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BRGNS ready to assist families in need of food shelf, other services –

LUDLOW, Vt. – As the COVID-19 crisis deepens and the economy worsens, the staff at Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow continues to help the community with food and financial assistance. “We’ve closed the store, but the food shelf is operating to help anyone in need,” said Krey Kellington, food program director. “Several people have contacted

the food shelf since losing their jobs. So long as the need is there, the food shelf will stay open and families will be fed.”

We don’t need volunteers right now because the skeleton staff want to keep personal contacts to a minimum. Also, to avoid contacts, staff only serve people who call ahead to arrange for a pickup. The food will be waiting when the client arrives; there

will be no need for personal contact, and everyone will keep a safe distance apart.

The food shelf never charges for its services and can help with rent, utilities, or heat if lost paychecks make such payments impossible. Recall that we serve Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, and Plymouth.

“We’ve been helping our community for over 30 years, and

we’re here for our neighbors as long as it takes,” said Audrey Bridge, executive director. “We learned after tropical storm Irene that Vermonters come together to help in times of need. Let’s all join forces to get through this crisis.”

If you need food and cannot afford to buy it, please call 802-228-3663 and speak with Audrey or Krey to arrange for help.



Food Program Director Krey Kellington with a food order ready for pickup by a client.

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Chester’s first remote Selectboard meeting announces Hance as town manager

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard had their first remote meeting via Zoom Wednesday, April 1 starting at 6 p.m. with Arne Jonynas and Town Manager Julie Hance participating from the Town Office while looping in other board members to participate from their homes. Several Chester citizens also tuned in remotely to view the meeting live through a link provided on the town website. Citizens are also able to also view a recording of the meeting on SAPA TV from their website.

The board formally announced the appointment of Julie Hance as the new Chester town manager, offering her a one-year contract. The board had started the negotiation process with an outside candidate, but those were halted partly due to COVID-19 challenges as well as an unresolved negotiation process. Hance was recently promoted to assistant town manager prior to the recent retirement of long-time Town Manager David Pisha and has worked for in Chester town government for approximately 15 years.

“With her experience and her knowledge of the town, I think

we’re going to be well served,” Jonynas said. He also acknowledged that her expertise and deep knowledge of the town would be especially helpful “during the times we’re in right now,” referencing the pandemic.

All board members echoed their support of Hance’s appointment and Jonynas said that many townspeople had reached out to him to express their support and appreciation of their choice. New board member Jeff Holden also said the town department heads also were in favor of the choice.

The town office is not making any additional hires with the whole office shifting their

responsibilities to cover necessary duties.

Several other housekeeping items were also decided. The Vermont Journal was selected as the paper of record for the town of Chester; Amy O’Brien was named the secretary of the Selectboard; and Robert Nied was appointed as Whiting Library Trustee Board.

Hance provided an update on COVID-19 information and changes. According to her report, state updates, labor law information, as well as new business program information is being uploaded to the Chester Town Office website regularly.

The town office is still con-

ducting the town business, but the office is closed to the public. Police, fire, and ambulance are still performing all necessary duties.

Water and sewer bills have been sent out normally but will waive any fees and interest if requested.

Hance has asked that all departments approve “essential spending only.” Long-term, Hance talked of bringing the town back to a “zero-based budget” and to rethink the budget, doing things differently and thinking outside the box to realize budget cuts moving forward.

Board member Heather Chase praised Hance for ad-

ressing the budget “straight on.”

Jonynas said that the town would continue to look at the budget and look for ways to fiscally help the town recover after the pandemic crisis had passed. Jonynas also expressed his appreciation and pride in the town’s reaction and acceptance to the many out-of-state visitors and second homeowners in the area.

The next Selectboard meeting will again be done remotely on Zoom Wednesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. There will be a link to the meeting on the town’s website page prior to the meeting at www.chestertvt.gov.

GMUSD students move from maintenance to new learning

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Unified School District Board conducted a special meeting remotely via Zoom Monday, April 6 to outline ongoing efforts for continued remote learning across the district moving toward “new learning” and the scheduled spring break next week will still happen. District schools are closed for the remainder of the school year by order of the governor of Vermont to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting opened with board members voicing support for the suggested appointment of current GMUHS Principal Lauren Fierman as the next TRSU superintendent. The TRSU Board Meeting recommended her appointment April 2. Her official appointment will happen after all necessary checks have concluded.

According to current Superintendent Meg Powden, she and other TRSU personnel are working on a “continuity of learning plan,” which is required by the state. There are no specific requirements being handed down

by the state, and “each district gets to choose.” The plan will include timeframes for each grade level and ways of determining learning. The plan will outline “critical indicators” to achieve for elementary students and proficiency-based requirements for older students. The district is transitioning to new learning versus knowledge maintenance, which has been the focus to date. A companion piece will be sent to board members and parents to outline the plan once complete. Standardized testing has been waived for this school year.

The district uses several remote-learning platforms including Zoom, Seesaw, and Google Hangouts. Although discussion arose over recent hacking incidents involving Zoom, Powden reassured the board that security improvements were happening daily.

Although overall remote learning time will be less than a typical school day for many students, Powden confirmed that these remote learning days would all be counted toward the required 175 school days.

Powden acknowledged that she was mindful of needing a

right balance between what they expect of their students and challenges going on in different households. Special needs services are continuing with all special educators and paraprofessionals continuing their ongoing instruction through Zoom.

New board member and parent Jeannie Wade spoke of the difficulty in managing remote student learning saying, “Parents are overwhelmed,” and citing the many emails students are receiving from teachers at all times of the day and week. She suggested there be a parent-

teacher video conference weekly to help streamline communication. Powden agreed that was a good idea.

Powden confirmed the district would proceed with the scheduled upcoming spring break from April 13-17. Other administrators agreed that the time was needed to regroup and de-stress for teachers, students, and parents alike.

Impacts to the budget are still to be determined.

The next regular meeting via Zoom will be April 16 at 6 p.m. Link can be found on the TRSU website.

Ludlow Selectboard decides to close Vail Bridge during 2021 construction –

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard had their first live stream meeting via Zoom Monday, April 6.

After initial housekeeping duties including renaming Bruce Schmidt as board chairman, the discussion turned to the planned 2021 rehabilitation project for Vail Bridge, which sits near the intersection of Anderson and Main Street in Ludlow. Gary Sweeney, scoping en-

gineer for VTrans, outlined two options for the project: either closing the bridge completely for five weeks and rerouting traffic or doing a phased construction that would allow traffic through but would stretch the project out to approximately six months.

Financially, the shorter five-week timeframe saves money for the town. The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$1.85 million for both options. The town is typically responsible for 5% of VTrans

projects, in this case coming to \$92,500. With the shorter timeframe, however, the exposure to the town is reduced to 2.5% resulting in a \$46,250 savings.

The board approved the Vail Bridge closure and shorter timeframe with only Bruce Schmidt voting no, citing concern for disruption to businesses. Detour specifics are still to be determined. Construction is slated to begin next spring.

Timber Inn owners Glenn and Donna Heitsmith asked the board for their support before

they begin the process of applying for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation property buyout program. The Timber Inn location has been flooded twice in the past eight years and sits on property that has been deemed by FEMA since Hurricane Irene as a “floodway.” The program would purchase the property and then demolish the buildings and clear the land, forever making the site “unbuildable.” The property would then revert to the town, which would incur no direct costs other than the

approximately \$13,000 loss in tax revenue.

