

Morse's neighborhood market closes

BY JO ROBBINS

The Shopper

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Just a couple of months shy of the one-year anniversary of the long-awaited opening of Morse's Market in North Springfield, Todd and Belinda Morse announced the permanent closing of their store on the corner of School Street and Main Street in a heartfelt message on the store's Facebook page.

In an interview with The Shopper, Belinda Morse said the couple had a five-year financial plan that began when they bought the property in 2016. December of this year would have marked the fourth year of that plan.

For the past three months of social distancing and state recommendations that people stay in their homes, Morse's contin-

ued to provide curbside pick-up service to its customers who phoned their orders ahead. Surprisingly, however, it was not the pandemic that convinced the Morses to sell – although it was the tip of the iceberg. Belinda said they actually put the property up for sale in December after a slow winter of sales. She said there were several factors that encouraged them to move on. They own a home in Maine and have been commuting for the past year. They are not entirely sure if they want to stay up north because winters are difficult or what the next adventure will bring, but that decision will be made with family and they are looking forward to it. She said retirement is not in their immediate future.

By way of historical data, Belinda provided the following: "The market was a neighbor-



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hood market owned by a succession of small business owners including Todd's family from 1900-2010 for many years serving the town of North Springfield, surrounding areas, and an industrial park that is cur-

rently vibrant and growing. The building has been the heart of the community for years and is considered one of North Springfield's historic landmarks and has been and still is the center of the community. The build-

ing itself was built around 1860 and was a personal residence as well as a grain store, the Post Office, a soda fountain shoppe, a pizza parlor, and "The Specialty Store."

It then became the Fuller Market and was followed by a long succession of markets for more than 100 years such as Chapman's Market; Matthew's Superite; Kehoe's Market; Polidor's Market; Arrisons Market; Morse's Market; Harrington's Market; and the Main Street Market. Area children also knew it as "The Little Red Store."

Belinda said it was always her dream to run her own bakery and wondered if she would ever get the chance to use that big old mixer out in the garage or would that dream become one of life's

regrets. The Vermont Baking Company, a connected annex to the market, is where Belinda got the brief opportunity to fulfill that dream.

The Morses have had several offers to buy or lease the property so, hopefully, it will not stay vacant for long. The silent, unoccupied market at the corner of Main and School streets came alive last August and provided the neighborhood with character, good food, a wonderful bakery with pies and pastries prepared by Belinda from her own recipes, and a community sandwich shop. "We had the best employees working for us."

The Morses asked to send this message: "We are very grateful for the support, patience, and loyalty of our friends and neighbors. Without you, none of this would have been possible. You will be greatly missed."

Bellows Falls Community Garden growing again

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A group gathered May 23 for a Saturday "work day" to fix up the fence and ready the area for community members to start their individual and shared plots at the Bellows Falls Community Garden at 19 Blake St. The community garden is behind the Public Works Department Garage and is accessible from the Recreation Center and trailhead. Volunteers spent the day restoring and adding new fence wire to keep out deer. A volunteer had dug 27 new post holes over the preceding couple weeks, and a chicken wire skirt will be added to keep out woodchucks as well.

Michael Marquise is a long-time participant in the project, having had a plot there since 2008. He says the garden started in the early 2000s and was tied to a Greater Falls Gardening Collaborative. He grows winter squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets, kale, carrots, and green beans. This year,



Part of the May 23 volunteer work crew at the Bellows Falls Community Garden with their sign and renovated fence.

PHOTO BY MARSHA STERN

at his daughter's suggestion, he is also doing watermelons, though he has not had luck with them in the past. Most importantly are his potatoes. He says, "My passion is potatoes... they stubbornly grow no matter what the weather. They are very rewarding."

Marquise says, "Every year is a good year! Some years are too

wet and may require replanting, while other years are dry and need constant watering. The wetness and dryness or warmth and coolness dictate which crops flourish, but normally there is an abundance of food." He adds, "We have been fortunate to have had the help of the Highway Department over the years. The gardeners

are very good with flowering plants to help the bee population so it can be quite pretty as we move into summer."

Marsha Stern is the current spokesperson for the garden project. She says she is "a normal person with a gardening obsession." Her first community garden experience was in San Francisco, and she went through the national master gardener course. She has a plot planted with five beds of vegetables and flowers.

She sees the value of a community garden and why locals want it: "Because the soil has been worked by organic methods for many years to make it rich and productive. Because the sun shines [there] for long hours, because community gardening gives us access to deliveries of wood chips and compost, running water, shared tools... Friendliness is not required, but I like running into others and comparing plants and methods."

She says, "We are all, now, experienced gardeners." She adds that they "welcome newbies, hopefully without overwhelm-

ing them with our collective experience." She says everyone has tomatoes, and there are also some jointly maintained spots with perennials and asparagus and rhubarb.

