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Post 37 donates American Flag to FMRHS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On May 7, 2020, Fall Mountain Regional High School was the recipient of a Flag Manufacturers Association of America outdoor flag, donated by the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37 Commander Don Stocker. The brief presentation ceremony was held in Charlestown, N.H. Past Commander and Legionnaire Smokey Aumand represented Post 37 in the presentation. Athletic director Gordon Dansereau received the flag.

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Athens Pizza gives away 300 pizzas to show community appreciation

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Mother's Day, Athens Pizza House, 83 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, offered a special giveaway to the community as a token of their appreciation. In just two-and-a-half hours, they gave away 300 pizzas and drinks to folks in vehicles that lined both Haggood and Atkinson streets. Owner Rich Senerchia wanted to thank everyone for their support that enabled him to keep his entire staff these last two months.

Rich said, "It's not just a business; it's family, it's community." His fiancée and manager Sarah Jockell has been there for over 12 years and helped raise his sons, Domenic and Nico.

Notable staff include William Davidson of 17-plus years and 25-plus years employees Heath Towsley, Gordon Moore, David Dunn, Jason Meuse, and the late Larry Parker. Rich said there were "many, many more employees that have been there two to five years."

Parker passed in March and was with them for 30 straight years. Rich shared, "It was a tough blow. He was a great friend and employee." He

laughed, "He was the only one who had a key and the recipe for the dough!"

Meuse shared on Facebook, "I am truly blessed to have the Senerchias in my life and I feel like Sarah is the glue that holds us all together..."

Rich explained that he raised his sons alone, but through the years the family at Athens helped take care of them and they grew up working at the restaurant. Nico works in the ER, is a lieutenant in the Fire Department, and is a rescue diver. Domenic graduated from Vermont Academy with a hockey scholarship, is currently finishing his degree, and coaches hockey and baseball at VA.

The Bellows Falls franchise of Athens Pizza is the oldest and was originally in the centennial building on the square. Rich arrived in 1980, joined the crew, learned the process, and began a partnership. He mentioned the owners are "all still great friends, running business together, it's amazing."

In August, Rich has plans for a party to celebrate 40 years of Athens Pizza, held on the Sunday of Old Home Days weekend, adding "for the town, if allowed."

COVID-19 has caused a

few changes and like other times of economical strain, the owners have stepped up. Rich said, "Sarah and I [have been there] day and night since the pandemic. We kept it going and we did not lose any of our employees – actually we are trying to find help."

Athens Pizza has offered financial coupons and created family pizza kits and dinners. Rich said he's heard positive feedback from the community. He explained they have added safety seal stickers and added more sanitation stations.

Rich said about Athens Pizza, "We created a different place, a place parents can drop their kids off for dinner."

About his employees, "We support each other like family." He reminisced many times through the years he had mothers and daughters working together. On Sunday, he greeted folks by name and saw third generation families coming to show their appreciation.

For more information about Athens Pizza, go to www.athenspizzaonline.com or visit their Facebook page.

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Two Springfield High School seniors, who are also co-editors of the school newspaper The Green Horn, recently launched a Spotify podcast called Green Horn Live in order to help keep fellow students and the local community informed about the COVID-19 pandemic and school-related news.

Ariel Day and Lucy Countermarsh launched the podcast in March. The co-editors needed a way to perform their duties by getting current news out despite their school being closed and "the presses" being on hold. With the encouragement of their teachers, including social studies teacher Stephen Lawrence and their Green Horn teacher Mike Janiszyn,

the duo put their aspirations into action.

"We came up with the idea for the podcast when the coronavirus hit and we were put in quarantine," Ariel Day said in a recent interview. "We thought, 'How hard can a podcast be?' Our teachers told us to keep reaching for our dreams and goals and that we could do anything we put our minds to, which really helped motivate us. So, we put it all together and filmed our first episode. We wanted something to fill the void during our senior year, while also keeping our school community involved and informed."

The first Green Horn Live episode aired in mid-March and has been steadily growing in popularity since. "People are loving the podcast, and we are now working on our tenth episode. We have gotten a great response from listeners and we

are now allowing listeners to have input on what topics we cover. Everyone seems to like the community-based atmosphere of the podcast."

Being high school seniors, Ariel and Lucy could not have anticipated the position they are now in during the isolated times of this pandemic, but are determined to move forward and make the most of the hand they have been dealt.

"I never imagined that I would be in the position I am now," Ariel concluded. "We wanted to go out [finishing high school] with a bang, so we decided to do this and the podcast and people around us has really helped keep things in perspective. I felt very empowered when starting this project and feel very good about what we are doing for the community as a whole. It has made me feel like I am enough, even going through a pandemic."

Rockingham discusses new municipal website

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 5, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the recycling center, fire truck, and new website.

Vice Chair Peter Golec mentioned some of the traffic issues for the recycling center and discussed having flashing signs at either end of the entrance. He suggested the southbound sign be placed before the high school entrance for high volume events.

Recycling Center Coordinator Gary DeRosia agreed with the two signs on either end of the entrance, but suggested programmable flashing lights with "caution turning traffic when lights are flashing" signs. He said his concern with a sign only was that "People get oblivious and don't see traffic turning."

DeRosia said with sched-

uled flashing lights, it would be a way "to get [a driver's] attention and stay alert." Northbound turning lanes were discussed, and he commented that they might want to consider no parking signs along Route 5.

DeRosia wondered if the 50 miles per hour speed limit could be moved south of the recycling center entrance, keeping the speed limit at 40 mph.

Chair Gaetano Putignano gave an update from Montana, where he, Chief Shaun McGinnis, and Tony James were returning with a new fire truck, approved by an article during Town Meeting, for the Bellows Falls Fire Department. Putignano said they saved "a considerable amount of money" going out to get the truck. He and James volunteered their time to accompany McGinnis.

The town and village have a new website, www.rockinghamvt.org. Planning Commission Chair Bonnie North explained that the new site resulted from the Take Action Rockingham

meetings and the negative feedback for the town's original www.rockbf.org website. The old website has become a legacy site with archived materials available.

The new site, Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison explained, will be useful for both residents looking for information and outsiders searching for jobs and tourism. She noted that all town and village emails will remain the same.

Harrison showed that upcoming municipal meetings and agendas are easily found on the top bar of the homepage, which features the latest information. Municipal departments are alphabetized and labeled with each entity: town or village.

Harrison noted, "Bonnie North has done a tremendous job" on the website and they encourage feedback.