After discussion, the board decided to revisit the issue at next month’s meeting, wanting more information specifically about any other possible floodway properties in town.

The board received communication from the Black River Independent School outlining their scaled-back plan to launch a pilot program in August 2020 with 14 students and employing two educators and an administrative person. They

requested the board provide space within the existing Black River High School building at no cost for the first year. Although members of the board expressed support for the venture, there was also discussion that they didn’t want to set a precedent of providing free space. The issue will be put on May’s agenda.

May’s meeting will be via Zoom Monday, May 4 starting at 6 p.m. Links will be posted on the town’s website prior to the meeting.

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Secretary of State announces election law changes to address COVID-19

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos announced a series of temporary changes to Vermont's election laws passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that Vermont is prepared to safeguard the integrity of elections and the public's health.

"Fair and free elections are the foundation of our democracy," said Secretary Condos. "These temporary changes to Vermont's election laws will allow us to be nimble and adapt our elections process to ensure every eligible voter who wishes to vote can cast their ballot safely, without increasing exposure or putting their health and the health of other voters, election workers, and candidates at further risk."

The Vermont Secretary of State's office had previously issued recommendations to the Legislature on temporary changes to Vermont's election laws during the 2020 COVID-19 health crisis and response. Secretary Condos, Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters, and Elections Director Will Senning worked with leg-

islators, legislative committees of jurisdiction, and the governor's office on an elections bill, H.681, which was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor March 30.

Changes include the waiving of candidate petition signature gathering requirements for the August statewide primary elections and November General elections. All candidates wishing to appear on the ballot will still be required to file financial disclosure statements and consent of candidate forms.

"Eliminating the requirement for candidates to collect signatures for petitions is necessary in this time when we are sheltering at home, avoiding gatherings, and avoiding unnecessary contact with other people," said Elections Director Will Senning. "We all have a responsibility to limit our exposure and contact based on recommendations by the Vermont Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This common-sense measure will help keep candidates and voters safe."

The new law empowers municipal legislative bodies to change upcoming local elections during the 2020

COVID-19 crisis from floor meetings to Australian ballot, without requiring a full vote of the town.

"As we plan for all outcomes with our local, state, and federal partners, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Vermont's town and city clerks, who keep the front doors to our democracy open for Vermont voters," said Secretary Condos. "Their jobs, like many of us, have taken on an increasing difficulty in these trying times, and I look forward to working with them, and supporting their offices, planning for our 2020 elections."

Lastly, this new temporary law also creates emergency powers to allow the Secretary of State's office, with the agreement of the governor, to enact the necessary measures to enable Vermonters to vote safely during the 2020 COVID-19 health crisis. Such measures could include the mailing of ballots to every registered voter, an extended cutoff for clerks to receive voted ballots, an expanded window for clerks to process voted ballots, the creation of secure ballot return stations, or the moving of polling locations, as examples.

"We hope to not have to make any changes to Vermont's election procedures, but that would be a very optimistic outlook," said Secretary Condos. "We have no idea what this health emergency will look like in one month, five months, or eight, and so we need to be planning now to make sure that voters can still vote, and that our democracy can still thrive during crisis."

Secretary Condos continued, "Whatever options we decide to use will only be enacted after carefully consultation with our federal, state, and local partners. Planning at all levels, starting now, will be crucial to our success. No one should have to choose between protecting their health and exercising their right to vote. This virus has disrupted our lives in so many ways, but it does not have to disrupt our democratic process."

For more information and guidance on elections during the COVID-19 state of emergency, visit the Elections Division COVID-19 Response page on the Vermont Secretary of State's website at www.sos.vermont.gov/elections/about/covid-19-response.



Bromley presents \$3,050 to Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center

PERU, Vt. – Bromley Mountain recently gave a donation of \$3,050 for women's cancer care at Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington. The donation was raised through Bromley's "Mom's Day Off" events. Cancer Center staff, including Radiation Oncologist Matthew Vernon, M.D.; Cancer Center Nurse Manager Jenny Coutu, MSN, R.N., OCN; and radiation therapists Adam Bugbee, Danielle Gaudete, and Erin Roywere, on the mountain to show their appreciation and join in the fun.

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Black River Independent School Committee pilot program

LUDDLAW, Vt. – Even during these uncertain times, the Black River Independent School Committee remains committed to preserving and advancing local education. After several months of consulting meetings, as well as two meetings with members of the Vermont Agency of Education, BRISC has revised and strengthened their strategic plan.

The group will open a privately funded pilot program in June 2020 serving 14 students with the eventual goal of opening a publicly funded independent school. The mission and pillars of the school remain the same, and BRISC will be working with interested students

and families in the coming weeks to determine if the pilot program will be a good fit. Students and families are encouraged to reach out to BRISC with any questions or to express interest in enrolling in the pilot program. More information about the enrollment process will be posted on the BRISC website.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Sean Williams at sean@blackriveris.org or Pat Pullinen at patrick@blackriveris.org. General inquiries can be made to TheSchool@blackriveris.org. Please visit www.blackriveris.org. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Ludlow Emergency discusses virus status

LUDDLAW, Vt. – The local public television station recently conducted a Zoom presentation featuring Ludlow's leaders in the emergency management of the COVID-19 crisis in Ludlow.

Scott Murphy, Ludlow's municipal manager, Ron Bixby, the town's emergency management director, and Ralph Pace, the host of the TV program "Spotlight." All three were in different locations and the Zoom presentation was managed by Patrick Cody at the Okemo Valley TV studio.

Both Murphy and Bixby emphasized the need to fol-

low Gov. Scott's order concerning "stay at home." They noted that they were reviewing the local, state, and national status of activities designed to curb exposure to the virus as well as the impact the virus had on the local community.

They also noted that key information on the status of the virus and efforts to control it was available on the town's website, www.ludlow.vt.us, where links to important regional and national websites were available.

The Spotlight program will be broadcast on cable channels 8 and 10 in Ludlow, Cavendish, and Plymouth, and 20 in Mount Holly.

Ludlow Rotary 2020 Penny Sale canceled

LUDDLAW, Vt. – For 63 years, our community has looked to this spring event, the Penny Sale. Because we wish to be community and socially responsible, it is with much thought, consideration,

and discussion that the Ludlow Rotary Club has canceled our 64th annual Penny Sale. We will be back in April 2021.

We have done this to do our part in "flattening the curve" with COVID-19. We want to adhere to state, federal, and CDC mandates and suggested requirements. A notice will be mailed to our local business supporters with similar information.

Please look forward to our annual Duck Race this August. The proceeds from this Duck Race will go to assist our 2020 high school scholarships because we canceled the Penny Sale.

Be smart, stay healthy, and wash those hands. The Ludlow Rotarians appreciate our community's support.

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LOCAL HISTORY

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Rat-trap cheese

In the past I have written some about the old cheese factory on the upper end of North Street near the cemetery. In the 1905 Sanborn map this factory is shown. The 1925 Sanborn map shows this location as vacant. The cheese factory was lost sometime between 1905 and 1925. I did not know how or when until now.

