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## Thank you to our valued community

Guide

We are all navigating the challenging waters of this new way of life together. The staff of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper wishes everyone great health now and as we move forward together.

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to express our gratitude to our advertisers and readers for continuing to support us.

Thank you and God bless, Robert Miller, publisher

## Joint Board appoints Wise interim municipal manager —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Tuesday, April 28, the Joint Board of the Bellows Falls Village Trustees and the Rockingham Selectboard met to discuss and appoint an interim municipal manager.

Village President Deborah Wright began the meeting with a quick reminder that this was "A time when more than ever we need to take care of and for mask, please do the same."

Wendy Harrison's last day as manager is May 15, and the boards moved to authorize town planner and health officer Chuck Wise as interim man-

Village Trustee Stefan Golec made the motion, James McAuliffe seconded for the board to enter in agreement, and the Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Wise.

Selectboard member Stefan Golec made the motion for the each other. I care for my com- board, seconded by Ben Ma- to prevent "burning out a munity, therefore, I wear a sure to appoint Wise as interim staff member."

manager, the board passed the appointment, 4-1 with Peter Golec against.

Wise will begin his position as interim municipal manager May 15.

Susan Hammond wanted to thank Harrison for her time with the town of Rockingham and said, "It's been a pleasure working with you," and wished Harrison luck.

Hammond also expressed her hope that the interim position be of "short duration.

## Local farmers cope with the COVID-19 crisis

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -With the news on TV showing farmers plowing under crops earmarked for closed restaurants and not being able to be transport them to desperately needy food banks, one may wonder how our local farmers are faring? Janice Leary Jones is in touch with the local farming scene. For the past three years, she has been manager of the seasonal, weekly Greater Falls Farmers Market in Bellows Falls. One year before that, she was a vendor at the market as a "homesteader" in Westminster, having animals and growing vegetables and

Currently, Jones says she is seeing an "uptick" in demand for local foods. She sees local farmers as being busier than ever at this time of year. Now they are focusing on the work of keeping themselves and others healthy as well as produc-

ing foods and related farm products. Jones, however, noted that a lot of people were starting to shop online. She thought, "Gosh, we could do a better job of supporting local businesses," and, "I could do something to effect change."

So she volunteered, calling herself a "catalyst," to create an online list of distancing." local producer

resources that provide either delivery or curbside pick up similar to what some retail businesses in town are doing. Jones also says she reached out to "smaller folks and businesses who don't have the name recognition of the bigger ones."

The list is a project of Sustainable Valley Group, a group that organizes and manages the Great Falls Farmers Market. The list went out to a number of email list serve contacts, such as the farmers market and Rockingham Arts and Museum Project, that reach many in the local area.

Toni Kessler of West River Seeds in West Townshend is on the list. She says she is more a gardener than a farmer. She produces seeds that are adapted to the local climate. Kessler says, "Locally adapted seeds are important due to climate change." She, like Jones, has noted that a lot of local farmers have seen an increase in business. She says, "More people have become aware of local seeds and food."

With the current uncertainty, she has seen that many people are newly starting gardens and many farmers have found that commercial seed companies have sold out.

Also on the list is Nicole Crouch-Diaz of Between the Poppies Farm in Putney. She produces a variety of greens, culinary and medicinal herbs, and an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, popular since "it's in such need."

She is involved in organizing some local farmers in doing their own online sales. She says, "More people are turning to local agriculture as a sustainable source of food. We are incredibly blessed in this area [with the] amount of variety in what is available here." She sees a lot of local support. "Everyone I know is working hard to support local producers."

Good news for many of these vendors came in mid-April when local farmers markets were declared an "essential service," and all are able to open as scheduled.

For more information about the online list, email Janice Leary Jones at greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.



PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

## Rockingham Help and Helpers response to COVID-19 -

the Rockingham community to clarify the role of Rockingham Help and Helpers during the COVID-19 crisis. Con-

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - We cerns have been raised that we are writing to the members of may be impinging on some of our established nonprofits by providing redundant services and by receiving donations of food and money that they might otherwise get.

RHH came into being im-

mediately after our governor's stay-at-home order was issued when several of us called the town manager with offers to

organizations and individuals working together to address additional and unforeseen needs that might come up for Rockingham residents at-risk with chronic illness and immunosuppression. The groups involved include community members, Sustainable Rockingham, Our Place Food Shelf, Parks Place Resource Center, Greater Falls Connections, Greater Rockingham Area Services, FactTV, and the town of Rockingham, including the Rockingham Free Public Library and the Development Office. The senior center and SEVCA have also joined in by promoting the survey and making their resources known

help those in need. What co-

alesced was a group of local

through the library website. Our initial effort was to implement in Rockingham what many other towns in the state were doing - to identify those in town who needed help due to isolation and quarantine requirements, as well as identify residents who were available and willing to meet the needs

for those requesting additional help. A survey, created for this dual purpose, is continually sent out and daily reviewed for new respondents as every day new needs arise. For example, a resident may have lost their job and not have a way to get food, hygiene supplies, or pet

We intentionally do not duplicate other local services. If you currently volunteer or donate to our local nonprofits, please continue to do so. Our object is to complement their work and fill gaps as they are identified. Our local organizations are working together closely using information gleaned from the survey combined with ongoing knowledge of our community. For instance, one family may be getting food from Our Place, diapers donated from Parks Place, and a hot meal donated by Leslie's Restaurant. RHH coordinates the delivery so only one volunteer driver is going out to isolating community members.

Our COVID-19 response

in Rockingham has motivated us to set up a systematic way to care for our neighbors in future disasters. We remember that Tropical Storm Irene wasn't that long ago and Sustainable Rockingham is working to develop this system. Please be on the lookout for these proposals.

We are all looking forward to the time when RHH does not need to exist and hopefully this will not be too far in the future. Should any money or materials remain, they will be donated to Our Place and Parks Place.

It has been inspiring to see our community come together to care for each other during this most frightening and difficult time. We have learned that we can depend on our community to care for each other. If you would like to join us, or if you know someone who might need our help, we encourage you to complete the survey at www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Written by Leslie Goldman, Rockingham Help and Help-

## Meals on Wheels is an essential

## service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Meals on Wheels has made changes to how we operate during these challenging times. Volunteers no longer enter our building, everyone wears a mask, and everyone is provided disposable gloves for their use while delivering. Pictured are Jack, Josh, Brian, and Jacqueline. We are very fortunate to have 13 more awesome volunteers not pictured. Thank you, Meals on Wheels volunteers. You're the Best!

