



LEAVES ON PARADE—A float sports fall colors during the Groton Fall Foliage parade on Saturday. Much of the area, especially in the hills, is enjoying peak foliage at the moment.

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Construction begins on new water tank

by Lillian Gahagan

FAIRLEE—Work is underway to replace one of two water storage tanks that support Fairlee's municipal water system.

The destruction of one of two existing tanks on Bald Top Road is the first step in a series \$3.6 million upgrades to the town's water system.

The municipal water system in Fairlee was built in 1940. The tank being replaced was built in 2003 and was supposed to have a lifespan of 75 years.

But an inspection of the 265,000-gallon tank in August 2015 found that concrete was structurally compromised. Pieces from the underside of the roof section had fallen off and were lying on the bottom of the tank. The 100,000-gallon tank built in 1974, meanwhile, remains in good condition.

When the concrete flaws were discovered, town officials talked to the tank designer, project manager, and structural engineer, Tim Schaal. He concluded that the structural failures of the concrete planks in the roof led to cracks at the tops of the tank's walls; he advised that the roof eventually would collapse.

The town then contracted with Tata & Howard to evaluate repair alternatives and funding possibi-

ties. Litigation against the original contractor has not yet resulted in any settlement, but is progressing.

Town officials have researched repairing the tank rather than replacing it and enlisted several residents as well as the town's water system operators in that endeavor.

Along with the deterioration of the water tank, other aspects of the municipal water system needed improvement. Many water users had complained for years about the taste of the water and testing revealed an above average amount of manganese. To improve the quality of the water, the engineers recommended treatment to soften the water and the installation of a filtration system.

Another shortcoming of the system was that several sections of piping—some 8,600 feet—were deemed too small, too old, and inadequate. Finally, a recommendation was made to install a metered system to ensure that customers would be fairly billed on their usage.

Grants were still available for funding up to 45 percent of the project from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but the timeline to apply for the funding was not expected to be available beyond

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Vineyard takes root in Corinth

by Linda Duxbury

CORINTH—It all began with a horse.

Several years ago, David and Olivia Tillman were showing a thoroughbred at a horse show in Roanoke, Virginia. The day-time temperatures of the Southern summer were oppressive, so the show was at night. This left the Tillmans ample time to visit local vineyards for wine tastings.

Some of the tastings were at farms run by people from varied backgrounds—there was a chemist, a teacher, and others—all seeking to create something special. The Tillmans learned that some of the farmers tried keeping animals of various kinds but were too soft-hearted when it came to slaughtering them so growing grapes became a better alternative with no upsetting side effects.

"Why don't we do a vineyard?" Olivia asked David.

"OK, I'll look into it," David replied. And so the process began.

Olivia's parents bought a farm in Corinth that has served as the family's summer home since 1964.

So there was no question as to where the Tillmans would eventually locate their vineyard. It would be on a sunny slope with spectacular views.

In the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, the couple attended seminars on vineyards where they learned about varieties of hardy, cold-weather grapes. Armed with this background, they delved further and worked with Cornell University and the University of Minnesota.

Boston Winery provided the couple with an education on the art of winemaking.

In 2008, the Tillmans broke ground on Montview Vineyard. But it's only now that Montview is fully licensed to sell wine. And the public was invited for a tasting and open harvest over the weekend when the *Journal Opinion* spoke with Olivia.

"We grow Prairie Star, a white grape; Frontenac gris, a gray grape; Edelweiss, another white grape; Marquette, a red grape; and, a seedless table grape, Sunset," she said. "We will be making a red,

white, and rosé with the grapes we pick this year."

The Marquette produces a red wine of the same name. Montview will also sell a Pas de Deux, which is a blend of Prairie Star and Frontenac gris.

Montview's first harvest was in 2012. For some time, the harvesting was performed by family members working on weekends or friends from the community and church.

This year, Montview Vineyard opened up the harvest and offered an incentive. For every pound of grapes picked, 10 cents were donated to a charity of their choice with an anonymous corporate donor providing matching funds if the charity is on the Federal Matching Funds list.

The grapes add up. In a previous year, the first harvest weekend yielded 1 ton of grapes; the second year it was two tons. Last year, 3 tons were picked.

A Montview Vineyard greets visitors to the Flanders Lane vine-

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Downtown hub set to open

by Michelle Arnosky Sherburne

BRADFORD—When The Space on Main formally opens on Friday at 11 a.m., it will fill a Hill's 5&10-sized hole in Bradford's downtown. There's been plenty of anticipation in recent weeks, and the opening comes after years of planning and investment by Monique Priestley, Vin and Angela Wendell, and others.

But what exactly is it? Unlike the small department store that anchored the village for more than half a century, the Space on Main is not retail.

"The Space on Main is unique because it blends coworking, wellness offices, and maker spaces with facilities for community events and business conference usage," said Priestley, founder and president. "I am building this for the community. It has developed from the feedback and input I received."

Priestley had a vision of bringing people together in Bradford and her enthusiasm has carried over. She characterizes Space on Main as an example of how people work together in small communities to

make things happen.

Inspired by Priestley's tireless efforts, Colatina owners Vin and Angela Wendell got involved. Rather than expand the restraunt into the vacant adjacent storefront they own, the Wendells saw an opportunity to take Bradford's downtown to forward.

Space on Main provides open and closed workspaces, a fiber internet network, shared offices, wellness offices, a large multipurpose room, a large conference room, a dedicated makerspace, a kitchenette, a lounge, an artists gallery and a variety of open office areas with various seating options like booths, a bar, desks, and a lounge.

It gives professionals and community members the ability to consult, talk, and interact with each other. Most importantly, this new center will bring people to Bradford.

"A real plus to our facility is that it is handicapped-accessible, many are not," Priestley said. "We also provide flexible low-cost memberships and we will meet the needs of

a large demographic. It offers a Main Street presence for businesses that cannot afford or justify renting an entire office space or storefront by themselves."

Even before the grand opening this week, Space on Main has a busy calendar. Members are anxious to get working at Space on Main.

The soon-to-open Margaret Pratt Community will hold interviews for future employees while construction on the Plateau Acres assisted living facility continues.

"They are looking to run 100 interviews through here," Priestley said. MPC will also utilize the Space for board retreats, community forums, and classes.

What seems like a novel concept has been an established alternative working arrangement for businesspeople and professionals across the U.S. for over a decade. By working remotely and with Wi-Fi available almost anywhere, people do not have to physically "be at the office" anymore.

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COMING TOGETHER AND SIGNS ARE UP—Signmaker Russ Priestley, left, and general contractor John Horton, right, contemplate the location for the Space on Main signage Sunday. With the upcoming launch party Friday, Space on Main founder Monique Priestley and building owners Vin and Angela Wendell anticipate the long-awaited center opening. The venture has been a community effort even on Sunday when a hammer drill broke and they had to contact Dan Perry, owner of the Tool Barn, to make a special trip to the shop to get a replacement so the signs could go up.

JO PHOTO BY MICHELLE SHERBURNE

The Space represents Bradford commitment

by Michelle Arnosky Sherburne

BRADFORD—After Hill's closed a few years ago, Vin and Angela Wendell were considering expanding the Colatina restaurant when Monique Priestley shared her idea of a coworking center in Bradford. The timing could not have been better.

"We really got interested in Monique's concept," Vin Wendell said in an interview. "This is a two-fold thing here. One is improving and increasing Bradford's downtown property values. Two is bringing people to Bradford. We felt we could accomplish the footprint we wanted to establish here with what Monique proposed."

The original plan was to combine their expanded restaurant and the coworking center in the former Hill's building. But as the venture grew into focus, the Wendells and Priestley saw something more. All 7,000 square feet of it should house The Space on Main.

"I feel this will be really huge," Wendell said. "Retail was going away in our town so we saw this as a way to attract people to our community. Monique's idea brings such a diverse element to town." That diversity is will be found in the coworking environment and promoting Bradford as a business and

entreneurial destination.

Bringing in a variety of new businesspeople to the Space will lead to conferences, classes, workshops, training courses, seminars, artists, musicians, and writers. The hope is that members and those who rely on their services will have a ripple effect throughout Bradford.

Priestley and the Wendells pooled their resources and moved forward into making Space on Main a reality. The Wendells invested over \$500,000 in renovations and hired John Horton of Haverhill as general contractor and his construction crew.

The 7,000 square foot building has three floors and received electrical, plumbing, insulation, interior walls, fire alarm system, security, data wiring, flooring, and finish work. The Wendells hired Young's Electric, Hood's Plumbing, Roy Refrigeration, NEK Sprayfoam, and Page Turner Painting.

Alarmco provided the sound systems, cameras, and security systems. All Access installed the data networking, monitors, and Wi-Fi. Russ Priestley, Monique's

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Mitchell Reed adds to Montview Vineyard's Pick for a Cause harvest while Kayly Reed adjusts some bird mesh for better access in Corinth on Saturday.

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Listen, listen

by Rebecca Farley

Listen, wear the armor of God always, and stand strong and firm in faith. For His belt of truth and breastplate of righteousness will protect you always, keeping you safe.

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We are not fighting against flesh, but evil enemies and the dark one. Listen, I say, wear God's armor to resist all evil and overcome.

And be one of the many to march in the Lord's mighty armyhood, and stand up for our Lord Jesus always and forever on the side of good.

ON THIS DATE

On Oct. 10, 1886, Griswold Lorillard of Tuxedo Park, NY, fashioned the first tuxedo for men by cutting the tails off a tailcoat.

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“Upstairs, Downstairs” made its TV premiere on Oct. 10, 1972. The 52 episodes of this Masterpiece Theatre series covered the years 1903 to 1930 in the life of a wealthy London family (Upstairs), and their many servants (Downstairs). The last episode aired May 1, 1977, though the series has been rerun several times on PBS.

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The U.S. Naval Academy was founded on Oct. 10, 1845 when a college to train officers for the navy was established at Annapolis, MD. Women were admitted in 1976. The Academy's motto is “Honor, Courage, Commitment.”

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On Oct. 10, 1813, Italian Composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy. His 26 operas include *La Traviata* and *Aida* which are among the most popular of all operatic music today. He died in Milan, Italy on Jan. 27, 1901.

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Student tickets are free as Shakespeare gets an update in Boston's Classic Repertory Theater production of “A Midsummer's Night Dream” at Court Street Arts in Haverhill on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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Shakespeare comes to Haverhill

HAVERHILL CORNER—“The course of true love never did run smooth.” Love, in all its forms, is at the center of Shakespeare's most magical play. Court Street Arts in partnership with the Oliverian School brings Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the stage on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. (cafe opens 6 p.m.).

This whimsical and youthful production features live music, and contemporary twists. Eight actors take on multiple roles, as the lines between worlds, characters, actors and the audience begin to blur. Running time is 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 10 and up.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for students. Bailiff's Cafe will open at 6 p.m. and will be serving up macaroni and cheese, pork loin and brown-butter stuffing and a roasted butternut squash pie. Meal reservations can be made at (603)989-5500.

Windborne vocal group performing in Fairlee

FAIRLEE—Fairlee Community Arts presents internationally acclaimed vocal band Windborne at the Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium on Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The ensemble is touring in support of their new project: “Song on the Times: A Songbook and Album for Social Struggle” and will be in residence at the Lyme School working with students there on Oct. 16-17.

Song on the Times is an illustrated songbook and album that collects music from working class movements for peoples' rights in the U.S. and UK over the past 400 years, and sings them for the struggles of today.

Admission charged at the door is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/children.



Vocal band Windborne will perform at the Fairlee Town Hall on Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The band is spending two days in residence working with students at the Lyme School. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$10.

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What's going on . . .

At the library

Blake Memorial Library

EAST CORINTH—Explore the history of Vermont granite this fall at the Blake Memorial Library with a free pass to the Vermont Granite Museum in Barre, along with many other free and reduced rate passes to Vermont attractions like the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, State Park Day Use Areas, Vermont History Museum, Shelburne Farms, ECHO Science Center, and more. Passes are checked out like books with a library card.

On Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the library, join Vermont Granite Museum Executive Director, Dr. Scott McLaughlin, for his program, “The Granite Cutters Story,” which will explore the cultural and anthropological perspective of Vermont's granite industry as a tale of hope and loss, and of the eager immigrants chasing a dream who shaped our nation's cemeteries, parks and public architecture.

Read more about the granite industry in Barre in the second half of the

historical fiction novel, *Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Patterson. *Bread and Roses, Too* is the Vermont Humanities Council 2018 Vermont Reads selection, and copies are available for check-out at the library through the end of 2018.

Orchestra kicks off the fall

BARRE—The Vermont Philharmonic's annual Opera Gala conducted by Lou Kosma at the the Barre Opera House on Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. kicks off the season. Sunday tickets are available through the Barre Opera House or at the door.

The orchestra will perform Italian opera masterpieces and arias in the Bel Canto style—lyrical, languishing, ironic, and enchanting. The concert features three talented young singers, winners of the prestigious performance awards from the 2018 Bel Canto Institute in Florence, Italy.

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Emily Brooks holds Andrea Lavertu as they are flanked by Callie Brooks and Paul Tinkham while watching the Groton Fall Foliage parade on Oct. 6.

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Rivendell board talks student safety

by Cicely Richardson
ORFORD—School safety was an underlying theme during most of the Rivendell Interstate School District Board’s Oct. 2 meeting. This includes the physical safety of the buildings and grounds, as well as emotional safety of the students and staff.

The board confirmed its goals for this year: to update policies related to student safety and allocate related resources for this year and next, and to build support for the schools.

Superintendent Elaine Arbour reported that, as of Oct. 15, all doors at Rivendell Academy will be locked, including the district office entrance in Memorial Hall. Everyone will now be funneled through the main entrance of the academy, she said, for more positive control of who is in the building and to help visitors find where they are going. That same day, New Hampshire school officials were scheduled to do a facility approval review of the academy property.

The academy safety team is working on a revised emergency operations plan, using a template provided by the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security Management. Once that plan is approved, it will be adapted for the other two campuses so that all are on the same plan. It will also involve local emergency management people.

The district is also looking closely at what social and emotional learning supports are currently in place, where there are gaps to be filled and what conversations they should be having with students, parents and staff. Meanwhile, the schools are providing “more targeted” supports for students and staff.

Discussing priorities for next year’s budget, Arbour said that all locks in all the schools should be rekeyed. She proposed instituting electronic controls that could be reprogrammed when people leave the district.

Too many people have keys to buildings throughout the district, Arbour said, adding that this is “a huge safety issue, especially during off hours.” In addition to the district’s liability if someone who has entered the school is injured, she cited instances of theft, misuse of equipment, and other damage.

