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# Gov. Scott dismisses remainder of school year in-person learning

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – On Thursday, March 26, Gov. Phil Scott directed schools to remain dismissed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Districts will close schools for in-person instruction and be required to implement continuity of learning plans for remote learning. This extends the governor's previous directive dismissing pre-K through grade 12 schools from March 18 to April 6.

This decision was made in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Education in the continued effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. To minimize disruption to students' learning, the governor's order directs school districts to come up with plans for dis-

continuity of learning by April 13.

"The education of our students and the bonding and learning experiences they have at schools are tremendously important, so I fully appreciate the impact and difficulty of this decision," said Gov. Phil Scott. "I also recognize it will be challenging for some schools to implement remote learning through the end of the year. But I'm encouraged by the creativity I've seen from administrators, educators, and parents already, which is why I know, together, they can rise to the occasion."

Gov. Scott also noted that some school districts have also set up creative and critically needed programs to offer onsite care for their students whose parents are working on

the frontlines in this response. "These educators and staff who are finding ways to support these families have been critical to our COVID-19 response efforts and I am so proud and appreciative of their hard work, creative can-do attitude, and their willingness to step up in this moment of service. These educators, and the staff supporting them, represent the very best of our public education system."

The Agency of Education will provide technical guidance to districts on how to implement continuity of learning plans by the end of the week, specifically looking to address challenges around equitable access to learning opportunities, Free and Appropriate Public Education for students

with disabilities, continuation of school meals, and school attendance and school calendar requirements.

The Department of Children and Families will also provide updated reimbursement provisions for providers who are not currently offering services and for providers who are delivering child care through this health crisis.

Read the full directive at [www.governor.vermont.gov/content/directive-5-continuity-learning-planning-pursuant-eo-01-20](http://www.governor.vermont.gov/content/directive-5-continuity-learning-planning-pursuant-eo-01-20).

For the latest information and guidance relating to Vermont's COVID-19 response, visit [www.health-vermont.gov/covid19](http://www.health-vermont.gov/covid19).



## Springfield Cosmos basketball champions

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On March 14, 2020, our Springfield Cosmos 3/4 boys basketball team became Twin State Valley Champions in Claremont, N.H. Congratulations!

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# North Walpole Village Park shows a sense of pride

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

**N. WALPOLE, N.H.** – With the original idea going back to 2011, North Walpole is the home of beautiful new park, the North Walpole Village Park, with an official sign dedication ceremony in June of 2019. The idea to create the park, located on Main Street at the foot of the hill leading to the elementary school, came from North Walpole resident Kaelan Hanson, who envisioned the idea as his Eagle Scout project.

In the spring of 2016, a group of North Walpole residents formed a group, the NW Village Volunteers, to continue Kaelan's work and vision in making the park available to the community. The park is the property of the town of Walpole and sup-



North Walpole Village Park.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

ports the committee's efforts to develop the park by providing funds each year through the Walpole Recreation Depart-

ment. "We receive a set amount of money every year through the Walpole Recreation Depart-

ment, and the village pays for the park's water usage," committee member Diane Harty said in a recent interview. "Community members donated funds to pay for the water hookup, electricity, and a new wrought-iron fence. We also rely on contributions by community members to achieve all our goals."

Several granite benches throughout the park have all been donated by community members, most of which are memorial tributes to past North Walpole residents. Community members have donated plants, and volunteers also mow the park lawn, do weeding, planting, and general cleanup, truly making the park a "community effort."

Terry Griffin, who grew up in North Walpole, created and donated a beautiful new sign

for the park, replacing the original sign created by Kaelan. His sign is currently hanging on the park's storage shed, and there is a plan to create a plaque to honor Kaelan's work in developing the park.

The town holds two park get-togethers each year, one in the spring to kick off a park cleanup and one in the fall, which included a cook out and volleyball game with the North Walpole Fire Department.

"We have received a lot of praise for our efforts and the community shows their thanks by treating the park respectfully," Harty said. "Through this project, I've learned that there is such a sense of pride for North Walpole that abounds in people that grew up there."

"Even though some may have moved away, they still keep

track of what's going on and are quick to respond to assist in keeping 'their' hometown a source of pride. I love driving by the park and seeing people walking their dogs, children playing, people playing volleyball, or picnicking. We do not have a huge budget, and it will take time to get to where we want to be, but together, we'll get there."

Future plans for the North Walpole Village Park include continued landscaping and cleanup and a community gathering in December to decorate a live tree that was donated and transplanted last summer. There are also talks about creating a unit for a community book exchange, as well as an informative display featuring the history of North Walpole and the park itself.

# Joint Board will not renew municipal manager contract

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Tuesday, March 24 in a special Joint Board Zoom meeting, a motion was made not to renew Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison's contract, which would lapse June 30.

Rockingham Selectboard member Ben Masure made the motion to not renew the manager's contract, which will lapse on June 30, and a formal letter will be provided from the attorney. Chair Peter Golec seconded the motion. The Selectboard passed it 4-1 with Susan Hammond voting against.

Village of Bellows Falls Trustee Jonathan Wright moved the same motion and Trustee Gary Lique seconded it. The Village Trustees voted unanimously for the motion, 5-0.

Harrison responded that she understood and respected that municipalities have the right to choose their managers. She



Rockingham and Bellows Falls Joint Board will not renew municipal manager contract. PHOTO PROVIDED

said, "I was considering giving notice, but thought this wasn't a good time due to the COVID-19 situation." She confessed that it "seemed like we've been playing a pickup game" with everyone playing different rules. Harrison said she would have addressed that if they continued to work together, but respected the boards' decision and agreed to work with them through the transition.

Hammond asked whether there would be an update about

emergency reimbursements for the Joint Board meeting scheduled for March 31. Harrison explained that they were establishing a separate fund to appropriate expenses related to COVID-19 for potential reim-

bursements. Harrison instructed the boards that when receiving funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the records needed to be kept for ten years. She said that often FEMA returns seven to ten years later, and that it was important to keep all receipts.

Village President Deborah Wright thanked everyone for their patience at this time.

# Kurn Hattin students and staff staying connected

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Kurn Hattin students may not be on campus due to COVID-19, but keeping in touch, lessons, and learning continues. Staff members from several departments including residential, admissions, school, counseling, and family outreach, have been staying in close communication with the children and their families, reaching out to them on a weekly basis to check in, offer any needed support, and making sure they know that even though we may be physically apart for the time being, we are here for them.

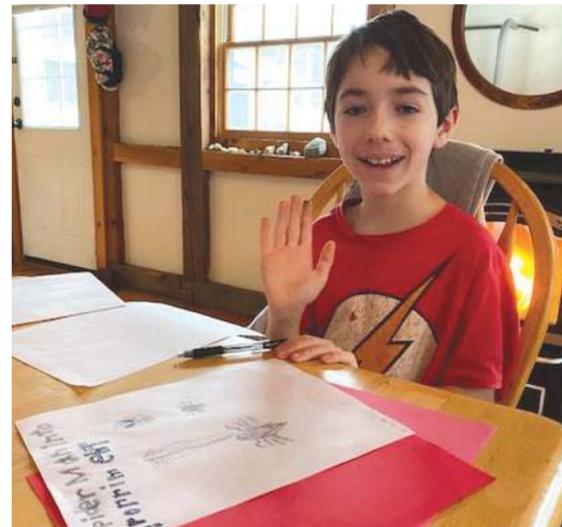
Teachers are continuing to assign schoolwork and, where possible, conduct lessons by way of distance learning, using Zoom, a video communications platform.