The next Selectboard meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, and the agenda and Zoom link will be available that week at www.rockinghamvt.org.

Trail work at Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kurn Hattin staff are taking this opportunity during COVID-19 closure to spruce up the campus trails and outdoor classrooms for when our students return.

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- The Vermont Journal & Shopper Staff



Kurn Hattin student named Vermont American Legion essay champion

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Deeanna Nicol, Class of 2020 at New England Kurn Hattin Homes, was named as this year's Americanism Essay champion for grades 7-8 by the Pierce-Lawton Unit 37 Vermont American Legion Auxiliary.

This national Americanism essay contest, open to students in grades 3-12 and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. The

title of this year's contest was "How can we address the health and wellbeing of our veterans, the military, and their families?"

Thirteen students from Kurn Hattin submitted essays in the statewide contest this year, and this is the second consecutive year that a Kurn Hattin



Deeanna Nicol.

PHOTO BY KRISTIE LISAI

student's essay has been selected as state champion.

Deeanna's winning essay will be forwarded to the National Eastern Division Championship where a select few will be sent to the National Finals. Congratulations to Deeanna, and thank you to everyone at the Vermont American Legion Auxiliary and Kurn Hattin social studies teacher Richard Long!

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Brandy Riendeau of Springfield graduates from Boise State University

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On May 9, 2020, Brandy Riendeau of Springfield graduated with a RRT Respiratory Care Bachelor of Science from Boise State University.

Riendeau was among nearly 2,800 students eligible for degrees. Boise State celebrated their achievements with the university's first-ever virtual commencement ceremony.

Watch the full commencement ceremony, along with shout-out videos from students and faculty, at www.boisestate.edu/commencement. Congratulations, graduates!

Savings Bank of Walpole community calendar photo contest

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is excited to announce a call for entries for its 2020 community calendar and website photo contest. The contest runs from Monday, May 11 through Saturday, June 20, 2020 and is being held in conjunction with the other affiliates of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp including Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank, and NHTrust.

Winning photos will demonstrate a strong focus on community events and people enjoying the venues, attractions, and local businesses of New Hampshire and highlight the unique character and beauty of the state.

Chosen images will be fea-

tured on the websites and social media accounts for Savings Bank of Walpole or its subsidiaries of NHMB, as well as in a 2021 wall calendar. Each bank will release a unique calendar containing photos that are local to the communities they serve. Photos may also be selected for holiday cards and notecards.

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded for each winning photo and contestants can submit up to a maximum of 10 entries. Judging of all submitted photography will be blind, therefore the judging panel will not know the name of the photographer. Decisions will be based on suitability of the subject, quality of the photography, and adherence to the purpose of the contest.

"Last year was the first year we participated in this contest

and we were impressed with the community's involvement. We encourage photographers of all skill levels to show us their local spirit by submitting entries," says Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. "There are so many amazing sites, landmarks, and events in our community that we anticipate receiving a lot of entries again this year."

To ensure the safety of contest participants and bank employees, all eligible entries should be submitted electronically through a dedicated link located on each bank's website. Visit www.walpolebank.com/photocontest after May 11 for complete contest rules, details, and a link to upload photos. No payment or purchase is required to enter or win.

Windham Northeast Supervisory Union letter to Teachers Association

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The following is a letter from the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union Negotiating Committee to members of the Windham Northeast Teachers Association regarding negotiations.

"While the Boards' Negotiating Committee knows that the union is anxious

to get moving on these negotiations, please be assured that the boards also are anxious to move them along. But at our meeting on Wednesday, [May 6] we had to conclude that we need a bit more time. Because of current circumstances, quite beyond our control, the boards and the school administrators have had to deal with too many

other, and more immediate, problems. This has prevented the boards from being able to fully develop their proposals for these negotiations.

"If you want to set up another negotiating session now, we are prepared to do that. But the board's committee will not feel comfortable with setting any meeting for a time before early June. At that meeting, the board's committee expects to be able to present its proposals to you.

"In the meantime, please note two things. First, Steve Fine will be lead negotiator for the boards. And second, the boards' negotiating committee expects all future negotiating sessions will be conducted in open and public sessions.

"If you have any questions or wish to raise any issues, please contact us through the Superintendent's Office."

Written by Jack Bryar, Chair, WNESU Boards Negotiating Committee.

American Legion Post 57 cancels Memorial Parade

REGION – American Legion Post 57 Commander Gerald Hunting recently announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no Memorial Parade in the towns of Acworth, Alstead, and Langdon, N.H. He urges the community to still honor and remember the fallen this Memorial Day.

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Chester reservoir



1915 photo of workmen building the new reservoir. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Chester Historical Society, we have a 1915 photo of men building the upper reservoir. Prior to this 1915 reservoir, there was a smaller reservoir below. I believe the first reservoir was located about where the current concrete, domed water tank is today.

The upper reservoir

The photo with this article is the 1915 photo of men building the new reservoir. Written on the reverse:

"1915 - Building of upper reservoir (2nd) Dixon & Douglas Const Co of Springfield, VT. Team of horses on left owned by Clarence Balch, Roy Murtha (14/15 years old) drove team Clarence Balch foreman

"Reddy Bryant, 2nd on left front row Paul Jeffrey between middle and right team"

Older natives will remember Clarence Balch. Many will know his granddaughter Kathy Goodell. Roy Murtha was a new name for me so I called Ted Spaulding. Ted remembered Murtha. Ted said he was a few years younger than Ted's father and a nice man. He worked in the woods drawing logs. Here he is at age 14 or 15 and already he's a teamster.

Paul Jeffrey will be a name familiar to many. Paul dealt in cattle, horses, and bought and sold area farms. He lived in the home where the Comstocks live today. This would be near the Stone Village Farmers Market run by Squatty and Anna.

The reservoir today

Today, the reservoir is no longer used as Chester's wa-

ter supply. When I was young, it was our water supply. If you went there in those days, there was a sign: "No swimming. Fly fishing only."

I remember going there with my father. Arnold liked to fly fish. Actually, he tied his own flies. He made his own arrows as well. This he taught me. I remember fletching and the smell.

What a great asset for the town the reservoir is. While it isn't widely used today, there are a few of us who go there to fish, canoe, or kayak.

I've been up there several times this spring. As usual, there's a pair of Canadian geese in residence. How they he-honk when a predator approaches. There are three ducks including a pair of black and white ducks. The odd duck swims with the pair. He is a different species. In recent years, I've seen bald eagles here, but I haven't seen them this spring.

