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GMUSD looks for 10-15% cut from approved 2020-21 budget

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - GMUSD board held a special meeting April 28 via Zoom to address budget concerns resulting from anticipated state budget shortfalls causing steep property tax hikes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting was in anticipation of a scheduled GMUSD Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5.

Superintendent Meg Powden reported that she had frozen budgets this fiscal year for GMUSD, LMHUUSD, and TRSU with the only exceptions being for professional development funding needed for teachers to complete licensure requirements by June 2020; ongoing needed construction projects including summer cleaning and maintenance; and any essential requests from the school principals.

Finance Director Cheryl Hammond reported that they were still anticipating some graduation expenses, as well as boiler repairs at both Green Mountain Union High School and Cavendish Town Elementary School. Although the district was saving money on transportation for special education, between additional assessments and other factors including possible previous over-reimbursement, that they would likely not see any savings through special education. Hammond was trying to negotiate some service fees lower if they were not provided

the same level of service. She was able to renegotiate the bus loan from 2.95 to 1.95% and was looking at the heating oil contract but had not yet made any decision.

Powden said that possible cuts of 11 part- and full-time positions would total approximately \$32,000 - or less if the district continued to pay their health insurance. These cuts could only happen to para and support staff since teacher contracts will not allow for Reductions in Force this year or next year.

Board member Doug McBride said that there wasn't a lot to be gained by that small a cut. "It doesn't seem like there's a lot of gold in those hills," he said.

Powden agreed that there was not much savings to be gained and that these were long-time staffers, many of whom had stepped up in a big way to help with food service and long-distance learning.

CTES Principal Deb Beaupre also expressed concern about reducing paras, saying they are helping kids who have special needs every day. She was also concerned that if they were furloughed, they would not be around to be rehired later.

McBride expressed his concern for taxpayers and how they will be able to absorb the staggering increase in property taxes that the state and education legislators were anticipating, estimated between 25 and 50 cents per \$100,000 of property value.

Board members Mike Studin

and Jeannie Wade both expressed caution with making cuts for staff that may be essential once students returned. There was also discussion that some federal help may yet be coming that is unknown now.

Fred Marin also expressed the need to be slow, careful, and thoughtful for the short-term. He also expressed that there may be an opportunity to overhaul the way schools are funded.

The board agreed to formally ask the administration to provide pro-forma budgets, for this upcoming fiscal year with a recommended 10% and a 15% reduction in the budget for their upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Hammond agreed to provide the pro-forma options; however she made clear that the budget had already been approved by taxpayers, but that they could adjust payments accordingly to meet the reductions if approved.

The May 5 Finance Committee meeting had initially intended to look at 2021-22 budget but focused instead on 2020-21. Subsequent budgets would also be addressed in future meetings.

An executive session was convened to discuss the sabbatical of CAES teacher Frank Kelley that was approved by the board in October, but no public action was taken once the board emerged from the session.

Okemo Mountain School, Ludlow Police support local families

LUDLOW, Vt. - Over 35 Ludlow families received care packages this week of food and essential items to help support them during the COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic has caused much turmoil all over the world, but we are also seeing it in our local community with the loss of jobs, especially surrounding the hospitality business, which is so very important in our area.

The Ludlow Police Department started the initiative at the beginning of April by supporting a few families; but as the need grew, Okemo Mountain School jumped on board to raise money. With the idea stemming from OMS parent Carol Roe, they began the Virtual Backyard 5K Walk and Run. The 5K was publicized as being able to complete it anywhere, which led to participation not only in the local Ludlow community, but in Long Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and beyond. It is clear that Ludlow and its full-time residents are held near and dear to many hearts.

The Virtual Backyard 5K



OMS volunteers Mariel Meringolo, Ashley Belcher, and Carol Roe. PHOTO PROVIDED

required a registration fee and the opportunity to make additional donations, which many participants took part in. Okemo Mountain School ended up raising almost \$2,800 over a two-week period, all of which was donated directly to the Ludlow Police Department for the purchase of food and supplies.