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## Area revolving loan fund designates emergency funds for businesses -

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Regional Development Corporation has announced that they have received authorization to utilize a portion of the Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund to assist businesses that are impacted by COV-

SRDC has designated \$173,000 of the RLF's lending base for use in emergency loans to businesses. These funds are intended for use as gap financing to help businesses in southern Windsor County meet their current financing needs while other processes or programs are delayed, or after other sources of assistance are exhausted. Please note that applicants for CARES Act programs need to be aware of how this emergency loan could impact an EIDL or PPP award.

The Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund utilizes funds from the Economic Development Administration. The intent of the emergency loans is to help area companies to retain jobs.

SRDC Executive Director Bob Flint says emergency loans have a broader allowance for usage of funds beyond what the RLF normally permits. "The Federal Economic Development Administration has helped us to provide another resource to help businesses in the region," Flint said. He said that funding from the RLF is available to applicants in the ten towns in the SRDC service region.

For more information about the Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund, or to get a loan application, please contact Paul Kowalski at SRDC, pkowalski@springfielddevelopment.org 802-885-3061.

## Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, "A Still Life" opens at Canal Street Art Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Canal Street Art Gallery presents Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, "A Still Life," opening online May 13 through June 13.

Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, based in Bellows Falls, presents paintings of her familiar floral stilllife fruits and vegetables. These new paintings focus on intimate details from the artist's life, depicting sticky-notes, origami, book stacks, color chips, and postcards showing reproductions of artworks from the likes of Braque and Duchamp. Fitz-Rapalje includes quotes from other artists.

Fitz-Rapalje says, "I think of my small paintings as 'companions' rather than an artistic 'statement'. I hope they may exist with generations of a family living around them. I imagine my tulips or peaches being quiet observers of different lives per-

**Ludlow Community** 

**Blood Drive** 

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Monday, May 11, from 12:30-5:30 p.m.,

there will be a blood drive at the Ludlow Community Center,

37 Main Street. Please wear your facemask to the blood drive

and use the provided hand sanitizer throughout the entire

donation process. For an appointment, please visit www.red-

crossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

formed in their space. I consider it theater in two directions - observer to painting and painting to observer."

View "A Still Life" at www. canalstreetartgallery.com starting May 13. On Friday, May 15, Canal Street Art Gallery will be live online at 6 p.m. for our virtual gallery event. Go to www.facebook. com/canalstreetartgallery www.canalstreetartgallery.com/events.html to participate in this virtual gallery showing.

Canal Street Art Gallery is also pleased to now offer private appointments, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and to schedule your private viewing, call 802-289-0104 or email artinfo@ canalstreetartgallery.com. Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, Vt.





## The Collaborate advice on quitting tobacco, vaping during Stay-at-Home order —

REGION - People who conversation you have been smoke or vape are encouraged to quit now more than ever. "There has never been a better time and there has never been a better reason to quit," said Dr. Mark Levine, Vermont Commissioner of Health during a press conference March 27,

Since people in Vermont are living under a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, tobacco and vape users are encouraged to take this opportunity and quit. Without many of the pre-Covid-19 distractions, routines, and appointments to follow through with, many are able to better focus on the intention of quitting smoking or vaping or to virtually support someone you know who is quitting.

Parents, you know that

meaning to have with your child? Well, now you are home together, the time is now to have a conversation with them about the increased risks of harm from smoking or vaping. Let them know you unconditionally love and support them, and that their health and wellbeing is your utmost concern. Let them know you will be there supporting them to quit smoking or vaping. Together, you can explore ways to quit and identify cessation tools and resources for your child, and tools and resources for you to support your child's cessation process.

Areyou or someone you know thinking about quitting smoking or vaping? 802QUITS. org or 1-800-QUIT-NOW is a free resource to adults and teens who want to quit using nicotine or are trying to stay

nicotine free. This resource provides free online, text, and phone services; make your own quit plan; and patches, gum, lozenges - some restrictions for nicotine replacement may apply.

Victoria Silsby, prevention specialist at The Collaborative is available to answer questions by phone or email at 802-824-4200 or victoria@ the collaborative.us.

The Collaborative, since 1999, serves Bennington County, western Windham and southern Windsor counties. Our direct service area includes 18 towns encompassing the Northshire and mountain towns and nine schools focusing on promoting healthy communities and substancefree youth through education, programming, environmental strategies and policy develop-

## A crucial time to plan for health decisions and advance care

**REGION** – We at the Vermont Ethics Network, in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders from across the state, always stress that there is no better time than the present to begin your advance care planning journey. These days, however, documenting your wishes has taken on even greater importance.

These are stressful and uncertain times. While we can't control what will happen if we become sick with COVID-19, we can control who will make decisions for us and ensure that our health care providers know what matters most if we do become ill.

There can be peace of mind in knowing you have a plan. Cindy Bruzzese, clinical ethicist and executive director of the Vermont Ethics Network, shares some tips for navigating advance care planning in the age of CO-VID-19: "The time to think

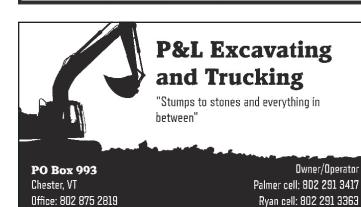


about advance care planning is when you are healthy and before a medical emergency or health crisis happens. Get talking! Have conversations about your hopes and fears for the future. Share what you want your doctor to know so that they are better able to provide care that aligns with your personal goals and health priorities. While you're at it, review your old documents and make sure they still reflect what is important to

Some questions to help guide your discussions are: Who should your doctors speak with if you are unable to speak for yourself? What would be most important to you if your recovery would not include a return of health as you knew it? Are there situations you would like to avoid? What does a good day look like? The best quality health care includes making choices centered on your goals and values, and advance care planning documents can help.