The Fishing Derby

For many years, Vermont Fish & Wildlife has stocked the reservoir with brook trout for the annual May Fishing Derby. This is sponsored by the Chester Rod & Gun Club.

For several years, Danny Clemons and I have made a point of going to the Fishing Derby. We enjoy watching the kids fishing. Some are as young as 4. Of course, we see ourselves in some of the kids' actions.

Some kids' casts are reminiscent of a teamster cracking his bullwhip. The kids really get to thrashing. Occasionally, a kid gets excited, missteps, and falls in the cold water. No problem. The kid regains his form and returns to fishing.

The excitement they exhibit as they catch fish is priceless. It

doesn't matter if it's a four-inch pumpkinseed or a nine-inch trout. It's all-good.

My theory

Every spring for many years, the state has stocked the reservoir with 300 trout. Perhaps a few dozen are caught during the derby. Adults fish the reservoir in the days after the Fishing Derby. Maybe another 150 of the stocked trout are caught. Mink and otter will claim a few more.

It's my theory that there are a few trout each year that escape being caught. These trout have been in the reservoir a few years and are now huge. I believe there's a brook trout in the reservoir that would weigh five pounds. This is what I fish for. If I caught him, I'd let him go. There has to be a few lunkers in the reservoir. These are wild trout - even if originally stocked, they have become wild.

For many years, I have been applying this theory. So far I've been skunked. I've been using night crawlers. I'm going to try live bait next.

I took my twin 4-year-old grandsons, Ian and Evan, fishing there last summer. Those kids had a blast catching perch, pumpkinseeds, and bass. I taught them each species of fish they caught. Soon Ian was saying "Punkinhead" instead of pumpkinseed.

This week's old saying is the pronunciation of reservoir. The old Vermonters, who I often write about, pronounced reservoir two ways. I used to hear "Resevoi" or "Resevah."

Gov. Phil Scott reopening of some outdoor recreation

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Gov. Phil Scott announced Wednesday that outdoor recreation and limited social interactions may resume under strict health and safety precautions.

While the Stay Home, Stay Safe order remains in effect, if able to comply with outlined safety measures, the governor's latest order allows for Vermonters to now leave home for outdoor recreation and fitness activities with low or no direct physical contact and to resume limited social interactions and gatherings of 10 or fewer - preferably in outdoor settings that allow for greater physical distancing protocols.

Also, members of one household may gather and allow children to play with members of another trusted household, provided health and safety precautions are followed as much as possible.

The governor's order, Addendum 13, includes additional health and safety guidelines for these interactions, including following safety and hygiene protocols, limiting non-essential travel, and protecting those in at-risk categories, who should continue to stay home.

"There is no specific set of rules, or enforcement measures that we can put in place here," said Gov. Scott. "We need Vermonters to be smart and thoughtful during these visits. We have to remain vigilant, so we don't lose ground as we continue, slowly and safely, reopening Vermont in a way that puts public health first."

Addendum 13 also authorizes businesses, nonprofits, and government entities that support or offer outdoor recreation and outdoor fitness activities with low or no direct physical contact to begin operations May 7. These in-

clude state and municipal parks, recreation associations, trail networks, golf courses, big game check stations, and guided expeditions. Campgrounds, marinas, and beaches are not permitted to open at this time.

"As we continue to take modest steps to reopen our economy, there are also equally important steps related to how we spend our down time - our playtime," said Julie Moore, secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources. "Now, more than ever, we need to rekindle this relationship with the outdoors, but we must do so in a way that respects physical distancing and helps keep all of us healthy."

For a full list of health and safety requirements for all newly opened operations, go to www.governor.vermont.gov/content/addendum-13-executive-order-01-20.

People's United Bank awards \$5,000 to BDCC high school program

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - People's United Bank announced it has awarded \$5,000 to the Pipelines and Pathways Program, run by Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. This donation will underwrite operating costs associated with training and activities for all four Windham County high schools.

The Pipelines and Pathways Project is designed to help students successfully prepare for and access job opportunities. This program addresses both Career Awareness, knowledge of local hiring trends, and Career Readiness, knowledge of skills and behaviors needed to excel.

"Our dream was to place someone in the schools, every day, whose sole job was to help kids graduate with the skills they need to enter the workforce and take advantage of training and education opportunities available to them. People's United Bank has helped us to realize this dream," commented Adam Grinold, BDCC's executive director.

P3 seeks to ensure every student graduates with a plan. The program's "Scope and Sequence" provides a framework for building career awareness and educa-

tion throughout the course of high school.

"We are so pleased to help BDCC with this innovative career-education partnership," noted Kathy Schirling, director of Marketing and Community Services, People's United Bank.

"Providing our high school students with the right tools so that they can find their path to successful careers is an important part of our giving strategy."

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Senior Solutions' Virtual Medicare Boot Camp

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Senior Solutions' Medicare Boot Camp will be held virtually on Zoom, May 14, from 1-3 p.m. Anyone becoming eligible for Medicare or helping someone who is becoming eligible will want to learn all about Medicare from this class. There is no charge. To

register, call 802-885-2669 and sign up. Once you register, you will receive instructions on how and when to get into the course. You need an email address to receive the directions to access the Zoom meeting. Find more information about Senior Solutions at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.



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obituaries

Ethan N. Matthews, 1994-2020

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Ethan Nicholas Matthews, 25, of Missing Link Road, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Ethan was born in Brattleboro, Oct. 13, 1994, the son of Robin and Melissa (Perry) Matthews. He attended school in Saxtons River, was a 2012 graduate of Keene High School, and worked for Best Septic. Ethan enjoyed kayaking and fishing.

Surviving is his wife Amy Rae Rawling; his parents Robin and Melissa Matthews; his brother Spencer Matthews; his grandmothers Margaret Perry and Janis Frakes; his cousins Courtney (Mark) Lambert,

Emily Perry, Kaija and Scott Martin, Jasmine, Erin, Jason, Shane, and Emma Perry-Ives, Calleigh and Zoey Perry, and Jaxson Ruggiero; his aunts and uncles Michael Matthews, Theresa Perry, Bethany and Leslie Perry-Ives, and Betsy and Doug Perry. He is predeceased by his grandfathers David Matthews and Dale Houston.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, 733 Third Avenue, Suite 510, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Marlene M. McFadden, 1944-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Marlene M. McFadden, 75, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Genesis Lebanon Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born June 11, 1944 in Mount Holly, Vt., the daughter of Ralph H. and Pauline (Dorey) Parsons. She attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1963.