Stern notes that some of their members are on the Task Force to Advance Community Energy, Efficiency, and Resiliency that resulted from the recent Vermont Council on Rural Development visit to Rockingham. One of their visions is to improve the garden's compost pile so that it can be a

model for neighborhood composting. Hopes and dreams for the garden's future also include an outdoor table and chairs, a row of blueberries, and becoming a presence at the Bellows Falls Farmers Market.

Plots are available, and Stern is currently signing gardeners on. Having a plot requires a small annual fee and participation in occasional work days that help develop the garden. For more information, contact Marsha Stern at marshacar@gmail.com or 802-230-6156.



Starting the season at the Bellows Falls community garden.

PHOTO BY MARSHA STERN

Springfield Selectboard approves COVID-19 addendum to delinquent tax policy

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 26, the Selectboard met over Zoom to discuss a lease extension with American Cell Tower and to authorize the town attorney to prepare for the annual tax sales. The Selectboard also approved a proposed COVID-19 addendum to the delinquent tax policy for properties that may have been affected by the pandemic.

Town Manager Steven Neratko explained that the American Tower wanted to extend their lease on the cell tower. The lease on the tower is contracted until 2032, but American Tower requests to extend the lease until 2062, or they would purchase the tower for \$300,000.

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Lease consultant Dawn Christmore was present on the Zoom meeting to answer questions about the extension. She explained that Verizon originally built the tower in 2007 and sold it to American Tower in 2015. Both the police and fire departments have the right to install equipment needed on the tower, rent-free.

American Tower is currently breaking even on the tower. By extending the lease, it would open up the chance that a new tenant would be interested in the site. The tower currently has 12 years left in their lease with the town, but a lease of at least 20 years remaining would be more desirable to buyers. As of May 15, 2020, American

Tower pays the town \$2,202.82 in rent each month, and a 3% escalation is applied every year in May. With the lease extension, these terms and conditions would remain the same.

Kristi Morris asked if there was anything in the town charter that would prevent the Selectboard from extending the lease to 42 years. Board Chair Walter Martone agreed that they might have to check with the town attorney first.

The lease extension was approved subject to the town attorney's approval.

Neratko reported to the Selectboard that Barbara Courchesne, delinquent tax collector, and Steve Ankuda, the town attorney, are working to schedule a tax sale in

August or early September this year. The Selectboard needed to adopt a motion to authorize Ankuda to prepare for and conduct the sale. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard then looked at a proposed COVID-19 addendum to the delinquent tax policy to provide assistance to taxpayers affected by the pandemic. The resulting plan would help taxpayers who were up-to-date on their taxes at the end of December 2019 but have since fallen behind over the third and fourth quarter payment periods. The taxpayers would have the ability to make an agreement with the town and would not have to pay the 8% penalty portion of their dues upfront. If they remain

current on their tax payments as of May 2021, then the penalty would be waived at that time. Finance Director Cathy Sohngen said that approximately 300 taxpayers could take advantage of this program.

Selectboard member Michael Martin said, "I'm not sure we're finished feeling the impacts of the COVID-19... This agreement would only allow for quarters three and four of 2019-20. I'm curious to know if there's any capacity... to consider adding first quarter of 2020-21 to this agreement."

Neratko responded that there may be opportunity down the road to continue the arrangement for the first quarter payments and that he and Sohngen would review revenues closely.

Courchesne reinforced that the Selectboard could revisit the plan at the beginning of the new tax year or by May 15, 2021 prior to the penalty being assessed. The Selectboard also passed the motion unanimously.

Lastly, the Selectboard passed an emergency ordinance that authorizes the town manager to suspend the requirement and enforcement of any ordinances, regulations, and zoning by-laws in order to assist restaurants and other businesses in resuming operations as the state allows for more businesses to reopen with social distancing requirements.

The next regular Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

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Greater Falls Connections annual meeting and elections

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Connections will be hosting its annual meeting Tuesday, June 30, from 10-11 a.m., via Zoom this year. Information on how to join the meeting will be available on GFC’s website: www.greater-fallsconnections.org/Vote. Anyone who supports GFC’s vision of a healthy, nurturing, and supportive community is encouraged to attend and participate.

This year’s annual meeting will feature a very special demonstration of the Community Building Circle process, a process used to build connection and friendship between youth from GFC’s Above the Influence and Friends for Change Youth Club members. Attendees will also vote on the slate

of candidates for the Greater Falls Connections Advisory Board: Samia Abbass, Greater Falls Community Justice Center (first term), Marty Gallagher, Greater Rockingham Area Services (third term), Joey Jacques, Fall Mount HS student (BFMS graduate) (second term), Meghan Licciardi, Youth Services of Windham County (second term), Doreen Stoodley, Westminster parent (first term), Alex Stradling, Fact TV (second term).