Chairs throughout the school have also become a safety issue, Arbour and Head of Schools/Academy principal Keri Gelenian said. In addition to being uncomfortable, many are weak or breaking, and some have collapsed. This may seem like a small matter, but it has “significant budget implications,” Arbour pointed out.

Seventy new, sturdier chairs are now on order for the academy, but more will be needed next year. Other physical weaknesses to be addressed next year include leaky roofs and the skylights in the café at the Academy.

Gelenian said the elementary budget is “paper thin in terms of instructional supplies” and added a plea for reinstatement of the curriculum coordinator position.

Elementary principal Julie Donahue confirmed that there has been “an uptick” of high academic needs in both elementary schools, as well as a “significant uptick in behaviors in the few years that have prevented people from doing their jobs.” Further, she said, there is no consistent curriculum in the lower grades, with teachers using different materials.

Board member Kathy Blanchard expressed surprise that literacy and math instruction in the early grades was not as strong as it used to be.

“I think there has been drift,” said Arbour, adding that, last spring, teachers said they really wanted the opportunity to come back together

to make sure there are certain expectations at each grade level to give students the foundations they need to go on.

“I would certainly say those would be budget priorities,” Blanchard said.

“They definitely are,” Arbour said. “Those are my yearlong goals for the schools, to look at those things,” she added.

Buildings

In answer to a board question, Arbour said the building study begun last spring was ongoing. She said some suggestions had emerged from conversations with staff and community members, but she was not ready to make any recommendations.

Currently, grades pre-K through fourth grade are in both Westshire Elementary School and Samuel Morey Elementary School, with all 5th and 6th graders also at Samuel Morey, and grades 7 through 12 at Rivendell Academy.

Staff was split between clustering all grade levels or leaving the configuration as it is, said Arbour, adding that elementary teachers favored clustering. Community

members showed “significant concern” about primary grade students traveling long distances, so they tended to support the current configuration.

Arbour said she plans to follow up with a short survey to send to parents and community members. She added that she sees “no grounds for closing a building. I don’t see how we could fit our students into two buildings,” she said.

The other building issue that is unresolved is the future of the Orford Academy building. The board received an update from AHEAD Executive Director Mike Claflin, stating that “The project really has not changed.” However, the anticipated cost of construction of the proposed senior housing has increased approximately 10 percent, he wrote.

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Festival highlights

The Pike Fall Festival took place Sept. 29 at the Upper Valley Stewardship Center and Eve Outdoor Center in East Haverhill, and the inviting family-friendly activities included a ropes course, pumpkin painting and carving, a farm petting zoo, and free lunch featuring local foods. Offerings included pumpkin soup, fresh apple crisp and homemade ice cream, fresh-pressed apple cider and savory beef stew, the mouth-watering aroma of which floated over the whole outdoor space tempting the hundreds of folks who took advantage of this beautiful annual fall day event.

Something neat was happening at the birdhouse building table where one dark-haired, smiling young lad named Benjamin, among numerous other kids, learned how to hammer nails into wood for the small task. Gripping the wooden-handled tool in both hands and delivering many rapid short blows, he tried to drive in the nails, and with persistence, got the construction job finished in short time. Young Benjamin within five minutes was a much better carpenter and his grin widened in delight. The wood used was dead-fall pine, harvested, aged and milled by Moody himself, and he brings enough of it each year that hundreds of the sturdy bird-houses can be built by all kinds of kids, no matter their age.

Haverhill residents recently met a remarkable young woman who has made history in the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and who also has close ties to the Haverhill area. Former New Hampshire State Trooper, former Haverhill Police Chief and longtime Haverhill Selectboard Chair Wayne Fortier is the proud father of Lieutenant Heidi Murphy, a Woodsville High graduate and the first woman to be hired by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Lt. Murphy is a 14 year veteran of Fish and Game, first hired as a Conservation Officer, who remains the only full-time female to have achieved that, and is presently the Department's Law Enforcement Administration Lieutenant.

Murphy made an appearance at Alumni Hall this past summer, speaking to a large crowd about her Department's role in search and rescue missions. Officers are charged with rescuing hikers, climbers, skiers, hunters, fishermen, OHRV riders, snowmobiles, children, dementia victims and others. Her presentation reviewed a bit of history about the establishment of the Department, how in 1935, Game Wardens became Conservation Officers, and that Fish and Game is a self-funding agency, the majority of funds coming from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. The Lieutenant is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, with a degree in biology, is qualified as a master ski instructor, and has, with her husband Ryan, been a school teacher. The couple has two boys.

Topsham

Linda Duxbury
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Choral music lovers are invited to hear the Tabor Valley Singers, whose members come from Newbury, Bradford, Corinth, and East Topsham, in their final concert of the season on Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. in the East Corinth Congregational Church. There will be a reception after the performance.

With their "have songs, will travel" attitudes, they have enjoyed bringing their varied program of love songs-to-novelty tunes to area senior centers and wherever they are invited. The singers are Cynthia Bazzano, Barbara Clark, Marilyn Dempsey, Gloria Heidenreich, Connie Linnell, Danielle Thibault, Jeanne Smith, Linda Tobin, Katey Walker, Trish Walden, and Judy Welch. Linda Duxbury is director and accompanist and Connie Linnell, who has been with the group since its founding some 10 years ago, is co-director of the group. The concert is free.

The fall rummage sale at the Town Hall in East Topsham is in progress. Stop in and browse for those possible treasures. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will end Oct. 13.

Sunday services at the East Topsham United Presbyterian Church begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Virginia Collins. Choir rehearses from 9 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon. Community Coffee Hour is held each Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Newbury

Edee Thurston
(802) 866-5532

The Newbury Women's Fellowship will hold its monthly meeting at the church vestry on Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. The program will be on the Ryegate fire of 1941 and will be presented by Peter Sinclair and Rachael Nelson Baker. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

The community is proud of Abby Carson, daughter of Vicki and Steve Carson of Harkdale Farm. She represented the state of Vermont A team at the Big E and was on the dairy judging competition.

Rilla Millette and her sister Pam Kinney from Wells River flew to Ayden, NC to be with their sister Penny Larsen for 10 days. They experienced Hurricane Florence to a small degree. Stores and restaurants were boarded up and closed for two days. They were fortunate to not get the damage that was expected.

Margaret Fitzgerald from East Longmeadow, MA spent a few days with her mom, Marion Chamberlin.

Waits River

Lois Butler
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Janet Parker spent a few days at the Butler home last week. She lives in Newport, but used to live in Bradford.

The East Topsham church rummage sale is going on this week, ending on Saturday.

The senior meal at New Hope church will be on Oct. 16. All area senior citizens are invited. It begins at 11:30.

Bradford

Bobette Scribner
(802) 222-5456

Bradford's third annual Trunk or Treat is on Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bradford Fair Grounds. The Bradford Public Library will be handing out children's books. If you have children's books you can give to the Library, please drop them off at the Library.

Little Rivers Health Care is looking

for new members for their Board of Directors. For more information, call Meg at 439-3116.

The Old Church Theater's last 2018 show, "With This Ring," begins on Oct. 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday performance on Oct. 21 at 4 p.m.

Their temporary space is at 176 Waits River Road.

Back Porch News...

Good, Local News.



Student achievements

The following local students are among the 212 admitted to the University of Vermont's Class of 2022: **Emma Bauer** of South Strafford and **Jackson Hall** of East Thetford.

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Caroline Rodi of Lyme has been selected for membership into the St. Lawrence University chapter of Psi Chi, the international psychology honorary society.

What's going on . . .

At the library

Bath Public Library

BATH—The Bath Public Library is having an Open House on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a tour of the library and discover movies, audio books, magazines, puzzles and even a telescope that can be checked out.

At 2 p.m., the program "Your Tax Dollars at Work" will demonstrate how easy the library's new system is to use from the comfort of a home computer or device. Explore the entire collection using the online catalog, reserve books, renew books, use the library savings calculator and have access to a number of electronic resources. At the conclusion of the program, members of the Board of Trustees will be on hand to answer any questions.

There will be light refreshments served. For more information, call (603) 747-3372.

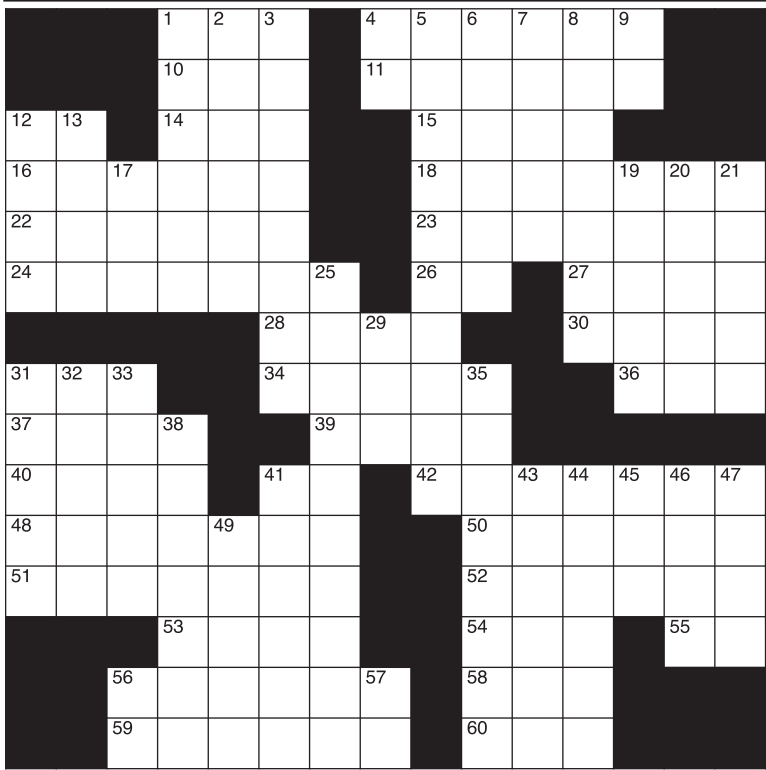
Tenney Memorial Library

NEWBURY—On Oct. 14 at 2 p.m., the second annual master story tellers gathering will take place at Tenney Memorial Library. Supported by the Newbury Woman's Club, this is one of the library's most popular programs. Snacks will be provided by the Newbury Woman's Club.

The first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. is Pre-K Story Time; mindful meditation takes place on Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; and On Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., the pins and needles group meets.

Library hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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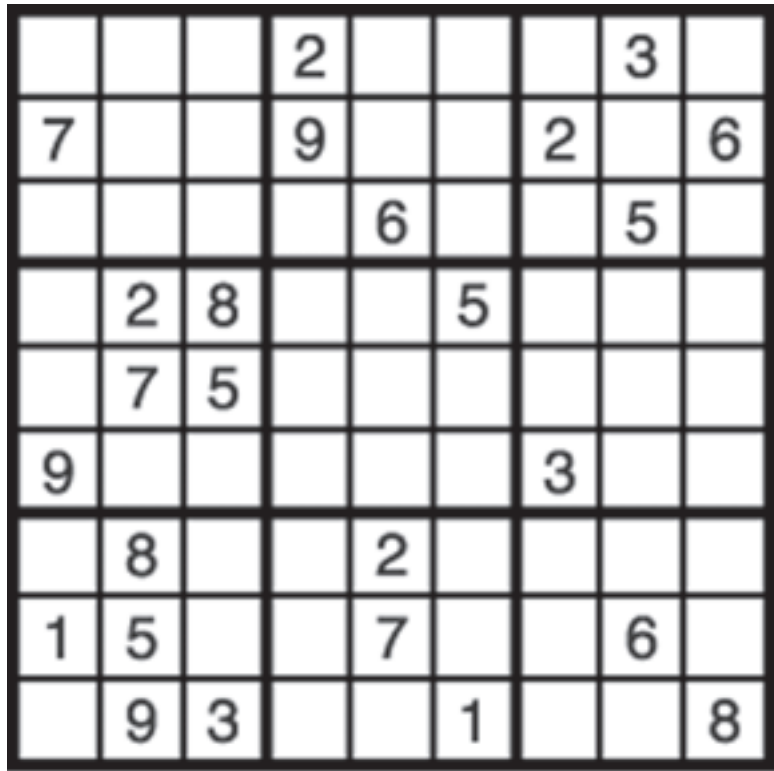
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- Replaces
- Prints money
- Accumulate
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- College teachers
- A way of grating
- Novice
- Having limits
- Shining with jewels or sequins
- Existing at birth but not hereditary
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- A young male horse under the age of four
- Russian industrial city
- Wash off
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•Water tank

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2017. The town decided to go to the voters to bond for the various projects as a set to qualify for the federal funding.

A vote on a \$4.1-million bond failed in June 2017, but a second bond vote was approved in February 2018.

Since then, the final engineering plans have changed to some extent. Although a great deal of effort was taken to research repairing the tank rather than replacing it, none of the structural engineers consulted could attest to the stability of the existing tank.

According to Fairlee Town Administrator Tad Nunez, it was decided earlier this summer to demolish the compromised tank and replace it with a new one. Concrete flaws were detected in the walls of the tank itself, not only in the roof, and town officials and engineers concluded that in the long run, it would be prudent to replace the tank.

Nunez said in an interview in his office at the Town Hall on Oct. 5 that the four parts of the water system upgrade would be phased with overlap between them.

“We’re off and running now,” Nunez said.

The first step in the related project was the demolition and removal of the water tank, which began last week. The expectation is that the demolition will be finished this week and site work will begin next week to install the 275,000-gallon glass-lined, fused-to-steel tank.

N.A. Manosh of Morrisville was awarded the water tank project with a bid of \$1,226,323. Since then, a review of that phase of the project has resulted in a lower budget.

Nunez explained that a review and analysis by all the parties concluded that change orders were necessary because several items included in the original design plan were not necessary. A retaining wall between the two tanks was not needed and there would be no cost to drain the tank because the water system operators would take care of draining and de-chlorinating the final 1.5 feet of water in the tank.

Also, a water-mixing element was deleted from the design because its cost had already been included in the total budget plan. The change orders lowered the budget for the water tank piece to \$854,235 and all parties signed off on that amount.

The rubble from the old tank is being trucked to Lyndonville and the site work for the new tank will begin next week. Nunez said he expects the installation of the new tank will be completed by mid-December and the end date is clear in the contract.

Nunez said it is important that water users understand that during the demolition and replacement of the tank, the system will be supplied by water from the existing tank and “nothing will change” until the project is complete.

“We are using [water from] the older tank now,” Nunez said.