The Ludlow Police Department and Okemo Mountain School would also like to say a special thank you to Knight Tubs Pools & Spas who made a direct donation to the cause, Terry Fortuna and the Fortuna family for helping to organize

the package drop-offs and purchasing of food, Thomas Dairy for donating milk at wholesale prices, and Okemo Mountain and Vail Resorts for donating an abundance of Gatorade.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Virtual Backyard 5K and made donations. Your generosity made a big difference to many families within the Ludlow community!

If you would still like to make a donation, the Ludlow Police Department will continue supporting families in any way they can during the COVID-19 crisis and can still take direct donations.

Ludlow Selectboard addresses Timber Inn and BRIS requests

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Selectboard's remote Monday, May 4 meeting, largely following up with issues raised in April.

The Selectboard revisited the request by Timber Inn owners Glenn and Donna Heitsmith to provide their support before they begin the process of applying for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation property buyout program. The Timber Inn location has been flooded twice in the past eight years and sits on property that has been deemed by FEMA since Hurricane Irene as a "floodway." The program would purchase the property and then demolish the buildings and clear the land, forever making the site "unbuildable." The property would then revert to the town, incurring no direct costs other than lost tax revenue.

After reviewing area maps of Ludlow floodway and flood plain areas and further discussion on Timber Inn's unique position in a clear floodway, the board agreed to support the Heitsmiths. Board Chair Bruce Schmidt called the loss of the Timber

Inn for the town sad and unfortunate but understood they have a unique situation.

Donna Heitsmith said that as much as they don't want to, this is the right choice. The Heitsmiths will begin work on the FEMA application including scheduling a commercial appraisal with a filing deadline of Jan. 1, 2021.

DEC Regional Floodplain Manager John Broker-Campbell, who attended the virtual meeting to help answer questions, made the point that Ludlow is one of the few Vermont towns that has a strict prohibition on floodway development, which caused some problems when they were expanding the wastewater treatment facility. The board agreed to revisit their town plan to perhaps modify those restrictions.

Black River Independent School committee members were in remote attendance. In April, they requested that the Selectboard approve that BRIS lease the old high school building and allow them to lease the first year for free, with subsequent years working toward full lease cost coverage.

BRIS is launching a pilot program in August with 14 students and employing two educators and an administrative person. This pilot program is relying

solely on philanthropic funding, according to Sean Williams, chair of the BRISC Board of Trustees. The board continues work on the application to the Vermont Agency of Education.

According to Williams, the state wants to see enough money already in the bank to run for a full year. The agency said BRIS was on track for the following year. Part of the application process is showing a secured location for the school.

The Selectboard's questions centered around projected student numbers after the pilot program and cost of maintaining the building. According to BRIS committee members, there were approximately two-dozen families who have expressed interest, mostly seventh and eighth graders, with the hope that a successful pilot program would attract more interest.

When asked what the ideal lease for the building would look like, new head of school Andrew Fersch said that he hoped the agreement would be for more than a single year, with the first year being free and then including required benchmarks needing to be met by BRIS so that it would be the fairest thing for the town. BRIS had submitted a five-year projection as part

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Masks, meals, and more with My Community Nurse Project

REGION – There is a new but familiar face in town, an advanced practice nurse who makes home visits, checks health and wellness, assists with telemedical appointments, and provides health advocacy on behalf of members of the mountain town communities.

Regina Downer, R.N., M.S., is the nurse with My Community Nurse Project, offering confidential and compassionate case management for residents in Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Landgrove, Weston, and Andover. She builds trusting and supportive rela-



Lilly and Alexa Falango draw pictures for fellow community members receiving hot meals.

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the agency has been blessed with an active and dedicated team of volunteers.

Some volunteers, including Melinda Beebe of Peru and Deb Lyneis of Weston, have been avidly sewing cloth masks. Over 200 masks have been carefully sewn and distributed thanks to the talents of these seamstresses.

The innkeepers of the Colonial House in Weston have baked more than 60 loaves of bread to deliver every Monday. Other volunteers like Will Freeman, Peter Miller, and Heather Borhek of Weston have cooked and packed

over 100 hot suppers delivered to community members by volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our youngest and newest volunteers are Alexa, 6, and Lilly Falango, 8, who have drawn pictures to accompany each hot meal. These pictures are the highlight of the meal deliveries and very much appreciated by those receiving them. As one client stated, "I love that drawing! It says to me, 'Hey, we know you're out there and we care.'"