With social distancing in place, signing and witnessing advance directive documents, such as the appointment of a health care agent or advance directive forms, in accordance with Vermont's law can be a challenge. Even with these limitations, your wishes still matter. While you may not be able to sign and witness a document in accordance with the "letter of the law," what you write down is still in keeping with the "spirit of the law" and your right to be self-determining. Ethical obligations exist regardless of the legality of the document. Documents created right now, while we are all doing the best we can, still carry "moral weight" and would be considered in decision-making.

We invite all Vermont residents to capitalize on this crucial time to have conversations and make their health care preferences known. Learn more about how to do so by visiting the Vermont Ethics Network website, www.vtethicsnetwork. org, which has free downloadable advance directive forms and a wealth of information about the tools available for medical decision making in Vermont, along with a dedicated page for COVID-19 advance care planning considerations



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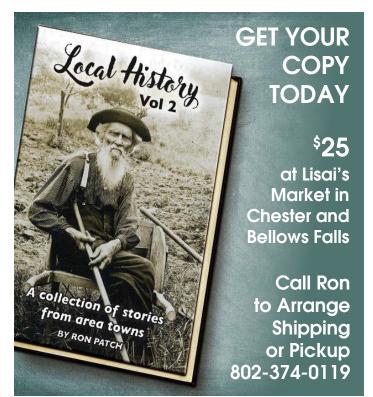


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## Old sayings

was a much different world than what we have today. Everyone knew everyone in their town. Many were related by birth or marriage. These old Vermonters often overlooked another Vermonter's transgressions.

In many cases we knew both actors. If Al's wheelbarrow was left outdoors and appeared neglected, someone might rescue it. The word "thief" was reserved for someone charged with breaking and entering or stealing something of great value. A thief wasn't tolerated. The police were involved and a trial held.

For an old saying last week I used, "Cabbaged onto." Each old saying I use below is a variation of cabbaged

#### Cabbaged onto

A common old saying when I was young was "cabbaged onto." The definition of this old saying meant someone took something that didn't belong to them. Notice I stop short of saying stole. There was a difference.

Vermonters are known for their quick wit and dry humor. We all knew Fred took Al's wheelbarrow but how we addressed it was different. We might say, "Fred cabbaged onto Al's wheelbarrow when no one was looking."

We found these somewhat shifty Vermonters entertaining and amusing. They really didn't do much harm. They just took something they thought they could better use than you could.

We didn't get too upset as Fred and Al were probably related, or at the very least knew each other. Sometimes the loser of the article would go to the police, often with the same outcome. The police would talk with Al, tell-

Vermont of 100 years ago ing him he had to give it back. Seldom was further action required.

> I don't know the origin of "cabbaged onto," but I offer two possible explanations of the origin. Perhaps 200 years ago there was a man, Mr. Cabbage, who was a thief. When something came up missing, someone in his town might have ble. said, "Someone Cabbaged onto that," referring to Mr. Cabbage being light-fingered.

Another possibility is two neighboring farmers had vegetable gardens. Fred didn't grow any cabbage, but his neighbor Al did. Fred borrowed some of Al's cabbage. So, when something came up missing, it was said, "Someone cabbaged onto

Regardless if either explanation is correct, the term "cabbaged onto" spread to the next town. Over time it became familiar to most Vermonters.

#### Liberated

"Liberated" was another old saying meaning the same as cabbaged onto. I love this old saying. Years ago, I knew an old man who never married. When Virgil got older, he needed help with chores around the house so he hired a woman to perform those duties.

He kept a glass centerpiece on his dining room table. He put little things in the centerpiece that he enjoyed looking at. In my trade we call them "Poopies." In the centerpiece were some Indian arrowheads, some seashells, and a few other trinkets. And he had a few antique marbles. Two marbles were two inches in diameter. The others were smaller sulphide marbles. Sulphides are a clear glass marble with a figure of a dog or other animal formed in the center of the marble.

Virgil was telling me one day how his marbles come up missing. "Well," he said, "she liber-



Two-inch diameter onionskin mar-

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ated those." Liberated implies the marbles had been rescued from captivity.

#### Relieved

Another way of describing someone who took something was by saying, "Fred relieved Al of his wheelbarrow." The humor in this old saying makes it sound like Fred did Al a favor taking it off his hands. I use these old sayings whenever appropri-

As the previous generation of Vermonters has died off, with them went these old sayings. I think they are an important part of our history. This is why I record them at the end of my weekly articles. Perhaps someday someone will find these old sayings interesting enough to research and compile. If so, I want to leave a record.

The photo with this article is a two-inch diameter "onionskin" marble in my collection that dates to the 1880s. It was handmade in Germany. This would have been a prize marble for the owner. These large marbles weren't cheap.

This week's old saying was something my mother used. She despised a liar. She believed a liar could do you more harm than a thief. She would say, "Praise a thief. Damn a liar." I agree with

## Vermont History Day goes virtual in 2020

Vermonters can no longer gather in large groups, but that will not stop young history lovers from participating in Vermont History Day, an exciting education program that encourages students to develop research and critical thinking skills through the study of the past.

Coordinated by the Vermont Historical Society, Vermont History Day provides students grades 5 through 12 and home study students ages 10 to 18 the opportunity to share their projects at the annual state contest. Students choose a topic inspired by the National History Day theme and can focus their projects on Vermont, United States, or world history. This year's theme is "Breaking Barriers in History." Participating students will create a variety of projects such as exhibits, websites, dramatic performances, documentaries, and historic papers. Through their work, students gain a deeper understanding of how people,

cultures, and events affect the course of history.

This year's event was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at UVM; however, the Vermont Historical Society delayed the contest to allow students and teachers time to work on projects while adapting to distance learning.

Over 200 students from 22 schools and homeschools have chosen to continue their work despite the changes. A panel of 75 judges including local historians, educators, and other professionals is committed to evaluating the projects online. The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 8 at 2 p.m. and will be streamed on the Vermont Historical Society Facebook page.

The top two projects in each division will qualify to compete in the national contest, which will also be virtual this year. Outstanding projects will also win special prizes, which are sponsored by several local organizations.

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## Stay-at-Home project for Andover kids ———

ANDOVER, Vt. - What will Andover residents remember about the COVID-19 emergency over 50 years from now? Will they remember it? Let's have Andover's children send a message to the future through artwork and writing. The submissions will be kept rolled up in a tube in the town vault to be opened at Andover's Tricentennial in 2076.

