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Grafton Nature Museum adapts to COVID-19

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

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GRAFTON, Vt. – One of our unique local treasures is the Nature Museum in Grafton. Executive Director Vanessa Stern says she knows of no time in its 31 years that it has been shut down to visitors as it has been with the current COVID-19 pandemic.

This year all the typical school spring field trips that usually include nature walks on nearby trails have been canceled, and six major adult programs have been postponed. These included a National Geographic talk by Kieran Molveney on the Arctic and the changed polar bear population, a fern walk and talk by Lynn Lavine, and John and Nancy Hayden, authors of “Farming

on the Wild Side” on organic growing. Also on hold are workshops on journal making by Lisa Robards and sketching with Susan Sawyer. Stern says, “This is a first, but we’re still alive and online with learning.”

Every Monday, now through virtual connections, a new blog comes out. The museum offers a nature journaling exercise based on a different nature-themed topic. They are also presenting three different nature craft projects. There is “Tree Trivia,” “Friday Finds,” which tries to get people outside to find something specific in nature, and a “Weekend Wonder” photo contest. These programs are based on people going out and exploring nature.

Stern says that ironically they

had just started a program about “less screen time and more green time.” They have now changed that to “a little screen time to get more green time.” She notes that the museum property accesses town trails in Grafton, and the trail network of the Windham Foundation’s Grafton Ponds is “just down the road.”

In conjunction with April 22 being the 58th anniversary of Earth Day, the museum has introduced two new offerings, both of them are nature writing programs. One is called “Metamorphosis.” It gets participants to express how sheltering in place has changed their own and others’ relationship to nature. The other, “Spring Time Love Letters,” is a “snail mail” project. Participants can send a love



The Nature Museum in Grafton, now closed to physical visitors but very much open online.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

letter to nature to the museum, and staff will send back an an-

swering letter with what Stern calls “a little surprise.”

As to the future, Stern says they are still hoping to offer their annual summer camp in July. The postponed adult programs should be rescheduled. And their big annual Fairy House Festival fundraiser is still scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 26 and 27. Volunteers build and donate miniature fairy houses from all natural materials that are displayed in the museum on nearby trails, children can participate in fairy house building workshops, and food and entertainment are also available. Hopefully, we – and the fairies – will all be more back to normal by then.

The museum’s current online programs and other information are available at www.nature-museum.org.

SAPCC continues to support families during closure

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In the month since closing to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) has supported local communities in numerous ways, including giving area families over 500 diapers and nearly 50 gift cards to stores for essential items.

Additionally, SAPCC continues to provide the following essential services to families in the greater community: child-care referral and financial assistance; parenting support; virtual home visits through the Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) program; telehealth communications through the Developmental Understanding and Legal Collaboration for Everyone (DULCE) program; early childhood educational activities through their Facebook pages; diapers and baby wipes through their diaper bank; other concrete supports as requested.

The community has responded with overwhelming gratitude. One parent said, “You guys have been so helpful over the years, and I really appreciate that you are here now offering this help.” Another said, “Wow. I just never had to ask for help. You are amazing.



The curbside pickup area at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, where families in the greater Springfield region have been receiving essential items such as diapers, food, and baby formula.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Happy tears for people like you in this world!”

While SAPCC is not open to the public, the staff is working virtually around the clock. When staff members do need to come into the building, they are on a rotation in order to avoid contact with others. Staff are also following all Centers for Disease Control guidelines while in the building. There is a supervisor available every day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to answer phone calls and put together care packages for families who request a need. Sometimes those families don’t have transportation to access curbside pickup, so staff have been making local doorstep deliver-

ies or sending items through the mail, when needed.

SAPCC is not accepting donations of items at this time of increased social distancing, but the community has been incredibly supportive in other ways. A Facebook fundraiser raised \$600. The Kurt Dechen Memorial Fund donated \$750. These funds have been spent on concrete supports for families, such as food, diapers, baby wipes, and formula. SAPCC anticipates that the need for concrete supports will continue to increase over the coming months as the impact of an economic crisis is often greater for the most vulnerable populations, including children and families. To make a tax-deductible monetary donation toward this cause, please visit www.sapcc-vt.org and consider becoming a sustaining donor.

Together, with the very supportive greater Springfield community, SAPCC will continue to build bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers through this crisis and far beyond. To contact SAPCC, please call 802-886-5242 and leave a message or email sapcc@sapcc-vt.org and someone will get back to you within one business day.

Rockingham Selectboard revisits the public works director position

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, April 21, the Rockingham Selectboard deliberated on current expense reduction, the public works director position, and the new website, www.rockinghamvt.org.

Selectboard Chair Gaetano Putignano asked about the deficit for the Bellows Falls Opera House. Finance Director Shannon Burbela noted that there was a loss of revenue but anticipated expense reduction would be roughly the same because they had furloughed the manager and were not renting movies or buying concessions.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison explained that as of April 1, staff numbers were 41 full-time and 26 part-time employees. Due to staff reduction and furloughs, as of April 21, there were only 29 full-time staffers.

In regards to the public works director position, Harrison stated that having a director saved the town \$200,000 on the Burt and Blake streets project. She said without the position, the planning office, manager,

finance director, and highway superintendent would fill the job and have less time for their other work.

Peter Golec commented that it was the intent of the town voters to reinstate the position, and the Selectboard would be making “a big mistake” if they didn’t follow up on taxpayers’ desire. Susan Hammond agreed and thought they underestimated what the position entailed and listed future projects that would need an engineer.

Ben Masure disagreed with Golec and Hammond and said, “I don’t think [the position] is necessary.” Masure suggested that “proper management and a road foreman” could replace the director.

Putignano said that the current amount of staff was adequate and the board did not need to pay for “a six-figure position to put together RFPs.”

Peter Golec said his concern was not having a dedicated engineer when they needed one, and he thought that both the Arch Bridge and Depot Street Bridge projects would need an engineer.

Stefan Golec suggested that money should be spent differently by the town and wondered if they needed both a maintenance manager and a public works director.