Old news first
In the April 29, 1871 Vermont Journal I found mention of a cheese factory to be built on North Street in Chester and scheduled to open later that summer. In the Oct. 9, 1871 issue, I found the opening dedication:

"The dedication of the new cheese factory took place at Chester on Tuesday of last week. Everything but the clouds appeared to favor one of the largest gatherings of people ever known in town. Inauspicious as were the signs of the morning, however great crowds flocked to the place from every direction. A procession of more than a mile in length began to move at 10 o'clock, in the following order: Grafton Brass Band; the mammoth cheese drawn by six horses; a cow in a wagon; the fire department with their engine, splendidly trimmed; a town team drawn by 105 pairs of oxen in one string; company of antiques and horrors mounted and on foot, under the command of J.B. Cram; invited guests and citizens generally." About 11 o'clock it began raining, which dampened the ardor of all, but they kept on till the end of the route. Leander Wetherell of Boston arrived on the noon train and began his address on 'dairy husbandry,' but was interrupted and obliged to wait until evening, when he finished it in the town hall. It is estimated that over three thousand people were present. A delegation consisting of 100 teams started from Charlestown, N.H., and turned back on account of the rain. The



Cheese factory photo taken in 1897. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

mammoth cheese, weighing 732 pounds, was given away to the crowd, who stood in the rain while eating it. A banner carried on the wagon with the cheese was inscribed, 'weighty but not mitey.'

From the History of Chester, Vermont, published in 2011 by the Chester Historical Society:

The Cheese Factory

At North Chester was started in 1871, and has operated every summer since that time, and has undoubtedly been an influential factor in agricultural economy. The building was erected by R.P. Pollard, who sold it to Mr. Dunn, and it has been owned by M.H. Bemis for about ten years. The business has been conducted by a stock company since '88, S. Bemis, cheese maker. This factory was one of the first organized in this section and the output ten years ago was 100,000 pounds of cheese during the season. The directors are Merrill Stevens, C.O. Sargent, Geo. C. Allen, Clarence Adams, and Daniel Chandler.

In a scrapbook of newspaper clippings kept by Mary Harris, I found the clipping below. This was new information.

"Bellows Falls Times, Thursday July 26, 1906

"The large Chester cheese factory, which was erected in 1870, was destroyed by fire last week Thursday night about 12 o'clock, together with its contents, which is said to include about \$600 in cheeses.

"The fire started in the north end of the building and on account of lack of water the fire de-

partment could do very little work. The building was two stories high and a large hall was on the second floor which was used many years ago for dancing, parties etc.

"A tenement was in the south end and the occupants lost nearly all they had. The factory and contents were partially covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is still unknown."

So I checked the Yosemite Firehouse ledger the Chester Historical Society has. I found this record:

"Chester Depot, VT. July 20th 1906

"An alarm of fire was given by the Chester Water & Light Co. at 12-10 A.M. The fire proved to be the burning of the Cheese Factory at North Street, which was burned to the ground."

The ledger then lists all the men present at the fire. Many names I recognize. This is the most complete history of the cheese factory to date.

The photo with this article is the cheese factory. Merrill Stevens mentioned as director of the cheese factory was a prosperous man. He lived where Steve Copping lives today. In 1889, Merrill built what we today call "The Jeffrey Barn." Older natives still call it "The Merrill Stevens Barn."

This week's old saying:
"I made my money the old-fashioned way. I stole it."

Edward Jones, support for community is a top priority

REGION - Edward Jones financial advisors are thinking about the health of their clients, their families, and their colleagues; what's happening in their communities; and the effect of COVID-19 on the markets.

"Most importantly, we want everyone to know we're taking steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our clients, associates, families, and communities," Amy Duffy says. "We're right here in the community with you, going through this together as neighbors and friends. And we will get through this together."

Of course, people's financial situations also weigh on their minds, Amy Duffy says. "The current market selloff is certainly concerning, but it seems to be driven more by fear and panic than by economic or financial reality," Duffy says.

Edward Jones expects daily volatility to persist until new virus cases begin to slow, but added that investors should find optimism in these facts: prior to the epidemic, unemployment was near a 50-year low, with solid wage growth; there was an uptick in the housing market, which may accelerate due to declining mortgage rates; and the Federal Reserve has cut short-

term interest rates back near 0 percent.

Furthermore, Duffy says, the drop in investment prices may indicate that the financial markets have already "priced in" the likelihood of a short-term recession.

For investors wondering what to do now, Duffy offers these suggestions:

First, remember why you're investing. "With the market decline, people will be tempted to change their investment strategies," Duffy says. "But they need to keep in mind that most of their financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, are long-term in nature - a lot longer-term than the shelf life of the coronavirus. If investors have established a long-term strategy that's appropriate for their needs, they should stick with it, no matter what today's headlines are."

However, individuals who are particularly concerned over the current results of their investment statements might want to evaluate their risk tolerance.

"If you are truly losing sleep over what's going on in the markets, it's possible your portfolio is positioned too aggressively for the amount of risk with which you're comfortable," Duffy says. "In that case, you

should work with your financial advisor to see if you need to adjust your investment mix to include more fixed-income securities, which can provide some downside protection, but you'll be making a trade-off, because you'll also be affecting your long-term growth potential."

Finally, Duffy says, now might actually be a good time for investors to consider actually adding to their portfolios.

"Right now, many stocks are at their best values in more than a decade," Duffy says. "If you need to rebalance your portfolio, this could be a time to do so."

Ultimately, investors need to realize that, while we are in somewhat uncharted times, the temptation to panic should be fought.

"All our emotions are running high right now," Duffy says. "And while everyone's top priority should be to protect themselves, their families, and their communities, it's still important not to lose sight of their financial wellbeing. And for that, the best thing all of us can do is look past short-term downturns and maintain the discipline to keep investing in all types of markets."

Visit our website at www.edwardjones.com.

Drug Take-Back Day canceled

REGION - Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the spring 2020 Prescription Drug Take Back Day, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 25, has been canceled. However, there are still opportunities to return unwanted or expired medications.

Medication return boxes are available for drop-off throughout Windsor and Orange counties. Supported by public health coalitions, drop off boxes aim to prevent prescription drug abuse, a growing problem in the U.S. that claims lives through overdoses and accidental poisonings. A majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

The following locations serve as drop-off sites: Green Mountain Pharmacy, Greater Falls Pharmacy, Ludlow Pharmacy, Springfield Pharmacy,

Gifford Health Care, Chester Police, Hartford Police, Ludlow Police, Royalton Police, Springfield Police, Windsor Police, Woodstock Police.

The permanent collection services are free. Medication return venues are supported in part by the Green Peak Alliance, a regional network that

promotes healthy communities in east central Vermont.

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Green Up Day postponed to May 30

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Green Up Vermont has been closely monitoring COVID-19 communications and guidance from the Vermont Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control reports, and daily news from Gov. Scott and our federal government. The situation is fluid and our greatest priority is the health and wellbeing of our Green Up family of volunteers and event participants.

Effective March 30, Green Up Vermont's plan is to postpone Green Up Day from May 2 to May 30. The distribution of Green Up Day supplies will happen the first week in May. Although Green Up is shifting its planning toward May 30, they will still look for final guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and Gov. Scott.