She married Robert McFadden. He predeceased her. Marlene worked at Cutler's Nursing Home in Springfield, as an aide with the 5C Head Start program in Springfield and at other nursery schools and childcare centers in Springfield for many years. Before her retirement, she worked in housekeeping at the Mount Ascutney Lodge in Brownsville, Vt.

She loved Elvis, loved music, and loved to dance. She enjoyed food and dining out, enjoyed swimming, and had a great sense of humor.

She is survived by one brother Ernest Parsons of Charlestown, N.H.; two sisters Marilyn Howard of Manchester, N.H. and Linda Snide of Springfield; caregivers Tricia and Mike LaPlante and their extended family of Springfield; and also by several nieces, nephews, and



Marlene M. McFadden, 1944-2020
PHOTO PROVIDED

cousins.

She was predeceased by two brothers Neal and Ralph Parsons and by three sisters Patricia, Donna, and Dianne Parsons.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Area Adult Day Services, Attn: Sue Pollard, Director, 266 River St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Kenneth P. Christie, 1942-2020

ACWORTH, N.H. – Kenneth Peter Christie passed away May 5, 2020 after battling cancer for almost a year. He was born Nov. 23, 1942, the son of Julius and Lillian (Alden) Christie. He graduated from Vilas High School.

After high school, he went in the Coast Guard from 1962 to 1966. Upon returning to Acworth, he learned the carpenter trade and was in business for himself for over 40 years. He built many houses, did a lot of renovations, and was especially proud to have been the general manager of the Acworth Meetinghouse Restoration Project. For relaxation, he took photographs of nature and landmarks that he loved and would go to craft shows with them.

Family, friends, and his community were very important to him. Over the years, he was on the Acworth Conservation Commission, the Acworth Planning Board when the original master plan was adopted, and EMT and captain of the original Acworth FAST Squad, part of the Acworth Volunteer Fire & Rescue for 18 years, served as

president of the Vilas Alumni Association, was a member of the American Legion Post 57, was on the Acworth Veterans Memorial Park Committee, and part of the Acworth Sestercentennial Committee.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Linda of Acworth; his daughter Mary Henry (Jerry) of Langdon; his son Kenneth J. (Tina) of Langdon; his grandsons Michael Henry and Christopher Henry; his granddaughter Haley Christie; his sisters Nancy Jennison (James) and Joan Whitcomb both of Acworth; mother-in-law Mabel Rhoades of Surry; brother-in-law Mark Rhoades (Sharon) of Keene; and nieces, a nephew, and cousins. Kenneth was predeceased by his parents, his brother Leonard Christie, and brother-in-law Richard Whitcomb.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Donations can be made in Ken's name to the Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse, P.O. Box 2011, Acworth, N.H. 03601 or to the Acworth Memorial Park Committee, P.O. Box 29, Acworth, N.H. 03601.

Norma C. Nemkovich, 1921-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Norma C. Nemkovich, 98, passed away Saturday afternoon, April 25, 2020 at Genesis in Springfield, Vt. She was born Nov. 18, 1921, the daughter of Ralph and Stella (Peck) Currier. She graduated with honors from Stevens High School in 1940.

On Aug. 28, 1943, she married Michael Nemkovich in Claremont, N.H. He predeceased her May 29, 2001.

Norma moved to Springfield in 1943 and lived in their home, "Viking Lodge," on Eureka Road from 1945 to 2001. She owned and operated Viking Lodge Realty and was a Springfield realtor for many years. She sold the property with the help of her niece, Terry Owen Hirschak, and sold the land for and helped design the 80 Main Street high rise and the 1 Mineral St. Whitcomb building. She was one of the first volunteers for Adult Day. She was also a 4-H leader, a member of the Quota Club, the VFW Auxiliary, and the First Congregational Church.

Norma will be remembered as the "Strawberry Lady." She had a fantastic sense of humor. She was kind, generous, and beautiful inside and out.

She is survived by two sons Dale Nemkovich and Marie and Daryl Nemkovich; one



Norma C. Nemkovich, 1921-2020.
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daughter Darlyn Walker, all of Springfield; one brother Larry Currier and his wife Pat of Williston; two grandchildren Ethan Nemkovich and Elissa Stuhlinger; three great-granddaughters Dominique Walker, Minka Stuhlinger, and Taber Stuhlinger; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers Alton, Emery, and Roger Currier and a grandson Tarek Walker.

A graveside service will be held in the Oakland Cemetery at a later date with a celebration of life to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Springfield Adult Day Care. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

Marjorie C. Harlow, 1929-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Marjorie C. Harlow of Ludlow, recently of Mount Holly, died peacefully April 30, 2020 at Rutland Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Marjorie Cowley Dec. 13, 1929 in Pittsfield, Mass., the daughter of Peter Cowley and Elsie Sharrock. She attended Pittsfield schools, graduating in 1947. She was the organist for Morningside Baptist Church in Pittsfield, which became a lifelong avocation. On vacation in Sharon, Vt., she met David Harlow whom she would wed in August of 1948. They were married for 70 years, which only ended in David's passing in February of 2019.

With David, she started the Green Mountain Sugar House in 1967 and sold it to daughter Ann Rose and her husband Doug in 1985. While raising five children, she also took education classes at Castleton State College, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1967. She then taught first grade at Ludlow Elementary School for the next 25 years, retiring in 1992. There are many children and grandchildren who were her students, and she loved them all. After retirement, she and David traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe. She assisted at the Tyson Library, remained an active member of the Tyson Ladies Aid Society, and continued playing the organ for the Tyson Congregational Church. She found a deep and abiding faith in the church, its teachings, and the congregation. She took great pleasure in the family and



Marjorie C. Harlow, 1929-2020.
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enjoyed her role as matriarch. Marjorie also loved reading, crossword puzzles, mazes, and playing Mah-Jong on her computer.

She was predeceased by her husband David, son Carleton, and sister Alice Gallo. She is survived by two sons David Harlow Jr. of New Hampton, N.H. and Bret Harlow of Mount Holly; two daughters Elsie Carden of Hancock and Ann Rose of Mount Holly; and also by 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is being planned for later this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marjorie can be made to the Tyson Community Church, 39 Dublin Rd., Ludlow, VT 05149, or to the Tyson Ladies Aide, C/O Janine Norman, 9 Norman Dr., Ludlow, VT 05149.

To view Marjorie's online tribute, send a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit www.phaneuf.net.

