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**Feb. 23: Prime Time Seniors**



## Snowy owl at FE grasslands

A male snowy owl — seen in this photo by Dr. Gordon Ellmers of Fort Edward — has made its way to the farm fields of Kingsbury and Fort Edward.

It's the first sighting of a snowy owl in the Fort Edward grasslands this winter. There were no sightings last winter. Snowy owls come from the Canadian Arctic but are an increasing presence in the northeast U.S.

Ornithologists believe it's because of a population explosion back home.

The thinking is this: Snowy owls feed on lemmings, a rodent that lives in colder climates. When there are lots of lemmings, the owls reproduce in large numbers, laying more eggs than normal.

When the younger birds are ready to establish their own hunting and breeding territory, they are driven farther south by the adults. They've shown up here, in southern New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Cape Cod

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## Amid the ice bars Erlowest now has 'fire bars'

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## Reacts to Mark Frost column; says liberals care about everyone

Dear Mr. Frost:

I am writing in reference to your editorial in the January 26-Feb. 2 edition. After stating that Donald Trump is either a "reprehensible narcissist" or "crazy,"

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you still go on to say "I'm glad Hillary Clinton isn't President." Then you go on to define the "political left so intolerant that they no longer uphold freedom of speech or accept the outcome of elections."

You go on to say if one "is not on a checklist of favored identifications...you're disdained" by liberals.

I remember that it was Donald Trump who refused to agree to go along with the election if

he should lose, and Clinton accepted her loss (sadly) and the Obama administration transferred power gracefully. And it is the Trump administration now telling the press to "shut their mouths" if they don't agree with the official line.

My question to you is where you learned that description of liberals. I consider myself to have been a liberal most of my adult life. Many of my friends

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## Schachner: Post-Star's Thurman coverage errs, unfair

**Editor's note:** Glens Falls attorney Mark Schachner, legal counsel to the Town of Thurman, issued the following public statement last week that challenged *The Post-Star's* recent coverage of Thurman.

*The Chronicle* reached out on Monday of this week to *Post-Star* editor Ken Tingley and reporter Michael Goot inviting them to respond, but we received no response by press-time Tuesday.

**Attorney: 'Holier than thou' daily 'white-washes its own glaring mistakes'**

Statement of Mark Schachner, Town of Thurman Legal Counsel:

As I stated last week, my colleagues and I are fierce supporters of open government and regularly advise the many municipalities we work for about open government issues. We are not inexperienced on this topic and I am the author of two "open government" articles in statewide publications and a frequent lecturer at statewide conferences, especially if Bob Freeman is unavailable.

My colleagues and I are also strong supporters of freedom of the press. We have an excel-

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