"We will be ramping up our communications around coronavirus safety, wearing gloves, protection from ticks and sharp objects, and other things for the next eight weeks. We will be getting information out to the VPA so that school personnel can communicate with students virtually about Green Up Day and their participation in this community service. We will also be launching an updated app that will aid in building virtual teams, instant commu-

nication, and tracking routes and bags all over Vermont to help grow participation," states Green Up Executive Director Kate Alberghini. "Communication will be an imperative component to handling this community service safely while keeping everyone connected to giving back by Greening Up."

Green Up Day, by nature, is an activity of social distancing as citizens of all ages get outside and clean up miles of Vermont roads. Trash drop-off locations can be managed with little to no close contact in keeping with CDC guidelines.

Standing the test of 50 years, the essence of Green Up Day,

however, is far more than that. It is a sense of commitment to where we live and each other, it is about healthy surroundings, and it is about connecting our communities with a goal for common greatness.

Green Up is a well-loved event that will bring some normalcy to our communities and will help contribute to the physical, social, and mental health of Vermonters as much as their Green Up activities will help beautify our state. We look forward to Greening Up safely on May 30.

More information can be found on our website at www.greenupvermont.org.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

This week, the Vermont Legislature passed three significant measures, embodied in two bills, H.742 and H.681, to improve life for Vermonters in response to the COVID-19 crisis. After a week of working remotely, 17 of the 30 senators met Tuesday, March 24 in the Statehouse, and with plenty of social distancing, passed these amended bills back to the House. The next day, the House, under more dramatic circumstances, passed the bills as well.

In H. 742 we help Vermont to deal with the COVID-19 crisis by expanding: 1) the capabilities of our health care

system to respond to our urgent needs, and 2) the Unemployment Insurance program to provide more benefits for employees and experience rating relief for businesses. The Health Care provisions create flexibility in licensing requirements for nurses and doctors, expand telemedicine opportunities for coronavirus and other health concerns, extend prescriptions, and create more flexibility for what pharmacists can prescribe during this crisis. It also provides for the creation of emergency hospital facilities for COVID-19 treatment and relaxes provider tax payment requirements for

hospitals and doctors.

This bill also expands our Unemployment Insurance program to allow Vermonters who have been temporarily laid off, or those who have voluntarily left their jobs, to qualify for unemployment benefits if they leave 1) to self-isolate or quarantine at the recommendation or directive of a healthcare provider, public health authority, or the governor because the person has been diagnosed with, symptomatic for, exposed to, or in a high risk category with respect to COVID-19; 2) due to an unreasonable risk that the individual could be exposed to or become infected with COVID-19 at work; 3) to care for a family member who is self-isolating or quarantining for similar reasons; or, 4) to care for a child under 18 years of age because the child's school or child care has been closed or the child care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19. Normal work search requirements will be waived during this period and all layoffs and resignations related to COVID-19 will not adversely impact the Employer's Experience Rating.

The second bill, H.681, creates temporary provisions addressing Elections, the Open Meeting law, and deadlines for Municipal Corporations. The elections provisions are designed to protect Vermonters' health and safety while continuing to ensure the integrity of our democratic institutions. It eliminates the requirement to collect voter signatures to run for office in the primary

or general election, or a local election, and shortens the time period to file candidate consent forms. Further, it permits flexibility in elections procedures to protect people's health and welfare. And the bill allows the Secretary of State to authorize towns that don't currently use Australian ballots to vote to do so during this crisis.

It also creates flexibility in our Open Meeting laws to allow for electronic meetings. During the COVID-19 crisis, public bodies can meet electronically without designating a physical location for the meeting or requiring the presence of members or staff at a physical location. Ideally, School Board and Selectboard meetings will be recorded. It also permits municipalities to extend deadlines for licenses, permits, programs, and plans and it prohibits municipal corporations from disconnecting water or wastewater systems – similar to the prohibition for utilities.

This week also saw significant Federal legislation enacted – the CARES Act. The Vermont Legislature is hard at work analyzing its provisions and coordinating our programs with its framework. Stay tuned.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alison Clarkson
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

It seems like only five minutes ago, I was opening the library and hanging out the flag each morning. I look forward to doing that for you soon. Until then, the library is rolling out the following services to keep Cavendish reading.

Adult and teen patrons may call the library to request a bag of books and or movies. You may request a specific genre. These are yours to keep. Please allow us 24 hours to put together your request. When filled, it will be at the library entrance with your name on it.

Students grades Pre-K through six will receive a bag with two to four free books in it each month. These are yours to keep. CTES students are already signed up for this

program. If you are a home-schooler, contact the library if you would like your child to be part of this program. Thank you to CLiF and the Windham Foundation for supporting this endeavor.

Please be aware that these programs are for Cavendish residents and CTES students and staff.

Thank you for self-isolating, washing your hands, and maintaining social distance. And, of course, for allowing me to continue to serve you.

#inthistogether #cavendishstrong #cavendishlibrary

Sincerely,
Kata Welch, director
Fletcher Community Library
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlike any crisis Vermont has faced. I recognize this is a very stressful time for neighbors, as public safety measures have closed many of the businesses and institutions we rely on. I am committed to working with the Scott Administration and our Congressional Delegation to make sure our community is supported during these difficult times.

Last week, the House took action to pass a package of COVID-19 relief measures to strengthen our health care system, address Vermonters' unemployment insurance needs and transition the Legislature to remote meetings.

One of the purposes of the bill, which is now in effect, is to assist with unemployment insurance eligibility so that COVID-19 affected businesses' employees are eligible for unemployment benefits. This bill supports individuals who need to self-quarantine, are infected, or need to care for people who are infected. Benefits will be paid to employees as a result of a temporary closure of a location; an order issued by the governor or president that affects the employer; or an employee who is temporarily laid off in order to comply with a quarantine recommendation related to COVID-19.

The bill ensures employers' unemployment insurance experience rating will not be affected by COVID-19 related claims, but the employer must rehire the laid off employees within a reasonable period of

time after it resumes operations or once the employee's period of quarantine is completed. It limits relief to eight weeks of benefits or a longer period that the Commissioner of Labor determines to be appropriate. It also limits individuals' ability to receive UI benefits if they are receiving sick pay or benefits provided pursuant to federal Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act or federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act benefits.

As of March 20, Vermont small business owners suffering economic injury due to the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Extensive guidance from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development is located at www.accd.vermont.gov/covid-19-guidance.

In addition, here are two links that can also serve as helpful guides for small business owners: www.bit.ly/3aUrBvG and www.uscham.com/34kFFMQ.

The Statehouse building may be closed, but our work continues. We are completely focused on the next steps to address the COVID-19 emergency. I am committed to working with you as we leverage federal and state resources to address this health crisis. We're all in this together.

Please reach out if you have any questions or feedback. I can always be reached at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmbock@vermontel.net.

Sincerely,
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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 24 Make fun of
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- 33 Actress Vardalos
- 34 Cattle call
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- 10 Caspian feeder
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- 41 "Life of —"
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- 44 Catch sight of
- 46 Lotion additive
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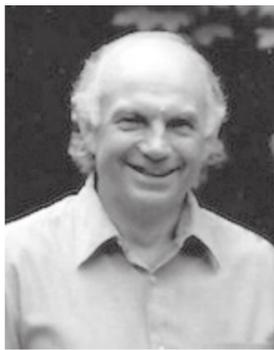
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obituaries

Michael E. Blake, 1949-2020

ACWORTH, N.H. – Michael Everett Blake died March 29, 2020. The son of Everett and Flora (Sanborn) Blake, he was born March 23, 1949. He graduated from Orford High School and earned a degree in forestry at the University of New Hampshire. He worked for Wagner Woodlands and moved to Acworth, N.H. where he and his first wife built a log house and welcomed two sons, Samuel and Aaron.