Nunez wanted to alert residents that from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, the water department would be flushing the lines and some people might experience low water pressure and cloudiness in the water. Nunez emphasized that the flushing of the lines is seasonal maintenance and is not related to the water tank project.

Nunez said that soon after the new tank comes online and the water is being used, the filtration part of the project will get going. Pilot

testing has been done, a process that took about a week. That system will be installed at the pump house site off Route 5 just north of the village. After that, the metering phase of the project will take place. The expectation is that all phases of the project should be completed by the fall of 2019.

The final piece of the project will be the replacement of the water lines. According to selectboard member Peter Berger, the entire project is expected to be complete next summer. The expectation is that all phases of the project should be completed by the fall of 2019 and all the monies disbursed.

Email: news@joneews.com.

Warren woman cited for DWI after 93 crash

LINCOLN—The northbound lanes of I-93 were shut down last week after a major car crash involving a local driver.

The crash happened on Oct. 1 at approximately 9:45 a.m. in Lincoln. New Hampshire State Police Troop F responded and the on-scene investigation revealed that a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox was traveling north at approximately 60 mph and struck the rear of a 2003 Kenworth hauling a load of wood chips. The Equinox was being operated by Traci Sackett, 37, of Warren.

Sackett suffered moderate to serious injury and was initially transported to Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth and was later transported to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon to be treated for her injuries. Sackett was traveling with a juvenile female who received only a minor injury in the collision.

The Kenworth was being operated by Dakota Heon, 23, of Farmington, NH. Heon had no other passengers in his vehicle and was not injured in the collision.

The investigation further revealed that Sackett was believed to have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the collision and was subsequently arrested and charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated. Sackett will be required to appear before the 2nd Circuit-District Division-Plymouth Court on Oct. 15 to answer to the charges.

I-93 north was shut down for approximately one hour during the investigation.

ROCK AND ROLL.

FAIRLEE—Fairlee Community Church of Christ, Route 5, Fairlee, will hold a Rock and Roll Baked Potato Bar on Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Special music will be provided by Jim Hollis featuring 60s and 70s pop rock. Cost is by donation for Heifer International.



New Yorker and part-time Corinth resident Dr. Harry Levy at Montview Vineyard on Oct. 6. “I’ve been coming to the area for 10 years and didn’t know there was a vineyard in the vicinity.”

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•Vineyard

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yard. Upon entering the property, the driveway curves to the left around a newly-built barn housing the winery. To the right, a grassy climb leads to the 2.5 acre vineyard.

Dave Merrill and Kim Wind visited Montview to taste the wine on Oct. 6.

“I didn’t know there was a winery in town til I saw the ad,” Merrill said. “Who knew there was one tucked away up in the hills?”

Olivia’s son Nicholas Harding and Gina Squizzero, both of Massachusetts, were on hand in the barn, serving wine samples to interested tasters.

David’s daughter Kayly Reed and son-in-law Mitchell Reed were busily picking grapes a few feet away from where they were married five years ago.

This was the first year that Dr. Harry Levy of New York picked

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Nicholas Harding speaks with Gina Squizzero while she tastes the wine at Montview Vineyard in Corinth on Oct. 6.

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David Tillman said he and Olivia may be the developers of the vineyard but they are also caretakers who want to have more future events on the property, perhaps dinners. There are so many grapes this year that Montview Vineyard plans another “Pick for a Cause” on Oct. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

both days. This story doesn’t end with a horse; however. At Montview but there are four energetic Jack Russell terriers: Trip, Shaylee, Flanders, and Riley, who greet visitors.

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Editorial

Right to repair is good for us all

It should come as no surprise to *Herald* readers that farmers are a traditionally resourceful lot. In a rural state, living on tight margins, when something breaks, you don’t necessarily have time or money to wait for a technician to come to you. You just fix it.

That’s an ethic that has permeated the state and rural reaches around the globe. We can figure things out and, with a little duct tape and baling twine, we can fix most problems.

Sometimes that fix is just enough to get us through a tight deadline, sometimes the temporary fix ends up lasting a decade or two.

News, both good and bad, came from California this week as John Deere, the maker of bright green tractors and other equipment, came to an agreement with the California Farm Bureau over farmers’ rights to repair their own equipment. While California is a long way from Vermont, decisions there, in the largest agricultural economy in the country, have ramifications for everyone.

John Deere, a member of the Far West Equipment Dealers Association, agreed to allow “access to service manuals, product guides, on-board diagnostics and other information that would help a farmer or rancher to identify or repair problems with the machinery.”

That’s great. It helps people make much-needed repairs and it keeps dealers happy by ensuring that their parts counters keep humming along.

One thing that’s not so great about this agreement is how it treats the software that runs the equipment.

More and more, high-tech solutions are integrated into the traditionally mechanical world (take a look at your car sometime). The ability to service the electronics of a piece of machinery is becoming a necessity and it doesn’t seem too big a leap to imagine that future farmers will want to take an active role in tweaking the behavior of software, much like they’ve been modifying the mechanical components of their equipment for generations.

Like most worthwhile issues, this one is complicated. Especially when it comes to programmed safety and emissions features. And, of course, there are financial motives. Nonetheless, John Deere and other companies’ interest in keeping their software secret will sooner or later rub up against their thrifty clientele’s interest in getting work done.

It’s not good for the planet or for the consumer’s wallet to junk a piece of equipment when a five minute fix at a keyboard could have it fully operational.

Inventive folks are going to find a way to do what they need to do with their own equipment. That may mean welding parts where they weren’t designed to go or it might mean reprogramming a sensor. If safety is a goal, companies like John Deere would do well to publish documentation that would enable people to adjust their equipment’s software the correct way, not just whatever kludgy way they figure out. Most tech companies do this in the form of an application programming interface (API); it’s time that so too should equipment manufacturers.

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The judge was wrong

To the Editor:
Sixty years ago my grandfather, Harvey “Bud” Otterman Jr., served as the investigating State’s Attorney in connection with the death of Orville Gibson. This year I have been editing and preparing to publish his book, which includes his own history of Bradford, the story behind his obtaining his designation as a Naval aviator at age 19, and numerous stories pertaining to his 50 years in the practice of law here in Vermont. His book also contains his own first-hand account of the Orville Gibson murder investigation.

I was interested to read Ms. Sherburne’s five-part article published in the *Journal Opinion*. I have only briefly reviewed Judge Stephen Martin’s book regarding Orville Gibson. My understanding is that he posits the theory that Orville Gibson was struggling both financially and emotionally and therefore staged a crime scene in his barn, hogtied himself, and threw himself into the icy Connecticut River in hopes that someone would be blamed for his murder. The theory sounds a bit fanciful to me, but it is sounds like a great defense attorney’s theory to create doubt in the jury room.

Ms. Sherburne’s articles, Judge Martin’s book and Judge Martin’s response to Ms. Sherburne’s articles, published in the *Bridge Weekly*, all seem to be heading into the realm of historical fiction.

I refuse to enter the fray regarding whether Orville Gibson was accidentally killed by vigilantes or committed suicide. However, I am bound to defend the honor of my grandfather from attacks by Judge Martin. In his Sept. 20, 2018 article published in the *Bridge Weekly* he asserts that a reporter attempted to bribe Ozzie Welch into admitting he was one of the vigilante killers and that “Fred Reed, Bud Otterman, and Walter Renfrew were in on the skullduggery.”

Judge Martin cites to his own book for this proposition. But Chapter XVIII of his book merely recounts some letters from a reporter, one of which happened to reference my grandfather’s name—hardly a sound basis upon which to malign the character of an honorable man.

I appreciate that no one has yet read my grandfather’s account of the investigation; however, I can reveal that Bud Otterman was not working with Walter Renfrew in order to obtain a confession from Ozzie Welch. My grandfather makes clear in his account that Walter Renfrew was stirring up the public against Orville Gibson prior to his death and posted bail for Ozzie Welch. Anyone who knew or worked with my grandfather during his 50 years in the practice of law knows that he would not attempt to trick someone into confessing.

My grandfather’s account of the investigation is a non-emotional recitation of the facts. Like a true gentleman, he does not make accusations, posit wild theories, or guess as to what might have happened. He merely recounts the investigation and leaves it to the reader to decide whether the truth can ever be known.

*Adrian Otterman
Barre, VT*

Join me in supporting Senator Bob Giuda

To the Editor:
I am pleased to support District 2 State Senator Bob Giuda and will enthusiastically cast my vote on Nov. 6 for his re-election.

Senator Giuda understands the most important part of his job is to support and work on behalf of his constituents and he has done just that.

Many of you know I am a tree farmer who supports and advocates for the third largest industry in our state, the forest products industry, which generates \$1.4 billion into our state’s economy and creates just under 8,000 jobs.

This industry is very large and important in District 2, which includes forest landowners, foresters, loggers, truckers, saw mills, firewood producers, chip plants and biomass plants (wood to energy) along with all of the support businesses which are critical to the entire forest industry.

This past legislative session the House and Senate passed Senate Bill 365, known as the biomass bill, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, but was vetoed by the Governor. This veto would have put 900 forestry jobs at risk along with \$254 million of economic dollars into the states economy by closing the six independent biomass plants.

Senator Giuda saw the devastation this veto would have had on his constituents and led the charge along with Senator Jeb Bradley and many other state Senators to override the veto on SB 365.

In big part due to Senator Giuda working closely with the forest landowners and the forest industry we were successful in overturning the veto on Sept. 13.

Senator Giuda led with others in the Senate an overwhelming vote of 21 to 3 in favor to overturn the veto. His speech on the Senate floor just before the vote was articulate and convincing; and his support was unwavering for his constituents.

As a forest landowner I am pleased with the leadership and hard work Senator Bob Giuda did on overturning the veto of SB 365.

I hope you agree with me and cast your vote to reelect State Senator Bob Giuda in District 2 on Nov. 6.

*Tom Thomson
Orford, NH*

Blood drive is next week

To the Editor:
The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the River Bend Career and Technical Center on Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The two program hosts are Health Science Technology and Emergency & Fire Management. Please take advantage of the opportunity to help those in need of blood.

There is a request that whenever possible those of us from outside the River Bend-Oxbow campus sign up for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This can be done by going to redcrossblood.org, and finding the Bradford drawing, or by call 1-800- Red Cross. The pre-registering or call allows you to be taken at a time that is convenient for you

To donate, you need to weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. In Vermont and New Hampshire, anyone 17 or over may donate. Sixteen-year-olds can give with a signed parent’s permission. Giving blood is safe and takes about an hour, depending on wait time. The actual donation time is 6 to 10 minutes. Please consider being a double red cell donor.

It is also now possible to answer questions previously asked at the drawing site on line the day of the drawing. These can then be printed at home (or at the library) and brought with you to the drawing, saving you, and the staff time. Questions regarding health issues or medications can be answered by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

*Rob Elder
Piermont, NH*

Dems are on the assault against gun owners

To the Editor:
Please read this in its entirety. It is vitally important for every single gun owner in the USA. This article is not a “scare tactic.” It is 100 percent true.

We are under assault by the Democratic Party, and that is true in every state with very few exceptions. The gun-grabbers led by Schumer, Pelosi, and their ilk have the financial backing of Bloomberg, Soros, Steyer and other billionaires. Money is unlimited.

Their goal is not just to enact “common-sense” gun laws, in spite of their public comments. When Democrats call the NRA a “terrorist” organization, call for the outright repeal of the Second Amendment, and encourage party members to do “whatever it takes” to get their people elected into local, state and national positions, they are not only lying, they are showing how radicalized they have become.

If the Democrats win control of the House, Pelosi will become the Speaker. Virtually all of the TV stations and newspapers spew the Democratic line, and most of Hollywood is behind them, too. Yet these politicians and movie “stars” have armed guards at their houses and armed bodyguards to protect them. What is okay for them, is apparently not okay for the rest of us.

Nobody condones the horrendous killings that have occurred in recent years, especially the 99.9 percent of the gun owners that never have, and never will commit a crime. With all of the fake news and biased coverage, it is about impossible for well-meaning people to even get the truth. Guns do not kill people—people do. Should we ban box trucks and pressure cookers too?

The membership of the NRA is approaching 6 million. But, there are 100,000,000 gun owners in the U.S. Join the NRA, and vote in the November elections. Get other members of your family, friends, and hunting buddies to vote as well.

No excuses. If the Democrats win, you lose. There has never been a more important election for gun owners in the history of this country. If you want to keep your guns, nothing should prevent you from voting in November.

*Ron Willoughby
North Haverhill, NH*

Support those who led on gun safety

To the Editor:
Fall is here and with it the return of another school year. The return of our students means we will again be lucky enough to spend our days educating the next generation, seeing them learn new tools and skills and watching their grins when they grasp a difficult task.

The return of our students also means that between safety protocol testing, classroom work, projects, and homework assignments, we will be prepping for an active shooter scenario. Tragically, the return of another school year inevitably means the return of school shootings. It is not a question of if American students will die at the hands of gunmen this year, it is a question of when.

And yes, it could be in Vermont. Any illusion that Vermont is a bubble—immune from gun violence and the horrors of school shootings—was shattered earlier this year. On Feb. 15, Jack Sawyer was arrested and in a police interview outlined his detailed plan for shooting “as many as I can get” at Fair Haven Union High School.

A new “subject matter” has been added to our children’s curriculum. The possibility that they could be shot and killed is their everyday reality now. And it is not normal. Students in other industrialized countries don’t go to school fearing they will be shot. Teachers in the rest of the industrialized world don’t walk the halls looking for escape routes or hiding spots for their students.

Thankfully, Vermont’s elected officials reacted to the news of the closely averted Fair Haven school shooting, not just with prayers, but with action that will save lives. Gov. Phil Scott almost immediately outlined a package of common-sense gun violence prevention measures. Legislative leaders followed suit, taking testimony on those measures and ultimately passing the most comprehensive set of gun safety reforms the state has ever seen.

I’m an educator and a father. I am also a gun owner. And I fully support the common-sense gun safety measures that were passed.

The gun lobby propaganda that scares people into believing that politicians want to take all of their guns away is just that—propaganda. The legislation passed will still allow me to keep all my guns. The legislation passed will enable me to take my rifle into the woods this fall and hunt. The legislation passed will also allow me to go to school and know that all of us in that building are a little bit safer. The legislation passed will allow me to send my children off to their schools knowing that they are a little bit safer.

It is only in America, where politicians place their loyalty to the gun lobby over the safety of their constituents, where school shootings are an epidemic. To end this epidemic, politicians everywhere will need to follow Vermont’s lead.