The drawings have been so well received by the clients that Alexa and Lilly recruited their children in their neighborhood to draw pictures to go along with the meals. The drawings are posted in clients' windows and front doors.

COVID-19 may be around us, but it hasn't beaten us. We are a team working for the health and wellness of our community!

For more information or to make a referral, contact Regina Downer or Gloria Dawson, Board Chair, at MCNP, P.O. Box 57, Weston VT 05161 or call 802-772-5607. Donations are never expected but gratefully accepted.

Chester Summer Music Series canceled for 2020

CHESTER, Vt. – With great reluctance, the Chester Summer Music Series Committee has decided to cancel our concert series for the summer of 2020. There are a great many variables at play here with COVID-19, and we do not feel confident in predicting

the present and future course of this pandemic at this time. This decision has been difficult to make, but we feel that without being able to guarantee the safety of both the performers and audiences, we must err on the side of caution. In addition, we feel that asking for community donations

for this year's Chester Summer Music Series would be inappropriate to do so for most businesses at this juncture. We look forward to coming back in 2021. If conditions warrant, we may try to put on one or two shows in August, but there is no way for us to tell until later in the summer.

Whiting Library front porch pick up

CHESTER, Vt. – The Whiting Library announces front porch pick up will begin Wednesday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Front porch pick up will then be available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by other arrangements.

Whiting librarians are still providing services to the community despite our closed doors, and we are eager to continue to find ways to assist our patrons from a distance. Front porch pick up is a welcome addition to our many online offerings, free books and movies, and kids' craft projects.

How will front porch pick

up service work? Browse our catalog online. You can find a link to the catalog on the library website, www.whitinglibrary.org. Place items on hold by calling the library at 802-875-2277 or emailing whitinglibrary1@gmail.com. Remember, there is a 10-item check out limit.

Library staff will ask you for your library card number when you call or email, so be sure to have it with you. If you don't have a library card, let's get you set up over the phone.

Once your items are available for pick up, you will be notified. Once notified, come to the library and pick up the bag with your name on it off the cart on the front porch. Please, only one person at a time on the front

porch. Only items placed on hold will be available for porch-side pick up. There is no interlibrary loan available at this time. Please do not use the pick up service if you are feeling sick in any way. For more details about front porch pick up, visit the library website.

While the library is closed, please keep your currently checked out materials at home or feel free to return books to the drop box on the front porch at any time. Due dates will be extended and no overdue fines will be charged during this period.

We miss all of our patrons. Contactless front porch pick up will be a great way to bridge the gap until you can safely return to browse the stacks.

Advice on quitting tobacco, vaping

REGION – People who 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, 2020.

Since people in Vermont are living under a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, tobacco and vape users are encouraged to take this opportunity to 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.

Parents, you know that conversation you have been

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.

Are you or someone you know thinking about quitting smoking or vaping? 802QUITTS.org or 1-800-QUIT-NOW is a free resource to adults and teens who

want to quit 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@thecollaborative.us.

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A collection of stories from area towns
BY RON PATCH

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of their meeting. Schmidt said that he struggled with this issue and that the cost of maintaining the building already represent-

ed at least a \$65,000 donation from the town. He expressed his commitment to the taxpayers and that no rent for the first year might set a difficult precedent for other buildings owned by the town. Schmidt also expressed concern over an agreement that went beyond two years. Board member Justin Hyjeck also agreed that a shorter timeframe would be preferable.

Municipal Manager Scott Murphy suggested that the board simply express their agreement for BRIS to operate

from the old Black River High School building at this point, with details of the lease including costs and term length to be decided later, thereby providing the location that BRIS needs to continue with their application to the state. With that limited commitment, the board agreed and gave their approval to BRIS that they will be housed in the BRHS building beginning in August.

The next Ludlow Selectboard meeting is Monday, June 1 at 6 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Old sayings

Vermont of 100 years ago 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 onto.

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-

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 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 that."

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 marble. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 appropriate.

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 her.

Vermont History Day goes virtual in 2020

REGION - 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,

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.

History Day is made possible by the following sponsors:

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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.

This project, sponsored by the Andover Project Commit-

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 one-page and are due by May 15. Please include your name. Your grandchildren may be looking at these in 2076.