"The amazing dedication, sense of caring, and spirit of camaraderie of the entire

Kurn Hattin community always shines through in countless ways and will continue to see us through these challenging circumstances," said Sue

Kessler, assistant executive director.

Kurn Hattin thanks everyone for their concern and continued support.



Kurn Hattin fifth grader Wade taking a break from homework. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# Vermont National Guard COVID-19 testing site

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Health, in collaboration with the medical division of the National Guard Civil Support Team, is setting up an additional COVID-19 patient test site at Landmark College in Putney, Vt. This site is being established to provide additional testing capacity for people who have a referral from their health care provider.

At a press conference on Friday, Gov. Phil Scott and Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. announced that aggressive procurement of supplies has allowed the state to broaden the scope of its testing efforts. Until now, limited supplies required restricting prioritized testing to high-risk patients. Dr. Levine said health care providers are now able to include people with mild to moderate symptoms in making clinical referrals for priority testing.

Hospitals and federally qualified health centers throughout Vermont have been at the forefront of the state's COVID-19 response and are receiving these

newly available supplies for specimen collection.

The Landmark College site is the latest addition to the increasing number of temporary pop-up, drive-thru, and other facilities being established to help ensure as many Vermonters as possible can be tested. Health care providers will be continually informed of these sites as they become available.

“Early and broad testing is a proven strategy to limit the spread of this virus,” said Dr. Levine. “Vermont is still early enough on the curve of positive cases that increased testing can have a large impact on our ability to flatten that curve. We are sincerely grateful for the work of our entire health care establishment, and for the support being provided by our National Guard.”

The Landmark College testing site has begun seeing referred patients starting as of Sunday, March 29. It will operate from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the week. The hours, and for how many days the site is open, will

depend on the availability of testing supplies.

Health officials emphasized that people cannot simply show up at a testing site or drive-thru location. Everyone must still talk with their health care provider and be formally referred for testing.

Expanded testing is a critically important strategic step that Dr. Levine said drives the state's efforts to aggressively procure supplies to broaden the opportunities for people to be tested, even as a steady pipeline of those supplies cannot be guaranteed.

“The steady increase in positive cases in Vermont, along with the growing number of people who are ill and who, tragically, have died from the virus, mean that while we will draw on our supplies more quickly, the benefit of ‘more testing now’ significantly outweighs the risk that we may have to slow these efforts again later.”

“Our overall strategy is to test, to counsel and isolate those who test positive, conduct contact tracing, and quarantine as clinically appropriate,” said Dr. Levine. “We are all counting on each other to do everything we can to meet this public health crisis head on.”

For up-to-date information, go to [www.healthvermont.gov/covid19](http://www.healthvermont.gov/covid19).

# Drug, alcohol treatment and recovery services a call away

BURLINGTON, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Health has launched VTHelpink, a new, single source clearinghouse for Vermonters to receive free, confidential, and personalized information and referrals to substance-use prevention, treatment, and recovery services throughout the state.

“The global pandemic has not erased the continued urgent need for substance use-related services for Vermonters,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. “In fact, the extraordinary steps required to stop the spread of COVID-19 creates new challenges for people living with substance use disorder to get the services they need.”

VTHelpink features a call center of trained staff and clinicians. Callers can get in-

formation, referrals, resources, and educational materials on substance use for themselves, family, and friends, or on behalf of clients.

At the [www.VTHelpink.org](http://www.VTHelpink.org) website, in addition to information resources, an online screening tool is available that Vermonters can use to learn about treatment options that meet their needs. People can also securely chat online with call center staff through the website.

The system also includes an appointment board designed to increase accessibility of treatment appointments by tracking availability by level of service and population.

Dr. Levine said centralized coordination of substance-use treatment and recovery services has been in the works for the past several years and complements the statewide referral

and information services provided by Vermont211.

“These are more than simply difficult times, and we have no more important a mission than to do everything we can to create an infrastructure that bridges the challenges we face during this pandemic. VTHelpink is key resource for anyone who needs or wants to get treatment and succeed in their recovery,” said Dr. Levine. “We are all in this together, and we will persevere.”

**Here's how you can reach VTHelpink:**

Dial 802-565-LINK (5465). The call center is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and holidays, 365 days per year.

Visit [www.VTHelpink.org](http://www.VTHelpink.org).

For up to date COVID-19 information, guidance, and resources, go to [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

# Lions Club donates to SHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Early this March, the Vermont Lions Club held its quarterly cabinet in Chester, Vt. Each meeting, Lions are encouraged to bring a donation for animal shelters local to the hosting chapter. This quarter, a member of the Vergennes chapter arranged a very generous donation from Tractor Supply in Shelburne, Vt. The



Lion Woody Stoddard delivering the donated goods to Marissa Bentley of the Springfield Humane Society.

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donation was comprised of over 250 pounds of dog food and a box of dog collars. The Springfield Humane Society received this generous donation along with donations from other Lions Club members.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Vermont justice

It's probably 20 years since Hessie told me a story about Ernie Duprey. When I was a kid, Ernie lived where the brick bank is today on Main Street in Chester. I remember walking by his house. He always had a backhoe or other piece of equipment in his yard.

Ted Spaulding remembered the story Hessie told me. Ted knew the people involved and witnessed the aftermath. It occurred about 1953 on Route 10 between Gassetts and North Springfield.

Ernie owned a woodlot on Route 103 about where you enter Proctorsville Gulf when headed north. This is near the area where today there's a taxidermist.

Ernie had his firewood cut and stacked in rows. He sold firewood and delivered it in the area with his dump truck. One day, Ernie noticed he was missing some firewood. At this same time, the state was cutting trees in the gulf. You may recall in recent years when the state cut the trees in the gulf. In Ernie's day, the state gave the wood away. You could stop and take what you



The Lovely place today on Ted's property. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

melted when embers landed in the sink. Lovely couldn't complain for if he did he would be admitting to stealing. No one was injured in the blast.

In 1967, the Lovely place came up for sale. Ted and Nonie bought the property to protect their view. Originally, Nonie was going to open her yarn shop here. By 1973, the

taxes were getting too high. Ted decided to dismantle the home. It's a post and beam construction with eight-inch by eight-inch timbers. Ted numbered all of the timbers and other building components. It had been a barn before it was moved to the Lovely site in the early 1900s.

He used his brother's truck in the beginning to move the building's components over to his property. Jerry Stewart had a heavy-duty trailer he used to move his equipment. Ted borrowed Jerry's trailer and loaded it with building materials and drew it up to his place.

In the past I have seen a number of old buildings dismantled and set up in a new location as Ted did. It's a big job even for an experienced crew. Every timber and board has to be numbered so it can be reassembled as it was. It's a giant jigsaw puzzle.

I quizzed Ted as to how he did it by himself. It was rather ingenious how he did it. Today, the Lovely place sits on Ted's property as a workshop. It's a fine looking building as you can see in the photo with this article. I love the saltbox profile. It is a classic early New England design.

*This week's old saying is something Ted mentioned to me when we were talking on the phone last week. He was telling me about someone he used to know. When I asked Ted if the man ever married, Ted replied, "He was married for a few minutes."*

wanted.