To help ensure that happens I encourage Vermonters to get out to the polls on election day and support Gov. Scott and all legislators who voted for the gun safety bills. Supporting these candidates on election day will show politicians throughout the country that they can put the safety of their constituents first and not pay a political price at the ballot box.

*Brian Emerson
Newbury, VT*

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The writer is adult education coordinator and assistant director of River Bend Career and Technical Center in Bradford.

Re-elect Sheriff Dutile

To the Editor:
As retired police chiefs from the City of Lebanon, we write this letter to endorse and support Sheriff Doug Dutile’s campaign for re-election as the Grafton County Sheriff.

We’ve known and worked with Sheriff Dutile during his 27 years with the sheriff’s office, and the last 14 years as the High Sheriff. Doug has handled all the duties of his office while being mindful to budgetary restraints and his commitment to accountability and openness in county government.

During Doug’s time as Sheriff, he has demonstrated he possesses the qualities needed, exemplifies honesty, fairness and thoughtfulness as he continues to lead the sheriff’s office into the future.

To the voters of Grafton County, we need to do our due diligence and re-elect Sheriff Dutile as he is the most qualified person for the job.

*Randy Chapman
Enfield, NH
Jim Alexander
Canaan, NH
Gary Smith
Grantham, NH*

Live & Learn

The Maiden of the Mountains

by Elena A. Chevalier

This year, 2018, marks the 15th anniversary of the Old Man of the Mountain’s demise.

Fifteen years seems a fitting time for respectful mourning of the Old Man. And although it is right and proper to continue to pay respects with a visit to his memorial, it is time to move on.

Fortunately we have another potential icon waiting in the wisps of clouds. Allow me to introduce you to the Maiden of the Mountains.

She slumbers among the majestic mountains once called the Crystal Hills, hidden in plain sight.

The Maiden gracefully reclines amid the glorious foliage with her hoopskirt lifted into the sky on the left. You can easily envision her hands resting lightly across her waist beneath a demure bosom. Above her shoulders her petite chin is less noticeable. A hair growing out of a wart on her nose detracts somewhat from her beauty, but it cannot be helped. Her tresses flow from her head gently tumbling down over the hillside on the right.

For the best vantage point to view the Maiden, drive on I-93 heading north. Drive past exit 31—do not get off the interstate. The road loops to the left for a while, swings to the right and then leans to the left again. When you see the small road sign announcing Lincoln in two miles, prepare to meet the Maiden of the Mountain stretched out in the vista before you.

Once you see her, she cannot be unseen.

What legend tells the tale of the fateful event? What led to her immortal repose in the mountains? As she rests in peace, I doubt the possibility of foul play.

The story comes to mind of the woman who, after walking 30 miles through the snow to see her fiancé, froze to death on the roadside in 1788. But I discount her as the maiden for three reasons:

1) Mount Nancy already commemorates that story. 2) She wandered nearer to Crawford Notch than Franconia Notch. 3) Hoopskirts were not fashionable attire at that time.

I rather fancy our Maiden the daughter of a well-to-do merchant in the mid-1800s who heard the old tales of diamonds and gems in the Crystal Hills. While in the mountains with her prospecting father, the maiden took a moonlit stroll early one fall evening.

Captivated by the stars, she found a comfortable place to recline for a panoramic view of the night time sky.

She gazed at the dazzling sight, mesmerized by a thousand diamonds sparkling around her.

Enchanted, she remained unmoving and unblinking in reverent reveries until her image morphed into the mountains themselves.

Her father, embarrassed by his failure to find either diamonds or carbuncles (garnets), made his daughter promise not to talk about the trip.

“For how long, Father?” she asked, disappointed that she could tell no one about the glorious diamond-studded heavens.

“Not for a hundred and fifty years!” he blurted out.

And dutiful daughter that she was, the Maiden kept the secret until this very day.

At last the story can be told of the Maiden of the Mountains who beckons all to look up and gaze at the glories of heaven.

The Maiden’s story reminds me of a Winslow Homer painting called, “Bridle Path, White Mountains.” He painted the young woman 150 years ago in 1868. Could this be our Maiden?

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 7-13, 2018

Grafton County youth celebrate National 4-H Week

NORTH HAVERHILL, NH — For the 76th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 7-13. This year's theme, "Inspire Kids to Do," is a campaign that will give kids more opportunities to do, empowering them with the skills they need to succeed in life and career.

Throughout National 4-H Week, Grafton County 4-H will showcase the many ways 4-H inspires kids to do through hands-on learning experiences as well as highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

4-H was founded on the belief that when kids are empowered to pursue their passions and chart their own course, their unique skills grow and take shape, helping them to become true leaders in their lives, careers and communities.

To learn more about 4-H in Grafton County, contact Donna Lee, 4-H Program Manager, at 603-787-6944, Donna.Lee@unh.edu.

4-H Family Fall Festival Friday, Oct. 12 at Blackmount Equipment

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OBITUARIES



Mary Welch
1943 - 2018

ORFORD—Mary Lynn Welch, 75, a longtime Orford resident, passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center on Oct. 5, 2018, with her husband and daughters by her side.

Mary was born on July 8, 1943, the daughter of the late Harley and Ella (Johnson) Gallup.

She was a 1961 graduate of Orford High School and of Burdett College in Boston in 1963.

She married Jack Welch on Oct. 15, 1966, and they enjoyed nearly 52 fulfilling years of marriage.

Mary worked in Human Resources at CRREL in Hanover for over 35 years. Her retirement didn't last long—Mary was very active and sought to be busy, always. She worked for many years as Program and Meals On Wheels Coordinator for Orford's Senior Citizen Center, where she remained until her passing.

Her love for the Senior Center and the town's residents was shadowed only by her love of her grandson, Tanner Siemons. Mary was blessed to spend many days with him from the time he was born, and was known to take Tanner and friends on many adventures—fishing, mini-golfing, to the Science Center, and really, most anywhere he wanted to go. In most recent years, Mary watched Tanner play many sports and race at area racetracks, and she kept stacks of newspaper clips and racing programs. She was a very proud Grammie.

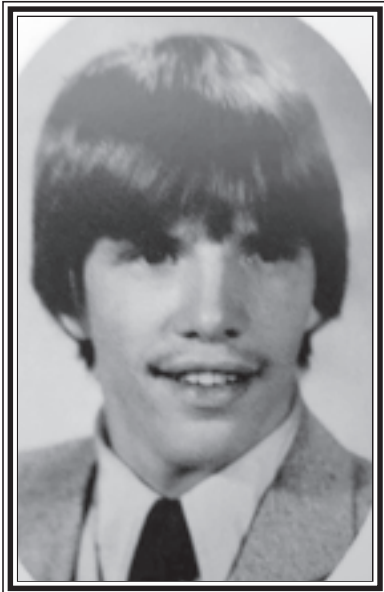
Mary also enjoyed many summers in Maine with her husband, daughters and friends, loved the beach, and relished in riding the family dog around the campground in their golf cart. She looked forward to lunches, gatherings and holiday shopping with her siblings and their families. She was an avid reader

and just loved a good book. Mary is survived by her husband, Jack; daughter Raquel (Kellie) Siemons (Welch), her husband Gary and their son Tanner, of Orford; and Terri Welch and her husband Russ Wharton of Franklin, TN; a sister Noreen (Estes), a sister Carol (Connor) and a brother William (Bill) Gallup and all of their wonderful spouses and children.

Family and friends are invited to Mary's memorial service on Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Orford Congregational Church in Orford, with the Rev. Jane Wilson officiating. A short graveside service will take place at Orford Cemetery immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Orford Alumni Association, PO Box 25, Orford, NH 03777; or Orford Area Senior Services, in care of GCSCC, PO Box 433, Lebanon, NH 03766.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ricker Funeral Home and Crematory, where any flowers may be sent, and an online guestbook is available at www.rickerfuneralhome.com.



Perry Todd Davidson
1963 – 2018

AUBURN, NH—Perry Todd Davidson died unexpectedly in Florida while visiting with his father Oct. 5, 2018 at the age of 55. Perry was a longtime and current resident of Auburn, NH.

Perry is survived by his parents, Brenda Millette of New Hampshire and Robert and Joanna Davidson of Florida;

his children, Jacob and Lucas Davidson and their mother, Dina Davidson; Ean Davidson and his mother Sherrin Panzieri of New Hampshire; and his siblings, Phil and Annette Davidson of New Hampshire, Tom Davidson of Vermont and Crickett Millette of North Carolina; his granddaughter, Karmella Mae Davidson of New Hampshire. Perry is also survived by Maria Trombley of Vermont and Krista Trombley of Arizona; and his nieces and nephews, Joey, Jason, Emily, Elizabeth, Shyanne, Sarah, Erika, Jasmine, and Colby; and many beloved cousins, and great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Mike Millette of Woodsville.

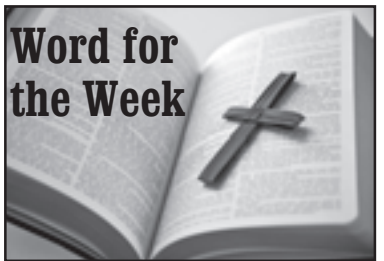
Perry, was born on May 3, 1963 in Hanover to Robert and Brenda Davidson. He graduated from Woodsville High School in 1981, and from Concord Vocational College with a degree in welding.

He married Dina Davidson, his high school sweetheart while in college in 1984. After moving to Auburn, New Hampshire he began working in the high-rise welding field at Stateline Steel. Perry then started his own business, Jake Steel, Inc.

Perry had many passions, sports, the thrill of life, but most of all hunting. He was so passionate about hunting, he and Luke had already shot his first deer of the season.

If you asked his family and friends to describe Perry, they would say biggest heart, lifelong loyalty and his great sense of humor. He leaves behind not only family, but many lifelong friends. If Perry were writing this today he would say that the love of his life is his granddaughter, Karmella, and my three sons.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to www.gofundme/bringperrydavidsonhome



LOVE TRUTH
by Dr. Dennis Prutow

To encourage them, before Jesus went to the cross, to the grave, and then to heaven, He made a promise to His weary and heartbroken disciples. "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17). This promise indicates an important attribute of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of truth.

The devil was and is averse to truth. Jesus indicates this in a remark to certain religious leaders. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Politicians, business people, computer analysts, and construction workers, should love truth. Here are the alternatives. The devil is a liar. He fathers lies. The Holy Spirit loves truth. He fathers truth. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we love truth. We do not say to someone answering the phone, "Tell them I'm not here." The Spirit of truth says, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

COURT REPORT

ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—CRIMINAL DIVISION

CHELSEA—The following cases were heard before Judge Michael J. Harris at Orange County Criminal Division in Chelsea on Sept. 26 and all defendants were released without bail, unless noted otherwise.

Arraignments
On July 31, Jacob Gingras, 20, of Williamstown pleaded innocent to domestic assault and two counts of felony aggravated domestic assault in the first degree on July 26. The arresting agency was Vermont State Police in Middlesex. Gingras was held without bail at the Brattleboro Retreat.

On Sept. 19, Tracy Thurston, 48, of Fairlee pleaded innocent to simple assault on June 22. The arresting agency was the Thetford Police Department.

On Sept. 19, Tyler James, 26, of Williamstown pleaded innocent to simple assault on July 26. The arresting agency was VSP in Middlesex.

On Sept. 19, Katie Needham, 34, of Randolph Center pleaded innocent to unlawful mischief greater than \$250 on July 27. The arresting agency was VSP in Royalton.

Blake A. Manning, 28, of Fairlee pleaded innocent to vehicle operation with license suspended on July 7. The arresting agency was VSP in Bradford.

Howard Stevens Jr., 37, of Newbury pleaded innocent to violating a firearm possession prohibition (based on violent crime conviction) on May 10. The arresting agency was VSP in Bradford. Stevens was held at Northeast State Correctional Facility on \$1,500 bail.

Sandy G. Cyr, 39, of Wells River pleaded innocent to violation of conditions of release on July 25. The arresting agency was VSP in Bradford.

Robert Fahey, 28, of Topsham pleaded innocent to domestic assault on Sept. 3. The arresting agency was VSP in Bradford.

Perley H. Champney V, 37, of Randolph pleaded innocent to violation of abuse prevention order on September 23. The arresting agency was the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Sentencings
On Sept. 19, Eric Lawn, 24, of Vershire pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct (fight) on May 21. The arresting agency was VSP in St. Johnsbury. A violation of probation as filed on June 6 (stemming from felony convictions for burglary and unlawful mischief greater than \$1,000 on July 7, 2014) was dismissed by the state. Lawn was sentenced to serve 30 to 60 days all suspended and pay \$147 in surcharges. Conditions include anger management screening, counseling and/or treatment.

On Sept. 19, Jonathan Larson, 35, of Randolph pleaded guilty to careless or negligent vehicle operation, amended from driving under the influence, on March 15. The arresting agency was VSP in St. Johnsbury. Larson was sentenced to pay \$722 in fines and surcharges.

Ryan Litchfield, 28, of Brookfield pleaded guilty to DUI on July 27. The arresting agency was the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Litchfield was ordered to pay \$767 in fines and surcharges.

Peter Payette, 50, of Randolph pleaded guilty to a felony of DUI, third offense (test refusal) on Aug. 12, 2017. A charge of DLS was dismissed by the state. The arresting agency was VSP in Royalton. Payette was sentenced to serve 30 days to three years at the

Springfield Correctional Center and pay \$307 in surcharges.

Kyle R. Gonyo, 23, of Bradford pleaded guilty to DLS on May 31, 2017; and cruelty to a child and domestic assault on Dec. 15, 2017. The arresting agencies were the Orange County Sheriff's Department and VSP in St. Johnsbury. A charge of DLS on July 29 was dismissed by the court. Gonyo was sentenced to serve six to 24 months at the Springfield Correctional Facility and pay \$197 in surcharges.

Alexander Fuller, 31, of Plainfield pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct (fight) on April 26. Charges of DUI, reckless endangerment, and cruelty to a child were dismissed by the state. The arresting agency was VSP in Middlesex. Fuller was sentenced to serve ten to 90 days all suspended and pay \$147 in surcharges. Conditions include a mental health screening, counseling and/or treatment; no possession or use of firearms.

Alexander L. Diego, 24, of Barre admitted violation of probation as filed on March 12; the probation stemmed from a conviction for reckless endangerment and vehicle operation with reckless or gross negligence on May 29, 2017. The arresting agency was VSP (Middlesex). Diego's sentence was amended to serving six to 12 months all suspended except 10 days.

Tanya Holbrook, 24, of Newbury pleaded guilty to a felony aggravated assault with a weapon on May 21. The arresting agency was VSP in St. Johnsbury. Holbrook's sentence was deferred for 12 months, one day.