Hammond said if the position was not reinstated, the board needed to decide what to do with the allocated money. She suggested setting it aside for engineering services and Masure agreed.

Peter Golec said it looked “like it’s a personality situation versus a position situation.”

Masure quickly responded, “That’s not true at all.” Masure explained the decision was based upon the cost of \$119,500 for a public works position that “90% of the towns in the state of Vermont don’t have.”

Village President Deborah Wright said the funds were speculative revenue and asked, “What happens when the taxpayers don’t pay their bills?”

Putignano said about the funds, “I’m in favor of not touching it.”

The motion was made by Peter Golec and seconded by Hammond to reinstate the director of public works position. The motion was defeated 3-2.

The town and village website of www.rockbf.org is now a legacy site with many years of archival material still available. The new town website is www.rockinghamvt.org, which contains both town and village information, local photos, and COVID-19 updates.

Windham County genealogy interest group Zoom meeting

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The inaugural meeting of the Windham County Genealogical Interest Group will be held via Zoom Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Genealogists Jerry Carbone of Whetstone Brook Genealogy, and Wayne Blanchard, genealogy volunteer at Rockingham Public Library, will facilitate the event sponsored by Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro and Rock-

ham Public Library in Bellows Falls. Future meetings of the group will meet bi-monthly alternating between Brooks and Rockingham libraries, dates, and times to be announced.

The program May 16 will focus on a guided tour of the redesigned Vermont State Archives website and using the online Vermont newspapers of record, which is available to any Vermont resident simply by registering at www.Vermont.gov. Part of the session

will be devoted to answering genealogical research questions and planning topics for the next meeting.

The Zoom meeting is free and open to the public, but it will be limited to the first 30 people to register. Please register at www.bit.ly/wcgenealogy. For more information, please contact Brooks Memorial Library at asklibrarian@brookslibrary.org, or Rockingham Public Library at programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

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Fish and Wildlife reports a bear in Bellows Falls is causing concern

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says it has received several reports of a bear sighted in the Bellows Falls area. There have not been any complaints of damage to property other than the bear getting into bird feeders at some residences.

“Due to the current Stay Home, Stay Safe order issued by Gov. Scott, there has been a decrease in human outdoor activity, which could be one of the reasons the bear has been venturing into the village,” said local game warden David Taddei. “Similar reports of wild animals coming into urbanized areas have increased recently throughout the world. Other than being in an urban area, this bear is displaying normal behavior and has not done anything that would merit its removal.”

“What is most concerning about this situation is that bear

behavior in urbanized areas tends to become worse over time as the bear gets less wary of humans with each meal of garbage or birdseed,” said the department’s bear biologist Forrest Hammond.

Warden Taddei added, “At some point, the Stay Home, Stay Safe order will be lifted, and life will start to return to normal. More people will be out, dumpsters will start to fill, and more trash will be generated at local businesses. This could result in a variety of outcomes, most of which may not end well for the bear.”

Local State Game Warden David Taddei is requesting the residents of Bellows Falls to follow these measures:

- Please take all bird feeders in immediately. Birdseed is a concentrated, high calorie, and high fat food source for bears.
- Secure all trash properly. Bags of trash left outside are

very easy for a bear to access. Keep food scraps in the freezer, dispose of trash often, and secure any dumpsters with ratchet straps and plywood.

- If you see the bear, first and foremost get to a safe location. If you are in a safe location and can safely do so, harass the bear by yelling at it and waving your arms. If you can safely do so, throw things at or near the bear. Doing so will increase its fear of humans.
- Please do not stand outside and take videos of the bear. This only emboldens the bear by showing it that people are not a threat.
- Fill out a bear report at www.anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/WildlifeBearReport.aspx. This will help Vermont Fish and Wildlife keep track of where the bear is frequenting, what it is doing, and it will enable the department to assess if there is a growing risk to human safety.

“Please understand that at this point there has been no need for direct intervention from the Fish and Wildlife Department,” said Taddei. “Proactive attempts by game wardens to locate the bear and employ aversive conditioning techniques have so far been unsuccessful. Thank you for your help and thank you for doing your part to secure bird food and trash.”

Springfield Town Library offers curbside pickup

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On April 24, 2020, Gov. Scott issued an order stating: “Libraries may allow for curbside pickup for lending in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Libraries.” Springfield Town Library is pleased to announce that it is now able to offer next-day curbside pickup. In addition, all library books and media can now be returned in the drop box. These returned materials will be quarantined before they are made available for others.

Starting Monday, May

4, 2020, Springfield Town Library cardholders can call 802-885-3108 or email springfieldlibrary@hotmail.com to request items once each week for next-day pickup. Phone requests are limited to Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Library staff will pull materials to be placed in a bag while wearing masks and gloves. Patrons will be given a 15-minute time slot to pick up materials the following day between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Library staff will need to know the make, model, and color of the car that will be picking up the items. When pa-

trons arrive during their time slot, they are asked to call the library to let staff know. Library staff will place the bag of items in open trunks or hatches of the patron’s car.

Curbside pickup is only available for full-privilege cardholders. Those who have temporary e-card access are not eligible for curbside pickup. Electronic resources will remain available for all cardholders. Due to the volume of expected requests, holds in the online catalog will not be available and requests are limited to three items per cardholder. Library staff will adjust plans as needed.

Celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees to help rivers and local economies

REGION – In celebration of Arbor Day, the Connecticut River Conservancy and partners are planting 6,250 native trees and shrubs on more than 16 acres of land along 10 different rivers in Vermont and New Hampshire. The plantings, which are all on privately owned land, will help reduce erosion, improve clean water, and increase fish and wildlife habitat in the Connecticut River watershed.

The plantings have the additional benefit of helping local businesses in these difficult times, including the Intervale Conservation Nursery, New England Wetland Plants, Northwoods Stewardship Center, and


Redstart Forestry. “We always say that a healthy environment and healthy economy go hand in hand, and it couldn’t be any more true right now,” says Ron Rhodes, river steward for CRC. “These projects will inject more than \$60,000 from federal, state, foundation, and other grant sources into our local economies.”

