a wayward swimmer’s toe. Giant water bug venom includes cell-destroying toxins and enzymes to break the prey’s proteins down to a conveniently drinkable soup.

Giant water bugs also have a gentler side and are known to be among the best parents, and specifically fathers, of the insect world. Depending on the species, two approaches to fatherhood are common. Females of the larger species (sub family Lethocerinae) lay eggs on aquatic plant stalks just above the water line, where they are tended by the males. The fathers defend the eggs against predators, shade them with their bodies, and make excursions to bring water to moisten the eggs.

The smaller species (sub family Belostomatinae) practice what amounts to male pregnancy and even play rock-a-bye-baby with their developing offspring. These mother water bugs lay eggs directly onto the backs of their mates. The males alter their typical routines to ensure successful egg development. Instead of hanging in the weeds awaiting prey, brooding males make risky trips to the surface and push their backs above water to improve air supply for their precious cargo. While submerged, they use a combination of pushups and a rocking motion of the entire body to flush fresh water past the eggs, thus removing wastes or sediments.

So critical is the father’s role that some females will resort to nefarious means to ensure their eggs are cared for. When males are in short supply, marauding females will sometimes destroy eggs from other females being tended by males, and then mate with the newly available male.

Should you be concerned about protecting you and yours from these



apparently ferocious pond and river dwellers? Probably not. Despite their “toe biter” moniker, of the seven giant water bug bite victims discussed in case studies from Brazil, five were professional biologists bitten while working. The at-risk demographic, it appears, is me. So, unless you are planning on joining my strange profession (and you would be most welcome), you may well be fine. And a quarter century in without a bite, I’m taking my chances.

Declan McCabe teaches biology at Saint Michael’s College. His work with student researchers on insect communities is funded by the National Science Foundation. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.



There will be a tour of several area homes and buildings, including the Moses Kent House (pictured here) in Lyme, later this year to highlight historic painted walls and murals in the Connecticut River Valley.

COURTESY PHOTO



Members of the Old Goshen Church Board of Directors pose for a photo following the group’s annual meeting on Sunday afternoon at the historic church on Goshen Road. Board members talked about long-term plans for the church building, including how to increase public use and access. Currently, several events and private ceremonies are held each year at the church. The final public service of 2021 is a candlelight vigil set scheduled for Sept. 5. Pictured are from left to right are (back row) John Bean and Carole Taylor; (middle row) Martina Stever, Patti Clark, and Dianne Smarro; (front row) Kathy Thibault, Danielle Thibault, and John Fotherley.

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NO IT’S NOT REALLY STARING AT YOU—The Vermont Trappers Association had a booth at the 44th Annual Orford Flea Market held the past weekend in Orford. This taxidermy mount of a coyote kept a watchful eye on the passers-by.

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