Nicholas Duprey, 19, of Newbury pleaded guilty to eluding a law enforcement officer on April 10. The arresting agency was the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He was sentenced to serve three to 12 months all suspended except 30 days, up to eight hours a day in a Community Restitution program, and ordered to pay \$147 in surcharges.

VT moves inmates to Mississippi

WATERBURY—The Vermont Department of Corrections has moved of 215 inmates by air transport from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' State Correctional Institution Camp Hill to the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility. Vermont inmates were moved in accordance with an agreement between the VTDOC and TransCor America, a subsidiary of CoreCivic.

Representatives from the VTDOC were on each flight and will be at the Tallahatchie Facility for several weeks to assist with the transition. Once the transition has leveled out, DOC will resume its normal, onsite visits to that facility. Standard visits include a minimum of two VTDOC staff at the Tallahatchie Facility for at least three business days each month.

EXPERIENCE ARTS

NORTH HAVERHILL—The Arts Alliance will begin an eight week course on learning how to play the ukulele with instructors Ross Boyd and Jamie Seiberg at Horse Meadow Senior Center starting Oct. 3 and every Wednesday through Nov. 21. A second class starts Thursdays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. A culminating event will be held Nov. 27.

POLICE BLOTTER

VERMONT STATE POLICE

BRADFORD—On Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m., VSP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of a be on the lookout aired for a criminally suspended driver. Further investigation revealed the operator was Joshua Kearney, 21, of Newbury. A check of DMV records revealed Kearney's license was criminally suspended. Kearney was arrested and transported to the Bradford State Police Outpost where he was processed and released on a citation

On Sept. 29 at 4:30 p.m., VSP was traveling Route 5 near the intersection of Moore Hill Road in Newbury for a non-related incident when Joshua Kearney, 21, of Newbury, was observed driving on Route 5. A check of DMV records indicated Kearney's license was criminally suspended. Kearney traveled to New Hampshire and was later contacted at his residence. Kearney was issued a citation to appear in Orange County Criminal Court on Nov. 14 to answer to the charge of criminal DLS.

On Sept. 28 at 3:40 p.m., VSP responded to Mill Street in West Fairlee for the report of an altercation between a man and a 15-year-old male. Further investigation revealed Nathaniel Guyer, 36, of West Fairlee, assaulted another individual at the residence. Guyer was taken into custody and received a citation to appear in court on Oct. 1 to answer to the charge of domestic assault. Conditions of release were granted by the court.

On Oct. 1 at 12:30 a.m., VSP conducted a traffic stop on Jose Debritofilino, 39, of White River Junction for a moving violation. Debritofilino was subsequently issued a citation and released to appear in Orange County Court to answer for the charge of negligent operation.

Safeline receives Couch donation

CHELSEA—Safeline Inc., the local domestic violence and sexual abuse nonprofit organization, has announced receipt of a \$6,000 grant from The Couch Family Foundation for the upcoming year. Safeline's advocates partner with the Orange County Special Investigations Unit/Child Advocacy Center. When a child, youth, or adult goes for an investigative interview concerning allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse or serious physical abuse, advocates provide crucial support and referral services for the victim and their family.

The grant will allow advocates to meet with victims and their families to help navigate the multiple systems involved in the investigation process. Advocates provide one-to-one emotional support for support persons while investigators interview a child.

The special investigations unit conducts interviews initiated by reports from the police and the Department for Children and Families. Victims and their support persons benefit from the guidance, safety planning and information advocates provide. This allows victims to feel some sense of relief while dealing with many emotions.

FOOD PANTRY

NORTH HAVERHILL—A food pantry for the Haverhill area is located in the downstairs of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene. The pantry is open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month and is open to Bath, Benton, Piermont, Haverhill, Haverhill Corner, North Haverhill, East Haverhill, Pike, Woodsville, Swiftwater, Mountain Lakes, Center Haverhill, Warren, Newbury and Wells River residents. Donations may be left at the church on Sunday or during open hours.

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Local Sports



BMU's Cameron Dennis (#6) tries to elude Woodsville forward Alex Enderson during the game last week in Woodsville. The Bucks stayed in it but lost 4-1.

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Woodsville's Brendan Walker (#22) attempts to get around BMU keeper Noah Vaillancourt during last week's game when the Engineers won 4-1.

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BMU's Morgan Beck (left) and Woodsville's Morgan Roy (right) battle for the ball during the game on Oct. 4. Woodsville won 8-1 at home to sweep the season series.

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Snowmobile reciprocity weekend ends

CONCORD—For the past seven years, snowmobile enthusiasts have been able to explore new trails across northern New England during the last weekend in January under a single snowmobile registration. That weekend has been the annual Tri-State Reciprocity Weekend where snowmobiles registered in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire could legally ride in any of the three states.

According to New Hampshire officials, however, Maine and Vermont changed their laws. In changing their laws, Maine and Vermont also changed their free weekend to the first weekend in February from the last weekend in January.

"Unfortunately, not only did Maine and Vermont change their laws, but they changed them after we had finalized ours here in New Hampshire so there is no way to have a reciprocity weekend going forward," said Capt. Dave Walsh, who coordinates snowmobile and off-highway recreational vehicle enforcement, registration, and safety education for New Hampshire.

So, beginning with this upcoming riding season, to snowmobile in New Hampshire, a state snowmobile registration will be required even for the last weekend in January. Snowmobiling has become one of the most popular forms of winter recreation in New Hampshire. There are almost 7,000 miles of established snowmobile trails spanning the Granite State.

Weekly Scores

Girls Soccer

Oct. 1
Profile 1 vs. Woodsville 0
Oct. 2
Thetford 1 at Stowe 0
Rivendell 3 vs. Twinfield 0
Oct. 4
Thetford 4 vs. Lyndon 0
Oxbow 5 at Richford 1
Woodsville 8 vs. BMU 1
Oct. 6
Oxbow 3 at BFA-Fairfax 0
Rivendell 3 vs. Sharon 0

Boys Soccer

Oct. 1
BMU 8 vs. Christ Covenant School 1
Thetford 5 vs. Montpelier 3
Profile 2 vs. Woodsville 0
Oct. 2
Rivendell 5 vs. Twinfield 1
Oct. 3
Winooski 11 vs. Oxbow 1
Oct. 4
U-32 3 at Thetford 0
Woodsville 4 vs. BMU 1
Oct. 6
Rivendell 5 vs. Sharon 0

Football

Springfield 40 vs. Oxbow 24

Girls Soccer

Game of the Week

THETFORD 4 LYNDON 0
ORFORD—In a game played at Rivendell Academy's home field in Orford, Thetford took control of the contest early and never relinquished. The Panther field was in unplayable condition due to recent rain, but the Panthers felt right at home in this game.

Thetford scored their first goal early on as they controlled play most of the time. Lyndon spent a lot of time in their own end under a relentless Panther attack. The hosts had numerous opportunities, but the Hornet goalkeeper was able to stop some well-placed shots to keep the visiting squad in the game. Nevertheless, Thetford scored again to take a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The Panthers kept up the pressure in the second half and Lyndon had no answers. A third goal effectively put the game out of reach. The final tally sealed the deal for Thetford as they moved to 8-1 overall. The win put them atop the Vermont Division 3 standings with about one-third of the season remaining to play.

Casey MacVeagh had quite a game for herself as she scored a goal and added a pair of assists. Grace Davis, Madi Powers, and Kiana Johnson scored the other three Panther goals. Lexi Gaetz chipped in with an assist as Thetford outshot Lyndon 18-4. TA hosts North Country on Oct. 11.

Boys Soccer

Game of the Week

THETFORD 5 MONTPELIER 3
THETFORD HILL—The Panthers scored a big-time comeback win as they beat Montpelier with five goals in the second half. It was Thetford's second win of the season as they try to move up the Vermont Division 3 standings before the end of the regular season.

Thetford looked good the first half but they couldn't get the ball past the Montpelier keeper. The Solons scored midway through to get a 1-0 advantage. The Panthers continued their fine offensive play but they were unable to convert so they trailed 1-0 at the halftime hom.

The second half was a different matter altogether, as Thetford scored the tying goal just two minutes in. Ted Darrah sent a nice feed from the left side of the field towards the center, and Will Bosco sent it into the Montpelier net. Four minutes later Bosco scored another goal, this time off an assist from William Bugg.

After that, it was off to the races as Ethan Steingas, Jack Hastings, and Garrett Shaefer on a penalty kick each added single goals for the Panthers, rendering Montpelier's consolation tallies meaningless. Bosco ended up with a pair of goals, while Bugg recorded three assists.

Thetford improved their record to 2-6 with the win. The Panthers welcome Lyndon to town on Oct. 13.

Football

SPRINGFIELD 40, OXBOW 24
SPRINGFIELD—Oxbow fell to 1-5 with the loss, but there were a lot of positive things for the Olympians to take away from this game.

Hunter Locke made a nice play on a broken pass and converted it into a 53-yard gain. QB Cooper Simmons' pass was deflected and Locke picked it out of the air to move the chains and set up a 12-yard TD pass for himself from Simmons.

Simmons also found junior RB Harley Wescott for a 45-yard touchdown strike. Kevin Ricker had another great play for Oxbow as he intercepted a Springfield pass and ran it back 68 yards for a touchdown.

Oxbow looked solid on the offensive side of the ball, and put in a good effort on the defensive side, but the far superior Springfield size and numbers proved to be too much for the Olympians to overcome.

The Olympians are home for the next two weekends as they conclude the regular season. They host Poultney on Oct. 13 before welcoming Missisquoi in the finale.



Rivendell's Moira Haehnel (#4) controls the ball under pressure from a pair of Sharon Academy players during the game on Oct. 6. The Raptors rolled over the Phoenix 3-0 and they have now won eight straight after dropping their season opener.

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Kendyl Boisvert (left) and Sienna Carter (right) celebrate after the former netted Rivendell's opener against Sharon on Oct. 6. Boisvert angled a drive from a direct kick in the first half to get things going for the Raptors, who went on to win 3-0.

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Fall shotgun season for turkey begins

CONCORD—New Hampshire Fish and Game reminds hunters that New Hampshire's seven-day fall turkey shotgun season begins on Oct. 15 and runs through Oct. 21.

Purchase of a turkey permit, and a New Hampshire hunting license for those ages 16 or older, allows for the taking of one male or hen turkey during the fall. Hunters may take only a single turkey, and the bird must be tagged with the "fall" tag.

Shooting hours for the fall season begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset. The fully-feathered, intact turkey must be registered and sealed within 24 hours of the time of taking.

Of the 18 wildlife management units in the state, 11 are open to the fall shotgun season, including those in western Grafton County



Keatyn Horne (#11) of Woodsville and Kolby Nelson of BMU vie for the ball during the game on Oct. 4. The Engineers dominated this one winning 8-1.

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Boys Soccer Standings

Team	W	L	T	Points
Rivendell	7	2	0	10
Woodsville	6	5	0	14
Oxbow	2	7	0	12
Thetford	2	7	0	4
BMU	1	6	1	4
				3

Girls Soccer Standings

Team	W	L	T	Points
Oxbow	9	1	0	18
Thetford	8	1	1	17
Rivendell	8	1	0	16
Woodsville	7	4	0	12
BMU	1	5	1	3

Feds find bird under threat

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service believes the eastern black rail should be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The bird's range has historically extended into as many as 35 states, including New Hampshire and Vermont. The FWS made the recommendation last week following a 12-month study. The Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the FWS for the study in 2010.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Selectboard minutes are printed here as a public service, at no cost to the town. Some boards have submitted approved minutes, while others are unapproved. The Journal Opinion reserves the right to edit the minutes it receives for length, to conform with news style, or for legal reasons. Minutes submitted more than two months old will not be published.

Haverhill

Sept. 4, 2018 (APPROVED)
Board Members Present: Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Fred Garofalo and Darwin Clogston; Town Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jennifer Collins; tax Collector: Melinda Boutin;

Clerk of the Works: Steve Tegu; Members of the Public Present: Dawn Lavoie, Michael Lavoie, Howard Hatch, Jonathan Hobbs, Katie Moyse, Jim Hobbs, Tina Hebert
The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Wayne Fortier.

Scheduled Public Appearances—Steve Tegu began by thanking the Board for allowing the crew to tear up the road, as the boulders found beneath it would have just caused issues soon if left. Tegu has not seen anything from the State regarding the first 300 feet of road but is confident the construction portion of the project will be completed by Sept. 14, apart from the first 300 feet. Steve continued to state that paving should be completed by the first or second week of October, depending on when the first frost is. Steve explained that a load of crushed rock will be used to make the right of way accessible for the land owners. Steve requested that chloride be put down on Lily Pond Road once the road work is completed to keep dust down.

Requests to Address the Board—Dawn Lavoie thanked the board for listening to their requests last meeting and acting on them. As far as the marketing of their real estate, they are on hold until the survey results are in or until after Town Meeting and though it is a hardship for them, Dawn stated they have come to terms with this. Dawn stated that she believes the Board has misunderstood why she has presented the Board with the documentation that she has and also feels that the Board was asked to make decisions without having all of the information in front of them. Dawn stated that moving forward, the Lavoie's will keep their correspondence to themselves. The Lavoie's feel as if they need to prepare to defend themselves legally despite not wanting to go to Court if it can be avoided. Dawn went on to quote a few articles from different publications that indicate that the way words are said can hurt purple and these words have affected the perspective sale of their property. Dawn stated that Sabourn did not use the term "right of way" when referring to the Lavoie's property, but instead used the term "tail strip." Dawn continued to say that Sabourn did not mention a right of way on their property when doing his preliminary work and told the Lavoie's that if it was stated that Sabourn did say so, it must have been a misunderstanding. Dawn stated that people in positions of authority should not make

statements that are not fact-based and ended by thanking the Board for allowing her to speak.
Jonathan Hobbs: Jon Hobbs stated that he and his wife purchased a property on Horse Meadow Road and wanted to notify the Board that they will be cutting a few trees that could potentially fall on their future home and/or stones in the cemetery next door.

New Business—tax Deeding: The board held a work session on Aug. 29 to discuss properties which are subject to tax deeding. At the work session, the Board discussed the various properties which were eligible for tax deeded. Since that meeting some of the properties had come off the list because they had been paid. The Board went through the spreadsheet, which had been broken up into 8 different categories. Tax Collector, Melinda Boutin, presented the Board with the updated spreadsheet and they went through it category by category. The 1st category consisted of 7 properties (listed below) which the Board had previously already accepted payment arrangements on and nothing further needed to be done on these properties.