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tee, is for children age 13 and under. Submissions should focus on this stay-at-home time during the COVID-19 emergency. They should be onepage and are due by May 15. Please include your name. Your grandchildren may be looking at these in 2076.

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## SoVeA meeting, "The Relationship between Galileo and Kepler"-

CHESTER, Vt. - In order to accommodate social distancing guidelines and in the service of continuing to join together for astronomical adventures, the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group is moving its monthly meetings online.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom, SoVerA will host a presentation by Peter Mulhall on "The Relationship between Galileo and Kepler and their role in the Scientific Revolution." Peter is a retired high school physics teacher and adjunct college lecturer in mathematics and computer science at Keene State College.

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# obituaries

## Sylvia L. Balla, 1936-2020

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Sylvia Lois Balla, 84, passed away April 21, 2020 at Springfield Hospital following a brief illness. She was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Jan. 5, 1936, the daughter of Roland and Lila (Coburn) Robinson. She attended schools in Bellows Falls.

In October 1955, she married Elwin Balla in Bellows Falls. She worked for Fall Mountain School District, K-Mart, J.H. Dunning Company, and McDonald's.

She was a member of the Rebekahs for 62 years and served as president of the Rebekah Assembly of Vermont in 1990-1991 and 2003-2004. She joined the Odd Fellows in 2003 and served as grand master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, IOOF in 2010-2011.

She leaves her son Richard of Charlestown; sisters Linda, June, Mildred, and Margie; and brothers Bruce and Arthur. She was predeceased by her husband Elwin in 2000, her parents, sister Sandra, and brothers Doug, Edwin, and Russell.

Per her wishes there will be no services. Roy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Lena Kazak, 1919-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Lena Kazak passed away quietly in the early morning of March 11, 2020. A lifelong resident of Springfield, Lena was born Feb. 19, 1919 on Mineral Street. Slack Corporation was running strong and there were many residences on Mineral Street. Lena's parents, Joseph Kazak and Antonina Rudkowska, both worked for Slack.

As a young child, Lena experienced poor health and her mother feared she would die young. Little did she know that Lena would become a petite but robust, self-sufficient woman who lived to the age of 101.

Lena was a member of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Her father was one of the founding officers of the Holy Trinity Parish in Springfield. When Lena was 3, her family moved to a farm on Will Dean Road and lived there until 1946. Lena graduated from Springfield High School in 1938. She went to work at Springfield Lunch on Main Street. Her work experience was written about in 2004 as part of a series of articles called "Morn-

ings On Maple Street." After leaving Springfield Lunch, Lena worked for Bryant Grinder Corp. She was employed as a machinist and operated an internal grinding machine for three years. It was during World War II, and Lena was a true "Rosie the Riveter." She worked the 3-11 p.m. shift and then walked home a mileand-a-half out of town from the

right to shorten any Obituary



Lena Kazak, 1919-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

plant. In 1945, Lena worked for Springfield Photo Finishing, Dartmouth Woolen Mills in Claremont, N.H., and Springfield Telephone Co. She eventually returned to Bryant and worked as personnel secretary, retiring in 1983 with over 30 years of service. While retired, Lena traveled extensively. She also enjoyed tending her perennial garden at her residence in Springfield where she lived for 70 years.

Lena leaves one sister Nellie Millay of Springfield. She is predeceased by four brothers Anany, Joe, Mitrofan, and Mike. Never having married or raised children of her own, Lena dedicated her love and attention to her nine nieces and nephews. She will be fondly remembered and missed.

Burial will be in the family plot in Oakland Cemetery at a

## Maurice A. Sheldon, 1933-2020

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. -Maurice Alfred Sheldon, 86, passed away at his home April 15, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born June 23, 1933 in Rutland, Vt., the son of Ernest and Mabel (Fuller) Sheldon. He attended Chester High School.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. In 1956, he married Gail Spaulding.

She predeceased him in 2005. He was employed in maintenance with Windsor Minerals, Johnson & Johnson, and Luzenac America Inc. for many years, retiring in 1996. He enjoyed fourwheeling, hunting, driving back roads, and his dogs. He was a longtime member of the Ballard Hobart American Legion Post 36 in Ludlow.

He is survived by two sons Thomas Sheldon and David Sheldon, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by four brothers and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville at a later and will be announced at that time. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Ballard Hobart American Legion Post 36, 133 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

## David L. Green, 1936-2020

CHESTER, Vt. - David L. "Red" Green, 83, passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday morning, April 29, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was born June 16, 1936 in East Hardwick, Vt., the son of Thomas and Mabel (Dimick) Green. He graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1954 and the co-op course. He served in the Army National Guard for 28

On June 23, 1962, he married Sophia Munson in Springfield, Vt. He was employed as a machinist for many years working at Jones & Lamson Machine Tool, Parks & Woolsons, and Bryant Grinder. He also worked at the Springfield Sunoco as a mechanic. He was a truck driver with Idlenot Dairy in Springfield, truck driver and technician with Johnson & Dix and Springfield Fuel Company. He later started his own company Dave's Heating Inc. and worked for many more years as a service technician alongside his son Steve.

Dave was a motorcycle buff. He repaired motorcycles and did Vermont state motorcycle inspections for over 50 years. He also worked at the Springfield Bowling Alley for many years in



David L. Green, 1936-2020.
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the pro-shop. He enjoyed camping, traveling, bowling, billiards, golf, and his antique car.

He is survived by his wife Sophia, son Steven Green (Michelle), daughter Sharon Sinclair (Roger), brother Douglas Green, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and three sisters Marilyn Page, Carolyn Wimmer, and Janice Claflin.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Russell D. Goodwin, 1947-2020

BALTIMORE, Vt. - Russell Dale Goodwin, 73, died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday evening, April 28, 2020. He was born Feb. 2, 1947 in Lyndon, Vt., the son of Dale and Hazel (Amadon) Goodwin. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy trade school Class of 1965. He played little league baseball in 1959 and football in 1961.

He served with Troup C, 5th Squadron, 117 Ca Vermont Army National Guard from February 1965 to February 1971 in Lyndonville, Vt. On Jan. 5, 1995, he married Faith Cox in Springfield, Vt.

Russell was employed as a machinist with the Bryant Grinder Corporation in Springfield for over 35 years. He enjoyed bird watching, jigsaw puzzles, and mowing the lawn with his new mower.

