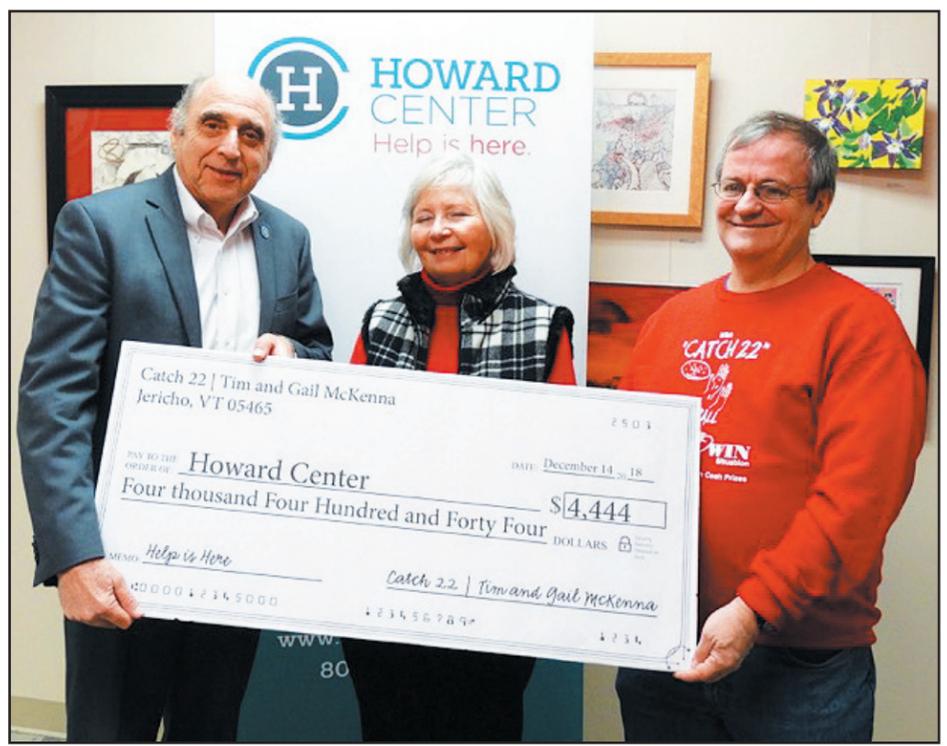


Jericho residents, Catch 22 contribute to Howard Center

Jericho residents Gail and Tim McKenna recently made a generous contribution of \$4444 to Howard Center from their CATCH 22 Football fundraiser. 2018 marks the fourth year the McKennas have made a donation in an amount that signifies important dates in their lives. The donation will support Howard Center's critical work in the community that helps individuals and families with mental health, substance use, and developmental services.

Bob Bick, Howard Center CEO, thanked the McKennas for their contribution and said, "We are grateful to the McKennas and the Catch 22 Foundation for their generosity, ongoing support, and for their commitment to our organization and those we serve." Since the McKennas' Catch 22 Football fundraiser began more than 20 years ago, the organization has made donations to various community organizations, including the Shriners' Hospital and the Vermont Children's Hospital.



Howard Center CEO Bob Bick (left) receives a contribution from Jericho residents Gail and Tim McKenna of the Catch 22 Foundation. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Copley Hospital, Morrisville, VT welcomes its first baby of 2019, Tansy Baumann of Waterbury Center, VT, born Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 1:59 PM. Tansy is pictured with mom and dad Lindsay and Jeffrey Baumann, RN Jennifer Dean, certified nurse midwife April Vanderveer, and OB/GYN William Ellis, MD. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Copley Hospital welcomes first baby of 2019

Tansy Baumann was welcomed by parents Lindsay and Jeffrey Baumann of Waterbury Center, VT on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Newborn Baumann was Copley Hospital's first baby of the New Year, born at 1:59 PM in the Copley Hospital Birthing Center. Tansy was delivered by OB/GYN William Ellis, MD and certified nurse midwife April Vanderveer. Tansy is the Baumanns' first child.

"From the prenatal care and birthing classes to the care we received while in the Birthing Center, our experience was truly awesome," said new parents Lindsay and Jeff Baumann. "We could not have asked for a better team taking care of us." They expressed their appreciation to the entire Birthing Center team and the staff and midwives at The Women's Center.

"We were also impressed with how well the team communicated with us, from the information provided, to the birthing tips, and most importantly, for keeping us informed as labor and delivery progressed," commented Lindsay. Jeff made a point of noting how beneficial the birthing classes were to him, preparing him for the birth. Lindsay appreciated the respect she received from the birthing team, noting they understood and worked with her to honor her birthing plan.

The Baumanns shared that Tansy is the great-granddaughter of the late Pricilla Sparks. Mrs. Sparks, who passed away in 2012, was a registered nurse and served as a private-duty nurse for Alexander Copley – the gentleman for whom the hospital in Morrisville, VT is named.

