Letters to the editor

Thanks for a wonderful evening in Westmore

To the editor,

Thank you for publishing such an informative paper! I picked the Chronicle up in Burke at a Northeast Kingdom country store, and actually got the week's previous in addition to the current week's. I found so many wonderful things to do while I was in the Northeast Kingdom area.

One in particular was a delight I had to write! You had printed a press release about the Westmore Association's auction and that intrigued me. It included a potluck of many delicious homemade delights but what turned out to be most fun for me was the hilarious and superior entertainment provided by Craig Vance of Danville, the auctioneer. Wow, if you could bottle his talent, he deserves his own Comedy Central audition! He made the entire evening so entertaining. I'm certain no one will forget the $2 jars of mustard jokes!

I was impressed with the eight scholarship recipients and that the Westmore Association could gift each $1,000. Bravo for all the community support. I loved the competitive bidding spirit among members of the association, too.

Vermont is a small state, and it continually surprises me that I can go 150 from home and meet someone who I know. It happened when I returned and attended Bookstock in Woodstock.

Low and behold, Linda Schneck, who sat directly opposite me at the Westmore auction, walked right by me on the sidewalk.

Thanks for an evening to all those who worked so hard to pull it together. I am still laughing when I recall the wonderful comradery that existed.

The breathtaking beauty, which honestly was such a delightful surprise, made me realize even more how stunningly gorgeous our landscape of Vermont is. How lucky you all are to live in such a breathtakingly amazing retreat.

Mary Cain
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The need for cyber security has extended into our everyday lives

To the editor,

This summer Dartmouth College hosted a free week-long summer program on cyber security, which we participated in. This program focused on ways that computer users can effectively protect themselves from hackers and malicious software.

While many people know about the dangers on their computers, there is another aspect of cyber security to be aware of. This is not something that happens online or even with computers but instead may be over the telephone or even in person.

For example, scammers have been known to call the elderly and tell them that their grandchild has been arrested and needs to be bailed out of jail and that they must send money to bail out their relative. This is a lie and instead the scammers just take the money for themselves. This is a common scenario, which has a high percentage rate of success.

Another example of this trickery is e-mails that are sent by people posing as an employer or other organization and sending specifically tailored e-mails hoping to get information such as user names and passwords. Although anyone can be targeted in these situations, scammers tend to focus more on the elderly due to their lack of technical understanding and awareness.

To counteract this, everybody should remember to always make sure that information given to them is legitimate before sending any money or information that is requested. In even more extreme cases a hacker may attempt to gain information by pretending to be someone they are not in person-to-person interaction. Never give away information to an unknown person without researching their credentials. Information such as login details or Social Security numbers can be used to steal identities and access funds in stolen accounts.

Cyber security is an issue that has begun to extend not only into our computers and smartphones, but also our everyday lives. To learn more about cyber security at Dartmouth, visit www.ists.dartmouth.edu.

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Correction

In last week's article about the Barton Village Trustee, we said that the Public Service Board...