D. Priscilla Newman, 1930-2020

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – Dorothy Priscilla (Parker) Newman, 89, passed away May 1, 2020 at her daughter's home in Hollywood, Fla. Priscilla, daughter of Ralph and Dorothy (Hubbard) Parker, grew up in Ludlow on High Street and attended Black River Academy Class of '48. She received her undergrad degree at Rutgers University and her master's degree at Webster University. She was a dedicated classroom teacher and reading specialist in downtown St. Louis, Mo. She continued her love of being an educator serving as a volunteer docent and event coordinator at the St. Louis Zoo for many years.

Priscilla married Richard "Dick" D. Newman Aug. 10, 1952 in Ludlow and then moved to Webster Groves, Mo., where they lived for 47 years before retiring to The Villages, Fla. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Dick in 2006, and her son Dan Parker



D. Priscilla Newman, 1930-2020.
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Newman in 2015. She is survived by her son John Newman and daughter Jan Mendenall, and grandchildren Casey Newman, Steven Newman, and Orion Mendenall, and great-grandchild Oscar Newman.

Per her request, there will be no services. Burial will be in the family plot at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, we ask that submissions are limited to 300 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary.

Church Services are still on hold, though some churches are open for personal prayer.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at Editor@VermontJournal.com.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Dear Editor,

As our public health paradigm shifts with the emergence of COVID-19, many Vermonters are experiencing loss – of connection, of livelihood, of basic necessities, and some have lost loved ones. We are living with uncertainty. The road forward must be paved with time for grieving, resources for the vulnerable, and opportunities to restart Vermont's economic engine.

Vermonters with lower educational levels, training, or limited language skills are more vulnerable during periods of economic insecurity. According to Advance Vermont, four out of five workers who lost their jobs during the last recession lacked high school diplomas or were low-skilled. Vermont will likely experience similar outcomes in the wake of the pandemic.

Vermont Adult Learning and

other adult learning providers throughout the state stand ready to assist those seeking to earn their high school credentials; train for a new job; learn English; or brush up on their reading, writing, and computer skills – for free – with funding through the Vermont Agency of Education. We help students advance to apprenticeships and post-secondary education. We partner with employers to assist them with meeting workforce demands. We have helped tens of thousands of Vermonters, ages 16 and older, advance in their education and careers since our founding in 1980. Vermont Adult Learning serves seven of Vermont's 14 counties, offering learning centers with classrooms, computer labs, and highly skilled teachers and academic advisors. We host dedicated volunteers eager to provide 1:1 support.

Dear Editor,

We don't allow smoking in stores because second-hand smoke causes cancer. Why in the world should we allow people to transmit a deadly virus in stores when they can easily wear a mask? Second-hand smoke takes years of multiple exposures to cause cancer, while one exposure to the novel coronavirus can kill.

At a grocery store the other day, I was chatting with the person checking me out. She thanked me for writing letters to the editor. I said she was welcome and how important it is, to me, that people wear cloth masks in public. A local gentleman without a mask joined the conversation and said that he wasn't wearing a mask because he felt that we should all get the virus and "get it over with." After a short back and forth, I dropped the conversation because it is important for citizens to be civil with one another, and not my place to argue the point with another patron.

Dear Editor,

State colleges: As everyone knows, the proposal to close three state colleges has been taken off the table, at least somewhat in response to public outrage. But the issue is far from settled. As I argued in my last report, maintaining our state colleges begs the question of where to find the money. To insist on keeping the colleges open, without suggesting a funding scheme, is crying crocodile tears. Similarly to oppose the necessary fundraising (aka taxes) while demanding the schools stay open is to propose a miracle. The Legislature will likely provide a "bridge," an appropriation to keep the schools open for a year. Is this kicking the can down the road? Again? Or is it giving ourselves time to develop a real solution? Finally? We'll see.

On a related issue, I'm sorry to see my friend and colleague Jeb Spaulding leave his position as chancellor. In fairness, he's warned of this crisis for years. It's not his fault.

Signing up for UI: There is no excuse for the mess with the Labor Department's computers and phones. Some citizens have been trying for weeks to get through. The Labor Department assures us they're doing all they can and that things will improve soon.

Frontline workers: Everyone who is isolating is helping fight the pandemic. It's a sacrifice, and it works. But some people go the extra mile, risking their own health and safety to protect

In my mind, I thought that the man had no right to transmit the virus or stress the health care system by becoming sick himself, due to his beliefs.

I am also becoming increasingly concerned with the number of out-of-state visitors that I see in the stores without cloth masks. In southern Vermont, we have a high number of vacation homes. The owners of those homes are coming up from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York – all hotbeds for the virus. They are staying for the weekend and going home. They don't self-quarantine and most importantly many don't wear cloth masks in public. Don't get me wrong; I want out-of-state visitors to come to Vermont. But after working so hard to get the COVID-19 numbers down, we can't afford to let them go up. There is no herd immunity in Vermont. Cloth masks and hand washing are our only protection. As an AEMT on the

others. The Senate has passed a bill to provide a bonus to a long list of frontline COVID workers. They deserve it.

Detractors: Unfortunately, outrageously, not everyone is with the anti-COVID effort. On my rare trips away from home to pick up groceries curbside or to drop off recycling at what I still call the dump – I'm old school – I'm horrified at how many folks I see without face masks and not keeping six feet apart. Some are negligent and irresponsible. Some subscribe to an ideology that they have a God-given constitutional right to spread a deadly virus, a perverted distortion of liberty. (Our president is much to blame for that.)

I figure that folks intelligent and civic-minded enough to still be reading a local weekly in this time of cyber nonsense are not the folks I'm complaining

Our nearest centers, in Windsor and White River Junction, are available to serve new and continuing students. We are delivering services virtually during Vermont's shelter in place order. We are prepared to support current students while welcoming new ones. We are able to assist students with their technology needs, endeavoring to lessen the digital divide in this time of unease.

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Sincerely,
Hal Cohen, executive director
Vermont Adult Learning

local rescue squad that transports out-of-state COVID-19 patients, I am not fooling when I say this is a life or death situation.

So, I am pleading with the governor to make face coverings required in stores. We can't allow patrons to confront other patrons. We need a rule from the governor that must be followed: "No Cloth Face Covering, No Service!"

If the governor fails to act, as he morally should, I ask my fellow citizens to boycott stores that don't require a facemask or a cloth face covering. That is the last thing overstressed stores need, and an unfortunate and unnecessary step to take that could be avoided if the governor would just do the right thing and require masks in public.

