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SPOTLIGHT

In the news

State police say a threat was made at Harwood Union High School, and a school official said an arrest has been made. **A2**

Around the region, area police are kept busy with various arrests and reports. **A3**

HOT SPOT



Tonight EXTEMPO

Locals tell short-format, first-person, true stories without any notes or reading, before a live audience. 8 p.m. Mingle Nightclub, 214 N. Main St., Barre.



Former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush, top left, watch as the casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried out after a State Funeral at the National Cathedral in Washington on Wednesday. AP PHOTO

Farewell to 41st president

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WASHINGTON — The nation bid goodbye to George H.W. Bush with high praise, cannon salutes and gentle humor Wednesday, celebrating the life of the Texan who embraced a lifetime of service in Washington and was the last president to fight for the U.S. in wartime. Three former presidents looked on at Washington National Cathedral as a fourth — George W.

Bush — eulogized his dad as “the brightest of a thousand points of light.”

After three days of remembrance in the capital city, the Air Force plane with Bush’s casket left for a final service in Houston and burial Thursday at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station.

His final resting place is alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter who

died of leukemia at age 3.

His plane, which often serves as Air Force One, arrived at Ellington Field outside Houston in late afternoon. As a motorcade subsequently carried Bush’s remains to the family church, St. Martin’s Episcopal, along a closed interstate, hundreds of people in stopped cars on the other side of the road took pictures and shot cellphone video. One driver of a tanker truck climbed atop the hulking vehicle for a

better view, and at least 15 firefighters scaled a pair of stopped firetrucks to salute.

Upon its arrival at the church, Bush’s casket was met by a military band and Houston Democratic Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The national funeral service at the cathedral was a tribute to a president, a patriarch and a faded political era that prized military service and public responsibility. It was laced with indirect comparisons to President Donald Trump

but was not consumed by them, as speakers focused on Bush’s public life and character — with plenty of cracks about his goofy side, too.

Trump sat with his wife, a trio of ex-presidents and their wives, several of the group sharp critics of his presidency and one of them, Hillary Clinton, his 2016 Democratic foe. Apart from courteous nods and some handshakes, there was

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Early cold spurs shelters’ response

By STEPHEN MILLS
 STAFF WRITER

BARRE — Advocates for the homeless in central Vermont report they have been able to improve and increase services for people seeking shelter, food and support services.

Officials report that the early start to winter, two snow storms and cold temperatures created an increase in demand for services.

Once again, churches in the region have responded by providing additional meal services in Montpelier and Barre, while churches in the Lamoille Valley, are being asked to shelter the homeless until a new shelter opens in Hyde Park.



Patrick Donegan is the new interim executive director at the Good Samaritan Haven in Barre, which has 30 beds. He is also responsible for overseeing overflow shelter services at

the Hedding United Methodist Church in Barre with 14 beds and the Bethany Church in Montpelier with 20 beds.

“We haven’t yet reached capacity, but things are

going well,” Donegan said. He said pop-up warming stations run by three churches in Montpelier: Christ Church on Mondays, Trinity Church on Tuesdays and the Unitarian Church

on Thursdays provide evening meals, in addition to the rotating interfaith community lunches provided during the week.

In Barre, different churches also offer pop-up warming stations or the Good Samaritan Haven will bring food to the overflow shelter at the Hedding United Methodist Church for dinner. Barre churches also offer a breakfast service for the homeless.

During the day, the homeless have to leave the shelters and most head to Another Way at 125 Barre St., which is open seven days a week.

Another Way works with

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Ice rink to return before Christmas

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MONTPELIER — The ice rink on the State House lawn in the Capital City will make a welcome comeback later this month.

City officials confirmed this week it is hoped to install a newly designed rink around Dec. 17, in time for holiday celebrations around Christmas. The new design is expected to be more in keeping with the “architectural and aesthetic integrity of the State House grounds,” as prescribed by the Capital Complex Commission which approved

the design.

It follows a review of the rink first proposed by the Put a Rink on It Committee in 2016. The rink returned in winter 2017, but only on the understanding that a more suitable design be developed after complaints that a wooden railing around the rink made it “look like a stable,” in the words of one city official.

Architect Stephen Frey then presented a plan for a new design that would use materials, such as clear dashboards seen

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LIGHT BRIGHT



Community members, including Heather Voisin and her daughter Marie, 10, center, sing carols Wednesday night during the Vermont College of Fine Art’s annual Illumination Night celebration in Montpelier. JEB WALLACE-BRODEUR / STAFF PHOTO



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