

Young Man Arrested After Intruding on Homes

by June Pichel Cook
CRAFTSBURY — By 7 a.m. in Craftsbury, dairy barn chores are finished, fog creeps in dips and valleys is lifting, and the silence blanketing surrounding hillsides gives way to soft chirping and chattering squirrels.

The horrific calamity unfolded last Thursday morning, with Plainfield State Police and Orleans County Sheriff's Office cars and one canine unit descending on the area around Wild Branch Road and Route 14.

Lisa Cook had notified the police that her residence was broken into during the night and that she had chased a young man out with a baseball bat. Cook was at home with her mother. State police responded and began their manhunt.

Several hours later, police arrested a young man, later identified as Tyrone Perry. Perry was charged with burglary, unlawful restraint, leaving the scene of an accident, possession of stolen property, violation of conditions of release, and possession of stolen property.

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Special Town Meeting to Approve Bond Vote and Six-Month Budget

by Will Walters
CABOT — Replacement of the water lines on Danville Hill Road is scheduled for fall of 2018, but some authorization steps and preliminary planning must be done this year.

The board approved a planning application for the water line project, which is estimated to cost about \$1,800. The board also approved the documents for when the voters authorize the bond to do the project. The board only approved the preliminary work on water line construction, as voters must approve the actual project's bond.

The board scheduled an informational meeting for November 1 and a special vote on November 7 for the town to vote on the bond by Australian ballot. The voters will have a six-month period from January 1 to June 30, 2018, to return

on the window, she did not see anyone approaching and thought it odd. The driveway to the house is barely visible with dense tree foliage. She opened the kitchen door to the mud room and found a young man standing there, cell phone in hand, wearing muddy shoes.

"I asked him how I could help," Kinkie said. "He wanted to use the phone or charge his cell phone." He told her he had an accident, and the police were there.

"I didn't want to let him in the house. He was just asking for help. I didn't feel threatened," Kinkie said. "I told him if he went down to the center, I would help him but not at this moment."

A few minutes later, she heard him go upstairs to an apartment above the garage. The apartment has two entrances, and she heard him at the back of the house. She went to the stairs, asked him to please leave the house or she would summon the police. She locked her back door.

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Forums Set For Towns To Provide Primary Enforcement Coverage

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MONTPELIER — Public safety will be discussed this fall at the Senate Government Operations committee forums to talk about law enforcement and public safety issues. A bill under consideration is S.827, which will require all municipalities in Vermont to provide primary

enforcement coverage within their jurisdictions. The bill was introduced by Sen. Jeanette White, of the Windham district, in the last session. The bill was referred to the committee in January 2017.

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Saturday Night's Memorial Lantern Walk on Craftsbury Common

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CRAFTSBURY — Hundreds of people gathered for the Saturday Night's Memorial Lantern Walk on Craftsbury Common. The event was held to honor the victims of the September 11 attacks.

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Nearing Alternative District Proposal to State

by Michael Bielawski
HARDWICK — After years of debate, countless hours of executive board meetings and Act 46 committee meetings, all the blood, sweat, and tears are about to culminate into a formal proposal to the state to propose to establish an "alternative district," which would essentially keep all the schools' current governance structure in place, despite the passage of 2015's Act 46 merger law.

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) Superintendent Joanne LeFevre said that the union has nearly completed its proposal. She said the OSSU board wants to get it ready before the January deadline, so the Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcomb can see it and give feedback, if needed.

"We are very close to putting the finalizing touches on the documents," he said. "I think it will finish their own proposals," she said. "After the November 2 executive board committee meeting, the hope is that all of the boards will have their own proposals."

Hazen Union School Board member David Kelley said the Hazen Union School board is nearly finished with its proposal. "We're getting close, it's coming together," he said. "I think it will finish their own proposals," she said. "After the November 2 executive board committee meeting, the hope is that all of the boards will have their own proposals."

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School Test Results Raise More Questions

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MONTPELIER — The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) issued a press release on September 15, announcing its 2016-2017 results for the standardized Smarter Balance Assessments (SBA). The release states that for all Vermont, 49% of third graders rated "proficient" in math and 55% in English, overall proficiency ranges from 37 to 59% depending on grade level and subject.

"Schools in our region tended to be low the state average more often than not. Here is the first in a series of areas, school-by-school responses to the test results."

HARDWICK Elementary School (HES) was on a par with the state average in math, but below in reading. "Clearly what we need to do is improve how we engage the students better."

HARDWICK — At last week's select board meeting there was much discussion about the budget and policies surrounding the town, the most used locations in town, the Hazen Union on Church Street, summer and fall initiatives, job fairs, events throughout the spring, summer, and fall including job fairs, concerts, wedding, meetings, and in the past, it had been used for Town Meeting Days.

Board member Sarah Cornish, who manages the building, said there have been several improvements lately, such as window repair and insulation, that it may be possible to use the building year-round, rather than shutting it down for the winter, as in recent years.

There were supportive comments from meeting attendees that, even for those who don't directly use the building, the way that place there bring in people who shop and eat all over town.

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Pamela Stroup (left) and Chris Hastridge, of Moretown, hike on Caspian Lake in Greensboro on Sunday. The temperature was in the mid-80s.

Audrey Grant (left) and Zomora Davinci (right) at the UN in New York City. The two Hazen students were invited to present a resolution at the UN. The project is about the beauty of people and struggles they face when it comes to accepted beauty standards and profiling.