He is survived by his wife Faith Cox Goodwin, daughter Carrie Delorenzo and her husband Tony, son Leo Goodwin, son Nathan Goodwin and his wife Cindy, stepdaughter Amanda Bartley, sister Sandra Goodwin and her husband Gordon Stone, sister Sharon Emery,



D. Goodwin, 1947-Russell

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brother Edward Goodwin and wife Polly, grandchildren Danielle Lindeblad (Peter), Stephen Delorenzo, Ayres Delorenzo, Shayla Delorenzo, Elisabeth Delorenzo, Sarah Delorenzo, Arianna Delorenzo, Molly Goodwin, Brooke Goodwin, Katie Goodwin, and step-grandson Tanner Lawrence. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother David Goodwin.

Services will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Patricia C. Larson, 2020

CHESTER, Vt. - Patricia C. (Carlson) Larson, 89, passed away peacefully with her family by her side April 25, 2020 at her daughter's home in Bradford,

Patricia enjoyed reading, knitting, and traveling. She drove a school bus for the Chester public schools. She was a superb waitress working for many years at the Country Girl Diner, Howard Johnson's, and many other local restaurants. She enjoyed playing shuffleboard in her retirement in Bushnell, Fla.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of Carl and Gladys (Smith) Carlson. She was a graduate of Keyport, N.J. High School. She married Rob-

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ert "Bob" H. Larson and lived for many years in Holmdel, N.J. In 1969, Pat and Bob with their four children moved to Chester, Vt. Patricia later married Wendell Burton.

Patricia is survived by her four children Linda Wilson (Gary), Robert Jr. Larson, Lori Moore (Ronald), Keith Larson (Barbara), 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, two sisters, husbands, and grandson.

A memorial service will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home in Bradford, Vt.

## Robert J. Patch, 1943-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Robert J. Patch, 76, of Atkinson Street, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020. Bob was born in Bellows Falls Aug. 16, 1943, the son of John and Marjorie (Beals) Patch. He attended school in Saxtons River, was a 1961 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, and served in the Army and National Guard for a combined 33 years. He proudly served during the Vietnam and Desert Storm wars and was a member of the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771. In 1975, he married Erika Klemrath in Stuttgart Germany Bob worked at White Metal, ments are in the care of Fenton &

and retired from Sonnax in 2006. He also worked part-time at the Rockingham Free Public Library.

Bob is survived by his daughter Judy, son-in-law Daniel, and grandchildren Chase and Ashlyn Johnson of Morrisville, N.C., as well as his brother Gerald, sisterin-law Sue Patch, nieces Stephanie Patch and Tracy Parkhurst, and two great-nephews Ayden and Kai Parkhurst of Springfield, Vt. He is predeceased by his parents and his wife Erika.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced. Arrange Robinson Paper, Unified Data, Hennessey Funeral Home.

## Timothy J. Velazquez, 1986-2020

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Timothy J. Velazquez, 33, of Back Westminster Road, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020. Tim was born in Holyoke, Mass., Sept. 25, 1986, the son of Jose and Diana (Rivera) Velazquez. He had a strong love for his children. He also enjoyed cars and loud music and had a smile that could light up any room. He was a bit of a show-off who lived life to the fullest.

Surviving are his children Timothy, Manuel, and Donnevhan and their mother Bridgette; Kashe and his mother Brooke; Kingston and his mother Kaitlyn; Valentina and Luisito and their mother Emily; his mother Diana; his siblings Patricia, Evelyn, Joseph, Sasha, David, Michael, and Jackie. He is predeceased by his father Jose Luis Velazquez.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced.

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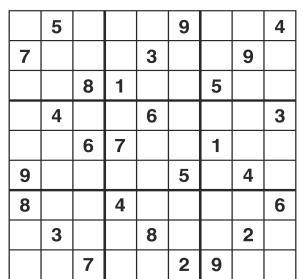
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# opinion

Dear Editor,

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad has received a tremendous outpouring of support from the community over the last two months. First, we'd like to express our gratitude for the many monetary donations we've received. In addition, the discounts and donations of materials, time, labor, and products were instrumental in strengthening our response to the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

A heartfelt thank you is ex-

tended to the following businesses and organizations: Barton Electric, Death Wish Coffee, Girl Scout Troop 60220 Ludlow, P&F Appliances, Precision Plumbing and Heating, Sabin Flooring, and WEQX-FM 102.7 Manchester.

A special thank you to the many seamstresses too numerous to name individually, who donated masks that both the rescue squad and essential employees in the community will benefit from in the months to come.

Lastly, we'd like to thank this newspaper and their online news service for their willingness to publish our needs and our story during such a busy news cycle.

We look forward to continuing to serve all of you in the community in the months to come.

Sincerely, Londonderry Volunteer Res-

cue Squad

Dear Editor,

Whiting Library's first librarian served for 50 years. My tenure was a relatively short 11 and a half. What began in the children's room moved down the hall into the front office, which was the library's original entrance. From there, the services to the public, physical needs of the building, and news ideas were nudged along.

During this time, furniture was rearranged and replaced, old curtains were removed, almost every wall was repainted. Multiple air conditioner units were replaced with heat-pumps that switch modes from cooling to heating. The furnaces were changed from oil to propane, and every nook has been cleaned and cleared out.

In 2008, there was one computer for the use of the director. The catalog was a set of cards, and checkout involved a machine that took a chunk out of the side of the book card while stamping the date. Whiting Library now has eight computers, five iPads, and three Kindles. The catalog and all circulation features are automated. Our catalog is connected to all the others in Vermont allowing easy searching and borrowing between libraries. The collection of VCR and audiotapes gave way to discs. Magazines were reduced to a few, graphic novels became popular, and every book, movie, and audio was considered and reconsidered for condition and relevance.

In the public meeting area, a "loop" was installed for those

The Colts and Fillies 4-H Club

has been thankful for the use of

the public horse show ring at the

Millot Green for over 50 years.

We appreciate this privilege and

do our best to take great care of

community members over this

winter in the stacking and burning of wood pallets inside the

horse show ring. The bonfire

burned many pallets and boards

containing nails that have not

been completely cleaned up.