On Route 10, opposite where Ted and Nonie Spaulding live today was the Lovely place. Ted's folks ran the town farm at the time. The Lovelys were Elleck and his wife Nellie.

Ernie couldn't afford losing firewood, so he did as some Vermonters would have done in that day and age. He took a chunk of wood off the end of the woodpile. With his drill, he bored a hole in the end of the chunk and packed the hole with gunpowder. Then he drove a wooden plug into the hole to hide his handiwork and put the chunk back in the woodpile.

Time passed until one day there was an explosion at the Lovely place. Ted went to see the damage done within hours of the explosion. Below is what Ted told me.

The woodstove was what Ted calls an "end heater." This stove was a narrow, oblong cook stove with two griddles on top for cooking. The stove had a cast iron firebox. It was made to look like a modern appliance with a white enamel cabinet enclosing the stove. This kitchen area was in an addition.

When Ted walked into the kitchen, soot was everywhere. When the stove blew, the griddles were blown upward through the ceiling. The ceiling was made of what was known as "stone wall-board." This wallboard was an asbestos product about a quarter-inch thick. The end of the stove was spread wide open. There were some plastic dishes in the sink that

## Memoir Workshops on Zoom

WALPOLE, N.H. - An opportunity has arisen to focus on writing, despite the chaos and uncertainty that surrounds folks today. In fact, what better to time to write than when forced to retreat from all the distractions of everyday life? To facilitate current limitations of face-to-face interaction, these popular workshops are now conducted via Zoom, a video conferencing app that is being widely used to gather groups together safely.

No need to be familiar with Zoom or be a member to join the workshop. The process is as simple as opening the invitation email sent to each participant, to arrive at a previously appointed time, and clicking on the link to join the "meeting." A trial run with each participant individually, and then as a group, will iron out any kinks. Those who are technologically challenged need not worry.

A session is comprised of eight three-hour workshops. Each participant is offered a slot in the group deemed most appropriate for his or her level of experience. Because two to three sessions run simultaneously, it is crucial that all interested individuals get in touch by email or phone to discuss all possibilities. The spring sessions will begin at different times in April.

With just a bit of tweaking, the sessions follow the usual structure: a craft lesson, followed by a free-write, and lastly the critique of participants' drafts. These workshops are nurturing yet rigorous, with an emphasis on craft. Participants learn how to be better writers by studying those aspects of writing that shape a successful manuscript, like the stance of the narrator, tone, and the creation of effective dialogue.

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## Springfield Town Library has surprise packs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library, under the direction of the Selectboard, has created surprise packs for residents to pick up while running their essential errands during the "Stay Home" order. According to interim town manager, Cathy Sohngen, the Selectboard felt "it is important that citizens have access to books and media."

Armed with masks and gloves, the librarians visited the former Springfield Armory to choose items from the Friends of Springfield Town Library's book sale materials. Books and media for adults and youth were wrapped in paper and placed in plastic bags. Library staff created a Facebook Live video, www.facebook.com/stlvermont, to explain the process.

Each weekday, weather per-

mitting, the bags will available outside the library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while supplies last. The library ran a trial run Thursday, March 26 and quickly ran out of materials for youth. The staff will work to replenish the stock, but please be aware that there is more material for adults than for children. To ensure social distancing, materials are spaced apart and enter and exit signs are posted as well.

Library director Sue Dowdell said, "Our patrons have been missing their physical books and media. Many stocked up on Monday, March 16, the day we closed to the public. However, we understand our voracious readers may have already run out of books to read. While we are happy to provide this important service, it is impor-

tant that residents only pick up the bags if they are on their way to or from the grocery store or other essential travel."

The Springfield Town Library has several online resources for those who are comfortable downloading eBooks. Those who are not comfortable and wish to learn how to do it can call the library Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Springfield residents who do not yet have a library card can request one by calling 802-885-3108 or emailing springfieldlibrary@hotmail.com.

Please visit www.springfield-townlibrary.org for much more information on our digital services and other important information during this outbreak. Our librarians are here to help.

## Officials caution use of non-approved drugs for COVID-19

BURLINGTON, Vt. - As reports appear in the news of certain drugs being potentially used for treatment or prevention of COVID-19, the Vermont Department of Health strongly urges caution.

At this time, the U.S. Drug Administration has not approved any drugs specifically for the treatment of patients with COVID-19.

Though the anti-malarial drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, among others, have been widely discussed as potential treatments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said there are no data currently available from randomized clinical trials that would in-

form how these drugs could be used to treat COVID-19.

In fact, there are significant potential risks to taking such drugs, including death.

Health officials remind Vermonters that most people who get COVID-19 can manage their symptoms at home with rest, drinking fluids, and taking

fever-reducing medication. Talk to your health care provider before taking any substance alleged to prevent or treat COVID-19.

Providers should only prescribe these drugs for individuals with diagnosed conditions, and not for prevention, to help maintain the supply for Vermonters who need them.

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# obituaries

## Robert K. Burton, 1933-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert K. Burton, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 13, 1933 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Kenneth and Verna (Kempton) Burton. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School with the Class of 1951. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Robert was employed at Jones & Lamson for 33 years as a tool designer, retiring in 1985. He enjoyed camping and playing golf, was an avid bowler, and enjoyed working in his flower garden.

He is survived by his children Kimberly Burton and Dale Burton both of Springfield, Vt.; two sisters Marion Knox and Ruth Cross, both of Springfield, Vt.; grandchildren Matthew Burton, Matthew Schouler, and Erin Burton. He was predeceased by his wife Nancy (Fullam) Burton



Robert K. Burton, 1933-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

in 2018. He was also predeceased by son James Burton, daughter Shirley Burton, and sisters Irene Jones and Barbara Litchfield.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend George Keeler will officiate.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

## Geoffrey L. King, 1960-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Geoffrey L. King, 60, peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at home in Alstead, N.H. after battling cancer for over a year. He was born March 12, 1960 in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Eleanor (Lobb) King and Leonard W. King, Jr. He attended public schools and Martin Luther King High School in Philadelphia, Pa. He received an Associate of Science degree from NHCTC and most recently employed as a biomed tech at Monadnock Dialysis in Keene, N.H.

Geoffrey met Sarah J. Markwell of Springfield, Vt. in April 2006, and they were married Aug. 21, 2010 in Surry, N.H. He made his home there until 2019 when the family moved to Alstead, N.H. Geoffrey was an avid competitive swimmer and spent many summers in the

ocean with family and friends in Nantucket, Mass. He also enjoyed poetry, hiking, motorcycles, and video games. He was a very loyal Star Trek and Patriots fan.

Geoffrey is survived by his wife Sarah of Alstead; and two children Rachael N. King of Alstead, N.H. and Jayson C. King of Rollinsford, N.H.; his mother Eleanor of Rutland, Vt.; two brothers Brian A. King of Glendora, Calif. and Alan S. King of Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters Maeva (Deborah) Braxton of Chicago and Pamela J. Harper of Collegeville, Pa.; five nieces and three nephews; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be announced for a later date. Please direct any contributions in his name to the Keene, N.H. YMCA to provide youth swimming scholarships.

