

Agenda for November 24, 2020  
Warren Selectboard  
6:00 PM  
VIA Zoom

6:00 PM – Public Comment

6:10 PM – Traffic Ordinance Change Plunkton Road – Mike Malick

6:30 PM – Covid Update – Jeff Campbell

6:45 PM – Roots Work Check – Jon Barkhausen & Don Swain

7:00 PM – Lighted Visitor Covid Information Signs – Sugarbush – Margo Wade

7:15 PM – Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2020

7:16 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants & Accounts Payable

7:17 PM – Other Business

Pike – Letter Response

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**Minutes of November 24, 2020**

Warren Select board

Via Zoom

6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Randy Graves & Camilla Behn.

**Others Present:** Jeff Campbell, Mike Malekoff, Gordon Hoare, Don Swain, John Barkhausen, Margo Wade, Jim Westhill, Tony (TV 44/45), Hadley Laskowski & Cindi Jones.

**6:00 PM** – Public Comment – None

**6:05 PM** – COVID-19 Update – Jeff Campbell-

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Maps will be attached to minutes.

**6:15 PM – Traffic Ordinance Change Plunkton Road** – Mike Malekoff – Mr. Malekoff started off the conversation that he had spoken with several residents concerning this issue. He found that it was a mixed reaction to lowering the speed. The data received showed that there was speeding but lowering the speed does not mean that people will abide by the speed limit. The main point was that the Traffic Ordinance needs to be ratified for the correct speeds on the road, so that there could be enforcement for tickets. He stated that Blueberry Lake was very busy this year with all the parking lots full, cars parking on the road and people walking to the lake for recreation. The temporary speed signs have slowed traffic up as they approach the lake area. Mr. Malekoff also asked why are there lots of large trucks using the road and could we limit that? Mr. Cunningham commented that the Town could not really limit truck use of that road because this road connects town to town and many commuters use it. Mr. Hoare commented that he appreciates Mr. Malakoff's efforts but did not think there was a large speeding problem. Many people are happy with the road improvements that have been done and it is a recreational area with increased traffic because of covid. He commented that the speed limits are fine as long as there is enforcement and was in favor of leaving the current speed limits in place. Mr. Cunningham commented that he felt the current speed limits are fine but the ordinance needed to be corrected for enforcement. In the spring/summer of 2021 more data will be taken and a plan for enforcement would be discussed.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham from Brook Road to Jones Road, on Plunkton Road would remain 40 MPH, and from Jones Road to the Granville Town Line the posted speed would be 35 MPH, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**6:31 PM – Pike Response** – A letter that came from the Warren Selectboard was sent out to Pike Paving in regards to the hold back. In conversations with Mr. Gardner it was noted that he understood that they knew that the Warren Selectboard were not happy with the job that the Town received. Mr. Gardner's boss, Chris Jarvis, felt that the job and solution was acceptable.

Mr. Jarvis has not responded to the latest letter the Selectboard sent in regards to the hold back of \$18,000. Mr. Gardner understood where the Town was coming and from where his boss Pike were coming from and hoped that a reasonable solution would become of it. This issue is still not resolved and the Town is waiting for Pike keeping the lines of communication open. Mr. Cunningham commented are there any possibly solutions? Mr. Ackland commented that there really isn't any. It would be pretty costly to go to court and that is not what the Town wants to do. Mr. Ackland commented that he would be ok paying the hold back however, a more definite plan of how Pike will work in the future with the Town, making sure the mix is correct and that they come on a timely basis's and not push the town off until late September and October. Mr. Graves commented that is not happy with the work and thanked Mr. Ackland for writing the letter and that Pike does owe the Town a response. Ms. Behn also commented that she felt the same way that the paving job was not up to professional standards. Mr. Youmell commented that the board should wait until Pike sends a response to the Town. Mr. Cunningham commented that nothing would be voted on at this meeting until a response is received from Pike Industries.