207-061 Eugene Bellis 7 Tannery Road; 414-116 Jean Buell, ETAL 652 Brushwood Road; 101-116 Federal Financial Co/Archangelo 29 Highland Street; 101-160 Roger Mitton 6 Locust Street; 101-177 Carol Sprano 13 Ammonosuc Street; 411-090 Mary Van Beuren 2330 Benton Road; 402-051-001 Shelley Williams 21 Squirrel Lane

Group 2 was a list of 3 properties which new payment arrangements had been made with the tax collector. Melin said that Robert Gillerist had come in and set up payment arrangement on two of his properties with land and buildings just prior to this meeting and would like the board to consider those payment arrangements as well. The board voted to accept the new payment arrangements on the below properties. The board voted to waive the tax deeding for these properties.

101-057 Robert Gillerist 20 Connecticut Street; 101-061 Robert Gillerist 26 Connecticut Street;

103-080 Barbara Hudson 30 Highland Street; 405-011 Leslie Schulz-Schaufus 932 Briar Hill Road; 101-155 Peter Smith 42 Railroad Street

Group 3 contained 3 properties which the tax collector needed to make further notifications on. The property owners had all passed away and the town needed to notify the heirs of the impending tax deeds. Temporary waivers were recommended until the notifications were made. The board voted to temporarily waive the tax deeds on the below properties.

206-088 Priscilla Fadden 2581 Dartmouth College Hwy; 207-034 Sandra Hatley 269 Cemetery Road; 203-156 Robert Woods Valley Road

Group 4 contained 3 properties which the mortgage holder has indicated that they will pay. If payment is not made the properties are good to take for tax deeding. Denise Young, who owns 403-033 sent in an e-mail requesting the Board waive the interest and penalties. The board voted to deny the request to waive the interest and penalties. The board voted to deed the properties listed below if they were not paid by the mortgage holder.

403-033 Scott Hall/Denise Young 455 White Mountain Road; 101-115 JTS Properties, LLC 18 Highland Street; 414-160 JTS Properties, LLC Dartmouth College Hwy

Group 5 contained 10 properties

which were recommended for waiver for various reasons. The board voted to grant waivers to the following properties. Fred wanted to know if the errors would be cleared up for next year. Finance Officer, Jennifer Collins, said they should all be cleared up for next year, but couldn't be positive without going back to look at the files.

414-146 John Boudreaault Brushwood Road; 413-020-001 Ralph Cameron 1151 Benton Road; 412-031 Stephen Christian West Side Drive; 202-239 Donna Cote, ETAL 48 Maguire Lane; 402-045-008 Denise Donlon 69 Brill Hill Road; 405-010 Carl Orlowski 964 Briar Hill Road; 104-031 Roy Palmer 69 Park Street; 414-019 Sandra Sargent 11 Sand Road; 103-039 George Smith 8 Walnut Street; 418-029 John Viana 1011 Lime Kiln Road

Group 6 contained 9 properties which were Land Only. The board voted to deed the remaining 9 land only properties (listed below).

204-294 Mildred Berquist Kearsarge Drive; 203-095 Kevin Littlefield Newport Road; 203-096 Kevin Littlefield Newport Road; 202-179 Melconian Realty Trust Kinsman Road; 201-199 Christopher Reed Amherst Lane; 203-077 TB Wood & Sons, LLC Westview Drive; 204-073 Jason Verhoosky Loon Circle; 414-098 Paul Winberry Allagash Road; 204-287 John & Beverly Wistrand Belknap Drive;

Group 7 contained 3 mobile homes. The board voted to deed all the mobile homes listed below.

402-045-009 Laurel Goodwin 53 Brill Hill Road; 406-034-004 Stanley Tatso 30D Oak Ridge Park; 104-049-009 Kevin Typhair 11 Trailer Park Road

Group 8 consisted of 9 properties with contained land and buildings. As was previously mentioned Robert Gillerist had made payment arrangements on two of these properties and the Board had just voted to accept those payment arrangement, so the Board needed to act on the remaining 7 properties. One of the remaining properties had been paid with a personal check so Melin was still waiting to see if the check cleared on this property. If it did not, then it was good to deed. The board voted to deed the properties listed below with the exception of 103-092, which he moved to waive. 103-092 could not be taken for deeding because some of the paperwork could not be located.

101-059 Sheila Mary Bass 24 Connecticut Street; 203-216 Darlene Bileau 300 Swiftwater Circle; 101-045 Dorothy Chiarrappa 29 1/2 Central Street; 422-094 Jonathan Converse 21 Anderson Lane; 103-092 National Properties 4 Mill Street; 101-006 Thomas Patton 6 Chapel Street; 413-124 Sheila Thomas 37 Blackberry Drive

Rail Trail Waiver: Fortier stated that he attended a meeting that concluded with a recommendation to ask the Federal Government to sign a waiver that would waive the restrictions that are currently placed concerning the rail trail. Fortier said he thought there was a form which needed to be signed by the Board, which he could not locate at this time. The other board members were not comfortable voting on something which they had not seen or read, so the waiver will be tabled until the next meeting on 9/17 when all Board members are present to discuss and vote.

Town Manager's Report: TM Lacaille was not present at this meeting, but she provided the following report for the Board: The Active Shooter/CRASE Training for all employees was held on Aug. 23. Our employees appreciate the class and have asked to have annual refreshers which the PD will take care of.

The RFQ for Chapel Street is out; the RFQ for the hired snowplow is out; the RFQ for engineering service for the Clark Pond Road project is out; there is a need to replace and enlarge some culverts on Lime Kiln Road on the north end and there is a RFQ out for that project

Stuart and I met with representatives from Mountain Lakes to talk about some lake contamination issues due to runoff. The DES has provided a report to them on this. We will need to make some minor changes and Mountain Lakes is adding in some drainage improvements in some of their green belt property to try to remedy the concerns.

Wayne, Dick Guy, Chief Alling and myself met with the Division 2 DOT officials in Enfield to talk about safety concerns at two intersections in Woodsville. The junction of 135 and Central Street and the junction of Forest Street and Central Street. There was good discussion and options discussed and one of the considerations is to have a four way stop at the junction of 135 and Central Street; many options were discussed for the Forest Street/Central Street junction and traffic counts will be forthcoming to see if the guidelines are met for a traffic light. If not, other options will be considered.

As you know, I attended the Selectboard meeting in Piermont to discuss posting Lily Pond Road with weight limits. Their Road Agent will attend the Sept. 17 meeting to discuss it further.

Wayne, Darwin and Tom attended the Rail Trail meeting that was held on Wednesday that was organized by Bob Guida. Also there was the NH DOT and NH trails division and a representative from Jeanne Shaheen's office. You will be considering a waiver submission to the Federal Highways tonight.

You have received the results of the Airport House inspection and I have put it on the September 17th Selectboard agenda and will attend the Sept. 12 Airport Commission meeting.

Commission/Committee Reports: The Board received an inspection report written by the Airport Manager regarding the building at Dean Memorial Airport. Chairman Fortier asked for this issue to be put on the next meeting's agenda, so Board members have a chance to read through the inspection report.

Darwin asked if there was a new date for the Fire Funding Committee to meet but it was stated that a date has not yet been chosen.

Everett Sawyer, Chairman of the Heritage Commission, has submitted his letter of resignation from his position on the Commission. The board voted to accept Everett Sawyer's resignation with regret.

Correspondence: Jennifer Collins sent an email from Griffin Roberge regarding Senate Bill 365 and Senate Bill 446. Senator Guida respectfully urges folks to vote to override the Governor's veto on these two bills. Jon Hobbs suggested that Board members read into the bills before the next meeting, as the vote takes place on 9/13/18, which is before the next scheduled meeting. It was mentioned that these bills could have a huge economic impact on the North Country. The board voted to support the override of the Governor's veto pending review by Board members.

The board also received a Haverhill Police Department Press Release and a notice of Right to Know Law training held by New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Comments of the Public: Dawn Lavoie asked if Sabourn has stated when he could begin the survey on Powder House Hill. Fortier stated that he has not spoken with him, but he indicated to Lacaille that he should be able to begin in September.

Ed Ballam stated that the deed for the Rail Trail is in a packet that the Board received from Senator Guida. The church clock face has been created and installed and is working beautifully.

Lacaille emailed the Board and stated that Piermont is not in support of posting their end of Lily Pond Road. Howard Hatch stated that he did not want this to come across as an impediment to Piermont. Piermont Road Agent Rodimon will be at the next Selectboard meeting to discuss further. It was suggested that we ask Piermont's Road Agent if we could put up signs in Piermont indicating that the Haverhill end is posted.

Comments of the Finance Officer/Administrative Asst: Now that the Board had voted to deed properties they needed to vote to move ahead with the eviction of the occupied properties. The board voted to proceed with the eviction process on all properties which were taken by tax deed. Jennifer informed the Board that she needed to send out notices of opportunity to repurchase the properties so that the town could sell them. However, in order to send out these notices, she needed to include a date of sale. The board voted to hold an auction on June 22, 2019 to sell the tax deeded property.

Jennifer asked the board if they wanted retain Mr. Sager again to run the auction. The board voted to retain the services of Rick Sager to run the auction next June. Tom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board had been interested in finding materials or training on how to run meetings more effectively. Jennifer provided the Board with a list of classes offered on demand through the NH Municipal Association. An attorney from the NHMA would come to our area and make a presentation on the topic of their choice, which would last about 2 hours. There is a cost of \$550 for each presentation. One of the topics was about effective public meetings. The Board asked Jennifer to send out letters to the precincts and surrounding towns to see if they would be interested in attending and possibly helping to defray the costs. At the previous meeting a member of the public had asked if the documents which the Board was provided for each meeting would be made available to the public prior to the meetings so they could review them if they wanted to. Jennifer said she had contact the NHMA and spoke with one of their attorneys who said this was done by many towns. The towns would put all the applicable items in a binder at the Selectboard office, which members of the public could come in and view prior to each meeting. Jennifer has started a binder, which she showed to the Board, and said that as the office sends out information to the Board for the next meeting it would be placed in the binder so the public could view it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Orford

Sept. 4, 2018 (APPROVED)
Members present: John Adams, Jim McGoff, David Smith; others present: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Ted Cooley, John Adams

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Work to be completed for Jacob's Brook on Quintown Road—Smith wanted to move the project along as there is a deadline of 9/30/18 to complete the work. McGoff reported he'd met with Tom Thomson and the Orford road crew to review the work and discuss what the town is allowed to do. There are several trees that need to be cut, and a pile of stone near the road that needs to be moved (which would need to be moved in order to plow this winter). McGoff spoke with Ron Taylor to request an estimate for the project, and left a message for Clifton Taylor to request the same.

The board reviewed the Budget vs Actual Expenses report to determine where funds can be used to pay for the work. Salaries would be used for the road crew work, Culverts, Contracted Services and the Sand line items have funds available too. McGoff suggested the town pass on the roadside mowing for this year as it's late in the season. That will save the town \$6,500 to apply to the work on Jacob's Brook.

Motion made to cancel the Roadside mowing for 2018. Motion Passed. The board asked Dobbins-Marsh to call the mowing company and cancel the work scheduled for this year. The board asked Dobbins-Marsh to provide a detailed report of what's in contracted services. The board agreed there are funds available in the highway budget for this project. Smith will notify Robert (Bob) Green as the landowner that abuts the work site to meet at the site, or agree to waive his rights. If agrees to waive his rights, he will need to send an email to that effect. Certificates of Liability will need to be provided from the entity selected to complete the work.

Cooley mentioned that the board should notify both the Planning Board and Conservation Committee when submitting application as it will speed up the process from 60 days to 30 days for approval. Cooley referenced the document "NH Legal Perspective: Looking at drainage and run-off – Where does the water go". It discusses the town's liability and how a town can proceed with work on bridges,

culverts and river banks—the town needs to make sure the work they do doesn't make the situation worse. Adams said in the past the town's hired an engineer to supervise the projects. Miller spoke of other roads issues and watersheds that need work and thought it might be a good idea to create a priority order of work to be completed. He provided documents to board members on watersheds "Water management and Protection". It provides a lot of information on what a town can do, and other valuable information. Smith said a representative from NH Wetlands will be visiting Orford to review the Indian Pond culvert, Indian Pond beach and the Orfordville Bog. Adams said the board needs to make a reasonable effort to get three (3) estimates for the work at Jacob's Brook and the work must follow the DES emergency authorization provided to the town. If bids are all over \$10,000 then the board will have to put the project out to bid.

Motion made once the abutter has been notified and we have their formal approval, the board authorizes David Smith, on receipt of the 2nd quote, to offer the contact for the work at Jacob's Brook on Quintown Road to the lowest economic bidder of the two quotes under \$10K. Motion passed.

Selectboard rules on what board members can do—Smith wanted to discuss who can set meetings and agendas for the board. All members have equal authority and any board member should be able to call for a meeting. All agreed. The board should do the preliminary work first to determine if all members are available, or depending on the situation if a majority can attend, the topic of what the meeting will be for, and agree on the date for the meeting. Unless it's an emergency meeting, Adams will contact Dobbins-Marsh to provide the topic for the meeting and to have her post the warrant. Any member can add to the agenda—Adams would request that all agenda items be given to Dobbins-Marsh by Monday prior to the board meeting, as she needs to post the agenda by Tuesday afternoon.

Other—McGoff discussed the pending work on the Upper Stonehouse Mountain Road washout—still waiting for estimates. Does the town have to follow the FEMA rules if we are not asking for FEMA reimbursement? He feels the road crew can complete most of the work by using 2 loads of rip rap and using 6-8 stone to support the bank. The towns backhoe could be used to place the stone and that would only cost the town the price of the stone. McGoff thinks the riff raff would cost between \$1,000-\$1,500. Adams said if FEMA reimburses the town we need to follow their rules and replacement is allowed, but if not following FEMA rules, not sure if it's allowed. The board needs to determine this. Smith asked if the work was originally listed on the FEMA work list—if so then most likely we'll need to follow the FEMA rules. Adams asked if the road crew could complete some of the work from the FEMA requirements? Smith mentioned that one contractor who'd submitted an estimate said his estimate followed what FEMA was asking for. Possibly the town could provide equipment and labor to complete 90 percent of the work, then hire a contractor to complete the rest.

Smith reported he'd spoken with Bruce Streeter about removing the tree near the church on the mall. Streeter provided estimates of \$1,750 for complete removal (except for the stump), and \$1,550 to remove and chip leaving Smith do the clean up. Smith also reported that there is a tree on the Post Office property that needs some attention and possible removal. The property isn't owned by the town but by Brenda and Reg Jones. However, he feels it's a liability the town should be aware of. The cost to remove this tree would be the same as the tree o the mall. McGoff suggested that Smith obtain two additional quotes for the work before any decisions are made.