Michael E. Blake, 1949-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

He worked in forestry with a woodsman named Sparky and for Tree Growers. He established the Barns Company, focusing on post and beam construction. He worked on the restoration of the Acworth Meeting House.

Michael did his best to support his sons in all their endeavors. He took great pride in their accomplishments and the good people they grew to be. On June 21, 1997, he married June Ludlum who was his helpmate through all of his physical challenges. Michael loved life and found joy in the simple things such as hiking with his dogs, feeding the hummingbirds, and watching the sunset. He and June shared a love for vintage cars, and they went to Watkins Glen, N.Y. to watch the vintage car races.

Community was very important to him. He also had a reverence for nature and the forests in particular. He had a

passion for old buildings and equipment. Michael had many friends both near and far. Mike volunteered for the Acworth Fire and Rescue Company for over 30 years and was a founding member of the FAST squad.

Michael was predeceased by his parents and brother Nathan Blake. He is survived by his wife June Blake; sons Samuel and fiancée Dawn White and Aaron and fiancée Ann Grote; sisters Lucille (Robert) Palifka, Kathleen (Harry) Sanborn, Bethany (John) Miller, and Janice (Michael) Grady; uncle Bernard Sanborn; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Michael will be remembered for his sense of humor and his perseverance in facing overwhelming physical challenges.

There will be a celebration

of his life at a later date. Donations may be made to Specialty Clinic, Attn: Sandy Peplau, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Springfield, VT 05156 or Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., P.O. Box 86, Acworth, NH 03601.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.rickerfuneralhome.com.

David N. Goyette, 1943-2020

GRAFTON, Vt. – David N. Goyette “Dave,” 77, long-term resident of Grafton lost his long battle against Lewy Body Dementia Sunday, March 29, 2020. Dave was born March 12, 1943 in Burlington, the son of Clarence B. and Clara M. (Fisher) Goyette of Saxtons River.

Dave graduated from Bellows Falls High School then became an Air Force Reservist. Dave worked several years at Vermont Research Corp. until they closed, then worked at Markem Image Corp until retiring in 2013. On Nov. 25, 1965, Dave married his beloved wife Annie (Lockerby) Goyette in Gulf Port, Miss. The couple returned to Vermont and built their home in Grafton where together, they raised their family.

Dave loved the adventure of travel, but would say time with family was what made him com-

plete. Dave liked doing things his own way, often reminding his loved ones “We only get one life, live it without regrets.” His energy and zest for life were infectious and he will be greatly missed.

Dave is survived by his children Melaney (Paul) Stevens and Melisa Beaulieu; grandchildren Jeremiah (Kate) Goyette, Clarrissa Stevens, Hannah Beaulieu, and Abigail Beaulieu; a great-granddaughter Eleanor Goyette; a brother Kenneth Goyette; sister-in-law Irene Rice; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family is having a private burial with a celebration of David's life to be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, cards, or visits, please consider making donations to The Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Michael R. Farley, 1981-2020

Michael was a self-employed carpenter and landscaper in the Springfield area. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing guitar, online video gaming with friends, movies, his dog Charlie, and most of all spending time with his son Odyn.

He is survived by his mother Lisa Farley, son Odyn Farley, significant other Kelly Hill, maternal grandparents Janet and Robert Gordon Jr., aunt and uncle Susan and Tim Janos, close cousin Heather Janos, his brothers and sisters without blood Sara Colby, Paul Coen, Jesse Pixley, Shane Bartlett, Jason Cormier, Ed Dodge, Dave Farnum, Heath-

er Farnum, Michael McEnaney, Derick Bruce, Jason Chizmar, and Brendon McGarry; and also by several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Kevin Farley, father Peter Farley, and paternal grandparents Maynard and Dorothy Farley.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date and announced at that time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Christina L. Kelley, 1976-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Christina Lynn Kelley, 43, of Springfield, Vt., passed away unexpectedly March 19, 2020. She was born Aug. 23, 1976, in Hanover, N.H. Christina attended schools in Windsor and Springfield, Vt.

Christina was born with a feisty, free spirit, and this brought her on many adventures throughout her life. In Christina's spare time, she enjoyed cooking, home decorating, fashion, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. Her greatest pride and joy, however, has always been her son, Austin.

Her contagious laugh and beautiful smile will be missed by anyone who knew her. In recent years, Christina's love for the Lord grew noticeably strong; so, while her loved ones struggle to say goodbye, we know Heaven is rejoicing at her arrival to eternity.

Christina is predeceased by her grandfather Clifford Angelica of Enfield, Conn. She is survived by her son Austin Broome and his father Tim Broome; her mother Linda (An-



Christina L. Kelley, 1976-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

gelica) Richey; her siblings Ilona Roberts and husband Dan, Michael Kelley, Scott Kelley and wife Angela, and Melody Kelley; her grandmother Angelina “Ginger” Angelica; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There will be no services open to the public; the family will gather in Christina's memory at a date to be determined.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Sandra J. Knowles

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Sandra Jean Knowles (Seavey), of North Walpole, N.H., passed away March 30, 2020 at the age of 80.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Duane Knowles, her brother Donald A. Seavey Jr., and by her parents Donald and Doris Seavey. She is survived by her three children Dale Knowles, Maggie Webbert and her husband Mike Plaisted, and Nancy Knowles and her long-time companion Brian Clough, her grandchildren Billy Webbert and his wife Catherine and Nicole Webbert. She is also survived by her sisters Barbara O'Brien, Claire Costin and her husband David, her brother Larry Seavey and his wife Jennifer, and other cherished relatives and friends.

Sandra was a loving, caring, and kind person who grew up in

North Walpole, N.H. and graduated from Bellows Falls High School. She taught in both the Fall Mountain and Bellows Falls school systems and devoted many years to North Walpole as a village commissioner. She often told her grandchildren that she loved being a commissioner as the commissioner's office had a secret passage to the village library. She treasured books, reading two or three books a week from the North Walpole Village Library.

Funeral services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the North Walpole Village Library or the Fall Mountain Food Pantry. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Frances M. Thibault, 1946-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Frances M. Thibault, 73, passed away March 29, 2020 at Pine Rock Manor in Warner, N.H. She was born July 10, 1946 in Bellows Falls, daughter of Peter and Frances Golec. She graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1964. She enjoyed spending summers with her aunt and uncle Donald and Sophie McKenny and cousins in Lynn, Mass. and at their camp in Grafton. She was a longtime resident of Alstead, N.H.

During high school, she worked as a cashier at the Bellows Falls Cash Market. After graduation, she worked at the Bellows Falls Trust Company and then moved to Deep River, Conn. to live with her aunt and uncle, Stephanie and Edward Giza. She was employed at the Middlesex Hospital. Upon returning to Bellows Falls, she was employed at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

In September of 1976, she married Paul A. Thibault. They operated the Alstead Village Store for many years. Upon her husband's passing in 1993, Frances ran the store for several years. Frances worked for a short time for Home Health Care Services. She also volunteered as a bookkeeper at St. Catherine of Sienna

Catholic Church in Charlestown for several years. She made several close friends while there who will dearly miss her.