## Robert W. Kirkbride, 1926-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Robert William Kirkbride, 93, left this earth March 19, 2020 to join his wife and son. Born June 9, 1926 in Burlington, Vt., he was the son of Robert O. and Genevieve (Donahue) Kirkbride.

Losing his father at the age of 3, Bob and his sisters Mary and Ruth were raised in a devout Catholic home, attending mass almost daily. Bob attended Catholic schools under the watchful eyes of nuns and priests. His strong work ethic started at a young age, cleaning the church, sweeping floors at various shops, and stuffing hot dogs at McKenzie Meat Company. He left Cathedral High School after his junior year to answer the call of duty, enlisting in the Army to serve in World War II in Japan. Upon returning, he completed high school and then worked as a police officer in Burlington. He reenlisted in the Air Force to serve in the Korean War.

On Sept. 6, 1952, he married Patricia A. Martel in Ludlow, leaving Burlington to begin a new chapter. He worked at General Electric for seven years before joining Martel and Son Oil Company after the passing of his father-in-law. Bob quickly became involved in the Ludlow Rotary Club, Ludlow Fire Department, and the Knights of Columbus. He worked well into his 80s for Johnson and Dix Oil Company, summers at Fox Run Golf Course, winters at Okemo, and part-time at NAPA. His meticulous record-keeping was invaluable.

He was generous with his talents, tools, equipment, time, and stories with his neighbors, friends, and family.

Bob was extremely devoted to his family, church, and community. His hard work, honesty, commitment, love, laughter, and generosity will continue through



Robert W. Kirkbride, 1926-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

the lessons he taught us. He was a pillar in the community and a prime example of “doing things right.”

Bob is survived by two daughters Deborah Khiel and fiancé Michael Fortin of Sweden, Maine, Martha Chessie and husband Christopher of Shapleigh, Maine; six grandchildren Travis Khiel and wife Rebecca, Greg Khiel, Caleb Chessie and wife Abigail, Meredith Chessie, Robert J. Kirkbride, and Joseph Kirkbride; seven great-grandchildren Kaenon, Grady, Blake, Addyson, Lane, Brynneley, and Maverick; and many nephews, nieces, and countless friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Patricia, son Robert R., infant son Raymond, and sisters Mary and Ruth.

Services will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the Ludlow community and the entire staff in the ICU at the White River Junction VA Medical Center for the compassion, respect, support, and love during this most difficult time. Pray for a cure to stop the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Memorial contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Ludlow Rotary Club, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

## Patricia L. Liao, 1940-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Beloved mom, Patricia Lee Liao, 79, died after a sudden illness at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center March 26, 2020. She was born in New York City Nov. 1, 1940, the daughter of the late Harry Lee and Rose (Ligh) Lee.

She held an associate's degree from the State University of New York at Farmingdale. In 1960, upon graduation, she began working for IBM at their headquarters in New York City. In 1967, she married Thomas T. Liao. They lived in Brookline until they moved to Smithtown, N.Y. in 1971. At this time, she left IBM and became a stay-at-home mom.

In 2000, she started a new chapter in her life and moved to Ludlow, Vt. She became a volunteer at the Fletcher Memorial Library. A few years later, she worked there part-time. She also was a member of the Friends of the Library. She was passionate about her work for the library and her role as a member of the United Church of Ludlow.

Pat was an avid knitter, reader, and TV murder mysteries watcher. She traveled the world from Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. She loved nothing more than to cook and eat with family. She was warm and invit-

ing, not judgmental. She was loving and loved everyone for who they were and not for what she wanted them to be. She was the glue that kept the family together as it grew. To her, it was her greatest work.

She leaves her daughter Jennifer Liao Dechen and her husband Justin Dechen and their daughters Avery and Arden of Springfield, Vt.; her son Peter Thomas Liao and his wife Yang Huan and their children Jayden and Jocelyn of Shanghai, China; her sister Kathleen Wong of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; nieces Karen W. Alberghini and family of Issaquah, Wash.; Jeanne W. Smith and family of Katonah, N.Y.; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews and many dear friends.

The family wishes to thank all of the wonderful doctors, nurses, and support staff at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for the care they gave her.

Burial will be in the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y. at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jill Tofferi at the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 and The United Church of Ludlow, 48 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149.

## Robert D. Perry, 1938-2020

SHREWSBURY, Vt. – On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Robert D. Perry, 81, passed away. Bob was born May 7, 1938 in Cavendish, son of the late Morrill and Gladys (Willis) Perry. He worked at General Electric for close to 40 years, starting in Ludlow before transferring to Rutland.

He was very proud of his work at GE and of the many friends he made there. Bob also served with the Vermont National Guard for 15 years. He was honored to serve his country. Bob volunteered for many years at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in the sugarhouse sharing his passion for maple sugaring. During his retirement, Bob worked at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station. He enjoyed meeting the residents, sharing stories, and helping to recycle.

Bob enjoyed the outdoors and was a great lover of animals. He was an avid gardener with a green thumb. His vegetable garden was large. Bob would make deliveries to visit family and friends and share his vegetable bounty and a story. He enjoyed growing heirloom vegetables and trying new varieties. If you mentioned you liked something, it was in the garden the next year. Bob had his own small apple orchard and enjoyed making cider.

For over 50 years, Bob was a sugar maker. He looked forward to the spring tap, gathering buckets, canning, and making his delicious maple crème and candy. As a young man, Bob enjoyed deer hunting and



Robert D. Perry, 1938-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

looked forward to being out in the woods. Bob loved to fish. This love of fishing started as a boy and lasted throughout his life. He made countless trips to Maine, the Great Lakes, and Lake Champlain to spend many pleasurable hours with his rod and reel and friends. Bob enjoyed a great fishing trip to Alaska where he found the salmon were even bigger as well the stories that followed.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Anne (Williams) Perry of Rutland, his brothers Emmett and wife Rogene Perry of Rutland, and Kyle and wife Nancy Perry of Mount Holly, as well as his beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the East Clarendon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shrewsbury Community Church, c/o Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main St. Rutland, VT 05701.

## Carole A. Zinter, 1939-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. – Carole A. Zinter, 80, of Pleasant Street, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Maplewood Nursing Home. Carole was born in Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 14, 1939, the daughter of John and Ruth (Swenson) Lemoing. She attended schools in Minnesota and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

She worked many years as a church organist; her last and happiest employment as organist was at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bellows Falls. Carole was an accomplished musician. She enjoyed a good book and

the beauty of her many gardens. But perhaps the richest memories were made at family gatherings where she sang harmony with her daughter Erica.

Carole is survived by her partner of 30 years Joellen Knight of Walpole; children Ansel Zinter of Springfield, Mass., Erica Zinter of Keene, N.H., and John Zinter of Boston, Mass. together with eight grandchildren.

There will be a memorial mass at St. Charles Church, date and time to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

### PLEASE NOTE

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

In a time of uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and on behalf of the School Board, I would like to say thank you from the entire Springfield School Board.

The staff has worked tirelessly, collaborating together, to bring a sense of normalcy to the students of the district. The challenges faced by the district are unprecedented for our school district and other districts across the nation. From the top to the bottom, the Springfield organization has worked together to formulate and implement plans for food service and distance learning in a matter of days. The district is quickly solving problems to embrace social distancing and keep the community safe. The students' wellbeing is at the forefront of the district's decision-making process.