These nails and staples from the

pallets could cause injury and

possible death to a horse that is

ridden in the ring. The ring is also used for youth soccer prac-

tice, and the remaining nails pose

a danger to the children. The de-

bris in the ring had been picked

up as of a month ago; however,

a club leader found many 2- and 3-inch nails still in the area.

The Colts and Fillies Club will

Our club is extremely disappointed in the actions of some

Dear Editor,

the facility.

with hearing difficulties. We installed a whiteboard for presentations, a TV, a DVD player, media screen, and a popcorn popper. The piano was moved to a better location, repaired, and tuned. Craft cubbies, toy storage, and colorful rugs were added in the basement for a play space and maker space. The exterior of the library was updated thanks to a grant and loan, and a park bench now sits beneath the omega window. We now have more opportunities to partner with others in the community, and many, many to thank.

My personal thanks and also on behalf of Whiting Library to Deb Aldrich, Julie Hance, Cil Mathews, Amie O'Brien, David Pisha for their help and support; to the members of the Chester Selectboard and those in Andover who promote our financial support; to SoVerA, Chester Townscapes, Chester Rotary, Nature Museum, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Chester-Andover and Green Mountain schools for their partnerships.

Thank you to all the trustees who sat on the board in the last 11 years: Cynthia Collins, Marian Mosher, Ruthanne Batchelder, Ann Curran, Charlotte Edgar, Janet Churchill Elliot, Phyllis Jewett, Bruce Parks, Suzy Forlie, Shawn Cunningham, Mariette Bock, Mary Lou Farr, Jay Emery, Kathleen Pellett, David Lord, Linda Tallarico, Stephanie Whitney-Payne, Carrie King, Jessica Buchanan, Jessica DiMarco, Vanessa Heyburne, Judith Copping, Coleen Garvey,

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Thanks and appreciation for the prior directorship of Karen Morris, and to children's librarian Carrie King and her predecessors Stephanie Kaufman, Jeanne Waldren, Karin Fischer, Theone Wallace. Thank you to library assistant Will Wilcox and those who came before. I look forward to all that new director Deirdre Doran will accomplish. Forgive my omissions, please know you are most appreciated.

I especially wish to thank all those who find something to inspire, inform, and entertain at the library. Keep visiting! Bring your friends!

Sincerely, Sharon Tanzer Director-retired, Whiting Library

Dear Editor,

I wanted to publicly recognize the outstanding care that my 9-year-old son received at Grace Cottage Hospital last week after he suffered serious injuries from an unfortunate dog attack. The team at Grace Cottage, led by Dr. Kimona Alin, was amazing both in the quality of care and the empathy for the

young patient – and his anxious father.

We are familiar with modern day "Health Care Heroes," including one in our own family, and I would suggest the Grace Cottage professionals are among the best we have encountered. We are fortunate and proud to have them as part of our community. I hope we do not have to visit the hospital too often, but if we do I know we will be in good hands. Thanks to their team and all of the health care professionals whose unwavering dedication is helping us get through these difficult times.

Sincerely, Chad Czapla South Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Thankfully, as a result of Vermonters adopting "stay home, stay safe" and practicing public health safety measures social distancing, wearing face masks and gloves - the spread of the novel coronavirus has slowed significantly in Vermont. The growth rate in new COVID-19 cases is lower and the number of people in the hospital is stable. These results enable the governor to gingerly begin to open the spigot of our economy. As restrictions are eased, I urge people to follow public health safety practices because if infections spike, we could overwhelm our health care system and have to close back down again. The successful reopening of Vermont's economy rests with us.

For those of you dealing with the frustrations of a Department of Labor overwhelmed by over 70,000 unemployment insurance claim applications, I applaud your patience. By this time, I hope that your claims have been accepted, that the issues which may have complicated your application have been resolved, and that benefit checks have begun to arrive. It has been an anxious time for many Vermonters - and it was terrible to have it exacerbated by DOL's 30-year-old mainframe and understaffing. Now, with over 200 people working in their call center and a new IT vendor helping to facilitate the new influx to UI of 40-50,000 self-employed and independent contractors - we expect the claimant experience will be much improved.

Last Friday, people who are

self-employed or independent contractors were finally able to file the application for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance – the \$600 federal enhancement - online. Benefits will be retroactive to March 15. To calculate their benefit, self-employed claimants have to upload their 2019 tax return. If they haven't yet filed their returns, they are eligible for the minimum UI benefit plus the \$600 enhanced PUA, for a total of \$791 per week. Once their tax returns are uploaded, the department will review and adjust their benefits.

Last week, the Senate Economic Development Committee voted to allow the presumption of compensability of COVID-19 related claims for workers compensation during the emergency period for certain frontline workers. This will make worker's comp more available to workers who get COVID-19. To be covered, workers will have to have had a heightened risk of infection. And while the claims will be rebuttable, the presumption will be that the disease was contracted on the job.

Our Senate Government Operations Committee passed a bill which would, in response to the COVID-19 crisis, temporarily empower local legislative bodies to: 1) extend the deadline for payment of property taxes; 2) reduce or waive penalties, interest, and fees for late payment of property taxes; and 3) adjust the municipal tax rate for the calendar year 2020. This is intended to give towns flexibility in dealing with one of the biggest financial obligations most Vermonters face. Provision 1 and 2 cover both statewide education and municipal property tax. However, an equally important issue we still need to address is the penalty towns pay to the state if their education fund payments are short or late.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which are being debated now, those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website, www. legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely, Sen. Alison Clarkson Windsor County



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has been completed. The club proposes that the Millot Green should not be used for such activities as burning bonfires in the future. The club is happy to share the Millot with all community members and groups. We hope that these members and groups be conscientious and consider how their use of the grounds affects others.

Sincerely, Serena, Daniela, Madison, Evan, Sarah, Addison, Charlotte,

and Juliette Colts and Fillies 4-H Club Alstead, N.H.



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appointment only. If the stray is a dog, contact your ACO or police.

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## Enhanced testing and contact tracing programs

On Wednesday, April 29, Gov. Phil Scott and members of his administration announced the state is significantly increasing and strengthening its testing and contact tracing programs in order to quickly identify, contain, and suppress outbreaks of CO-

"We have a strong and effective testing and contact tracing program in Vermont, but as we work to keep Vermonters healthy, and slowly and safely restart our economy, doing even more will be critical," said Gov. Scott. "This expansion of testing and tracing will help make sure that as we slowly ease public health restrictions increase will take place and put more people back to work, we're able to identify cases quickly and better contain the virus so we don't lose ground on our progress."