**6:51 PM – Lighted Visitor Covid Information Signs – Sugarbush – Margo Wade and Jim Westhill.**

Ms. Wade and Mr. Westhill came before the board to ask permission to have 2 large highway lighted signs for the duration of the 2020-21 Ski Season (December-March) because of the States guidelines. They looked at sign placements along the Access Road so that they would flash and be a nescience to people living in the condos. Sign Placement Locations are as follows:

1. Base of Mt. Ellen Road, Fayston (south side of road), 1870 Sugarbush Access Road, Warren (north side of road adjacent to Sugarbush Inn Annex), 3. Adjacent to Golf Course Road (north side of Access Road), 4. Adjacent to Parking Lot E (north or south side of Access Rd) and 5. Other resort owned locations with notification provided to the Selectboard. They are planning on renting 2 of them putting one at Mt. Ellen and one at Lincoln Peak and are requesting the flexibility to deploy both at one mountain should the need arise. The sign dimensions are as follows: sign face 6'3" x 11'6", sign height is 13' 3" with the sign lettering configuration of 3 lines of 8 characters (max) per line. The messages would be mostly COVID-19 but with general messages s as well. Mr. Westhill commented that they are working with the State and CDC requirements hitting the people early before they get to the mountain. Upon arriving they will have to wear masks and bring activavids saying they have quarantined. Ms. Behn commented she would only like to see Covid messages and not a lot of general messages. Mr. Westhill commented that they are not using these signs a COVID-19 point of advertising.

Mr. Cunningham asked how will it work with pass holders? Mr. Westhill commented that pass holders will have to go on line and fill out the actividavide stating they have self-quarantine at home to meet the state requirements. If they do not go on line prior to going to the mountain, their passes will not work. At both mountains there will be a limit of 6000-7000 operating at the capacity allotted. They also will be selling some pre-sold tickets. He commented that it would be best for locals to ski from Monday-Friday. Mr. Cunningham commented that this signage is only a onetime event due to Covid and that they would not want it flashing all night into people's windows. Mr. Westervelt commented that is why they picked the sites for location and that it is on Sugarbush property. If it became a nauseous to someone, they would remove them to another location. Mr. Graves commented that the PC wanted to make sure it was just temporary and that they would be gone in March. Mr. Westervelt addressed that question as it is only for the 20-2021 ski season.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to grant approval for Sugarbush the use of the signs for the 20-2021 ski season relate to covid, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: Vote: 5-0.

Camping – Another topic that Sugarbush wanted to bring up to get an idea from the Selectboard was camping in the lots. They have had requests for overnight camping in their lots of people using their own vehicles to camp in the base lodge parking area. Mr. Westhill commented that we are not open to parking large vehicles such as vehicles with travel trailers. If they did, there would be no fires, no septic, dogs on leash, pack in pack out and the best place to do this would be in Lot G. If they ever did, it would be on the Heli Lot and there would be only 1-15 sites with septic, however, they wanted to get Selectboard feedback on this. Mr. Cunningham commented that it would be creating a community of gathering of people and this is not what the Governor wants currently.

Mr. Graves commented that Ms. Robbins sent over the Zoning Regulations on this and camping is not allowed only in an established camp ground. He did suggest that Sugarbush come to the Planning Commission and express their comments on this topic in quite detail. Ms. Wade commented that they are coming to the next meeting with comments on new re-write of the zoning regulations.

**7:96 PM - Roots Work Check In – John Barkhausen & Don Swain** – Mr. Barkhausen started off the with updating the board with building improvements over the years. This past summer the board hired Hugh Johnson to replace siding on the south and east side of the building fixing the rot by the metal fire escape. In 2021 they plan on painting the building. The cost for fixing the rot repair was \$5,200 and they spent \$4,200 on the sewer repair. In 2019 they had spent \$3,000 in repairs, in 2018 they spent \$18,000 which was part of the window replacements and also in 2017 \$17,000 for phase one of the windows. They added an electric heater in the crawl space and have done some electrical upgrades to the rooms upstairs and replaced some doors. They also had renovated the front porch entrance to the building over the years. The Market has renovated the bathroom twice. Roots Work also takes care of the green mowing and various gardens. Mr. Ackland asked how does Roots Work pay for this work? Mr. Swain commented that they have a reserve fund for emergency work which is funded through the heating program. They have about 600 members that participate in the heating program.

They are also planning on doing a Capital Improvement Plan identifying the remaining life of items of the building and set up a budget for 5-10 years on repairs. When they have put together a schedule t Roots Work will share this with the board and discuss where the Town might be able to help out. Mr. Cunningham commented that Roots Work has done a remarkable job in the stewardship of this building and property and thanked the members of the board.