The district has developed a meal service plan that is available to all of our students. Each

day, this meal service plan is improved upon. New distribution locations have been made available to reach all of the students across the town. These meals include a lunch, afternoon snack, and breakfast for the following day. Several members of the staff have taken it upon themselves to deliver meals to those who cannot reach the delivery locations.

The staff has also been working incredibly hard to develop a distance-learning platform for our students. The team has worked together to deploy laptops that were still at each school and distribute to the students. The availability of these laptops allows the school year to continue with the staff teaching remotely and the students connecting to teachers through their homes. This new routine will allow students to connect to their teachers, classmates, and other members of the staff. Contact to individual students and families in preparation of the distance-

learning plan has taken place across nontraditional working hours and into the weekend.

Staff from each school has reached out to students to maintain connection and ensure that communications are received. A familiar voice on the phone during this time can help to ease stress and reaffirm that we are going to get through this crisis.

This board could not be more proud of the team we have in the Springfield School District. We have developed a strong team in Springfield and our future is bright. Please join us in thanking the district staff as we work through these challenges.

Sincerely,  
Troy Palmer, Chair  
Mike Griffin, Vice Chair  
Jeanice Garfield  
Steve Karaffa  
Patti Kemp

Dear Editor,

Around 3.3 million Americans filed unemployment claims last week reflecting a national effort putting public health above all else combatting the growing COVID-19 pandemic, mitigating the spread of the virus, but leading to unprecedented economic uncertainty. Vermont lawmakers acted, and so has Gov. Scott, but they need to do more now. Vermonters no longer able to make money – through no fault of their own – need immediate fiscal help from Montpelier. People need to put food on the table today and tomorrow, pay bills, buy groceries, Rx drugs, fix leaky roofs, repair cars, trucks, and run small businesses.

Vermont could see \$2 billion in aid from Washington. However, many do not have time to wait for a federal stimulus package, and there is growing uncertainty as to how and when checks from D.C. will reach people in need. The Legislature, who can now vote on bills remotely, should act by remaining in "remote session" passing legislation delivering a fiscal shot in the arm to Vermonters – individuals and small business owners – who need it most.

Lawmakers should make it easier for people to do the right thing, incentivizing them to stay home. But we cannot ask people to become accomplices to their own demise, without offering a means to stay afloat.

The state has \$230 million dollars in reserves, if ever there was a time to tap into a "rainy day fund" it's now. The Legislature should enact a "VT Recovery Fund" with a four-points of a compass approach: (1) relief for low-income workers laid off; (2) ditto for anyone who can no longer work by decree of the state; (3) micro-targeted fiscal stimu-

lus loans (instant liquidity) for small businesses to stay open; (4) grants and tax incentives for businesses that can repurpose production to manufacture preventative protect equipment for front line medical workers who desperately need them.

Gov. Scott should, by executive order, issue temporary moratoriums on mortgage foreclosures and rental evictions, ban any public utility shutoffs, and

instruct the Vermont Dept. of Financial Regulation that state lending institutions postpone foreclosures for 90 days and a refrain from reporting any late payments to credit rating agencies for 90 days. Proactive government measures will yield the same privately.

Sincerely,  
Mike Harrington  
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I've hesitated to add to what some may find a confusing overload of information, but people want, need, and deserve facts. As important perhaps, people need to know that the people they've entrusted with responsibility are paying attention. The Legislature continues our work electronically. Many pending bills are on hold temporarily while we deal with the various COVID-19 issues.

Unsurprisingly, new COVID-19 related questions surface hourly, especially from small business owners, tipped employees, the self-employed, and parents. A colleague says,

we're building the plane while flying it. So at this time governmental answers are often tentative, abstract, and subject to change. That said, Senate President Tim Ashe has provided a list of contacts for information. **These resources have been posted online.**

Yesterday an old pal sent me a funny video. I realized I hadn't laughed out loud for a long time. The best advice I've heard is to hope for the best, expect the likely, and prepare for the worst. Stay safe. Stay calm. And laugh sometimes.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Dick McCormack  
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

There are so many unsung heroes we can identify during this time of fear and anxiety brought on by the COVID-19 virus. However, I would like to highlight one of the many unsung heroes we sometimes take for granted: teachers. Teachers are one of the most highly educated workforces, yet sadly one of the less compensated for their contribution to our society and culture.

What has transpired in the past few weeks has been nothing short of a miracle. Our secondary education system has entered the cybersphere. They were given the challenge of taking their existing educational material and modifying it for long-distance learning without much, if any, preparation. Online learning has forced teachers to quickly discover new ways of educating our children, and the transition had to be challenging. Talk about taking someone out

of their "comfort zone."

Parents, despite their computer literacy, have to support this new way of learning for it to be successful. There can be no separation in the teacher-parent relationship in a school desiring to be effective in this new way of learning. Parents control the environment. They support setting the pace, providing a physical space intended for learning. They are, at times, the cheerleader on the team, encouraging teachers and their children in the absence of daily face-to-face physical interaction with the teacher they were accustomed to in the classroom.

The role of a parent and teacher is different. While a teacher serves as a guiding force in subject matter, a parent knows when to lean forward and lean back on their student's online virtual experience. They offer support to the learning structure and reinforce the goals and objectives of

the learning experience.

Despite the unrelenting support from the parents, there are additional complications for the teachers. Many teachers are teaching from home with a cast of new co-workers that include their children and very possibly their spouses. These co-workers add another layer of difficulty to an already formidable task. I encourage the community to reach out and say thanks to all our unsung heroes, but most especially our teachers.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Reilly, Ph.D.  
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Gov. Scott,

On behalf of the citizens of the great state of Vermont, we are asking you to please include Federal Firearm License dealers in the list of businesses considered essential during the COVID-19 crisis, as other states have done.

As I'm sure you are aware, many residents have chosen to purchase a firearm for protection during this time of uncertainty and Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution guarantees them that right.

Many of these transfers have been put on hold due to the NICS system being overwhelmed by the volume of background checks in recent weeks. Closing FFLs essentially strips these people of their natural right to protect their family under Article 16 and the Second Amendment.

Additionally, Vermont's restrictive law prohibiting the transfer of standard capacity magazines has made it difficult for FFLs to maintain inventory, as suppliers must now ship firearms with Vermont compliant magazines, which are harder to get.

We ask that for the duration of this crisis, the governor suspend the ban on standard capacity magazines as well as the ban on private transfers of firearms so that Vermonters might be able to obtain the means to protect their families as guaranteed by our constitutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Liberty,

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President, Gun Owners of Vermont

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# Make rainbows of solidarity

**REGION** – Make a rainbow. Print one out or draw your own, color it, and hang it in your door or window. The idea is to honor and thank all our medical workers and all essential workers everywhere. Rainbows are full of hope and are a symbol that the storm is over. Rainbows and hearts represent that we are forever grateful to our medical and other essential workers with the hope of health and goodwill to all. Connect and lift up our com-



**Create a rainbow.**  
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munity – kids enjoy creating them as well. This idea was submitted by Bob and Kim Ray of Londonderry, Vt.

# Artful wishes from the VAULT

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Gallery at the VAULT must close its doors for the time being due to the current COVID-19 health emergency. Even though all of VAULT's classes have been postponed, you can use this time to make art!

Draw, color, paint, invent, read, write, and cook. Write letters, call friends, learn new skills,

and share them with others. This gives us whole new topics for future Open Wall exhibits.