Smith reported Russell Dennis was concerned that there is target practice occurring at the sand pit while the road crew is working there. The board discussed having a policy to not allow access to the sand pit Monday–Friday during the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. and after-hours usage is for Town Residents only. There's been a past practice of letting non-residents use the sand pit for practice, but for safety reasons the town should discourage this.

McGoff asked if the Town should consider not purchasing the F550 truck this year and just use the 1-ton we currently have. Adams said that we can't roll these fund forward into 2019, but the town can accept a bid and that allows us to encumber the funds allocated for 2018.

Dobbins-Marsh provided the board a draft of the MS-434 form. The board reviewed and agreed on the values to be submitted to the DRA.

Dobbins-Marsh asked about the Tasco alarm system and who calls should be forwarded to while Chief Bachus is away. Currently the call goes to the police department, then to the Selectboard office, then to Hanover dispatch. Adams said to add Terry Straight as the contact for a fire alarm, and the State Police for and intrusion alarm.

Dobbins-Marsh asked if a board member wanted to be a signer on the credit card. Currently it's just her. The card is mostly used to purchase stamps and pay for postage for mailings. The board agreed to add Deborah Hadlock as a second signer.

Accounts Payable—The correspondence and accounts payable folders were reviewed and signed where necessary.

The board voted to enter into nonpublic session for real estate strategy at 7:10 p.m. The board resumed the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. A vote was taken with a decision in the affirmative to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Orford

Sept. 12, 2018 (APPROVED)
Members present—John Adams, David Smith, Jim McGoff; others present: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Terry Straight, Nancy Murphy, Kevin Sawyer, Bill Wilson, Cecily Richardson, Ruth Hook, Ken Wren, Ron Taylor, Bruce Schwaegerl, Dennis Streeter, Ann Green, Deb McGoff, Kevin Follensbee
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Straight—Fire Department: Straight presented his report to the board for the June & July meetings. The fire

department has made 100 calls to date vs approximately 90 at this time last year. About 60 percent of these calls have been for medical situations. The department will have on going training, scheduled equipment maintenance and pump flow tests over the next few months. McGoff asked about the FEMA meeting that was on Straight's activity list—Straight responded that he'd met with FEMA to review the 2017 storm damage along with Michael Gilbert. Straight suggested the board contact Michael Gilbert for more information on the FEMA situation. McGoff asked about changing the rear end and transmission fluids on the trucks like in the past. Straight said that work is done as needed and fluids are merely topped off. Smith asked what is the criteria used to determine what maintenance is done. Straight said Reed's makes that determination based on the usage of the trucks. Smith also asked about minutes from fire department meetings. Straight will check on that as he thought all minutes had been submitted. Dobbins-Marsh will provide to the board for review, and will post on the front bulletin board. Smith also mentioned that he's received some verbal complaints about speeding to calls. Straight will speak to the fire fighters.

Nancy Murphy—Treasurer: Murphy reported on the cash situation for the town. While there is approximately \$450,000 in cash, there are still several large payments to be made in the future. To date the town has paid half to Rivendell, half to the Trust Funds and three-quarters to Grafton County. The town is running approximately \$200,000 in arrears. She reviewed the budget and looking at discretionary spending (supplies, uniforms, etc.) there is about \$200-\$250 of total costs. She reminded the board that while departments may be under budget, they should start spending for items that are needed, not wanted. When the budget is set it's based on the assumption that all taxes will be collected when due, and that's not the case and impacts the cash flow. Smith asked if the board should place a hold in spending. Murphy said if no more taxes are received it leaves the town with \$150K of cash for the remainder of the year. Unless the town collects 100 percent of the taxes, cash flow is always an issue. Murphy will keep the board informed if we are reaching a crisis point. Some reasons we are short on cash is we are paying for FEMA expenses this year that are part of the 2017 storms. Any money we do receive from FEMA needs to be paid back to the Roads & Bridges Capitol Reserves—we can't use those reimbursements for general spending. The town is paying to rent culverts and Murphy isn't sure if FEMA will reimburse us for those expenses. McGoff asked why we're renting the culverts—Straight said the cost to replace was around \$30K so the town decided to rent instead of purchase. Green asked if we submit the tax arrears to the DRA. Adams said the audits reflect this in their report. Murphy spoke about the surplus that was applied to the tax rate last year. The issue is that the surplus is based on the assumption of 100 percent of tax collection. So while we under spent our budget, we also received less than anticipated due to unpaid taxes. McGoff stated that the town needs to get better at collecting taxes. Hook thanked Murphy for a great explanation of the cash flow vs budget analysis. Adams wants to research the town's obligation to pay Grafton County and others at 100% of what we own them if we've only collected 80 percent of taxes, for example. Murphy will put together a list of FEMA expenses for the board to review. Wren asked what the FEMA funds outstanding is—Murphy said around \$350,000. McGoff was told that Piermont has received all their FEMA funds and doesn't understand why Orford hasn't. Adams said part of the issue was the un-timely submission of data by the road agent at that time.

Bill Wilson—Tree Warden: Wilson discussed the trees on the town mall. Smith said he'd received estimates to remove the tree. Wilson said as the tree warden he can't do the work, but over sees the process. Adams asked if Wilson could work with Parks & Playgrounds and create a work spec for the work to be completed on the mall. Wilson said if the town is planning on replacing the tree do not grind the stump—have it removed. Smith asked about the tree on the post office property. Wilson said he has no say in tree removal on private property. Smith said because it's a public hazard the same company could remove both trees at the same time. Smith shared the estimates received to date—Mike Clark, Warren, NH \$1,500 to cut to the stump; Thomson Tree Service, Orford, NH (verbal) \$1,000 to cut to the stump, and Bruce Streeter, Orford, NH \$1,750 to cut to the stump. McGoff said if Thomson can provide a written estimate for \$1,000 and include clean up in that price, he would go with that bid. Smith will contact the power company to address the limbs of that tree going thru the power lines

The board voted to accept the Thomson Tree Service estimate based on the receipt of a written estimate that includes clean-up for \$1,000 and before the work is started will make sure the power company can assist with the limb removal.

Smith mentioned a tree on the mall near Route 10—possibly the state can remove the tree—Smith will contact the state.

Kevin Sawyer—Highway Department: Sawyer presented a report to the board and discussed the on-going work of grading roads, and cleaning out culvert ends. Some roads will need to be regraded before winter and the catch basin on Norris Road needs to be flushed out. McGoff said the fire department might be able to help with that. Straight said a company from Meredith, (Belmore or Belmont) will come and take care of that—the information should be at the town garage. Sawyer is looking at prices for chains and an air jack and will be taking the trucks to be inspected by the end of September. Smith mentioned that due to cash flow being tight, the airjack might have to wait for 2019. The sand has been put up and Sawyer is looking into purchasing salt for the winter. The board reviewed the salt pricing and usage.

Sawyer was told we used 450 tons last year, but that seemed high. Dobbins-Marsh will contact the salt companies to determine usage and the rates. McGoff stated he's received a lot of positive feedback on the job that Sawyer is doing

and feels he should be hired as the Road Agent. Smith said he'd like to wait until Sawyer has his 90-day review before offering the position to him. Adams read the job requirements to make sure Sawyer understands what the job requires. Smith suggested giving the job requirement to Sawyer so he can review and discuss at his 90-day review. Board also asked Sawyer to look into state run classes for highway employees.

The board voted to evaluate Kevin Sawyer for the position of road agent upon completion of his 90-days.

Because of the quality of candidates for the Road Agent position, McGoff asked if the board should consider adding additional road crew personnel. The board agreed. Hook asked if anyone had contacted Charlie Smith about the sand pit analysis. McGoff will contact him. Wren asked how the 1-ton was running—Sawyer said it was running good.

Old Business—Board Reports: McGoff reported the Planning Board was waiting to receive minutes from the Community Development Finance Authority. Dobbins-Marsh said they had arrived and were printed for Paul Carreiro.

Smith reported he will be attending the Parks & Playgrounds meeting on the 19th, and on the 18th will attend a Cemetery Commission meeting.

Community Field: The board reviewed the Amendment to the original agreement. Dobbins-Marsh discussed changes Rivendell would like to make. It was agreed to have the Parks & Playgrounds committee review the documents, requests and provide their feedback to the board.

Truck Bids: Adams reviewed the bids for a 2018 F-550 and a 2019 F-550. McGoff needs to determine if adding a 10' plow will void the warranty on the truck. The board checked the bid to see if a warranty was part of the price—it was not. McGoff still thinks the 1-Ton can be used for this winter and the town should wait to purchase this truck next year. Adams said the funds to purchase the truck come from the Capital Funds, so this won't impact the cash flow. McGoff feels that even if a new truck is purchased, the 1-Ton should be kept as a backup. Blanchard thought the warrant stipulated that the 1-Ton be sold and the proceeds used to offset the cost of the new purchase. Adams said the warrant leaves that to the Selectboard's discretion. Adams will research if the town is obligated to purchase the truck and if the contract previously signed for the Truck Package can be cancelled.

Upper Stonehouse Mtn. Road work: McGoff said he's still waiting for estimates to do work on the project. Nothing received yet.

Certificates of Cemetery PC Funds—Blanchard advised the board of the importance of paying \$1,230.74 to get new paper for these certificates. He feels the original certificates are lost or misfiled, but in the unlikely event they were taken, purchasing new paper it will prevent anyone from cashing them out. The value is approximately \$60,000. If in the future the certificates are found by the town, the \$1230.74 will be refunded.

Motion made to concur with the Trustee of the Trust Funds proposed action to make certain Mutual Funds Shares in accounts with Fidelity investments transferable to other Trustee accounts at Fidelity by converting shares represented by missing paper certificates purchased before 1985, to modern shares at Fidelity in the name of Town of Orford, Trustees of Trust Public. Further, the town will provide Trustee Blanchard a check in the amount of \$1,230.74 made payable to Fidelity Investments for the required purchase of "Lost Original Instruments Affidavit and Agreement in Connection with Blanket Lost Original Instruments Bond" from Chubb Insurance Companies. Motion passed.

Other—Smith updated the board on work pending at Jacob's Brook. Dobbins-Marsh sent a certified letter to abutter R. Green. Smith is waiting for additional estimates to be received.

McGoff would like the Deputy Admin Assistant to start training soon. It was agreed that Dobbins-Marsh will start training Ruth Hook on the Accounts Payable system.

Smith requested the board submit a letter to support overriding the Governor's Veto of SB446 and SB365. Adams said this is both a financial and political issue and the select board needs to represent the town. The board receives direction from the town at the Annual Meeting and from Public Hearings. McGoff said he's heard from many people in town that they are in favor of this action. The board agreed to amend the letter to state "As a result of substantial feedback in the Town of Orford, we respectfully urge you to vote to override the Governor's veto of SB446 and SB365" Dobbins-Marsh amended the letter, the board signed and it was emailed to those addressed on the letter.

McGoff read a complaint received from Janice Bartley on Aug. 24. She complained that Kevin Sawyer was on his cell phone and ran her off the road while driving a highway truck. McGoff spoke with Sawyer and he indicated that the driver was actually Russell Dennis. Dennis wrote a response to the complaint and apologized. He admitted being on his cell phone, but disputes that he crossed the center line. Adams will contact Bartley to review the situation and will send a copy of her complaint and the response to her.

New Business—Correspondence: The board reviewed a letter received as an abutter for property that's filed for a minor subdivision

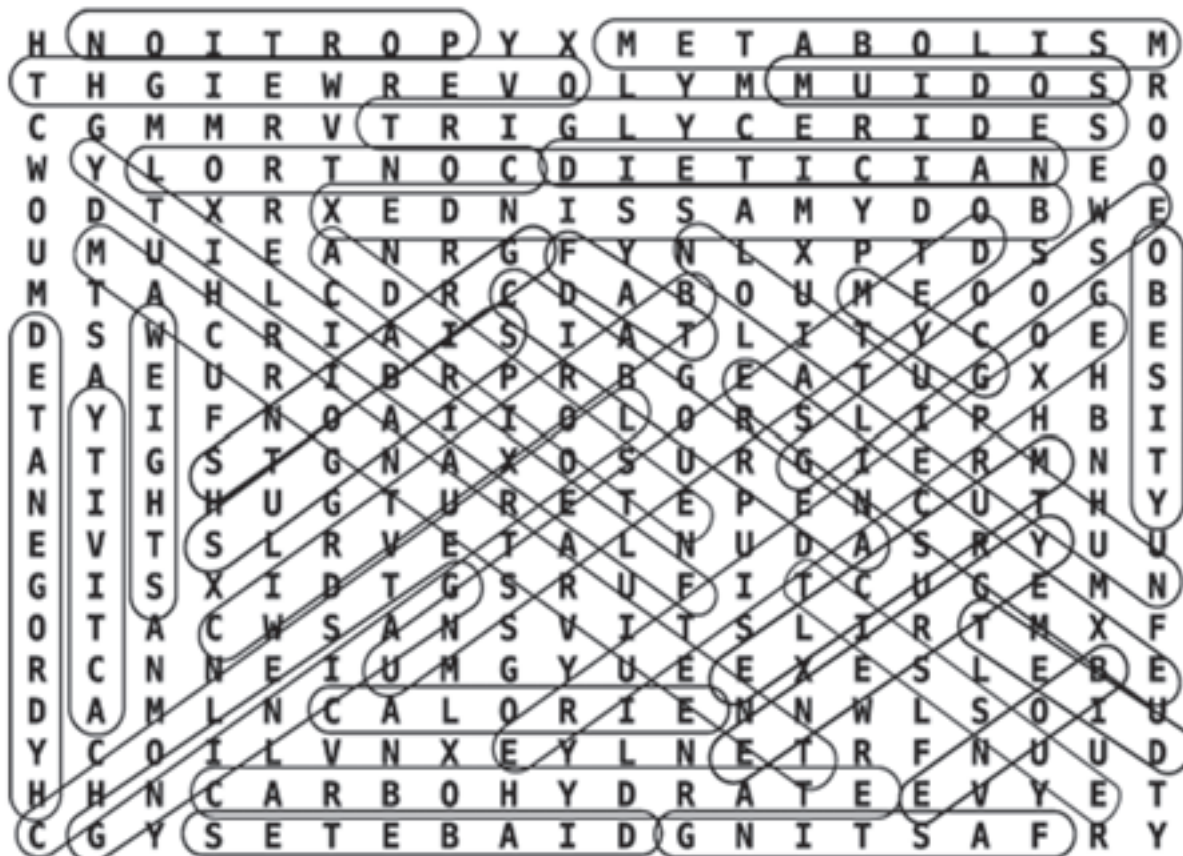
Review and Approval of MS-535: The board reviewed and signed the MS-535 document. Dobbins-Marsh will upload to the DRA.

