

Police briefs

Damage over \$10,000 at retail complex

A fire that caused more than \$10,000 damage to a retail complex in Middlesex was set intentionally, investigators say.

The fire was reported Friday, June 13, at 2:13 in the morning; the building at 961 Route 2 houses Red Hen Bakery, Ann's Weavery and Nutty Steph's Chocolaterie. Don and Leise Wexler of Moretown own the building.

A reward of up to \$5,000 is available in the case.

An employee working inside Red Hen Bakery heard a smoke alarm and telephoned the Middlesex Fire Department, which called in the Waterbury and Worcester fire departments to help.

The firefighters were able to extinguish the fire, which occurred in a part of the building that is under construction. No one was injured, but damage is estimated at more than \$10,000.

At the request of Middlesex fire officials, the fire was investigated by Vermont State Police fire detectives, an investigator from the state Division of Fire Safety, and a state police dog skilled in sniffing out fire accelerants.

Investigators found that the fire had been set intentionally.

Anyone with information about the fire is asked to call Vermont State Police or the arson tip line at 800-32-ARSON; a reward of up to \$5,000 is available for information resulting in an arrest.

Stowe Street stop leads to an arrest

A Waterbury man has been charged with suspicion of driving under the influence on Stowe Street.

Christopher D. Wilcox, 27, was stopped by Vermont State Police Friday, June 13, at 12:26 a.m. because defective equipment was spotted on his 2004 Honda Civic, according to police.

Wilcox is due in court July 3 in Barre.

Damaged trailer ordered off the road

A badly damaged semi-trailer was ordered off Interstate 89 on Sunday by state safety officials.

A driver saw the trailer — with part of its roof peeled backward — and called 911, and a Vermont State Police trooper was able to find and stop the tractor-trailer truck at the rest area on Interstate 89 North in Waterbury. The trooper called in Sgt. Richard Moore from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles commercial vehicle enforcement unit.

The tractor-trailer truck, operated by Daniels Transportation Co. Inc. of White River Junction, was being driven by Harold Woods, 67, of South Addison, Vt., and was hauling food products and carts for Vermont Bread Co. from Chicopee, Mass., to Burlington.

Investigators said the truck slammed into a highway overpass on its way out of Chicopee; the truck's legal height was set at 13 feet, 6 inches, and the overpass was 12 feet, 9 inches high.

The impact peeled back part of the trailer roof and broke the driver's side top frame rail; if that happens, the trailer is supposed to be taken off the road immediately, authorities said.

There was no indication of structural damage to the overpass.

After reporting the incident to Chicopee officials, Woods continued driving to Vermont.

State officials allege they discovered multiple violations in Woods' logbook, including driving more hours than is legally permitted under state and federal law. The trailer was ordered off the road



Burglars hit country club

Police are looking for three men who broke into the Blush Hill Country Club in Waterbury just after 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The three — who used masks or hoodies to shield their faces from security cameras — broke a window in a door, gaining entrance to the upstairs bar area.

Once inside, they filled bags and boxes with hard liquor before leaving.

Footage from security cameras, above, shows a burglar, wearing a mask, holding a Whole Foods bag to carry away loot.

Trooper Ben Barton of the Vermont State Police is investigating. A reward will be offered for information that leads to a conviction. Barton can be reached at 802-229-9191; Blush Hill's number is 244-8974. Susan Seymour manages the country club.

immediately, and Morse found five driver violations, three semi-trailer violations and one semi-tractor violation. Two traffic tickets were issued totaling \$324 in fines.

News briefs

Condoleezza Rice to speak at Norwich

Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. secretary of state, will speak today, Thursday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at Norwich University in Northfield.

Norwich's College of Graduate and Continuing Studies is hosting the event at Shapiro Field House, on the Norwich campus at 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield.

Rice will speak as part of the Todd Lecture Series. The public is welcome, free, but advance registration and tickets are required for entry: bit.ly/1nSFr3i. The 2014 Todd Lecture Series will also be live-streamed. Information: tfs.norwich.edu.

Detour required on Waterbury trail

The Cross Vermont Trail remains open in Waterbury during construction work at the flood-damaged State Office Complex, but with a temporarily adjusted route.

The trail runs beside the Winooski River on state-owned land behind the State Office Complex. In fact, that was the first mile of the Cross Vermont Trail to be designated, back in 1993. To date, the trail has remained fully open during the demolition of the former state hospital, but as construction enters the next phase, a temporary detour will be required.

Last weekend, local volunteers helped the Cross Vermont Trail Association to move trail signs to the temporary route that will be used during construction. The new access to the trail is near the junction of Park Row and Randall Street.

The trail along the Winooski is popular with runners, bicyclist, dog walkers and nature watchers. "People tell me they see a lot of wildlife back here, even though it's right next to downtown," said Greg Western, the trail association executive director. "They'll sit on the bench by the river and watch the beavers, or the fox kits playing by the field. One person even saw a bobcat."

"When the construction is done, in 2016, the natural area should be even nicer, since the development is being moved a little farther from the river and the banks are being

reforested."

The association is working to have a multi-use, four-season path across the width of Vermont, following the Winooski River and Wells River valleys. Information: crossvermont.org or 802-498-0079.

Business brief

Keurig Green Mt. adds Subway as partner

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First Keurig. Then Coke. Next Krispy Kreme. Now Subway. Keurig Green Mountain — formerly Green Mountain Coffee Roasters — announced its latest partnership last week.

"Currently, more than half of the Subway restaurants in the United States and Canada have adopted a Keurig system," the Waterbury-based company said in a news release.

The single-serve hot beverage system was introduced as an option for restaurant franchises last year.

Subway is the world's largest restaurant chain, with more than 42,000 locations in 106 countries. Its store count exceeded that of McDonald's in 2011, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Keurig hot beverage brewers will replace traditional coffeemakers in Subway's North American locations, and should make it easier for restaurants to offer hot, fresh coffee any time of day.

Coca-Cola invested heavily in Keurig Green Mountain starting in February 2014, as part of a strategic partnership to develop and sell a cold-beverage version of the coffee roaster's "K-Cup" brewing system.

Waterbury meetings June 19-26

Development Review Board, Thursday, June 19, 6:30 p.m., Main Street Fire Station, 43 S. Main St.

Water and Sewer Commission, Monday, June 23, 4:30 p.m., Main Street Fire Station, 43 S. Main St.

Planning Commission, Monday, June 23, 7 p.m., Steele Block building, 46 S. Main St., second floor.

Village Trustees, Wednesday, June 25, 4:30 p.m., Main Street Fire Station, 43 S. Main St.

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