Now is a time to think creatively, and we will stay in touch through emails and social media. Email [vtgallery.vault@gmail.com](mailto:vtgallery.vault@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.

Contact [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net) or leave a message at 802-885-7111

for questions about curbside service. We have coloring and project books, including a creative book for learning piano. There are felting kits, art videos, fragrant soaps, magic wands, maple syrup, and marbled candles to bring some variety to stay at home time. See [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org). Gift certificates are available. Art brings us joy, and

we are proud of Gallery at the VAULT's mission as a marketplace for artists, a downtown Springfield business, and a community arts center. Many thanks and good wishes to VAULT artists, supporters, volunteers, and our entire community. Good health to all.

*Written by Diane Kemble, VAULT Board president.*

# Springfield Town Library joins the worldwide largest digital book club

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – April 13, booklovers can enjoy stand-up comic Michael McCreary's hilarious yet insightful memoir, "Funny, You Don't Look Autistic," from their public library as an eBook or audiobook with no waitlists or holds. Springfield Town

Library readers can join by visiting [www.gmlc.vermontel.net](http://www.gmlc.vermontel.net) or downloading the Libby app, then discuss online at [www.discuss.biglibraryread.com](http://www.discuss.biglibraryread.com).

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reading platform for popular eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.

"Funny, You Don't Look Autistic" is stand-up comic Michael McCreary's memoir in which he points out that autism "looks" different for just about everyone with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Diagnosed with ASD at age 5, McCreary got hit with the performance bug not much later. During

a difficult time in junior high, he started journaling, eventually turning his pain into something empowering – and funny.

This unique and hilarious #OwnVoices memoir breaks down what it's like to live with autism for readers on and off the spectrum. "Funny, You Don't Look Autistic" is an invaluable and compelling read for young readers with

ASD looking for voices to relate to, as well as for readers hoping to broaden their understanding of ASD.

Big Library Read is an international reading program that simultaneously connects millions of readers around the world with an eBook through public libraries. "Funny, You Don't Look Autistic" is the 21st selection of this program, which began in 2013

and takes place three times per year. Readers can join an online discussion about the book at [www.discuss.biglibraryread.com](http://www.discuss.biglibraryread.com). The free program runs for two weeks and only requires a Springfield Town Library card to get started.

To join the discussion, learn about past Big Library Read titles, and download Libby, visit [www.biglibraryread.com](http://www.biglibraryread.com).

## LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD - Has an Immediate Opening -

The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School Board (LMHUUSD) seeks a Ludlow Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The Board meets regularly, the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities including board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:  
LMHUUSD Board  
c/o Meg Alison Powden  
609 VT Route 103 South  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

## TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM LEAF & YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

The Town of Rockingham Highway Department will pick up leaves and other natural yard debris placed at the street curbside in Bellows Falls and Saxtons River from April 1, 2020 until May 15, 2020, weather permitting, on **Mondays & Fridays ONLY**. All yard debris must be placed in **CLEAR PASTIC BAGS ONLY**. All brush, twigs, limbs must be bundled with a natural fiber string that can run through a wood chipper easily. **DUE TO THE VIRUS, ANY BAG OR BUNDLE THAT CAN NOT BE HANDLED BY 1 PERSON WILL REMAIN.**

Clear bags MAY BE available at the Recycling Center at cost (4 bags for \$1.00). **ONLY CLEAR BAGS** containing the following will be picked up:

LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, LAWN TRIMMINGS & GARDEN WASTE

Bags contaminated with trash or other debris will not be picked up. The Recycling Center is also accepting leaves and yard debris. All bags must be dumped and all trucks emptied. There is no charge for this service.

March 24, 2020

## TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:00 pm on Monday April 13th with a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Boundary Line Adjustment application (#550)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Carlo Kapp / A. & V. Sama  
APPLICANT: Carlo Kapp  
LOCATION: 1482 Quarry Rd  
DISTRICT Residential 40 (R40)

ACTION REQUESTED: A proposed boundary line adjustment(s) to exchange approx. 150 acres (more specifics to be finalized before hearing)

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board

Michael Normyle  
Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
[mnormyle@vermontel.net](mailto:mnormyle@vermontel.net)

# Montshire Museum offers online learning experiences

**NORWICH, Vt.** – As of Monday, March 23, 2020, the Montshire Museum of Science is offering a series of online learning experiences, available primarily through Facebook, but also included on other so-

cial media platforms, such as Instagram and YouTube.

Developed, hosted, and curated by the museum's seasoned education team, this series consists of videos, resources, and social media posts that provide a

variety of learning opportunities, including:

- DIY science projects for kids and parents to do at home.
- Community challenges, in which the results of an individual's science project are shared with the social community.
- Downloadable activities, such as scavenger hunts, puzzles, and science challenges.
- Engaging video explorations of the science concepts behind the Montshire's exhibits.

Every week will focus on a new topic, allowing young learners to delve into the different aspects of a subject, using a variety of learning methods in the process. The first

week kicks off with the science behind "Bubbles and Soap." Subsequent topics include: "Chain Reactions," "Seeds, Plants and Trees," "Puzzles," and "Cardboard Creations." The following week's topic will be announced every Friday via Facebook and email.

In addition to the weekly learning series, the Montshire's social media accounts will continue to share its usual brand of engaging and entertaining science posts, which include seasonal science, Woman Crush Wednesdays, and animal updates from the #MontshireCritters.

The Montshire is temporarily closed until fur-

ther notice in order to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus. While the building is closed to the public, the museum continues to advance its mission "to awaken and encourage a lifelong interest in science." Through the use of digital channels, the Montshire can continue to offer a valuable science learning experience, which may be especially helpful to families who are self-isolating at this time.

To view the Montshire's online offerings, visit [www.montshire.org](http://www.montshire.org), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/montshireremuseum](http://www.facebook.com/montshireremuseum), Instagram at [www.instagram.com/montshire](http://www.instagram.com/montshire), and YouTube channel.

## GMUSD SCHOOL BOARD - Has an Immediate Opening -

The Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD) seeks a Cavendish resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The Board meets regularly, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities including board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:  
GMUSD Board  
c/o Meg Alison Powden  
609 VT Route 103 South  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

## Administrative Assistant

Part time position working for the Town of Weston Selectboard, including preparing agendas for meetings; posting notices; responding to phone calls and emails; meeting and assisting members of the community; researching issues; typing and mailing correspondence; keeping files; assisting the Road Foreman with clerical duties. Flexible weekdays and hours (15 – 20 per week) mornings preferred. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and email required. Compensation will depend on experience.

Please send resume and references to Town of Weston Selectboard, PO Box 98, Weston, VT 05161 or email to [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org). Town of Weston is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## TOWN OF ANDOVER REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Select Board of the Town of Andover is seeking bids for mowing/trimming the Town grounds on a weekly or as-needed basis for the 2020 season. Mowing to begin in mid-May and continue through mid-September including Fall clean-up.

The Town of Andover Cemetery Commission is also seeking bids for mowing its three cemeteries in the same timeframe. If bidding on both jobs, please provide separate bids as well as a combined total bid. To view the cemeteries or Town grounds, call the Town Office to make arrangements. (802)875-2765.

Bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. April 13, 2020 at the Andover Town Office, 953 Weston - Andover Road, Andover, Vermont 05143. Successful Bidder(s) must be fully insured.