Sawyer Brook Road Dredging: Smith mentioned that there was work being done near Sawyer Brook and Route 10. The Orford Conservation Commission recently met about this and are discussing the issue.

Accounts Payable—The correspondence and accounts payable folders were reviewed and signed where necessary.

The board voted to enter into nonpublic session for tax and personnel matters at 8:40 p.m. The board resumed the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. A vote was taken with a decision in the affirmative to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEWBURY – NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands and premises in the town of Newbury in the County of Orange and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the years **2015 through 2017** remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property, lands and premises, improvements thereto and interests therein, in said town, to wit:

(a) Being the same premises conveyed to James A. Flaherty, by James A. Flaherty and Paige C. Flaherty by Quitclaim Deed dated November 2, 2005 and recorded in Book 138 at Page 295 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 6.9 acres, more or less, at 818 Rogers Hill Road depicted as Lot 31 in Block 03 of Tax Map 16.

(b) Being the same premises conveyed to Hometown Community Development Corporation DBA HomeStrong USA by Bank of America, N.A. by Vermont Special Limited Warranty Deed dated October 28, 2013 and recorded in Book 160 at Page 749 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 0.31 of an acre, more or less, at 25 Water Street depicted as Lot 42 in Block 01 of Tax Map 50.

(c) Being the same lands and premises described in the Contract for Deed by and between Nicole F. Little, Adam J. Guida, and Kym S. Blaisdell dated March 28, 2012 and recorded in Book 157 at Page 91 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 0.31 of an acre, more or less, at 99 Main Street N depicted as Lot 65 in Block 02 of Tax Map 50.

(d) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Gary Wait by Wells River Savings Bank by Quitclaim Deed dated June 17, 1983 and recorded in Book 70 at Page 261 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 0.83 of an acre, more or less, at 660 Snake Road depicted as Lot 67 in Block 02 of Tax Map 17.

(e) Being the same lands and premises conveyed to Sieglinde G. Wood by Steven Hoffman by Warranty Deed dated May 26, 2000 and recorded in Book 118 at Page 255 of the Newbury Land Records. Said premises consist of 31.1 acres, more or less, at 388 Snake Road depicted as Lots 63 & 64 in Block 02 of Tax Map 17.

And so much of said lands and premises, improvements thereto and interests therein, will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Clerk in Newbury, Vermont, a public place in such town, on the 7th day of November, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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Meanwhile, northern New England has struggled to get young people to stay because jobs and good income are hard to find in the state and some businesses struggle due to a lack of infrastructure.

“By pulling often invisible independent professionals out of home offices, and into a central working location, the Space provides a place for visitors considering relocation to quickly see that full-time residency in Vermont is a viable option,” Priestley said. “When a person can work where they want to live, they are more invested in their local community.”

Abby Copeland, a certified massage therapist in Bradford, is a member of the Space on Main.

“Even if professionals wanted to live here, well-paying jobs are hard to come by unless you have a skill

and a way to telecommute,” Copeland stated in an email. “Monique is kind of the poster child for young Vermont professionals who want to create an arrangement that allows them to stay in the area they love while working in a field or at a level that Vermont’s economy can’t/doesn’t currently support. Furthermore, it opens up more options for those of us already working/living in the area who are trying to grow a small business but may not have all these resources available to us in such an accessible format.”

Coworking is a prevalent and sustainable endeavor that isn’t new to Vermont either. There are six coworking, or maker spaces in Burlington, alone. There are also similar arrangements in Montpelier, Waitsfield, Bennington, White River Junction, St. Johnsbury, Barre, and Lyndonville.

But will something like this thrive in Bradford?

Priestley has spent years in information-gathering mode. She reached out to people at coffee shops, restaurants, meetings, workshops and in their homes. She circulated a survey to get ideas of what people wanted and needed if given an opportunity of a coworking location.

“I got 85 responses the first weekend!” All were excited at the concept and eager to provide input.

“I obsess on researching something,” she said. “Down to the square footage necessary per member. I think I met with 300 people one on one to learn how to do things, what needed to be done, who could help.”

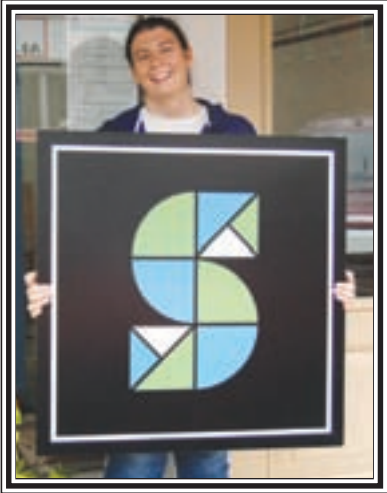
Priestley has developed Space on Main based on input from people and gathering community support.

Most maker spaces are “for profit” so originally she thought of

going that route but funding such an endeavor was problematic.

“The pivotal thing for me was when I stopped by Sam Drazin’s with this dilemma of wanting to do this thing but having no money. Sam said, ‘start a nonprofit’ and that changed my perspective and direction completely.”

Drazin, a Bradford resident, is a former elementary school teacher



MONIQUE PRIESTLEY

who established a nonprofit foundation, Changing Perspectives. He serves as vice president of Space on Main.

In July 2017, Priestley established The Space on Main, Inc. as a nonprofit, community-based coworking, maker and gathering space organization. A board of 10 directors is in place with members from Newbury, Bradford, elsewhere in Vermont and New Hampshire, and Washington state.

Board member Chelsea Lynes of Newbury said, “New to the area and changing careers, I realized how valuable it would be to telecommute. Broadband internet access and a space for fostering computer literacy would be electrifying for this community.”

In December 2017, Space on Main fundraising began and, in nine months, approximately \$100,000 was raised to cover equipment, furniture, and other build-out costs.

It began with a \$25,000 donation from the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation. That got the ball rolling. Since then, grants and donations have come from the Vermont Community Fund, Couch Family Foundation, Hypertherm HOPE Foundation, Odell Insurance Agency, Co-operative Insurance Companies, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Wells River Savings Bank, Copeland Furniture, Community Bank, All-Access Infotech,

Alarmco, Tool Barn and community members. Copeland donated \$10,000 in furniture.

Priestley was able to tap into local connections to build her vision. When a truckload of office chairs arrives, Priestley reached out via social media to ask for a couple of extra people to help unload. Instead, a dozen people show to volunteer their time to help out. It’s been like that with every aspect of getting things rolling.

On Sunday, when exterior signage was erected, a hammer drill broke. Priestley reached out to Dan Perry of Tool Barn who made a special trip to supply a replacement drill so the work could be done.

Priestley grew up in Piermont, and was always eager to take advantage of programs to learn more but knew resources were limited here. An Oxbow High School graduate, she went to college in Washington state and worked for 17 years in social media marketing, network administration, and web design.

In recent years, she returned to the Bradford area, continuing her cross-country, telecommuting career as director of digital for CampusCE Corporation in Seattle.

Priestley said from her own experience, working from home can be challenging.

“The social aspect isn’t there,” she said. “It’s actually total isolation.” She said that when working from home, her socializing has been board meetings and getting involved in the community.

And with Priestley, it’s a lot of board meetings. She is involved with the Cohase Rotary Club, Bradford Conservation Commission, Bradford Public Safety Commission, Cohase Chamber of Commerce, Little Rivers Health Care, Green Mountain Gamers, Bradford Public Library, Bradford Business Association, Bradford Planning Commission, Bradford Young Makers Club. She is also a mentor for The Mentoring Project of Upper Valley.

Many people are in a similar situation, working from home but wishing for a place like Space on Main. Priestley has members already lined up who will travel from as far away as Washington, Vermont and Lebanon. And the beauty of it is, it’s on their own time. Among the members, there are accountants, real estate agents, artists, consultants, computer engineers, Reiki therapists, and massage therapists.

The Space itself

Essentially, Priestley has de-

signed the building’s layout utilizing every inch available for the “maker” concept. She enlisted the expertise of Corinth architect Dan Egan to help with the logistics.

“Dan was great and guided me on what could be done in this space,” Priestley said. “He had great ideas for working around the existing poles in the building and stairwell.” Egan and his wife Hannah are also members of the Space.

The flexibility of use for each area shows what Priestley envisions for community events, workshops, retreats, providing area businesses and organizations the infrastructure needed at low cost. There’s little remaining evidence that this was once a department store.

On the first floor, there are booths to the right of a wraparound bar seating where a staircase to the ground floor once greeted shoppers. An open administration area will feature copy machines, 3D printers, laser cutters, and etchers. Large monitors in the lobby will promote Space events, classes, and community information. They will be visible from the sidewalk.

The lobby walls will act as gallery space for local artists to display their work, which will be rotated the first Friday of every month.

At the back of Space is a large conference room that features four arched windows with a view of the Bradford Golf Course. This is a 50-person capacity conference room that can double as a coworking area. It will be ideal for business conferences and equipped with a sound system, projector and screen. Workshops on writing, marketing, business, crafts, and jewelry-making will be held here. Priestley had dance classes in mind for this area as well.

“We already have a Chakra dance instructor from Lebanon who has booked the space as soon we open.” Pointing at beams on the ceiling, Priestley said they were designed with an aerial yoga class that will use the space.

The bottom level is focused on coworking offices and maker space. Some shared rooms will have member-dedicated desks, while others will have open desks available. Two offices are already reserved as the wellness section for area reiki, massage therapists, and others. The open area will have rolling wipeboards and couches as well as lockers and storage space.

There is also a 15-person conference room downstairs equipped with monitors for teleconferencing and videoconferencing. There are also phonebooth-sized rooms set up for private calls.

How does this all work? Priestley explained that membership is like a monthly gym membership allowing access to the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For conference space or event usage, the rate is by the hour.

Memberships vary from a “dedicated desk” to a “common area & night owl” rented by the month. There is a “day tripper” membership that pays day by day for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. access on weekdays.

Members also benefit from the job board which posts and searches job listings and a company directory that showcases company information on a national directory for networking increasing a business’s reach.

Not only do members network with people in the area, but they connect to the Proximity Network which has over 100 locations across the U.S.

That means PN members traveling through the area can check into Space on Main and get a day pass so they can be connected with work in an optimum setting.

There is plenty of information at thespaceonmain.org.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is Friday at 11 a.m. The launch party event that night is \$25 with catering by the Colatina Exit, music by DJ ShaR4, and sponsored by Community Bank.

LOST NATION THEATER

MONTEPELIER—Lost Nation Theater presents George Woodard’s Photo Essay “The Roots of My Raising” to compliment its world premiere staging of Howard Frank Mosher’s novel Disappearances in an original stage adaptation by Kim Allen Bent, Oct. 4-21. The Roots of My Raising is a Photo-Essay that documents and chronicles the 106-year history of George Woodard’s Family Farm in Waterbury, VT. George will give a short talk, “Woodard’s Words,” about what the photos and the farm mean to him before the performance of Disappearances on Oct. 14 at 1:15 p.m.

KITTEL CONCERT

SOUTH STRAFFORD—Jeremy Kittel and band are returning to the Upper Valley in concert on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at Barrett Memorial Hall, South Strafford. Ticket prices are \$22, \$15 for students at door; advanced tickets are \$17, \$12 for students and are sold on Jeremy’s website.

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Funding such an expansive project was a daunting challenge. Wendell and Priestley said they had to tap state resources like tax credits to make it possible.

In pitching the project to the state, they showed that the conversion of a building historically used for retail to a modern, multipurpose, and community facility will benefit all of Bradford.

Bradford’s Main Street has taken a few hits over recent years as Perry’s, Hill’s 5&10, North of the Falls, and other longstanding businesses leave vacant storefronts. It has had a tough impact on the remaining business owners.

Bradford’s 2018 townwide property assessment showed an average decline of 12 percent in grand list values. Meanwhile, many people move to the area for the quality of life, but have to make career sacrifices.

“They either commute long distances or work from home and struggle with slow internet speeds that impede their ability to compete in the national and global economy,” Priestley said.

The community impact of the Space would be more than an economic benefit to Bradford but that coworking spaces would bring together a wide range of ages—from the young entrepreneur to the aging boomer to share ideas and build relationships that in turn would improve the overall economic outlook in the area.

Samuel Drazin, vice president of Space on Main, saw the potential for community benefits.

“I thought it was a great opportunity to add new life to Bradford’s downtown and take an empty storefront and turn it into something unique,” he said. “As someone who works from home, I have been wanting a local coworking space. Having a dedicated space like this will bring people together who live in the community but since they work from home they may have never met each other before.”

It’s the drawn the interest of a major new employer in Bradford, which will also open before 2018 concludes.

“The establishment of Margaret Pratt Community and the Space on Main at similar times has given us the opportunity to partner with another startup business in various ways that not only supports our mission as an organization, but supports a new emerging nonprofit organization from within the Bradford community,” said Zachary Shephard, executive director of Margaret Pratt Community.”

Brynn Cole grew up in Newbury, but spent years in San Francisco. She worked in federal health care but has returned to the area to has venture into real estate.

“I have found myself feeling a little unmoored,” Cole said. “I’m used to working around and with a lot of people. The Space couldn’t come at a better time for our community at large and, selfishly, for me in my new journey.”

The Space on Main and the Wendells aim to bring people to Bradford so the community and local economy will grow.

“The Space is designed to meet those needs, fill our Main Street gap, and weave a network of partnerships throughout the region,” Priestley stated.

Fairlee to host candidates forum

FAIRLEE—The town of Fairlee will hold a Legislative Candidates’ Forum on Oct. 22 at the Fairlee Town Hall auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments to be served.

The candidates participating feature Democrat gubernatorial candidate Christine Hallquist; Anya Tynio, the Republican challenger for U.S. Representative; incumbent Caledonia-Orange state Senators Jane Kitchel and Joe Benning; incumbent state Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas; and Joyce McKeeman, an incumbent Orange County Assistant Judge.

Fairlee Selectboard Chair Frank J. Barrett Jr. will moderate the forum. The Fairlee Selectboard and members of the audience will pose questions of the candidates and incumbents on a wide range of topics. Audience members with questions, will be asked to submit their questions in writing to the moderator. Index cards/pencils will be available.

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