The plantings are being done in accordance with each state’s guidance on outdoor work as well as newly adopted health and safety guidelines for the two-person planting crews. Areas receiving new trees and shrubs are in Haverhill, N.H. on Clark Brook; in Dummerston on Crosby Brook; Grafton on the Saxtons River; Springfield on Carly Brook; Weathersfield on the Black River; Norwich on Bloody Brook; Bradford on the Connecticut River; Strafford and Thetford on the Ompompanoosuc River; and Barnet on the Stevens River.

“Normally, we rely on volunteers and school groups to help plant trees each year, but given the current Stay at Home orders we have not been able to

do that this spring,” says Fritz Gerhardt, CRC’s conservation scientist. Gerhardt praised the dedication and flexibility of the local nurseries, two-person work crews, partner organizations and private landowners, who have worked together through these challenging times to ensure that these projects can move forward safely for the benefit of local rivers and communities.

Since Tropical Storm Irene ravaged the watershed in 2011, CRC has planted more than 41,250 trees and shrubs along rivers in the four-state Connecticut River basin – with this spring’s plantings that total will jump to 47,500. CRC collaborates with partners across four states to protect and advocate for your rivers, to educate and engage communities. CRC brings people together to prevent pollution, improve habitat, and promote enjoyment of your river and its tributary streams. Healthy rivers support healthy economies. To learn more about CRC, or to join the effort and help protect our rivers, visit www.ctriver.org.



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No spring rummage sale, food shelf still open

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its most recent meeting, the Black River Good Neighbor Services Board of Directors made the painful decision to cancel the spring 2020 rummage sale and to concentrate on providing food and financial assistance to neighbors in need. “These sales have been a mainstay of our fundraising for over 12 years,” said Lou Krefski, board president, “but we are in strange times that call for some otherwise unwanted choices.” He explained that even though the sale may

have occurred after Vermont businesses reopen, the preparation work takes weeks before the sale.

“We should have been working on the preparation already,” said Krefski. “Our volunteers put in an amazing number of hours to sort and price donations and to arrange merchandise, but we simply can’t do that right now.”

Also, since there will be no rummage sale, and since the thrift store is closed, the organization is not accepting donations at this time.

A decision on the fall sale will be made later this summer, and the board hopes that it will happen as scheduled in September. Meanwhile, the food shelf is open for assistance Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for anyone who needs help. Even though the program is running with normal hours, it is running with different procedures. Anyone needing food or financial assistance should first call 802-228-3663 and set up an appointment with Krey or Audrey. Food boxes will be ready for pick up at the appointed time.

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Abel Putnam Jr.

I wrote an article a couple years ago about Abel Putnam Jr. of Chester. Putnam was an inventor of a new style Civil War button. That article is included in my new book, “Local History Vol 2.”

Below is a newspaper clipping I just found in one of Mary Harris’s scrapbooks. This is new information. It is from a Saratoga Springs newspaper dated Sept. 2, 1904.

“Death of Abel Putnam, Jr., A well known citizen.

“Abel Putnam, one of Saratoga’s oldest and most representative citizens, died of pneumonia, with which he had been afflicted about a week at 12:15 o’clock this afternoon at his home No. 173 Church Street.

“Mr. Putnam was a third cousin of Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. He was born a son of Captain Abel and Lydia Gould Putnam, at Windham, VT., on March 16, 1819. His education was acquired in the common schools and Chester Academy. Twenty-one years of age found him engaged in general mercantile business in Windham.

“At the age of 27 he went to Londonderry, VT., where he was engaged in the milling business for six years. In 1852 he went to Chester, turning his attention to inventions and the handling of patented articles.

“He was always noted for his inventive ability. His first successful invention was a practical clothespin. While in New York City, handling a successful business in patented articles, the Civil War began, and he was appointed recruiting officer for Chester.

“Moved to This Village in 1864.

“In 1864, his health becoming impaired, Mr. Putnam came to Saratoga Springs and purchased the residence on Church Street, where he had since resided. In 1866

he purchased an interest in the Star Spring, which, however, he disposed of in 1873. In 1878 he purchased St. Nicholas Hall, which in 1882 was remodeled into Putnam Music Hall. This latter has since been twice replaced after destruction by fire, once by a theatre and lastly by the Citizen’s Bank building. The Royal Spring which he had drilled in 1886, has lately been discontinued.

“One of Mr. Putnam’s latest inventions was the Putnam Soapstone Heat Retainer. This is one of a dozen of equally successful inventions numbered as the fruit of his genius.

“Survived By Four Children.

“Mr. Putnam married Hannah P. Harris, a daughter of Judge William Harris, of Windham, VT., on October 10, 1843. Mrs. Putnam died on July 29, 1888. Four children survive Mr. Putnam, Abel A. Putnam, of Chicago; Lizzie H., wife of Hon. B.D. Stone, of Camden, N.Y. and the Misses Louisa C. and Loa L. Putnam.

“Deceased was a Republican in politics and for many years had been a member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 103, F. and A.M. Notice of funeral will be given hereafter.”

Before I was president of the historical society, someone had donated a substantial amount of Harris family history. It is from that donation that I found these scrapbooks.

Mary kept clippings of poetry, who married who, who died, or who visited town. There are clippings of political events or politicians of her day. She was an intelligent young lady.

The photo with this article I found pasted in one of Mary’s scrapbooks. It is a Saratoga Star Spring Company stock certificate. It is five shares of this company valued at \$100 per share. Abel Putnam Jr. is the shareholder. The stock certificate is dated Feb. 8, 1868.

If you take this new information and add it to the article in “Local History Vol 2,” you will have the most complete history of Putnam to date. Often history is found in tidbits.

In the mid-1800s health resorts and grand hotels sprang up throughout New York and New England. Saratoga Springs mineral water was believed to possess magical healing powers. Saratoga Springs became a getaway for New Yorkers.

Mary Harris grew up in the house that today is Bill Dakin’s law office.