Over the last several weeks, the state has expanded testing beyond federal recommendations and built a robust program and strong supply chain. On average, the state has been conducting about 2,000 tests per week.

Gov. Scott, Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D., and state epidemiologist Patsy Kelso, Ph.D. detailed a phasedin approach to have the state conduct up to about 7,500 tests per week. The in stages over the next month, each expanding on the targeted populations to be tested.

The first expansion will bolster testing for vulnerable populations and health care workers in group settings where outbreaks have been most prevalent. Long-term care and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, and which have had a positive test result for COVID-19, will receive expanded, facility-wide testing. This will include universal retesting of residents and staff who test negative at day three, seven, and then weekly after the initial tests. The program will also now include testing of all intakes and discharges, in addition to residents who are regularly treated outside of the facility.

While symptomatic health care workers currently receive priority testing, the enhanced testing program will now test asymptomatic workers who have contact with COVID-19 patients and additional personnel in preparation for potential health care reopenings. All Department of Corrections staff will also be tested over the next two weeks, bolstering the testing protocols already in

The second phase will include populations that are key to restarting priority sectors, further focusing on health care and home health workers, as well as child care providers. And as the governor considers allowing more health of Vermonters is health procedures, testing would be expanded to many of these patients as

The final phase would further expand testing to these populations and allow for testing of some Vermonters who are under a mandatory 14-day quarantine as an option to reduce the quarantine period.

Dr. Levine also outlined the principles of the state's testing strategy, noting: "Throughout our pandemic response, our strategic planning and actions have been evidence-based and science driven. In developing this expanded program, we have sought to focus on Vermonters most vulnerable to serious impact of the virus, to improve on lengthy quarantines for asymptomatic people, and strive to suppress outbreaks when-

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The state's contact tracing program will also be enhanced to accommodate this new level of testing. Tracing will be expanded to include the 14 days prior to symptoms for COVID-positive individuals, to try to identify their source of infection. The Department of Health will engage with cases and their contacts using SARA Alert technology, a textbased monitoring system. The state is able to handle 300 to 900 cases and their contacts per week under this new strategy. The state currently has 53 trained contact tracers who could handle up to 500 cases and their contacts per week and is implementing a plan to train additional tracers as needed.

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topic with mentorship

by professionals and role

models in the field, and

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people engage in greater activities, we will see an uptick in the number of positive cases – perhaps by a lot," said Dr. Kelso. "This program is designed to provide the data that will inform state decisions and help us to respond more quickly to what the data tells us about COVID-19 activity in our communi-

The governor emphasized the need to be nimble and responsive during this ramp-up, and established the Vermont Enhanced Testing and Tracing Task Force, comprised of experts from the Department of Health and agencies of Human Services and Digital Services to help monitor new developments and recommend new strategies.

For the latest information and guidance relating to COVID-19, visit www. healthvermont.gov/co-

#### A NOTE FROM THE **TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DIVISION OF PLANNING & ZONING**

Amidst the Covid 19 crisis we would like to inform you that we do have staff in the Planning and Zoning office to take your calls and to get you any information you may need. We are processing permits and Bianchis at this time, due to Covid 19 we will be doing all of this via email and traditional mail. We will not, however, be doing Certificate of Occupancy inspections at this time. Stay Healthy!



The Town of Rockingham has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out for the following work.

#### Concrete Crushing/Pulverizing RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the crushing/pulverizing of concrete in the Town pit. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "CONCRETE CRUSH-ING/PULVERIZING RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 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 WESTMINSTER

The Westminster Selectboard has postponed the

Special Town Meeting, originally slated for May 2,

until 10 a.m., Saturday, June 6, at the Bellows Falls

Union High School. At the meeting, Westminster

voters will vote on adopting a town budget for

Town Meeting.

FY21, which was voted down at the February 29

By postponing the special meeting, the board hopes

that Covid-19 restrictions will be eased sufficiently

protective gear. Susan Harlow, board chair, said that

meeting, debating, and voting by tele-conference

could discourage many people from participating.

At the special meeting, voters will weigh in on

\$15,000 for financial consulting.

an FY21 budget of \$2,102,411 that now includes

to allow an in-person meeting, even if it must be

held outside, with proper social distancing and

## **Bus Driver - Ludlow Elementary School**

Ludlow Elementary School will have a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting August 17, 2020. The position will include a few hours a week of light custodial duties. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon.

Requirements: CDL with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks are Required as well as being in a pool for random testing. Please forward a letter of interest, resume and references to:

Ludlow Elementary School

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## Friday, May 15, 2020

The fourth installment of the 2019-2020 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

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Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

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Karen Trimboli Principal 45 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149

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• Ranch 28' x 40' or smaller

Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. May 14, 2020

To download a bid packet, please go to www.rvtc.org

For more information, please contact: Ms. Erin Hunter, Carpentry Instructor River Valley Technical Center 307 South Street Springfield, VT 05156 802-885-8330 ehunter@rvtc.org

#### **Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Food Service Personnel**

Program in the 2020/2021 School Year. We have 2 positions to fill. Each position is 6 hours per day during the School Year.

ble for preparing, transporting and serving food items to students and/or school personnel.

2. Site Manager - Responsible for preparing, transporting and serving food items to students and school personnel, maintaining food service facilities in a safe and sanitary condition. Preparing menus, ordering food, completing all required paperwork, scheduling.

Background Check is required.

the www.trsu.org web site.

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE O-2020-1

The Town of Springfield Selectboard adopted Ordinance No. O-2020-1, classified as a minor amendment, to codify existing ordinances, at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2020. Other than codifying and digitizing existing ordinances from 1995 to September 23, 2019, gender neutrality throughout the code was implemented, the Municipal Code updates formatting, terminology and compliance with state laws as well as correcting annotations without making material changes in any lawful ordinance, purpose or intent. A copy of the newly adopted Town of Springfield Code of Ordinances may be viewed at https://springfieldvt.govoffice2. com/ or requested at the Town Office at 96 Main Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Questions concerning the ordinance may be addressed to Walter E. Martone, Chair of the Selectboard at 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156. A full text of adopted Ordinance No. O-2020-1 can be found on the Town of Springfield's Municipal Website http://www.springfieldvt. govoffice2.com. Ordinance No. O-2020-1 will become effective on June 27, 2020 unless a Petition In Opposition containing the signatures of five percent of the legal voters of the Town of Springfield is filed with the Town Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on June 10, 2020.