Frances is survived by her daughters Kristin Thibault and her fiancé Marc LeBlanc; Bethany Thibault and her sons Avery, Julius, and Elijah Martin; stepson Mark Thibault and wife Kim and their sons Brandon, Justin, and Michael; stepson Glen Thibault and wife Kelly and their daughters Amber and Erika; her brothers Peter Golec and his wife Ellen; Stanley Golec and his wife Victoria; and sisters Jane Golec, Theresa (Terri) Szklennik and her husband Martin, Catherine (Casey) Knight and her husband Russell, Mary Trombly and her husband George, and several nieces and nephews.

Frances was a loving daughter, mother, sister, aunt, and cousin. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren Avery, Julius, and Elijah. Frances will be missed by many.

Services will be for the immediate family only with burial in the Alstead Center Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her husband. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Community Easter Sunrise Worship live-streamed

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, April 12 at 6 a.m., the Community Easter Sunrise Worship sponsored by the Association of Springfield Area Churches will be live streamed over the North Springfield Baptist Church YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCXV0DNO33dbMdXTJ5ZKUxTQ. This will replace the usual gathering at the boat landing due to the desire to remain compliant with directives to avoid large gatherings. Rev. Gerry Piper of the United Methodist Church will be leading the service as usual with the support of other area pastors.



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Gov. Scott requests support to COVID-19 response

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott is calling all Vermonters into service with the launch of a new website allowing people to sign up for volunteer assistance to support the state's response to COVID-19: www.vermont.gov/volunteer.

This website directs those with medical and healthcare skills to the Medical Reserve Corp, and those with other needed skills to a quick registration process to sign up to help.

"I am asking every Vermonter to dig deep and find a way to give more in this incredibly challenging time," said Gov. Phil Scott. "As we prepare for a surge in COVID-19 cases expected in the coming weeks, it will require each and every one of us to do our part to ease the burden on our health care system, the struggles of those less fortunate, and, ultimately, to save the lives of our friends and neighbors."

Those with medical experience or other health care background and the ability to volunteer are needed to bolster the ranks of Vermont's current health care workforce. This is needed because Vermont's existing health care workers are going above and beyond to respond to this challenge as it unfolds, and they are going to need reinforcement.

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"In every health care facility in Vermont, staff have been working extraordinary hours, performing herculean tasks under great pressure and with limited resources," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. "We are all in this together."

The Vermont Medical Reserve Corps is seeking these qualified and experienced volunteers:

- Licensed and certified health care professionals;
- People with mental health, or other types of clinical or professional experience;
- Health care administrative experience, such as with medical data entry or language translators; and
- People who have worked with displaced individuals, such as homeless shelter programs.

Vermont has eased licensing requirements for the purposes of aiding this emergency response. Individuals who are licensed in other states or who were previously licensed should visit the Health Department website and review the guide on emergency licensure: www.healthvermont.gov/health-professionals-systems/board-medical-practice/COVID19.

Other individuals willing to volunteer their time in Vermont's

response effort can register through the state's volunteer web portal and indicate their expertise and availability. The state expects to draw upon many skills, potentially including drivers, food service, construction, IT, security, skilled trades, and more.

In addition to volunteering, Vermonters can also give back in the following ways:

- Donate PPE: Donations of N95 masks, medical and industrial grade, or surgical masks can be brought to your nearest State Police Barracks. You can find the location nearest to you at www.vsp.vermont.gov/stations.
- Give blood: Visit the American Red Cross to learn how to safely donate blood: www.redcross.org/local/new-hampshire-vermont.html.
- Support your local Food Bank. Donate online at www.vtfoodbank.org or you can text GIVEHEALTH to 85511. If you're in need of help, please visit www.vtfoodbank.org/gethelp.

"The coming weeks will be very difficult, but united in common purpose, we will face, fight, and defeat this virus – and emerge stronger together," Gov. Scott said.

Law enforcement ready to help survivors of domestic violence

REGION – The Vermont State Police, Vermont Attorney General's Office, and the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence join with other law-enforcement agencies and advocacy organizations to acknowledge the unique and difficult challenges facing people who are living in abusive and violent circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While we continue to take precautions around COVID-19 to make our communities safer for everyone, it is important for Vermonters to remember that not every home situation is safe," said Attorney General T.J. Donovan. "Self-isolation does not mean that you are alone... I encourage all Vermonters who are worried about having to self-isolate in a dangerous home situation to reach out."

"Despite many challenges and alterations in how ser-

vices are provided, dedicated advocates at Vermont's domestic and sexual violence organizations are able to answer hotline calls, offer modified shelter, and certainly talk to survivors about safety planning and other issues," said Karen Tronsgard-Scott, executive director of the Vermont Network.

The details around how domestic and sexual violence organizations are handling this situation are as follows:

- Staff are mostly working remotely, answering hotline calls 24/7 and supporting survivors.
- Shelters are open and implementing the procedural guidance offered by the State of Vermont Office on Economic Opportunity. This includes regular sanitation of shelter spaces, promoting handwashing and social isolation, and responding quickly in the event that a shelter resident feels ill.
- Staff are attending to the needs of survivors housed in shelters by phone with daily in-person contact by one staff

member.

There are numerous resources available for survivors at the local and national level. They include:

- Vermont Network website: www.vtnetwork.org/covid-19-update
- Vermont Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-228-7395
- Vermont Sexual Violence Hotline: 800-489-7273
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
- If you're unable to speak safely: Log onto www.thehotline.org, or text LOVEIS to 22522.
- If you are in an emergency situation: Call 911.

"We want survivors to know that we see you. We're here. We're ready to help," said Col. Matthew T. Birmingham, director of the Vermont State Police. "If you are in an abusive or violent situation, you should know that the State Police, your local law-enforcement agency, and the Vermont Judiciary will be there for you when you need them."

COVID-19, HIPAA at Grace Cottage

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has received inquiries about patients that have been tested for coronavirus within our community. While it is understandable that people want this information to protect themselves and their families, Grace Cottage is unable to disclose any protected health information regarding any patient care or treatment.

The Federal Health Insurance Portability Accountabil-

ity Act was enacted in 1996 to protect patient privacy and to ensure that patients can receive the confidential care they need. This law, by which we are bound, protects patients' rights not to have their PHI shared with any others except those directly involved in their health care.

For more information regarding this law, visit www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/guidance-materials-for-consumers/index.html. You can

also call Grace Cottage's Privacy Officer, Susan Kapral, at 802-365-3626.

Please be assured that when a positive coronavirus test is confirmed by the Vermont Department of Health, VDH contacts the patient and identifies any contacts that the patient has had during the infectious stage of the virus. If you would like more information regarding this, please go the VDH website, www.healthvermont.gov.

White River Junction VA coronavirus safety measures

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – The White River Junction VA Healthcare System has announced they will be transitioning all face-to-face visits to VA Video Connect or telephone visits at their Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Keene, N.H. and at the Brattleboro, Newport, and Rutland, Vt. locations until further notice. This change is effective as of March 26.

The remaining Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Littleton, N.H., as well as Burlington, and Bennington, Vt. initiated this change April 2. The White River Junction

VA Healthcare System asks that patients use telehealth options for medical and behavioral visits that are not emergent.