This week’s old saying: “Cabbaged onto.” Old-timers used this expression to describe someone who took something that wasn’t theirs. “Well, he ‘cabbaged onto’ that when no one was looking.”



Abel Putnam Jr. Saratoga Springs stock certificate. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BRAM COVID-19 documentation request

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Academy Museum is starting a program to document and share stories about the COVID-19 health issue. Collecting stories and memories for future generations to read about is important for the continued story of the history of Ludlow and its people during the winter and spring of 2020.

Everyone is invited to share in this documentation since it involves us all. The questions that might be asked in the future are: What were you doing during this time? Were you part of the essential work force? If so, what was that like? If not, what were you doing to keep yourself and your family safe during the quarantine period? As a student, how did you keep up with your studies? What instructional methods were you using to either teach your class or learn as a student? Whatever age group you are in, did you complete an art project, write a song or poem, read a book, try a new recipe, play an old board game that was tucked away in a closet? What about your story of kindness that was shown to you through a neighbor, friend, or family member? Are there any activities or rituals that were developed to help you through the long days at home? Everyone’s story is important. The mantra of “We are all in this together” has never been truer.

If you would like to participate in this project, please direct your mail to BRAM, P.O. Box 73, Ludlow, VT 05149 or email glbrehm@tds.net.

We are making history as we speak! Thank you in advance for helping out during this unusual and historic time.

Vail Resorts announces 2019-20 pass holder credits

LUDLOW, Vt. – To honor the loyalty of their pass holders, Vail Resorts recently announced a comprehensive plan to address pass holders’ concerns about last season’s closures and provide them with peace of mind for the future.

“Our pass holders are our most loyal guests and we have spent weeks reading their emails and comments on social media to fully understand their concerns so we could respond thoughtfully and carefully,” said Kirsten Lynch, chief marketing officer at Vail Resorts. “What became clear is that to address last season, a one-sized-fits-all approach would not work. That is why we are providing our season pass holders credits based on the number of days they were able to use their pass.”

Season pass holders will receive 20-80% credit based on the price of their pass, which would apply toward the purchase of a 2020-21 season pass of equal or greater value.

For guests with remaining days on their 2019-20 Epic Day Pass, Edge Card, or one of their other multi-pack pass products, they are providing a credit for each unused day, up to 80% of the price paid, to apply toward a pass of equal or greater value for next season.

The credit will be valid through Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2020.

“While we are confident we will have a great upcoming ski and ride season, we understand some people may be nervous about committing to a pass now in this current uncertainty. With that in mind, we are redefining pass protection with our new Epic Coverage, free for all pass holders, and extending our spring deadlines to Labor Day to give them the time they need. We truly hope this plan honors our pass holders’ loyalty and provides them peace of mind for future,” Lynch said.

Epic Coverage is free for all pass holders and completely replaces the need to purchase pass insurance. It provides for a refund for an eligible injury, job loss, or experience other personal events that prevent pass holders from using their pass. Epic Coverage also provides a refund for certain resort closures, including for events like COVID-19, and will give pass holders a refund for any portion of the season that is lost.

Vail will be emailing pass holders personally in the coming weeks to share their specific credit details and promotion codes, which can be used online starting May 13. For more information, go to www.epicpass.com/info/2019-2020-pass-holder-credit.aspx.



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Bellows Falls American Legion cancels Memorial Day events

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37 announced with sadness that they are canceling their Memorial Day events this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They will continue with the Memorial Day event next year set for May 31, 2021. Please honor, by your remembrance, our past heroes of the Armed Forces who died in war serving our country. Please honor those who have gone before us and the loved ones they left behind.

Thank you for your support, Commander Don Stalker, Adjutant Doug Roberts, and Public Relations Smokey Aumand.



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Dear Editor,

Save these dates: April 25, July 24, Nov. 19. Albert and Karnie De-Cell of Weston are celebrating three significant milestones this year!

Karnie turns 85 April 25, their 65th wedding anniversary is July 24, and Albert will turn 90 Nov. 19. Their children, Greg, Judy, and Verlene, invite all extended family members, friends, and neighbors to honor the couple by contributing to a card shower.

True Vermonters, Albert and Karnie were born at home in the towns of Weston and Londonderry where they attended one-room and village schools. They both graduated from Chester High School. Albert attended Vermont Technical College in Randolph and served his country in the Korean War. When the couple married in 1955, they settled into their home on Lawrence Hill Road and began to raise their three children. They established the businesses of De-Cell Painting and DeCell's Christmas Trees. Over the years, Albert and Karnie served their church and community in numerous capacities, and they are especially proud

of the many longstanding friendships that have developed as a result of their community involvement.

These days, Albert and Karnie are staying close to home and doing a good job looking after each other. Never afraid to try a new recipe, Karnie continues to prepare and put delicious meals on the table every day. She has had plenty of time lately to hone in on her iPad skills while Albert keeps up with his exercises and the news of the day. They especially enjoy hearing from and about their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

If you know Albert and Karnie DeCell, you can be sure that they would be excited to hear from you! Please consider sending them a card or a note to 81 Lawrence Hill Rd., Weston, VT 05161.

We hope you will help us make this special year an especially memorable one for Albert and Karnie!

With thanks,
Verlene DeCell
Judy (DeCell) Stevens
Greg DeCell

Joan H. Farmer, 1929-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joan (Hendrickson) Farmer, 91, passed away April 16, 2020 at home following an illness. She was born Jan. 27, 1929 in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y., daughter of Oscar Maynard Hendrickson and Elise (Yook) Hendrickson. She attended schools in and around Mineola, N.Y., graduating high school in 1947 and moving to Vermont in the fall of 1947 with her parents and two sisters. On June 28, 1952, she married Russell J. Farmer in Perkinsville. They shared 61 years of marriage, most of it in Springfield, before Russell's passing in 2013.

For many years, Joan worked for Dr. Paul C.T. Bacon in Springfield, and later worked for Parker, Ainsworth & Richards, retiring in 1990 after 18 years as Palmer Ainsworth's secretary. She was a former member of Springfield Hospital Auxiliary.