Springfield Selectboard

wide online youth community for students who love learning. The 37-year-old organization counts more than 10,000 alumni, many of whom describe their experience as one of the

participating in a state-

most important things they did in high school. Executive Director Karen Taylor Mitchell explains that the wraparound design is what makes the Governor's Institutes so powerful – and so difficult to put online. "We want to make sure that every class, and especially our 2020 cohort, comes out of GIV with new knowledge, focus, and vision for their future, but also with lasting new friends. And that's where the innovation comes in."

Academically and artistically motivated students can still apply for this summer at www.giv.org. Tuition for summer 2020 has been waived to "pay what you can" and GIV will try to ensure that all qualifying Vermont students can gain access to the technology, internet access, and supplies needed to participate. "GIV is here to help Vermont's bright young learners maximizing their potential, regardless of their background or barriers," says Taylor Mitchell. "Even in regular years, that underlies everything we do – but this year, it's more important than ever."

The Governor's Institutes of Vermont is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with partial support from the Vermont legislature, Vermont Agency of Education, and many business and private donors. For more information, call 802-865-4448 or visit www.giv.org.

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#### The amount of revenue to be raised by taxes was reduced by \$100,000 allocated from a budget surplus in FY19.

Town residents will also vote on three other articles allocating that budget surplus:

- \$170,000 to complete renovation of the Town
- Funding the new Contingency Reserve Fund, with \$100,000 for working capital and \$150,000 for non-recurring emergencies, for a total of \$250,000.
- \$30,000 for the Bridge Rehabilitation Fund, to rebuild and preserve town bridges.

Voters at February's Town Meeting did approve articles totaling \$211,300, allocating funds to the Capital Equipment Fund, the Bridge Rehabilitation Fund, and health and welfare requests from town organizations.

To place this in perspective: Proposed FY21 budget: \$2,102,411 Plus articles approved in February: \$211,300 Minus non-taxable revenue: \$454,930 Minus \$100,000 from FY19 surplus: \$100,000 Equals: monies to be raised by taxation: \$1,758,781. This is an increase of \$16,301 from the FY20 budget, an increase of less than 1%.

LMUUUSD is starting it's own Food Service

1. Food Service Worker - position is responsi-

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For more information and to apply, send an application or resume with 3 references to: Cheryl Hammond Business Manager Two Rivers Supervisory Union 609 VT Route 103 Ludlow, VT 05149

## **CLASSIFIEDS/HELP WANTED**

# outdoor news

## Reinbow Riding Center —

SHREWSBURY, Vt. -The horses are feeling frisky and ready to start the spring season. With the snow gone, some like to seek out new pastures and inevitably get back to their old habits of testing each and every section of the fence to see if they can find a spot for escape. Even with new fencing, there are two, Fonda and her daughter Sabre, that always know just where to look.

It's also the season when the new lambs arrive. White, black, a few like chocolate, boys and girls, singles and twins. Give them a few days and they're ready to explore their world so out into the horse pasture they go along with Smokey, Dollar, of our lessons and our and Cutie. Smokey loves the little darlings and always keeps an eye on them. Dollar just thinks they are part of the landscape and ignores them. Cutie doesn't mind the little ones and is always trying to grab a mouthful of hay from their

So even though we may all be stuck at home, on the farm it is still a busy time and there is a lot of new life starting and even some returning. Wood ducks are back to nest, geese and other ducks are on the lake, and every day it seems there is another, different bird song outside.

Although we have not set any dates for the start

annual volunteer open house and orientation, anyone who would like to volunteer is urged to either contact us or go online and download a volunteer application to fill out and email or mail to us so you can be ready to get started.

Anyone who wants to participate in the program should also contact us or go online and download our participant application and paperwork and get it back

If you can't obtain the paperwork from our website, www.reinbowridingcenter.org, email programs@reinbowridingcenter.org, or call us at 802-236-2483. We will email or send you the paperwork you need. Our address is P.O. Box 395, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

## Spring turkey hunting May 1-31

Vermont's regular spring turkey hunting season is May 1-31, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is reminding hunters that they must report their turkeys on the department's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

"Successful turkey hunters are reminded to not travel to big game checking stations to report their birds or to even get them weighed this spring," said Mark Scott, the department's director of wildlife. "The department would

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like to know the estimated weight of any birds harvested, but accurate weights are not necessary."

A successful turkey hunter must by law report their turkey within 48 hours to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The information needed to report turkeys online is the same as what has been traditionally collected at check stations including license, tag and contact information, harvest details, and biological measurements.

The department encourages anyone who experiences problems reporting through the online tool to contact a local State Police dispatcher to be connected with a State Game Warden

for harvest reporting assistance.

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department urges hunters to only share a hunting blind with someone you live with or have been in close contact with

and be sure to carry hand sanitizer and avoid touching your face. Remember to wash your mouth calls after handling, and request landowner permission by

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## Young wildlife belong in the wild –

MONTPELIER, Vt. -Watching wildlife is enjoyable, especially when young animals appear in the spring. But picking up young wildlife can do more harm than good, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, and it is also against the law.

When people see young animals alone, they often mistakenly assume these animals are helpless, lost, or in trouble. Bringing young wildlife into a human environment often results in permanent separation from their mothers and a sad ending for the animal. Handling wildlife could also pose a threat to the people involved. Wild animals can transmit disease and angry wildlife mothers can pose significant dangers.

Here are some tips:

- Deer and moose nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave young alone for long periods of time.
- Young birds on the ground may have left their nest, but their parents will still feed them.
- Healthy-looking raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats may also be carriers of the deadly rabies virus.
- Many wildlife species will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.
- Dogs and cats kill many baby animals each year.
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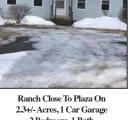


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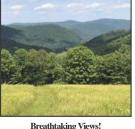
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