Mail your submissions to the Town Office, addressed to

COVID-19 Art Project or drop your clearly labeled submission into the mail slot at the Town Office, 953 Weston Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143.



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, SoVeA 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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~ Lonnie

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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 As-

sembly 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 "Mornings 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 mile-and-a-half out of town from the



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 later date.

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.

Maurice A. Sheldon, 1933-2020

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 four-wheeling, 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.

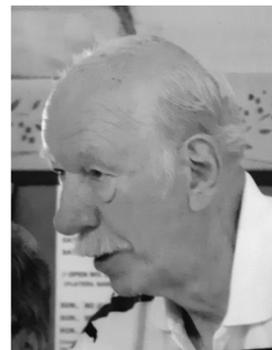
Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

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 years.

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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 Claffin.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. 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, Vt.

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-

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.

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,



Russell D. Goodwin, 1947-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

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, Robinson Paper, Unified Data,

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, sister-in-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. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & 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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 COVID-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 Rescue 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

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,

Ed Grossman, Lyza Gardner, John Holme, Charlene Huyler.

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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 Czapl
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 DOI'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

Dear Editor,

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 the facility.

Our club is extremely disappointed in the actions of some 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 practice, and the remaining nails pose a danger to the children. The debris 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 be spending many hours with a metal detector and magnets going over the ring and surrounding area when the stay-at-home order is fully lifted. The ring and surrounding areas should not be used until this thorough cleanup 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

MONTPELIER, Vt. – 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 COVID-19.

“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 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 phased-in approach to have the state conduct up to about 7,500 tests per week. The

increase will take place 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 re-testing 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 place.

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 procedures, testing would be expanded to many of these patients as well.

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 whenever they might arise. The

health of Vermonters is critical to our Restart VT efforts.”

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 text-based 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.

“It’s important to understand that as more testing is performed, and as

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 communities.”

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/covid19.

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 CRUSHING/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 FY21, which was voted down at the February 29 Town Meeting.

By postponing the special meeting, the board hopes that Covid-19 restrictions will be eased sufficiently to allow an in-person meeting, even if it must be held outside, with proper social distancing and 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 an FY21 budget of \$2,102,411 that now includes \$15,000 for financial consulting.

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 Hall.
- 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%.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

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

Friday, May 15, 2020

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

Due to COVID-19 the Town Office is currently closed to the public. Payments may be made through the mail or dropped into our secure mail slot located in the brown door on the second floor. If a receipt is desired, please provide a stamped and addressed return envelope.

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.

This position includes Health Benefits at a starting hourly rate of \$22.37 for the bus driver hours.

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:

Karen Trimboli
Principal
Ludlow Elementary School
45 Main Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

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Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District Food Service Personnel

LMUUUSD is starting its own Food Service Program in the 2020/2021 School Year. We have 2 positions to fill. Each position is 6 hours per day during the School Year.

1. Food Service Worker - position is responsible 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.

You can download a TRSU job application from the www.trsu.org web site.

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

EOE

Governor’s Institutes’ summer learning online

REGION – The Governor’s Institutes of Vermont, which typically serves hundreds of talented Vermont high schoolers every summer with world-class academic and arts programming, is moving to virtual delivery for summer 2020.

GIV sent out acceptance letters to 180 young people this weekend welcoming them into this

year’s cohort. Each student will focus on the area they choose, such as arts, astronomy, engineering, environmental science, health and medicine, math, or global issues. In addition to classes, each student will spend time exploring careers, doing hands-on projects in their topic with mentorship by professionals and role models in the field, and

participating in a statewide 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 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.

The River Valley Technical Center Carpentry Program

Is now accepting sealed bids for our 2020-2021 modular house.

Two styles to choose from:
• Cape 28’ x 40’ or smaller
• 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

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.gov/office2.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.gov/office2.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

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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, 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 bin.

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

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.
 - Avoid projects that remove trees, shrubs, and dead snags that contain nests.
- For information about rabies or truly orphaned wildlife, call the Vermont Rabies Hotline at 1-800-472-2437.

of our lessons and our 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 to us.

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

MONTPELIER, Vt. — 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

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

for the past two weeks, 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 phone.

ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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802-824-9845

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