Joan was a very talented seamstress and knitter. She made sweaters for the Bernat yarn company for years, and

later knit hundreds of winter hats, mittens, and TV socks for the Santa Claus Club and the Springfield Humane Society bazaar.

She is survived by two sisters Virginia Putnam of Westmoreland, N.H. and Margaret Tucker of Plymouth, a grandson Michael Farmer, two great-granddaughters Ashlyn and Brynlea, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Russell and by her son Steven Farmer who passed in 2012.

A private graveside service will be held in Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester at the convenience of the family. Due to COVID-19, a celebration of life will be held at a later date to be announced in the papers.

Contributions may be made in her honor to the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St., Springfield, VT 05156, earmarked for the music program. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Memorial Chapel.

Dear Editor,

The Board of Directors of the Weathersfield Food Shelf thanks everyone who donated to the winter fundraising drive. The generosity and kindness of our neighbors has been overwhelming.

We were recently approached by a donor with a good idea. She is planning to grow 10% more vegetables in her garden this summer and has pledged to donate that extra harvest to the Food Shelf. She challenges

other gardeners to do the same.

The Weathersfield Food Shelf serves residents of Weathersfield and is open the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. It is located at the 1879 School on Route 106 in Perkinsville. For more information, call 802-263-5584. Again, a big thank you to all!

Cheryl Cox
Weathersfield Food Shelf

Yvonne D. Boyd, 1942-2020

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Yvonne D. Boyd, 77, of Cambridgeport Road, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020. Yvonne was born in Johnson May 15, 1942, the daughter of John and Bernice (Frappiea) Hooper. She was a 1960 graduate of Bellows Falls High School and worked as a manager for Avon and also worked at Readex in Chester. Yvonne was a member of the Saxtons River Fire Department Auxiliary and a former Grange member. She enjoyed watching birds and was handy at crafts – she loved sewing and knitting. Yvonne especially loved her family.

On May 10, 1988, she married James Boyd who survives. Also surviving are her children Wilbur Parkhurst and his wife Karen and Angie Parkhurst; her stepdaughter Marie Cushman; her sister-in-law Marilyn Simonds who was a dear friend and care-

giver; grandchildren Christopher Howe and wife Bambi, Stephanie Lawlor and fiancé Rich, Bridgette Lawlor, Brent Douglass and fiancée Lindsey, Brennan Douglass, Heather Smith and husband Dwight, Shannon Maciejewski and husband John, and Rebecca Parkhurst, Cody Parkhurst and fiancée Jen; step-grandchildren Nyoka Cushman and Nicholas Cushman and partner Kyle Poland. She will be greatly missed by her 15 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents, her son William Parkhurst, stepdaughter Tammy Cushman, and her brother Frank Hooper.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Saxtons River Fire Department, c/o Art Smith, P.O. Box 81, Saxtons River, VT 05154.

J. David Scott, 1937-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, J. David Scott, loving husband and father of two, passed away at the age of 82. Dave “Scottie” was born Dec. 6, 1937 to parents Roy and Dorothy W. Scott.

Dave was a successful industrial sales representative in Connecticut prior to retiring to Vermont. Dave attended Admiral Farragut Academy, Babson College, and graduated from American International College in 1960. He worked for International Silver Company and moved on to establish his own successful company, Scottaire Associates, with his wife Judy as his acting vice president.

Dave truly loved people, loved life, and devoted himself to his children, his wife Judy, and his broader family. Dave and Judy recently celebrated 60 years of a marriage like no other. His optimism was contagious; Dave placed trust in all and found the best in everybody. He was also an avid collector of cars, trac-



J. David Scott, 1937-2020.
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tors, and boats.

He is survived by his wife Judith G. Scott, daughter Robin Scott Sozzi, son J. David Scott Jr., his two sisters Joanne Warren and Jane Knowlton, countless nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and hundreds he blessed with his warm and sincere friendship.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Dear Editor,

While I have been a supporter of Gov. Scott and think he and his team are doing an excellent job managing the COVID-19 crisis, I am concerned that mask wearing in public has not been made mandatory. It is a risky move and it just isn't safe.

This virus is not going away. It is going to hide in all the corners of our society until it can be vanquished with a vaccine or a viable treatment, which are both far away. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves and others, and we have to restart the economy. As we do that, the mandatory wearing of masks in public is critical for four reasons:

1. To keep us safe from the virus and to keep us from spreading the virus to others. We know the virus is spread by inhaling infected droplets that are expelled through talking, sneezing, and coughing. A mask, worn properly, stops large droplets and stops us from touching our faces. Wearing a cloth mask makes us safer.

2. Gov. Scott, to his credit, shut down the economy early, which saved lives. It also prevented the natural spread of the virus and development of herd immunity throughout the population. Vermonters are just as vulnerable today as they were March 25. When vacationers and their critically needed

dollars come to Vermont, as they must for our economy to survive, we all are susceptible to infection. Vacationers need to be welcomed to Vermont, and they need to wear masks in public. Vermonters also need to wear masks in public because we are also capable of spreading it unintentionally to others.

3. Sometimes social distancing isn't possible. Even if we maintain six feet of distance in a store, we can't stop others from walking by us as we ponder whether we want green beans or broccoli. While wearing a face covering is not a substitute for social distancing, it helps when social distancing isn't possible.

4. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, people need to feel safe. Right now, at the grocery store and at other public places, most people are wearing masks but many are not. It is causing a public dichotomy that is not healthy. There should be a rule, like in other states, that says that a cloth face covering must be worn in the store; and if a patron doesn't have one on, the manager can ask that patron to leave. A set rule will ward off that problem. Just like the “no shirt, no shoes, no service” rule, we can easily have the “no face covering, no service” rule.

Doug Friant
South Londonderry, Vt.