Sincerely,
Doug Friant
South Londonderry, Vt.

about. But I'm calling out to the good citizens to stop letting the virus spreaders off the hook. This is not a difference of opinion about which we can politely agree to disagree. It's science. It's real. For many of our neighbors, it's a matter of life and death. So be polite, be friendly, but be clear. They're not just risking their own health; they're risking other people's lives. They need to get smart and to clean up their act.

Sincerely,
Sen. Dick McCormack
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

This Mother's Day, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains would like to thank all the moms – and mom substitutes! – who step up to volunteer for our organization across New Hampshire and Vermont.

Girl Scouts is a volunteer-driven organization. We rely on the dedication and selflessness of our more than 3,000 volunteers to help us mentor girls from kindergarten through high school to become young women of courage, confidence, and character. But it's not just the girls who benefit – so do the thou-

Dear Editor,

After much discussion, the Independence Day Celebrations Steering Committee has agreed that it's best to cancel the public gatherings and events for the 2020 West Windsor, Vt. Independence Day Celebrations. This decision is made with concern for the individual and pub-

Dear Editor,

The Legislature is now meeting remotely. For the last few weeks, certain committees have been meeting to discuss issues related to the current crisis and Thursday, April 23, the House officially met for the first time. This is a difficult and stressful time, but I continue to be grateful for the way we are coming together for our neighbors and friends to help find our way through this crisis. New technology presents challenges for some and it has taken some adjustment. But with our new normal, there is also a level of transparency that is not generally available.

Obviously, the statehouse belongs to all Vermonters and everyone is always welcome to attend any committee meeting or floor session, but for our area that means at least three hours of driving so it is not accessible for everyone. Now each chamber and committee has its own YouTube channel where you can watch us live while we are meeting or watch past meetings. Go to www.legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming.

For now, we are only working on bills that are direct responses to the current crisis. When the governor declared

sands of moms who find fulfillment in being the role models and leaders for Girl Scouts.

Jessica Utter, of Cuttingsville, Vt., came into Girl Scouting knowing very little about it, but said she's now "just loving it" and enjoys the time with her daughter. "It's a lot of fun. Especially if you have your own children, it's great bonding time for us. Almost all of our moms are volunteers and we just all have a great time together."

Amanda George of Springfield, Vt., said, "I got so much out of Girl Scouts as a kid that I wanted to make sure other girls have the same opportunity, plus

I like hanging out with them."

Girl Scout troop leaders provide all their girls with guidance, challenges, and a safe space to discover all that they can be. We encourage anyone thinking of volunteering to contact us at 888-474-9686 or see www.girlscoutsgwm.org. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains appreciates each and every one of our volunteers, and wishes all a very happy Mother's Day.

Sincerely,
Patricia K. Mellor
CEO, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
Gold Award Girl Scout

lic health of those who usually are part of the large attending crowds. There will be no fireworks, parade, or related close-contact events July 3 and 4.

A number of neat ideas are in the works for other ways to mark the July 4 weekend while still respecting whatever public distancing is being practiced at

that point. Watch for the flags to go up on the telephone poles around town early this year. And, stay tuned. More is to come, as we get closer to that special date.

Be well and be safe!
Your IDC Committee
West Windsor, Vt.

a State of Emergency, it gave him significant authority; but there are certain powers that lie with the Legislature. It has required us to learn these new systems quickly so we can continue to pass legislation to get us through this crisis. In that first meeting, the House passed four more bills in response to the crisis. They are related to remote judicial procedures, leniency for the governor and the state treasurer to transfer money between special funds, and granting the Commissioner of Taxes the ability to share tax information with the Department of Labor, which will assist with the processing of the added unemployment benefits passed at the federal level.

Obviously, the biggest question for a lot of people right now is unemployment benefits and trying to get through to somebody on the phone lines to file a claim or sort out an issue with their claim. For years Vermont had historically low unemployment and has been putting off replacing what is a now a 30-year-old computer system that handles our unemployment insurance. And now we are paying for that delay.

But even with all that, I am ashamed it has taken this long for us to figure this out and it is not okay. We have heard anecdotal stories of neighbors calling

the DOL hotline all day and not getting through; or even more frustratingly, getting through, but the person they talk to is unable to address the specific issue with their claim. Our unemployment system is complicated, and in our efforts to simply increase the number of people answering the phones we are not able to train them in all the intricacies of our system.

So, if you are having trouble with your claim, please give me a call or email and let me know so I can put you through this new system. I just need to know your name, phone number, last four digits of your SSN, email address, and some details about the nature of your issues. We are in remote meetings throughout the day so if I don't answer, please leave me a voicemail and I will call you back as soon as I can.

I am really missing my coffee hours, so I am working on setting up a virtual "coffee hour," but my schedule still changes a lot week to week, so I don't have a reliable timeslot available at the moment.

Tough times never last, but Vermonters do.

Stay safe and stay strong,
State Rep. Logan Nicoll
Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

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REGION – May is Lyme and Tickborne Disease Awareness Month. With Vermont children schooling and playing at home, tick bite prevention is extremely important. Students can learn about tick bite prevention and how to identify signs and symptoms of a tickborne illness with one of three interactive curriculums for children in elementary, middle, and high school.

Vermont consistently ranks among the highest states in the U.S. for incidence of Lyme disease. According to the CDC, children between 3-14 are at

the highest risk of contracting Lyme disease.

Instructions about how to access the Global Lyme Alliance Lyme Prevention Curriculum and links are available online at www.VTLyme.org, or at www.globalymealliance.org.

Tick-bite prevention and early diagnosis will help Vermont's children stay healthy and can prevent long-term health complications from a tickborne disease. VTLyme.org encourages educators and parents to help young children access this free prevention curriculum and to consider giving older students

extra credit for completing the short and informative online workbook.

Many Vermonters know about Lyme disease symptoms such as joint pain, fever, and a bull's-eye rash, but children may have a unique presentation of tickborne illnesses that can include vision problems, headaches, stomachaches, sudden anxiety, lethargy, and irregular rashes. The Vermont Department of Health's 2014 Lyme Surveillance Report showed less than half of Vermont children with confirmed case of Lyme disease had a bull's-eye rash that year. Other tickborne diseases present in Vermont may have different symptoms and treatments than Lyme disease.

BRAT to monitor bacteria levels at swimming areas

REGION – Thinking ahead to sizzling summer days under bright skies, the Black River Action Team is excited to announce that plans are in place to once again monitor bacteria levels at popular swimming holes.