**7:25 PM – Other Business:**

Paying the EMD – Mr. Cunningham brought up the discussion on whether to pay Mr. Campbell for his time and efforts with Covid. There is a grant that covers most of the time already put into this position as Ms. Jones had figured the 406 hours into the grant request previously at \$12/hour. Some board members felt that the \$12/hr. was not enough and should be more, however, Ms. Jones had taken the Fire Dept number to apply for the time. At this time the board will stick with the \$12/hr. but in the future will look at this rate.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to pay Mr. Campbell \$12 hour for the 406 hours of time spent on COVID-19 and submit expense to the grant, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:31 PM – Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2020** – Motion by Youmell to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2020, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:32 PM – Approval of Account Payable Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$ 68,602.80, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:33 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$24,196.66, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:34 PM – Approval of State Education Payment** – motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the State Education warrant as presented for \$3,480,003.00, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:35 PM** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard

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Andrew Cunningham, Chair

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Bob Ackland, Vice Chair

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Luke Youmell

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Randy Graves

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Camilla Behn

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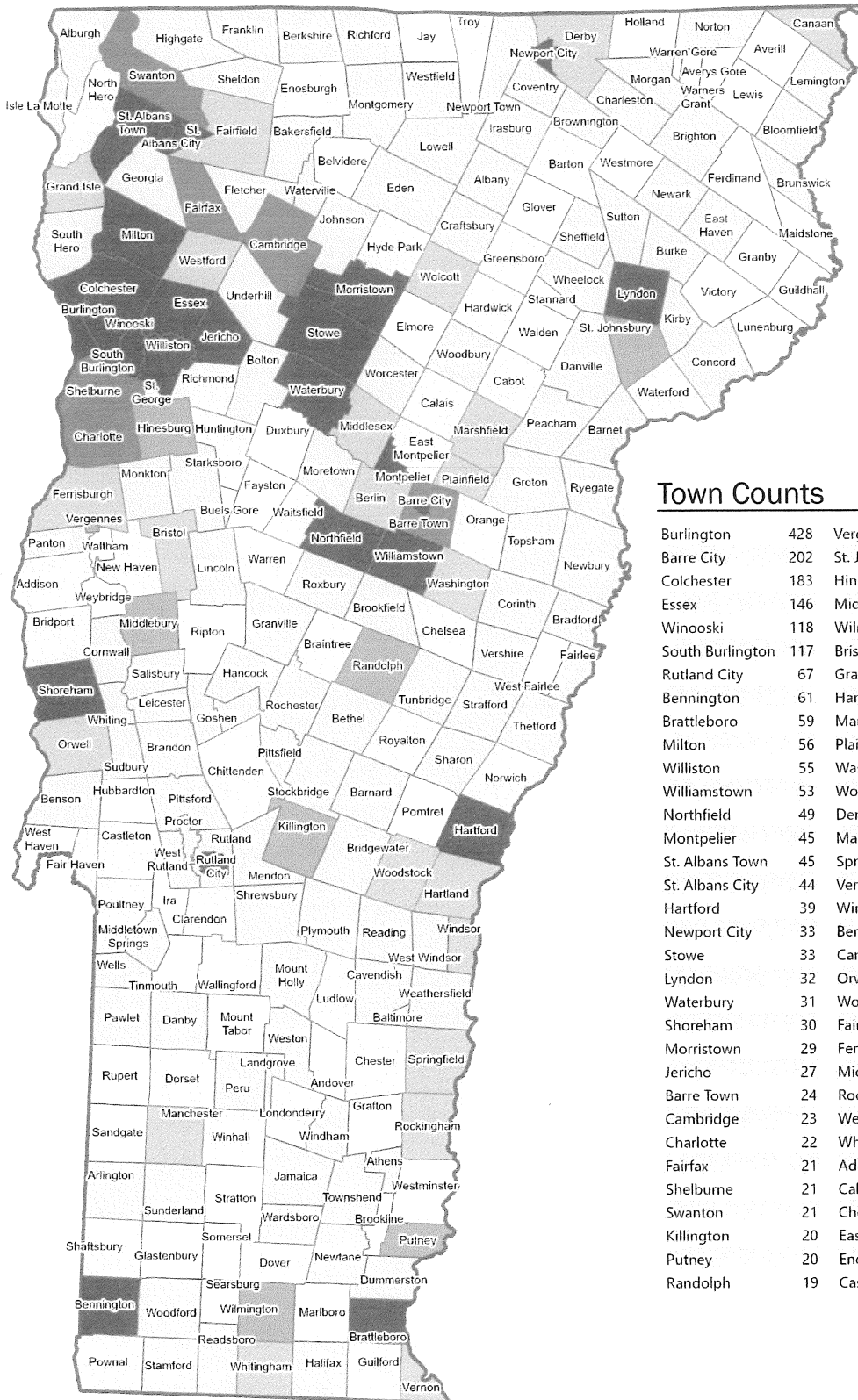
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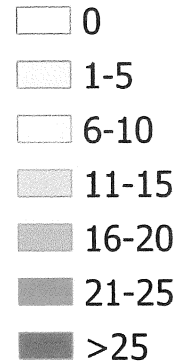
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# Vermonters who have Tested Positive for COVID-19 by Town