Erwin W. Ward, 1929-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Erwin W. Ward, 90, of Mechanic Street, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. Erwin was born in Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1929, the son of Hezekiah and Evelyn (Ware) Ward and stepson to Pardon Harrington. He was a 1949 graduate of Vilas High School and served in the U.S. Air Force 1950 to 1954. On June 20, 1953, he married Miriam Dustin.

He worked for the Alstead Police Department from 1956, retiring in 2001 as chief. He also worked at Fellows Gear Shaper from 1956 to 1988; Auxiliary State Trooper from 1965 to 1990; a New Hampshire Marine Patrol Officer and inspector from 1958 to 1985; a hunter safety instructor from 1962 to 1972; and served in the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department from 1988 to 1998. Erwin was a member of the American Legion in Bellows Falls, the Third Congregational Church in Alstead, and was an honorary member of the Timber Owners of New England. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting, playing softball, and spending time at the Ward Family Camp. He also enjoyed playing basketball and was known for his hook shot. Most notably, Erwin possessed an unmatched commitment and servitude to God, country, and community.

Erwin is survived by his wife of 67 years, Miriam; his children Wendy Ward and fiancé Paul



Erwin W. Ward, 1929-2020.
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Clark and Bruce Ward and wife Melony; his half-brothers Roger Ward and William Harrington; half-sister Ruth Libby; son-in-law Richard Hayman; grandchildren Melissa Witman, Jeremy Ward, Kyle Hayman, Angela Hoag, Krystee Quaille, Garrett Ward; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, his twin brother Elwin Ward, his half-sisters Annie Gover and Frances Eldred, and his daughter Brenda Ward Hayman.

There will be a private service at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Erwin's memory, and in honor of Brenda Ward Hayman, to the ALS Association, NNE Chapter, 10 Ferry St. #438, Concord, NH 03301.

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by Linda Thistle

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ACROSS

- 1 Easter treat
- 4 Wager
- 7 Retain
- 11 Metric measure
- 13 Rowboat need
- 14 Sleeping
- 15 Flow like molasses
- 16 Chum, nowadays
- 17 Actor Brad
- 18 Grassland
- 20 Opening course, often
- 22 Erstwhile garment
- 24 Hitchcock classic
- 28 Spotted insect
- 32 Radiant
- 33 Champing at the bit
- 34 Bathroom fixture
- 36 Yorkshire river
- 37 Narc's measures
- 39 Croquet equipment
- 41 Catch
- 43 Second person
- 44 Related to 5-Down
- 46 Use a Brillo pad
- 50 Ballerina's frill
- 53 Cauldron
- 55 Japanese

DOWN

- 1 Ids' counterparts
- 2 Get bigger
- 3 Middle East strip
- 4 Go up and down
- 5 Listeners

- 6 Army unit
- 7 Carefree
- 8 Sapporo sash
- 9 Allow
- 10 Banned insecticide
- 12 Carousel
- 19 Light touch
- 21 Portion of N.A.
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- 29 Not "fer"
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- 45 Prolonged sleep
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This & That

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & Shopper

Overall, I have never been much of a bucket list guy. Oh, there have certainly been things I have wanted to do, but I have just weighed them against other choices I have had to make as I went along.

However, there has always been one sports destination that I always thought I would visit some day. Now, for the first time, I am not so sure the trip will ever take place. I had a trip planned to Wrigley Field in Chicago this June. The Red Sox were playing a three-game series there the weekend of June 19-21. If I ever had an item on the bucket list, that was probably it.

Presently, there are about three chances I will make that trip – or three chances those games will even be played. The chances are slim, slimmer, and none. I put all my money down on the latter one.

I actually will be surprised if baseball is played in front of fans this year at all. Thus, it is probably good that I never actually ever had an official bucket list because I would hate to have to say I didn't get to fulfill the top

item on my list.

One might say, just put the trip off until the next time the Sox visit Wrigley. Such a thought makes some sense on the surface, but not common sense historically.

Chances are the next time the schedule puts the Sox in Chicago, it could be 8 or 12 years down the line. By then, this old scribe will have likely kicked the bucket or be too fragile to kick it without falling down.

Having said all that, the truth is things have never been quite the same since we moved the clocks ahead early in the morning of March 8. Before a week had passed, all sports from high school to college had been shut down and before a second week had elapsed, everyone had been ordered to stay at home – except Tom Brady who departed New England for Tampa Bay.

On the surface, you would think something like this could only be seen in the movies, but by now you don't have to pinch yourself to realize that this is our world as we live it today.

Let us all hope that soon we will be blessed with a touch of normalcy. In the big picture, the missed journey to Wrigleyville

is a blip on the radar, especially compared to so many area high schoolers likely losing a year of spring athletics.

As this column was being penned, the high school seasons were expected to be officially canceled. I would gladly trade the trip for these student athletes to have their season played, at least in part.

Here instead are a few local nuggets you may have missed over the past couple of months.

Fall Mountain and Bellows Falls finished ahead of the pack when it came to this past winter's sports competition. I was trying to place them in an order, but in the end, I awarded them both the top spot.

The Wildcats' claim to land there was led by their girls' basketball team, once again proving to be the class of the hoop world in the region. They advanced to the New Hampshire Division III State Championship game, just as they did one season ago. Conant captured top honors this year 51-42. Monadnock claimed the top spot in 2019 51-44. There is something about those scores that adds to the déjà vu feeling. The Lady Wildcats are obviously the most consistent team in their

division in New Hampshire.

The reason Bellows Falls has earned placement right alongside Fall Mountain is that both their basketball teams were very strong this year. The boys' team earned the third seed and the girls the sixth despite their 15-5 record, but both did meet their match in their state quarterfinal Division III encounter. The play of both teams brought all kinds of excitement to Holland Gym and these two Purple and White squads brought lots of fans to the seats.

Both schools also had championships claimed in the lesser limelight sports. Fall Mountain captured both the boys' and girls' Division III cross country skiing titles, while in Bellows Falls individual titles were earned at the Vermont State Championship Track Meet at the University of Vermont. Abby Broadley captured first place in the 3,000-meter run while Jon Carrington was the individual winner in the Shot Put.