Trained volunteers will set out with sealed bottles each week from Memorial Day through Labor Day, to carefully collect a water sample to be sent to the folks at Endyne Labs Inc. in Lebanon, N.H. for testing.

To offset the cost of testing and weekly volunteer mileage throughout the summer, several sites have been sponsored through BRAT's Adopt-a-Swimming-Hole program:



Twenty-foot hole by New England Waterfalls.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Buttermilk Falls in Ludlow is again adopted by Okemo Mountain Resort; Greven Field in Proctorsville thanks Betty McEneaney of TPW Realty for a second year of sponsorship; Cavendish Gorge boasts signage and sponsorship from Green Mountain Power again; and Twenty-Foot Hole on the North Branch of the Black River in Reading is new to the roster this year, adopted for 2020 by the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The small pond on West Hill Road is adopted for the second year by Vermont Co-Pack. This site is being monitored in preparation for potentially reopening the pond to public recreation in the near future. While not open for swimming yet, BRAT is working with the town of Ludlow on establishing the health of the pond so we can be sure it's consistently meeting the EPA's benchmark for safe swimming.

Tolles Power Dam off Maple Street in Perkinsville still needs sponsorship for sampling. By donation from Endyne, BRAT monitors an additional site on the North Branch just beyond the foot of Mount Ascutney. Tolles Dam is a popular public swimming and wading site, while the North Branch site is of concern for the state of Vermont for bacteria, nutrients, and sediment.

BRAT wishes to sincerely thank the adopting sponsors by presenting each with an "adoption certificate" for the sampling season. The "adoption fee" covers the costs of testing as well as volunteer mileage to the site every Wednesday and often again on Friday to post a chart for visitors. While there is usually an ambient level of bacteria naturally in the water, wet weather can wash in contaminants from the shore, so it is recommended to stay out of the river or stream for at least 24 hours after a heavy rain and anytime the water appears cloudy.

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In depth knowledge of standards, practices and tools of the Mechanic's trade, operating principles of gasoline and diesel engines, repair methods used on a variety of light and heavy mechanical equipment, ability to diagnose and locate defects in automotive and other equipment, weld gas and arc equipment, experience as a journeyman mechanic or equivalent in training and experience and the organizational ability to prepare all vehicle bid specifications, understand and effectively carry out oral and written orders. A High School Diploma or GED or graduation from a vocational school or the equivalent in education and experience, Certification to perform State of Vermont Motor Vehicle Inspections, a valid State Motor Vehicle Operator's License, a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Level B required, Level A preferred and an understanding of job safety, a record of safe performance, an established record of good work habits including punctuality, dependability and being able to follow directions. Pay Grade 21, a salary range of \$20.28 to \$28.48 per hour depending on experience. This is a non-exempt union position with benefits. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104. Applications may also be downloaded from the Town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/> Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. E.O.E.

MAINTENANCE WORKER II/TRUCK DRIVER Full-Time - Permanent Position

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a Maintenance Worker II / Truck Driver for the Springfield Public Works Department. Requires the ability to perform semi-skilled work related to the operation of trucks, light duty motor equipment and manual labor. Must be able to make accurate reports of materials hauled and maintenance scheduled. Reports to the Operations Supervisor. Maintenance Worker II/Driver is often required to work independently and will occasionally supervise. Requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator's license and a CDL B is required. Grade 14, a salary range of \$15.65 to \$21.74 per hour depending on experience. This is a non-exempt union position with benefits. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104. Applications may also be downloaded from the Town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/> Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. E.O.E.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 300 sq. ft. commercial space available. \$350/month all utilities included. Handicapped accessible. Contact Kathy at 802-463-9863 for more information. (05/19)

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FOR SALE

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Lot for sale at Hawk Mountain Resort, lot 3-61. 1.85 acres, taxes \$315.00, asking \$4000. Email adehner100@gmail.com. (05/26)

Town of Londonderry, VT Notice of Vacancies

Pursuant to 24 VSA § 961, the Town of Londonderry hereby gives notice of the following vacancies in public offices, and seeks candidates to fill these volunteer positions:

- Town Health Officer
- First Constable
- Development Review Board member (Alternate)

Applications for these offices can be found on the Town's website - www.londonderryvt.org, at the Town office at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT, or by calling the Town Administrator at 802-824-3356.



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The Town of Rockingham has Request for Proposals (RFP's) out for the following work:

Hyde Hill Engineering RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the engineering design and construction oversight of drainage and road design improvements to Hyde Hill, located in Bellows Falls, VT. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals clearly marked "Hyde Hill Engineering RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Hyde Hill Construction RFP

The Town of Rockingham is requesting construction proposals for drainage and road improvements to Hyde Hill, located in Bellows Falls, VT. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals clearly marked "Hyde Hill Construction RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 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 dpw@rockbf.org.



Town of Mount Holly NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of MOUNT HOLLY have this day completed the abstract of individual lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said Town on the first day of April 2020, and that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the 29th of MAY 2020 between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00PM; and 30th of MAY 2020 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00PM, the undersigned Listers will meet at the Mount Holly Town Office in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such Listers who objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2020 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

Due to health threat caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and recommendations based on public health, we will not be holding face-to-face grievance hearings this year. If you wish to grieve, you MUST submit a grievance in writing by the 28th day of May 2020. You are entitled to state the grievance in a hearing. To do so, you must provide a phone number where we can reach you for a phone grievance.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 7th day of May 2020.

Listers of the Town of Mount Holly,
Carol Garrow-Woolley
David Johnson
Mary Surething

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Answer

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Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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(08/18/20 - TFN - 52)

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community REAL ESTATE/AUTO/LEGAL NOTICES

Governor's Institutes of Vermont 2020 program lineup

REGION – The Governor's Institutes of Vermont is excited to announce its new summer 2020 lineup. All eight Immersions will take place online, led by

renowned GIV faculty. Applications are still being accepted at www.giv.org.

In **Engineering**, students will study and assess local energy systems,

microgrids, and construct their own energy generator. Small design challenges, professional presentations, and career exploration will also be included.

In **Global Issues & Youth Action**, students will explore in depth the challenging political, environmental, and social justice issues in the pre- and post-COVID world and the mechanics of change, in dialogue with young people from around the world.

In the **Arts Immersion**, budding artists will dive deeply into visual, dramatic, musical, written, or digital creation with a focus on producing original work, guided by artist mentors and accentuated by workshops and Q&A presentations from professional artists.

The **Environmental Sci-**

ence program will include lab and observation-supported exploration of local watershed ecosystems and effects of time, geography, policy, and community, plus, expert presentations on energy and scientific careers.