Data Current as of March 5, 2020 - November 18, 2020



## Positive Cases



## Town Counts

Burlington	428	Vergennes	19	North Hero	9
Barre City	202	St. Johnsbury	18	Norwich	9
Colchester	183	Hinesburg	17	Shaftsbury	9
Essex	146	Middlebury	17	Waitsfield	9
Winooski	118	Wilmington	17	Barton	8
South Burlington	117	Bristol	15	Cabot	8
Rutland City	67	Grand Isle	14	Chester	8
Bennington	61	Hartland	14	Greensboro	8
Brattleboro	59	Manchester	14	Hyde Park	8
Milton	56	Plainfield	14	Ludlow	8
Williston	55	Washington	14	New Haven	8
Williamstown	53	Woodstock	14	Orange	8
Northfield	49	Derby	13	St. George	8
Montpelier	45	Marshfield	13	Warren	8
St. Albans Town	45	Springfield	13	Braintree	7
St. Albans City	44	Vernon	13	Chittenden	7
Hartford	39	Windsor	13	Clarendon	7
Newport City	33	Berlin	12	Dover	7
Stowe	33	Canaan	12	Fair Haven	7
Lyndon	32	Orwell	12	Hardwick	7
Waterbury	31	Wolcott	12	Londonderry	7
Shoreham	30	Fairfield	11	Poultney	7
Morristown	29	Ferrisburgh	11	Richmond	7
Jericho	27	Middlesex	11	Troy	7
Barre Town	24	Rockingham	11	Waterford	7
Cambridge	23	Westford	11	Winhall	7
Charlotte	22	Whitingham	11	Bridport	6
Fairfax	21	Addison	10	Dorset	6
Shelburne	21	Calais	10	Guilford	6
Swanton	21	Chelsea	10	Huntington	6
Killington	20	East Montpelier	10	Pownal	6
Putney	20	Enosburgh	10	Royalton	6
Randolph	19	Castleton	9	Wallingford	6

### Update on outbreaks and clusters

- There are currently still a number of outbreaks stemming from both the hockey tournament as well as a number of Halloween Parties
- There are currently 24 outbreaks and 163 situations in the state, 51 of which are in Washington and Orange counties.
- 71% of situations and outbreaks are related to private parties and gatherings. This means that viral growth in Vermont is currently being fueled less by interactions at schools, restaurants, gyms, etc., and more by social gatherings.