The Select Board and the Cemetery Commission of the Town of Andover reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 19th day of March, 2020

Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk



### Warning for Special Town Meeting

Town of Westminster, Vermont

May 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the Westminster Selectboard has chosen the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium for this meeting. If the State of Vermont is still restricting gatherings on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, then a substantial conference call will be set up so that voters can participate from your homes. The meeting will still be at 10:00 AM, either way. Please keep checking the town's website for updates on this event.

### Warning for Special Town Meeting

Town of Westminster, Vermont

May 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Article 1 : To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to take action thereupon.

Article 2 : Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 170,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the Capital Improvement Fund for the renovation of the Westminster Town Hall previously established by Article 15 at the Annual Meeting of March 1,1999.

Article 3 : Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 30,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the Bridge Rehabilitation Fund for the preservation of our bridges previously established by Article 17 at the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2010.

Article 4 : Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 250,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the "Contingency Reserve Fund" pursuant to the Reserve Fund Balance Policy approved by Article 14 at the annual meeting of March 2, 2019. The transferred amount shall be divided into \$ 100,000 for working capital, not to exceed 5% of the annual budget, to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenditures of the Town. The balance, \$ 150,000, shall be designated for emergency capital, not to exceed 15% of the annual budget, to be used for non-recurring and unanticipated emergencies, as defined by the Selectboard. Expenditure of emergency capital by the Selectboard shall be in accordance with the Reserve Fund Balance Policy previously established by Article 14 at the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2019.

Article 5 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$ 2,102,411, of which \$ 1,547,481 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 554,930 by estimated revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Article 6 : To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2020, Westminster, Vermont

### Town of Westminster Selectboard

*Susan Harlow*  
Susan Harlow - Chair

*K. Sheldon Beebe*  
K. Sheldon Beebe - Vice Chair

*Kevin Hughes*  
Kevin Hughes - Clerk

*Toby Young*  
Toby Young

*Craig Allen*  
Craig Allen

*Alison Bigwood*  
Attest: Alison Bigwood, Clerk

# SENIOR SHOPPING

The following list of stores and pharmacies in our area are still open for your essential needs. Please note that some are limiting hours or providing curbside pickup only. Please be considerate of each store's listed designated shopping hours that are specific to seniors, disabled, and immune-compromised patrons. **All regular store hours are listed online.** If you are shopping in-store, please respect the accepted six feet social distancing space recommended between customers. **We will get through this together. Stay well, and stay strong.**

## ASCUTNEY

**ASCUTNEY MARKET**  
802-674-9595  
Curbside pickup available

**BROWNSVILLE BUTCHER & PANTRY**  
802-546-2900  
Curbside pickup only

## BELLOWS FALLS

**LISAI'S MARKET**  
No phone calls  
Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**GREATER FALLS PHARMACY**  
802-460-2634  
Curbside pickup available

**WALGREEN'S PHARMACY**  
802-463-9910  
Senior hours Tuesday 8-9 a.m.

## CAVENDISH

**SINGLETONS GENERAL STORE**  
802-226-7666  
Encouraging curbside pickup and delivery

## CHARLESTOWN

**EMMA'S MARKET**  
603-826-0241  
Curbside pickup available

**RALPH'S SUPERMARKET**  
603-826-3312

## CHESTER

**LISAI'S MARKET**  
802-875-4715  
Preorder day before by 5 p.m.  
Curbside pickup available after 10 a.m.

## CLAREMONT

**MARKET BASKET**  
603-543-1444  
Senior hours daily 6-7 a.m.

**HANNAFORD SUPERMARKET**  
603-543-1681  
Senior hours Tuesday-Thursday 6-7 a.m.

**WALMART**  
603-507-2095  
Hour-long senior shopping Tuesdays  
Grocery pickup hours 11 a.m.-7p.m.

**CVS PHARMACY**  
603-542-7742  
Free prescription delivery

**SUGAR RIVER PHARMACY OF CLAREMONT**  
603-542-6337  
Curbside pickup preferred.

## GRAFTON

**MKT GRAFTON**  
802-843-2255  
Curbside pickup only  
See Facebook for menu

## JAMAICA

**D&K'S GROCERY STORE**  
802-874-4151  
Curbside side pickup only

## LONDONDERRY

**LONDONDERRY VILLAGE MARKET**  
802-824-3144  
Open daily 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**MIKE & TAMMY'S FOOD MARKET**  
802-824-8100  
Curbside pickup available

**GREEN MOUNTAIN PHARMACY**  
802-824-3344  
Curbside pickup by request 3-5 p.m.

## LUDLOW

**SHAW'S**  
802-228-8468  
Senior hours Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 a.m.

**TYSON STORE**  
802-228-2284  
Curbside pickup available

**LUDLOW PHARMACY**  
802-228-2500  
Drive-thru or curbside pickup only

**RITE AID**  
802-228-8477  
Senior hours Monday-Friday 9-10 a.m.

## MOUNT HOLLY

**BELMONT GENERAL STORE**  
802-259-2292  
Encouraging call ahead and curbside pickup  
Will let customers in one at a time if needed

## PUTNEY

**PUTNEY GENERAL STORE**  
802-387-4692  
Curbside pickup available

## SAXTONS RIVER

**SAXTONS RIVER VILLAGE MARKET**  
802-869-2266

Curbside pickup available

## SPRINGFIELD

**SHAW'S**  
802-885-8450  
Senior hours Tuesday & Thursday 7-9 a.m.

**JAKE'S SOUTH STREET MARKET**  
802-885-5488

**ROUTE 106 NORTH MARKET & DELI**  
802-886-3354  
Curbside pickup available

**MORSE MARKET**  
802-886-5500  
Curbside pickup only  
Will deliver for homebound

**SPRINGFIELD FOOD CO-OP**  
802-885-3363  
Curbside pickup only

**RITE AID**  
802-885-5311  
Senior hours Monday-Friday 9-10 a.m.

**SPRINGFIELD PHARMACY**  
802-885-6400  
Curbside pickup and drive-thru only  
Free prescription mail and delivery

## TOWNSHEND

**RIVER BEND FARM MARKET**  
802-365-4600  
Curbside pickup available.

**HARMONYVILLE STORE**  
802-365-9417  
Reopening April 6



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**LAWRENCE'S SMOKE SHOP**  
802-365-7372  
Curbside pickup available

**MESSENGER VALLEY PHARMACY**  
802-365-4117  
Curbside service and delivery available

## WALPOLE, N.H.

**SHAW'S**  
603-756-3771  
Senior Hours Tuesday and Thursday 7-9 a.m.

**WALPOLE GROCERY**  
603-756-9098  
Curbside pickup available

**DISCOUNT FOOD WAREHOUSE**  
603-445-5317  
Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**WALGREEN'S PHARMACY**  
603-445-1900  
Senior hours Tuesday 8-9 a.m.  
Free prescription delivery

## WESTMINSTER

**ALLEN BROTHERS FARM MARKET**  
802-722-3395  
Curbside pickup available

**WESTON**  
Weston Marketplace  
802-824-5818  
Curbside pickup available

## WINDSOR

**PRICE CHOPPER**  
802-674-3470  
Senior only hours 6-7 a.m.

**MR G'S TWIN STATE DISCOUNT**  
802-674-5484  
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**RITE AID**  
802-674-2334  
Senior hours daily 9-10 a.m.

## AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Auction held April 4, 2020 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Bruce Sipe unit #44 Ayla Hodge unit #82 Andy Aldrich unit #92 & #159 Laurie Nolan unit #115 Lary Sellers unit #130 Catherine Rushia unit #152 Matt Reynolds unit #177 William Blais unit #180 Christopher Benoit unit #191 Dylan Davis unit #195 Orion Pfennig unit #197 (04/07)

## FOR RENT

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - 3 br apartment available. H/HW, rubbish removal incl. W/D hook ups. Rent is 30% of income. Application required. Contact Kathy at 802-463-9863. (04/28)

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 300 sq. ft. commercial space available. \$350/month all utilities included. Handi-

capped accessible. Contact Kathy at 802-463-9863 for more information. (04/21)

## TALENTED PEOPLE WANTED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Looking for people to network with some ability in any of the following areas; Gardening (any experience e.g. food production, growing herbs for food and medicinal, etc), Home Repair (any discipline e.g. carpentry, tiling, electrical, plumbing, etc), Electronics (e.g. Computer hardware or software, kit building, MPU or SBC capabilities, etc), Mechanics (e.g. automotive, small engine, design, etc). Education (e.g. Math, Language, Physics, Chemistry, etc), have immediate needs. Contact Steve at mrplanet@aurorasky.net. (04/28)

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## chiropractor

**FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC**  
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-6PM (08/18/20 - TFN - 52)

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**NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
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Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com. (09/08/20 - TFN - 52)

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# Springfield Medical Care Systems response to COVID-19

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Here at Springfield Medical Care Systems, we know it is a very stressful time for everyone. To protect our patients, our healthcare workers, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are doing a lot of things differently.

If you are sick, please call before coming to one of our clinics. If you arrive at a clinic, we may ask you to call and talk to our triage nurses or providers from the parking lot and you may be asked to return home if it is the safest option.

We will always ask you about symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath when you enter our buildings.

If you have symptoms that require an in-person evaluation, we will be wearing face masks and eye protection when we care for you.

Many of our visits may be offered via telemedicine to patients who have access to a phone or computer with a camera. Some visits may be conducted on the telephone. In an attempt to centralize care, you may be directed to a site that is not your regular clinic and you may see a provider who is not your primary care provider.

You will not be given an appointment to clear you to go back to work. In cases of febrile illnesses, we can provide a letter for your

employer consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health recommendations.

Testing for COVID-19 has been very limited due to a shortage of tests; however, it is our goal to begin to test all patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. We will be reopening our drive-thru testing site in the upper parking lot of Springfield Hospital. To be tested you must have an order from your primary care provider or one of our triage or walk-in providers. Once that order has been placed, you will be called by our registration department and scheduled for a specific testing time. Do not drive

up to the testing site unless it is your scheduled time.

If you have fever and mild respiratory symptoms, we recommend you care for yourself at home. You can discontinue home isolation when you have been without fever – without taking fever-reducing medication – for 72 hours and have had improvement

in respiratory symptoms and at least seven days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If you or your loved one are unable to catch your breath, are not getting enough oxygen, have persistent chest pain or pressure, or are unarousable or have new confusion, please seek emergency care! Call

ahead to the Emergency Department if possible and, if needed, call 9-1-1.

Please know that we are responding to this pandemic with your best interest at heart. Please have patience with us as we also navigate changing technology, regulations, guidelines, and ways of providing care.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has shown us an outpouring of love and concern by donations, messages, and most importantly by practicing social distancing!

*Written by Katrina L. Taylor, D.O., Chief Medical Officer, Springfield Medical Care Systems.*

## Grace Cottage update on COVID-19

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital is working diligently to stop the spread of COVID-19, while continuing to provide high-quality medical care and to protect the safety of our community.

We have implemented the following changes. We are requesting that our providers assess all well visits and non-urgent appointments and to determine how best to care for these patients. We have developed a system for patients who would like to have video-based meetings with their medical provider.

We have divided Grace Cottage Family Health clinic into two sections. One section is isolated from all other patients and

has an airflow system that prevents recirculation of air to the rest of the building. This is where we are directing patients with respiratory illnesses or symptoms.

Grace Cottage Hospital has negative-pressure rooms that can be used to treat patients who require hospital inpatient care. Should a COVID-19 patient develop severe illness requiring critical care, we have relationships with regional hospitals to allow transfer to their Intensive Care Units.

Visitors will not be permitted to see hospital patients until further notice. The hospital cafeteria has been closed to visitors until further notice.

We have reduced the number of public entrances

to our facility to three: the Emergency Department, Outpatient Services, and the main entrance of Grace Cottage Family Health. Each of these entrances has a respiratory screening check-in station. Patients with symptoms will be given a mask immediately.

Our Messenger Valley Pharmacy will provide curbside service at the store, delivery service to surrounding towns, and mail service for prescription and over-the-counter needs.

Grace Cottage is offering COVID-19 testing, but please call us first at 802-365-4331 to determine if you meet the criteria. If you do qualify, your sample will probably be taken as you remain in your car outside the clinic and a nurse wearing PPE will come outside to take a swab. You will

need to remain in self-isolation until the results are known, which could take a few days.

If you feel sick, stay home unless you've been in touch with your medical provider and he or she has asked you to come in. Do not go to work or any public areas.

Our Emergency Department is fully staffed and capable of addressing a wide range of medical problems, ranging from heart attacks, strokes, and pneumonia, to fractures and lacerations.

We have been receiving monetary donations via [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org) and this support is very greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity during this extremely challenging time.

*Written by Doug DiVello, president and CEO, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.*

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**Walpole Valley Tire**



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## Mt. Ascutney Hospital accepting PPE donations

**WINDSOR, Vt.** – Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center is currently accepting donations of expendable Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gloves, gowns, hand sanitizer, and gently used scrubs. The gear is intended to supplement hospital PPE supplies as the COVID-19 outbreak gains momentum. Donations of these types may be dropped off at 393

County Rd., Windsor, Vt., a small white house located just to the right of the access road to Mt. Ascutney Hospital. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please deliver all loose or unpackaged items in resealable bags.

The hospital also invites people who are healthy, without signs of fever, coughing, or shortness of breath, and who have not been in contact with anyone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days, to supplement the inventory of PPE by sewing masks for donation. According to the Centers for Disease Control, fabric masks are a crisis response option when other supplies have been exhausted.

Volunteer mask makers are asked to use 100% unused, non-metallic cotton fabric for the front, and 100% cotton or cotton flannel for the back, along with a quarter-inch or three-eighths-inch flat elastics. Instructions for the preferred mask type may be found at [www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Cloth-Face-Mask](http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Cloth-Face-Mask).

Dr. Joseph Perras, president, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC, says that the hospital has made strategic adjustments to its inventory of PPE, but that it wants to ensure that staff and patients have the most protection available. "All of us are dedicated to providing our community with the best care possible," said Dr. Perras, "which we will do by being as safe as possible. Health care systems across the country and the world are facing shortages of essential protective gear, and now is the time for us all to come together. Whether you're a builder with an extra supply of N95 masks, or someone at home with material and the time to pitch in, you can help save lives. We're profoundly grateful for whatever you can provide. We'll all get through this together."

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