"Out of concern for our veterans, staff, and community, we are honoring current social isolation and distancing guidelines for reducing the spread of COVID-19," said Dan O'Rourke, M.D., Chief of Staff at White River Junction VA.

"Telehealth remains a viable option for routine or non-urgent issues and offers the same high-quality, effective care veterans have come to expect when visiting our facilities," explains O'Rourke.

Available telehealth options include appointments by phone or using VA Video Connect via computer, smartphone, or tablet. To learn more about VA Video Connect, visit www.mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect.

Veterans may also send online, secure messages for non-urgent questions to their VA health care team using My HealtheVet, VA's online patient portal. More information is available at www.myhealth.va.gov.

To set up telephone or video appointments, veterans can call

802-295-9363 ext. 6364 or send their provider a secure message on My HealtheVet.

Veterans experiencing an emergency should immediately dial 911 or go to the closest emergency room. Individuals experiencing an urgent mental health issue may also call the Veterans Crisis Line, 24/7, at 1-800-273-8255, press 1, or text 838255. Confidential chat is available at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net.

Veterans can use Annie's Coronavirus Precautions protocol to send automated text messages with information about COVID-19. This application helps veterans monitor for symptoms and can assist if they need to contact their VA facility for care. Enroll at www.mobile.va.gov/annie.

Veterans who need non-urgent prescription refills should call the pharmacy call center at 1-866-400-1241 or 802-295-9363 ext. 6364. Veterans can also request prescription refills be shipped to their homes using My HealtheVet or the Rx Refill mobile app available for download at www.mobile.va.gov/app/rx-refill.

Managing stress associated with the coronavirus

REGION – New reports about COVID-19 are becoming more widespread and can be stressful to deal with. Here are some tips to help you manage stress.

Keep things in perspective

Take a deep breath and remind yourself that most people who contract COVID-19 will only experience mild symptoms. Work is being done to help people who may be more vulnerable to the coronavirus, such as senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions.

Get the facts

It is helpful to adopt a more analytical approach as you follow news reports about the coronavirus. You will also want to verify information that you receive from family, friends, or social media.

There are many websites with dedicated information on the virus, including:

- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV
- The Vermont Department of Health: www.healthvermont.gov
- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services: www.dhhs.nh.gov.

Communicate with your children

Discuss the news coverage of the coronavirus with honest and age-appropriate informa-

tion. Parents can also help allay distress by focusing children on routines and schedules. Remember that children will observe your behaviors and emotions for cues on how to manage their own feelings during this time.

Keep connected

Maintaining social networks can foster a sense of normality and provide valuable outlets for sharing feelings and relieving stress. You can maintain these connections without increasing your risk of getting the virus by talking on the phone, texting, or chatting with people on social media platforms.

Seek additional help

Individuals who feel an overwhelming nervousness, a lingering sadness, or other prolonged reactions that adversely affect their job performance or interpersonal relationships should consult with a trained and experienced mental health professional. Psychologists and other appropriate mental health providers can help people deal with extreme stress. These professionals work with individuals to help them find constructive ways to manage stress effectively.

Submitted by Twin State Psychological Services, Springfield, Vt. For more information, go to www.twinstatepsychologicalservices.com.

COVID-19: What is isolation, quarantine and self-observation?

		Isolation	Quarantine	Self-observation
	For whom?	People sick with COVID-19.	People with no symptoms and who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> were in close contact with someone sick with COVID-19, or are returning to Vermont from out of the state for anything other than an essential purpose.¹ 	Other Vermonters who don't have symptoms.
	Do I stay home?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Can I go to work?	No. Work at home if your job allows it and if you feel well enough.	No. Work at home if your job allows it.	Only essential employees should go to work. Others should work at home.
	Can I go outside for walks, bike rides, hikes?	No, not until you have recovered. ²	No, not until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from others, except people you live with.
	Can I go out for groceries and other essential items like medication?	No, not until you have recovered. ²	No, not until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from others, except people you live with. Wash your hands often and don't touch your face.
	Do I stay in a separate room in my home?	Yes, until you have recovered. ²	If possible, until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	No
	What if I start to feel ill?		Start isolation and call your health care provider.	Start isolation and call your health care provider.

¹ Essential purpose travel includes travel required for food, beverage or medicine; medical care; care of others; and to perform work, services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety and economic and national security.

² Recovery is when all three have happened:

1. It's been three full days of no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and
2. Other symptoms have improved, and
3. At least seven days have passed since any symptoms appeared.

³ For close contacts: 14 days since the day you were last in close contact with the person with COVID-19. For returning travelers: 14 days since you were last outside of Vermont. Day 0 is the day of possible exposure.

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N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held April 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:
 Matt Reynolds #177
 Christopher Benoit # 191
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 Orion Pfenning #197
 (04/14)

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Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 4, 2020 to consider the following:

Application #20-34 (Long View Forest) – property located at 48 Picz Road. The Application is requesting the Construction of a Pole Barn for the use of storing trucks & small equipment. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 312 Waiver of Dimensional Requirement, and Section 446 Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #20-38 (Greg & Noel Fletcher) – property located at 48 Church Ave.. The Applicant is requesting a permit for a 24' x 24' garage in the Town of Westminster. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 312 Waiver of Dimensional Requirement, and Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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

NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING APRIL 15 & 16, 2020

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

The Village of Ludlow will be flushing the water mains and testing the fire hydrant system on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 & 16, 2020.

Residents may experience discolored water during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to let your cold water run until the water runs clear.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we perform our distribution system maintenance. Please feel free to contact the Municipal Office at (802) 228-2841 or the Water Department at (802) 228-8431 if you have any questions.

Thank you



Town of Rockingham Plow Truck RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for a new 10 Wheel Plow Truck. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "PLOW TRUCK RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 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.

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.

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Vermont trout season opens April 11

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's traditional trout fishing season opens Saturday, April 11, and despite lingering snow cover, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season while following COVID-19 safety precautions.

Larger baits can often be more effective for enticing early-season trout into biting. Trout will often hold close to the bottom in the deeper areas of streams during high flow conditions to conserve energy.

Anglers who like to fish and release their catch don't need to wait for opening day. There are year-round catch-and-release fishing opportunities for trout and

bass in Vermont. See the "2020 Vermont Fishing Guide and Regulations" for a list of rivers open to year-round trout fishing. The guide is available on Fish & Wildlife's website at www.eregulations.com/vermont/fishing.

The Fish and Wildlife Department urges anglers to use good judgment to keep everyone safe and reduce the spread of the coronavirus:

- Refrain from carpooling. Drive to your fishing spots only with your immediate family members and only if everyone is feeling well.
- When fishing from shore, keep a distance of at least six feet between you and others. A good way to

measure this is with your fishing pole!

- Don't share fishing gear with others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean your gear well after using it.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water after fishing.

For information about staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities, check 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.

Fish & Wildlife electronic hearings on deer and moose

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Fish and Wildlife announced that the department is holding electronic public hearings to solicit input on deer and moose on the following dates, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

- April 13 – www.zoom.us/j/787469027 and conference call 929-436-2866, meeting ID: 787-469-027
- April 15 – www.zoom.us/j/512423816 and conference call 929-436-2866, meeting ID: 512-423-816

• April 16 – www.zoom.us/j/781441147 and conference call 929-436-2866, meeting ID: 781-441-147

To participate via smartphone or tablet, download the free Zoom cloud meeting app and enter the appropriate 9-digit meeting ID. Please note that conference call number is the same for all meetings, but each meeting has a unique ID number and weblink. Be sure to use the correct information for the meet-

ing you are joining.