Springfield is mentioned next, just by the fact that in Vermont they still must compete at the Division II level in the winter sports. The recent casts of lady hoopsters have regularly chal-

lenged the ranks of that class. In a strong Division II field this winter, playing a very difficult schedule, a 10-10 record is way better than it sounds. There was no way anyone was going to touch undefeated Fair Haven, the team that ended the Green and White season. The Cosmo boys were able to go a respectable 7-13 and qualify for a post-season game for the first time in four years. There was a state title earned by a Cosmo this winter, as Cadence Wheeler not only captured the Vermont State Winter Track Triple Jump title, but in the process also set a state record.

The Springfield boys' hoop team landed a tenth place seed with their 9-11 record. They appeared to have been one of those teams that often played strong games against very tough competition but lacked the offensive consistency when it counted on too many occasions. As many as five times, they lost games by single digits against top contending teams, showing a potential that wasn't fully realized. Despite the final score, they had their moments in their playoff loss to Thetford, which showed how good they could be when they

were on top of their game.

Both Leland & Gray teams won enough games to go the playoffs, but this was not their year.

I wish I could tell you the basketball records at Black River saw some victories in the win column, but unsurprisingly that wasn't the hand dealt to either the boys' or the girls' teams.

But if there was ever a case in which a team won by just having played the game, this was certainly it. Any victory by either team would have been an upset, and these players were certainly an example of playing for the love of the game. They are likely the last group of athletes to officially wear a President's uniform and to go out night after night and give it the "old college try." That was spectacular in its own right.

Since many students departed to other institutions of learning for one reason or another, these two sets of athletes tried and tried again but could never blow the proverbial house down or a victory their way. But there was greatness attached to both teams – actually even fielding teams this past winter was great itself.

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Magic lowers pass pricing

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Magic Mountain Ski Area announced a series of measures to aid skiers and riders during the economic downturn this spring as they launch their annual early bird sale of 2020-21 season passes. Magic is actually lowering prices on all passes by between 5-10% versus last year's in order to provide a little relief to its customers. All pricing and pass information is available at www.magicmtn.com/passes-cards.

Magic has also extended its early bird sale to June 15. In addition, Magic has a new policy to help protect customer purchases given the future uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and a possible second wave of infection. If the government were to close ski areas in Vermont before Opening Day, then all Magic season passes purchased at these heavily discounted prices would be fully credited toward a 2021-22 sea-

son pass, with no additional cost. Magic will also provide partial credit toward the purchase of a 2021-22 season pass if the 2020-21 season is cut short by government order before Feb. 1.

"As Magic Mountain charts its own course through these changed times in support of skiing, we do look at season passes as an investment made by our community of skiers and riders in our mountain. And, what we

can do is make good on their investment in the future should the absolute worst-case scenario of a full-season closure occur, however unlikely that may be," says President Geoff Hatheway.

"Importantly, with our newly expanded Service Pass, it's also our way of saying 'thank you' to those who put their lives on the line for us during this crisis – military, first responders, and key medical personnel."

Vermont walleye fishing season opens

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont walleye fishing season will open Saturday, May 2, marking the return of some of the best walleye fishing in New England.

The walleye is Vermont's official warm water fish.

Veteran walleye anglers employ a variety of techniques, but one of the simplest and most effective methods is to slowly troll a nightcrawler harness near the bottom. Most nightcrawler harnesses include a rotating blade ahead of two hooks, where the

worm is secured. The blade produces a fish-attracting flash and vibration. Shore-based anglers can catch walleyes on night-crawlers or live minnows or by casting crankbaits or hard jerk baits. Walleyes are generally more active at night, so fishing in the dark is often more effective.

As a reminder to anglers, there is no open season on sauger, a close cousin to the walleye. If caught while fishing for other fish, sauger must be immediately released.

To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

For information about staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/outdoor-recreation-and-covid-19. For more information on COVID-19 and health guidelines, visit www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus.



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TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health is offering telehealth appointments to provide additional access to primary care health needs.

Telehealth is a virtual appointment with your healthcare provider for both established and new patients. Telehealth may not be right for everyone. Grace Cottage’s scheduling center, with the guidance of our medical team, can help you determine whether telehealth is appropriate for you, and if so, can set up an appointment. A scheduling specialist will schedule an appointment for you.

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- You do not need to download anything. You just need a computer or a device with a camera and microphone and to be available at the scheduled appointment time.
 - You just click the personalized link provided to you at the time your appointment is scheduled.
 - All data is secure, private, and no information is stored.
 - Most telehealth visits are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance.
 - Zoom is the video conferencing that is used by Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital.
- For more information or to make an appointment, call 802-365-4331.

HCRS opens free stress, anxiety support

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services has opened up a phone support Warm Line, 1-800-917-1622.

The expansion of the nonprofit agency’s Warm Line to the community is in response to the increased need for support to manage the stress and anxiety associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The support line is staffed with trained professionals available seven days per week, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. It is anonymous and open to anyone in Windsor and Windham counties.

HCRS is also working with some rural communities to host online workshops about managing stress and anxiety as well as understanding suicide signs and risk. These one-hour online workshops are designed to be informative and interactive. Stay tuned to www.facebook.com/HCRSVermont for more details on upcoming workshops.

The agency continues to accept new clients seeking to receive mental health, substance use, or developmental disability services. Although many services are currently provided remotely, the use of telehealth is very effective. In addition, critical outreach staff are available to provide face-to-face support when necessary.

Community members who want to sign up for services can contact HCRS on

the following toll-free lines: Brattleboro area, 855-220-9428; Springfield area, 855-220-9429; and Hartford area, 855-220-9430. Additional information regarding services can be found at www.hcrs.org.

HCRS’ 24-hour crisis hotline, 1-800-622-4235, for mental health emergencies, continues to support members of the community. Anyone who lives in Windsor or Windham counties may call this toll-free hotline if they or someone they know is experiencing thoughts of intent to harm.