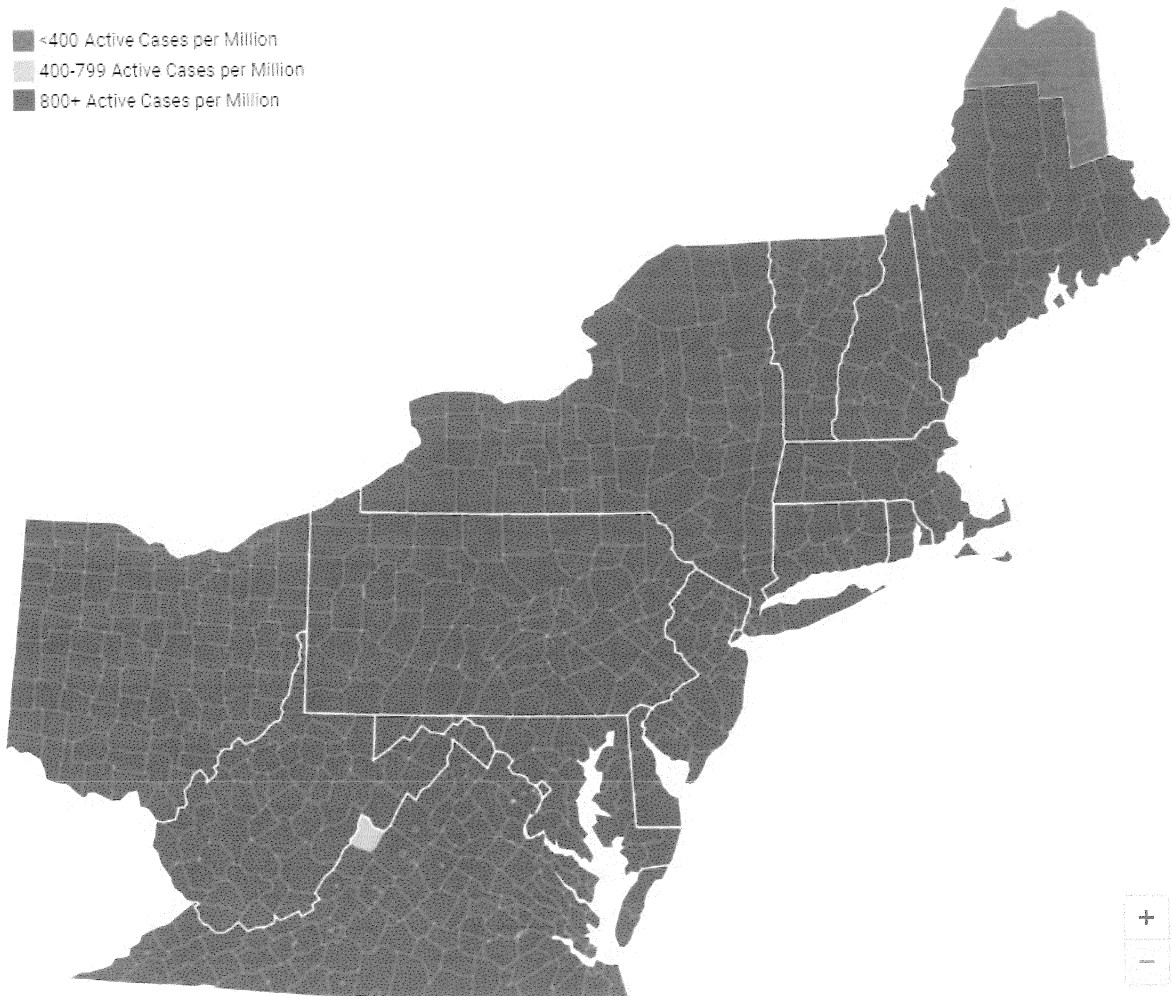
### Cross-State Travel

- All of Northeast is Red except Aroostook County in Maine which is Green
- The state has stated posting COVID-19 signage on all state roads and off ramps
- Signage for Roxbury Mountain is in the works

### Estimated Active Cases per Million in VT Region

This regional map is for informational purposes only. It illustrates the estimated active cases per million across the Northeast and categorizes counties into **green**, **yellow**, or **red** based on their estimated active case counts. Values displayed include estimates for asymptomatic, undetected cases, and so may exceed totals reported by local health departments. Anyone returning or traveling to Vermont, regardless of a county's estimated active case count, must comply with Vermont's mandatory quarantine policy.

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Lastly, Stay safe over the Thanksgiving Holiday and be smart.



November 24, 2020

RE: 2020-21 Temporary Lighted Messaging Sign Placement Request

Sugarbush Resort seeks approval for the upcoming winter ski season to temporarily place lighted messaging signs at Lincoln Peak and Mt. Ellen to alert the traveling public to relevant and current COVID-19 messaging with the goal of increasing education and understating of VT and MRV COVID-19 requirements and limitations.

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**General Messaging Examples:**

WELCOME PLEASE MASK-UP	WELCOME PLEASE Q-TINE!!	FEELING HEALTHY TODAY?
MASKS / FACE PPE REQUIRED	14-DAY QUARAN- -TINE	FEELING WELL TODAY?
HAVE A GREAT DAY!!	THANKS FOR VISITING	COVID-19 SAFETY PLEASE!!

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General Two Message Set Examples:

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR  REQUIRED ATTESTA- -TION?	HAVE YOU MET VT TRAVEL &  QUARAN- -TINE REQS	VT HAS MASK MANDATE  MASK-UP!
HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR  REQUIRED ATTESTA- -TION?	HAVE YOU MET VT TRAVEL &  QUARAN- -TINE RQMTS	MRV HAS MASK MANDATE  MASK-UP!

Specific Messaging Examples:

THE BUSH IS FULL TODAY	SBUSH AT CAPACITY TODAY	WIND HOLDS PLZ VISIT MT ELLEN
S-BUSH IS CLOSED TODAY		WIND HOLDS PLZ VISIT LINCOLN