The department strongly encourages members of the public to review information that will be discussed by going to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/deer-moose-hearings prior to the hearings.

Public comments and questions will be taken at the electronic meetings over the computer and phone, but can also be provided at any time by sending them to ANR.FWPUBLICCOMMENT@vermont.gov. Responses to these questions at the public hearings will be compiled and presented to the Fish and Wildlife Board before its April 22 meeting.

Comments on moose will be taken until April 19. Public comment on deer will be taken until May 16.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company reimagines 84th season

WESTON, Vt. – Susanna Gellert, executive artistic director of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, in the wake of the ever-evolving circumstances surrounding COVID-19, announces the reimagining of the 2020 theatrical season.

"The mandated guidelines necessary for keeping us safe and healthy have a deep impact on our theatre company and our role as a community arts center," says Gellert. "We have had to come to grips with what this means for our summer

season of plays and musicals. In this time of uncertainty, we have made some important decisions. We make these decisions with the safety of our patrons and our community foremost in our minds, and with a real concern for the wellbeing of our full-time staff and the dozens of artists who come to Weston to create our summer season."

All previously scheduled productions at both the Weston Playhouse and Walker Farm are canceled. However, the three Playhouse shows – "Ring of Fire," "Kinky Boots," and "Steel Magnolias" – will be

produced next year as part of the 2021 season.

For 84 years, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company has flourished as a home for exceptional theatre. Born during the Great Depression, it has withstood floods, fires, times of war, and hurricanes.

When the threat of COVID-19 recedes, Weston Playhouse will once again open its doors. Gellert confirms, "As soon as the opportunity arises, we will gather at Walker Farm to celebrate our theatre's lasting ability to sustain us and bring us together even in the most difficult

times."

In reaching the decision not to move forward with the 2020 season as scheduled, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company coordinated with Dorset Theatre Festival and other arts organizations in the region.

Visit www.westonplayhouse.org for more information or to subscribe to email updates for future announcements about the exciting projects that will create the reimagined 2020 season. Weston staff will be reaching out to current ticket holders with more information about options for their 2020 tickets.

Reduce the risk of wildland fires during COVID-19 emergency

MONTPELIER, Vt. – It is strongly advised that the public postpone all outdoor burning through at least May 30. Open burning creates the risk of an escaped fire and puts pressure on emergency personnel.

Given that Vermont is currently experiencing community-wide spread of COVID-19, there is a need to minimize any additional pressure on

emergency personnel both in terms of response and unnecessary potential contact with people who may have COVID-19.

To date, very few wildland fires have been reported in Vermont this year. However, April and May are historically the most active months for wildland fires in the state, and most of these fires occur as a result of escaped debris burns. Looking ahead, temperatures are

predicted to be above average and precipitation below normal through mid-April.

Vermont's Town Forest Fire Wardens have the statutory authority to stop issuing burn permits and many fire wardens throughout the state have taken this precautionary step. Please check in with your local fire warden and be considerate and patient when assessing the need to conduct any open burning.

The Vermont Wildland Fire Program appreciates the public's support in fire prevention and reducing the need for unnecessary emergency response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about the Wildland Fire Program and to locate your town's forest fire warden, visit www.fpr.vermont.gov/forest/wildland-fire/forest-fire-wardens.

"Two Painters Out Standing in Their Fields"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents "Two Painters Out Standing in Their Fields" with Jeanne McMahan and Rodrica Tilley. This show opens online April 8 through May 9. Go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com to experience the show in this new interactive format. Canal Street Art Gallery

remains optimistic at this time of much uncertainty, innovating ways to bring the show to you.

Jeanne McMahan and Rodrica Tilley are the fourth set of artists to make a duo show of this kind. Both artists work from direct observation of the landscape: Jeanne McMahan in oil paint and Rodrica Tilley in pastel paint. McMahan looks to

the open fields and water with her gestural style and minimal shapes. Tilley, often working in her gardens, finds intimate views with packed together subjects.

Join us live online April 17, from 6 to 7 p.m., for our virtual gallery event. Go to www.facebook.com/canalstreetartgallery or www.canalstreetartgallery.com/events.html.

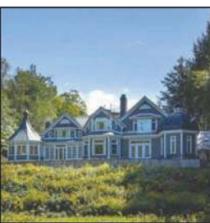
The gallery will only be open by appointment until further notice. Please call Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.



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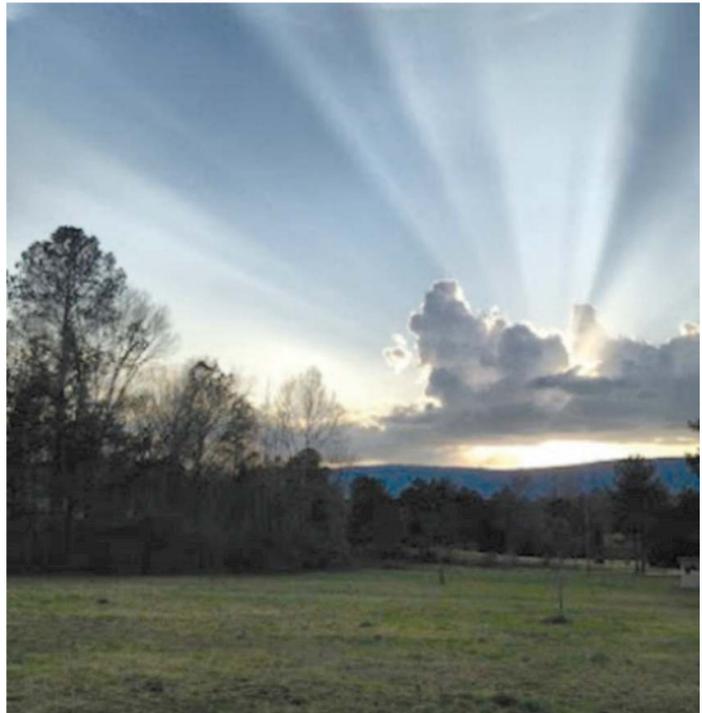
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Now is a great time to do the things we usually put off until later...
Take a walk, pick up the sticks that have fallen on the ground, go through closets and drawers, clean out/organize, reach out to an old friend or relative...
Turn the worst of times into the best of times!

Stay well,
The Muse & Associates Team



Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival canceled

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival Planning Committee has officially canceled the 2020 festival. The next festival will return in 2021 on first Sunday in May – May 2, 2021. The dedication of the new osprey platform will take place at a future date to be determined.

Information on next year's festival will be posted on the Audubon Society website at www.amasvt.org.

Northshire virtual events program

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Northshire Bookstore is taking its motto of building community one book at a time to heart in this time of pandemic. Northshire will host a virtual events program every Thursday at 5 p.m. with weekly authors and guests via Zoom.

Full event information is available at www.northshire.com/upcoming-events. The virtual events can be accessed at www.zoom.us/j/9537813547. A direct link and more information are available at www.northshire.com.