In order to support the increased challenge of putting food on the table that is currently being experienced by so many due to loss of employment, HCRS held an agency-wide staff

fundraising campaign. The agency provided a match up to \$3,000 with all proceeds going to support three local food shelves. To date, staff pledges totaling \$3,555 have been made in support of this important cause. On Friday, April 17, a check in the amount of \$1,000 was mailed to the Upper Valley Haven in White River Junction, the Family Center in Springfield, and to the GroundWorks Collaborative in Brattleboro. These donations represent the match made by HCRS. Staff donations will be mailed to each of these food shelves as the pledges are paid through payroll deduction.

George Karabakakis, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, states, “Our staff are a source of inspiration as they have selflessly stepped up to not only support our clients but also the needs of our communities during this pandemic. My gratitude goes out to each and every staff member for upholding our Core Values during this challenging time.”

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The Town of Rockingham has Request for Proposals (RFPs) out for the following work, materials or equipment.

Sidewalk Replacement RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the replacement of sidewalks in Saxtons River. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Winter Sand RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for up to 5,000 Cubic Yards of Winter Sand. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “WINTER SAND RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Equipment Trailer RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for a new Equipment Trailer. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “EQUIPMENT TRAILER RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Contact Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or it can be obtained on line at rockbf.org under the “Bids/Request for Proposals” tab.

**Town of Londonderry, VT
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT*, and hold a public hearing on the following application:

Application 2020-12 by Brian Rapanotti for David Chaves requesting Variances from Zoning Bylaw sections 406(B)(2) and 412, regarding fuel tank setbacks and extension of a non-conforming use, respectively, and Conditional Use Review for the installation of fuel storage tanks on Parcel 017010.000, located at 240-242 Chaves Road.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available for inspection on the Development Review Board page on the Town's website: <http://www.londonderryvt.org/development-review-board/>.

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, the meeting venue is likely to change and be held through means of remote electronic access as permitted under Act 92, signed into law on by the Governor Scott on March 30, 2020. Notice of this will be provided at the time of legal posting of the meeting agenda, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please check the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org, or contact the Town Office prior to the meeting on how to participate remotely by video or telephone.

**Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Notice of Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment**

The Town of Londonderry Selectboard hereby gives notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4442(a) and 4444, that on May 18, 2020 at 6:15 PM the Board will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Bylaw at the Town Offices, 100 Old School Street in South Londonderry*. The only section of the Zoning Bylaw being amended is Section 402 - Access and Frontage Requirements. The proposed amendment affects all areas of the town, particularly properties along private roads and public roads not maintained by the Town or State. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for limited land development, when deemed appropriate by the Development Review Board through the conditional use review process on roads not maintained by the Town or State, and to allow for administrative review of some minor land development along such roads. The full text of the proposed amendment can be examined at the Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, and the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org.

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SEVCA’s critical services —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Generous partners have given SEVCA funding to provide critical services to local residents who need help to alleviate the negative effects of COVID-19 and achieve or reestablish financial security. Grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, Couch Foundation, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition, and Danforth Charitable Fund will enable SEVCA to provide needed services to an expanded number of households seeking emergency relief and recovery. SEVCA also anticipates receiving additional funding to help people navigate the resources available to them.

Although SEVCA’s offices are currently closed to the public and many staff are working from home, most services are still being provided remotely, by appointment, or by mailing or documents drop-off.

Steve Geller, SEVCA’s executive director, wants everyone living in southeastern Vermont to know that “SEVCA is still here to help, and we’re helping scores of people every day, even when we can’t meet with them in person.”

SEVCA will now be able to serve a wider range of local residents with a diverse array of services such as navigating relief and recovery resources; 3SquaresVT food stamps application assistance; unemployment and health insurance access; fuel and utility assistance; eviction and foreclosure prevention; housing case management, and landlord mediation; financial management counseling and support; job readiness training; small business support; SEVCA Windsor County Head Start registration; weatherization and heating repair and replacement; and many other available services, connections, and referrals to other area and statewide providers.

Those interested in getting help or finding out more should contact SEVCA at 800-464-9951 for information or an appointment. For more information, go to www.sevca.org or www.facebook.com/SEVCAorg.

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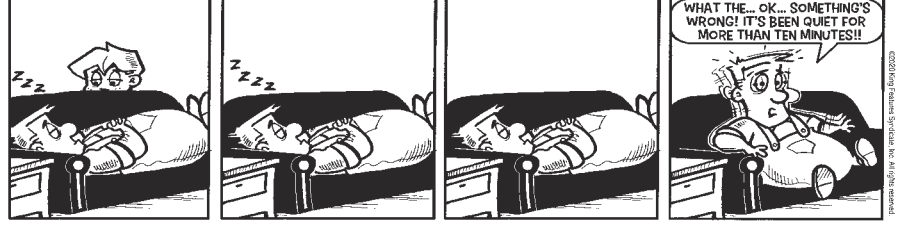
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For bid specifications or more information please contact Richard Pembroke, CFO at rpembroke@ssdvt.org or Martha Tarbell, Administrative Assistant at 802-885-5120 or mtarbell@ssdvt.org

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield Vermont Development Review Board will meet remotely on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by electronic means to hear the following applications:

Application 20203 (Parcel 006-1-22) Arnold Katz and Deborah Deichler for a Variance Request (Section 6.1) to place a fence on the front elevation of the property that will not need meet the height criteria for Section 4.6 Fences. The property is located at 25 Meadow Drive and is zoned Medium Density Residential.

Application 20204 (Parcel 010-2-37) Jesse & Beth Webster to request a Conditional Use (Section 5.3), Site Plan (Section 5.2) and Home Business (Section 3.22) hearing to establish a motor vehicle repair business. The property is located at 328 Brockway Mills Road and is zoned Residential Agriculture 2 Acre.

To access the remote meeting:

By telephone: Dial +1 (646) 558-8656. When prompted enter the **meeting ID: 875 4676 9844**.

By computer: you must first download free meeting software here: <https://zoom.us/> and join the meeting by clicking <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87546769844>. When prompted to enter the meeting, use **ID: 875 4676 9844**.

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