VSECU offers 'Member Emergency Loan' for federal employees

VSECU, a credit union for everyone who lives or works in Vermont, is offering assistance for members impacted by the partial government shutdown.

The Member Emergency Loan (MEL) is a low-rate loan of up to \$1500, intended to help replace the lost wages of furloughed federal employees, including military personnel. VSECU staff will be working to quickly process these loan applications so affected Vermonters won't have to enter the New Year with financial uncertainty.

"It's a frightening prospect to suddenly lose income at any time of the year, but winter in Vermont is an especially difficult time to find yourself suddenly without funds," said Valerie

Beaudin, head of Consumer Residential Lending. "VSECU is here to support our members, and together we'll get through."

Members may be eligible for the MEL if they have been in good standing with the Credit Union for at least six months and have proof of federal employment/furlough status. Loan applications can be completed online at www.vsecu.com or at any of VSECU's nine branch locations.

All members may also be eligible to take advantage of the Skip-A-Payment program, which can allow borrowers to defer a month's loan payment on consumer loans without incurring financial penalties.

Conservation Law Foundation proposes banning plastic bags throughout New England

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) announced today that the organization plans to push for legislation banning single-use plastic bags in all six New England states as part of its campaign to eliminate plastics in the region. The news comes as Boston's city-wide plastic bag ban takes effect.

"There's no reason why single-use plastic bags

need to be a part of our daily lives," said Kirstie Pecci, Director of the Zero Waste program at CLF. "Most bags end up filling our landfills, littering our communities and waters, and polluting our air when burned up in incinerators. The citywide ban in Boston is a good start, and we must also ensure that any ban does not burden our elderly or low-income neighbors. We have a real opportunity

Increased range operations at Camp Ethan Allen training site

Units in the Vermont Army National Guard will be firing outside of normal hours from Thursday, February 7 to Tuesday, February 12.

"Our current National Defense Strategy requires increased readiness for the Army National Guard, which translates to more training days and requirements for Vermont's 86th Brigade," said Col. Nathan Lord, commander, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain). "We will continue to do what we can to mitigate training impact and be more sensitive to our neighbors in the local communities around Camp Ethan Allen Training Site."

"ARNG 4.0" is the next phase of the Army National Guard evolution. There are more training demands on service members, especially in years when there is a large scale training exercise. The

86th IBCT will participate in a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation in May. JRTC is the largest training exercise available for a brigade in the Army. The 86th IBCT last participated in a JRTC rotation in 2014.

Any planned increases in range use outside of the normal firing hours will be communicated as early as possible. The Vermont Army National Guard will continue researching and working with the community to mitigate the impact the range has on the community.

Contact 1LT Mike Arcovitch at 802-338-3478, mikel.r.arcovitch@mail.mil, or Officer Candidate Nathan Rivard at 802-338-3324, Nathan.r.rivard@mail.mil if you have any additional questions.

MMUSIC alumni potluck and concert set for May 22

MMUSIC Music directors Mr. Pillsbury and Mrs. Bauer would like to invite students who were a part of the MMUSIC band, orchestra, or choral program during their tenure (15 years!) to a potluck and alumni concert hosted by the Friends of Music group and current music students. Attendees will be asked to perform a piece as a big

ensemble and possibly perform an alumni piece with just the alumni group.

If you are a parent of a MMUSIC alumni, or you know of one, please send this information along with the following link (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rh_

Looking for a job? Looking to hire?

On Thursday, January 24 from 5:00 – 9:00PM, the Lamoille Valley Young Professionals will host a speed-dating-style job fair at Green Mountain Technology & Career Center in Hyde Park.

There will be a max of 20 employers at our event. There will be time to network and follow up with the candidates or employers after the interview rounds are complete. We will give each potential employee five minutes to interview. This event is free to all job hunters! For employers wishing to register, it is \$30 per interviewer for a Chamber Member, \$60 for non-Chamber members.

Both businesses and job hunters will be given a worksheet to maximize the event experience. Comfort foods will be catered by Black Diamond BBQ.

Registration – first come, first serve – is filling up fast and will close once we have reached our max of 56 job hunters and 20 employers, or on Wednesday, January 23.

For more information about this event, please contact 802-888-7607 or officemanager@lamoillechamber.com.

to end this waste and pollution throughout New England and we must act now."

Plastic bags are created from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource, and take hundreds of years to decompose. They litter our streets and parks, forcing local governments to spend money on clean up efforts. Bags also end up in our soil, rivers, and oceans.

The proposed ban would make New England a leader in addressing climate-damaging pollution, reducing trash and food waste, and increasing recycling. It would prohibit stores from providing single-use plastic bags. Customers would receive paper bags or bring their own reusable bags instead.