Technology, Design & Coding students will race to design, build, and prototype a hardware proposal based on real-life Mars missions with former NASA engineers, with opportunities to focus on data analytics, programming, and graphic design.

The **Astronomy Immersion** will focus on solar system observation and

study, construction of personal telescopes, and live presentations by industry leaders and astronomy academics.

In **Mathematical Sciences**, the focus will be exposure to a wide range of in-depth theoretical and applied math concepts with college professors and faculty, plus mentored problem-solving activities and contests.

Health & Medicine students will examine human anatomy and pathology with an emphasis on diagnostics using real educational autopsy footage, plus enjoy conversations about public health and

a range of health careers with medical professionals.

For 38 summers, Governor's Institutes have convened Vermont's eager high school learners on college campuses for hands-on study in topics they are passionate about with mentorship by college faculty and professional experts. This will be GIV's first foray into online programming. Summer 2020 programs are open to high school freshmen through recently graduated seniors and tuition is "pay what you can."

For more detailed information and to apply, visit www.giv.org.

Warning for Special Town Meeting

Town of Westminster, Vermont

June 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Bellows Falls Union High School – if possible

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the Westminster Selectboard has chosen the Bellows Falls Union High School Front Lawn Area for this meeting. If the State of Vermont is still restricting large gatherings on June 6th, then a substantial conference call will be set up so that voters can participate from their homes. The meeting will still be at 10:00 AM, either way. Please keep checking the town's website for updates on this event.

Warning for Special Town Meeting

Town of Westminster, Vermont

June 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

- Article 1: To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to take action thereupon.
- Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 170,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the Capital Improvement Fund for the renovation of the Westminster Town Hall previously established by Article 15 at the Annual Meeting of March 1, 1999.
- Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 30,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the Bridge Rehabilitation Fund for the preservation of our bridges previously established by Article 17 at the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2010.
- Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$ 250,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund surplus into the "Contingency Reserve Fund" pursuant to the Reserve Fund Balance Policy approved by Article 14 at the annual meeting of March 2, 2019. The transferred amount shall be divided into \$ 100,000 for working capital, not to exceed 5% of the annual budget, to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenditures of the Town. The balance, \$ 150,000, shall be designated for emergency capital, not to exceed 15% of the annual budget, to be used for non-recurring and unanticipated emergencies, as defined by the Selectboard. Expenditure of emergency capital by the Selectboard shall be in accordance with the Reserve Fund Balance Policy previously established by Article 14 at the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2019.
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$ 2,102,411, of which \$ 1,547,481 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 554,930 by estimated revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.
- Article 6: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster.

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

Town of Westminster Selectboard

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Susan Harlow - Chair

K. Sheldon Beebe
K. Sheldon Beebe - Vice Chair

Kevin Hughes
Kevin Hughes - Clerk

Toby Young
Toby Young

Craig Allen
Craig Allen

Alison Bigwood
Attest: Alison Bigwood, Clerk

Opioid deaths in Vermont decrease

BURLINGTON, Vt. – Opioid-related fatalities in Vermont have decreased for the first time since 2014. Newly released data from

the Department of Health show a 15% decline in the number of deaths attributed to opioid misuse — down from 130 in 2018 to

111 in 2019.

Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. said the news was welcome, but still sobering. "Our strategies to meet this public health challenge are making a difference," said Dr. Levine. "But even a single death tied to opioid use is too many. Each person is a friend, family member, and loved one, and we owe it to them to keep making progress."

"The opioid epidemic is one where it is difficult to celebrate progress because it remains a significant challenge that greatly impacts far too many Vermont families," said Gov. Phil Scott. "However, it is important to pause and recognize incremental gains so that we continue to move in the right direction. Vermont has been a leader in this fight for years, and this important work will continue."

Vermont's efforts have included providing rapid access to medication-assisted treatment, patient education and rules governing prescription monitoring, the creation of a statewide network for naloxone distribution, safe drug dis-

posal, syringe service programs, a statewide network of recovery centers, and building strong community partnerships.

Dr. Levine said Vermont has worked to dig deep into providing full-service programming that helps Vermonters move from treatment to successful recovery. Key to those efforts has been Vermont's hub-and-spoke system of care that makes available medication-assisted treatment services to people diagnosed with opioid use disorder. More than 9,000 Vermonters currently receive MAT in state-supported facilities, and treatment is available to anyone who wants it.

In addition, Dr. Levine said the COVID-19 pandemic creates new challenges for people living with substance use disorder, but emphasized there are still many ways to get help. The Health Department recently launched VTHelpLink, which provides free, confidential, and personalized information and referrals to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery services throughout the state.

VTHelpLink features a call center of trained staff and clinicians and online resources, connecting Vermonters to information for themselves, family, and friends, or on behalf of clients.

"We are all adapting to changes during the pandemic, and substance use treatment is no exception," Dr. Levine said. "Getting treatment is safe and necessary, and we will do all we can to see more Vermonters succeed in their recovery."

Additional findings from the 2019 opioid-related fatalities — all data is preliminary:

- Fentanyl continues to be the primary driver of opioid-related deaths in Vermont. Although there were fewer deaths involving fentanyl in 2019 (95) compared to 2018 (100), fentanyl accounts for 86% of deaths in 2019 compared to 77% in 2018.
- The percentage of opioid-related fatalities involving cocaine continues to increase. Cocaine was present in 43% of opioid-related fatalities in 2019, up from 36% in 2018. The number of cocaine-involved deaths surpassed the number involving heroin for the first time since 2010.
- After increasing from 42 deaths in 2017 to 69 deaths in 2018, deaths involving heroin decreased by nearly half in 2019 (37 deaths).

If you or someone you know needs help and support, visit www.vthelpink.org. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/opioids.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE

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Friday, May 15, 2020

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

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This 68.2+/- acre parcel covers it all. Located in Weathersfield on a town maintained paved road with additional access off a town maintained gravel road (approximately 4,000 feet of road frontage for easy access). This land offers a mix of open/maintained pasture and wooded land of sloping topography to offer views to the east (including a view of the country club). Well worth a look... imagine the possibilities! **JUST REDUCED PRICE TO \$189,000**

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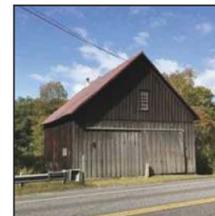
Cape In Country Setting w/Updates Great Room Addition Roughed In 4 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 14.3+/- Acres Athens, \$175,000



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