Per coalition by-laws, members – that is, anyone who supports GFC’s mission – not able to attend can register their opinions in writing with the chair or the director so that their vote can be counted at the meeting. To make that easy this

year, GFC has created an on-line voting page, where GFC supporters can register their vote online. The deadline for remote voting is Monday, June 29 by 5 p.m. The link to online voting can be found on the Greater Falls Connections Facebook page and on our website: www.greater-fallsconnections.org/Vote.

To learn more about the GFC Advisory Board and how to join, please visit GFC’s website, www.greaterfallsconnections.org. New members, new ideas, and new energy are always welcome.

Town of Springfield and partners move to remove problem dam


SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, in collaboration with the Vermont Rivers Program, Connecticut River Conservancy, and the town of Springfield, have developed removal plans for the Valley Street dam in Springfield, Vt. The dam is situated adjacent to Valley Street, immediately south of the intersection of Valley and Litchfield streets. The decades-defunct structure was erected in 1938 to serve as the town’s public swimming

pool. However, the pool was officially closed in 1953 due to fear of the spread of polio, as well as other contamination concerns. The dam has not served any functional purpose since.

Removal of the dam will return the stream to a natural, free-flowing condition, improve aquatic and riparian habitat, and improve water quality. In addition, the dam has been determined to be in poor structural condition. Controlled removal of the dam will eliminate the risk of an uncontrolled breach, which

could cause damage to downstream infrastructure and private property.

This engineering effort was funded by a grant through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program, the Vermont Watershed Grant program through the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, with cash contributions through the Connecticut River Conservancy. Ripple Natural Resources LLC was the lead design consultant on the project. A construction timeframe has not yet been determined.



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Burlington rector initiates charitable effort

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Father Lance Harlow, rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, created the St. Nicholas Project after many years of being involved with Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, Vt., a charitable, year-round, residential home and school for children, ages 5-15, from throughout the northeast.

The St. Nicholas Project is collaboration between the Catholic community in Vermont and Kurn Hattin Homes that provides material and financial support to assist Kurn Hattin in its mission of transforming the lives of children and their families forever. Since 2015, the

St. Nicholas Project, with Father Harlow’s guidance, has initiated many successful fundraising efforts including a winter coat drive and a back-to-school fundraiser to obtain donations for the purchase of shoes for the children. The St. Nicholas Project is named after St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, who was renown during his lifetime for his charity towards children and families in need.

This year, inspired by the national pandemic that has created such a hardship for so many of the children and their families, Father Harlow and the St. Nicholas Project donors have once again stepped up to help



Father Lance Harlow. PHOTO PROVIDED

The total raised to date has exceeded \$24,000 and gifts continue to arrive each week. They have come not just from Vermont but also from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York, making it a charitable effort spanning six states.

This success comes as no surprise to those who have observed Father Harlow and his ceaseless efforts on behalf of Kurn Hattin for the past 15 years. When he was presented with the organization’s 2017 “Charles Albert Dickinson Award,” the words on the proclamation summed up the depth of his commitment to the organization and most especially to the children. It read, “for his unwavering dedication to Kurn Hattin, his untiring support of our children, his spirit of graciousness in all matters, and his spreading the good news of Kurn Hattin Homes throughout the state of Vermont and well beyond.”

We thank you, Father Harlow, for the support and generosity that you and all the members of the St. Nicolas Project have shown and the difference that you have made in the lives of the Kurn Hattin children.

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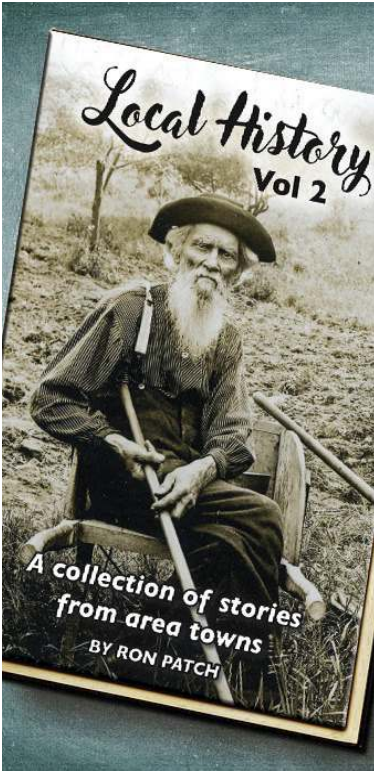


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LOCAL HISTORY

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A proud Vermonter

Below is a 1900 newspaper clipping I found in a scrapbook kept by Mary Harris. This clipping struck a nerve with me. I imagine it troubled Mary as well, or she wouldn't have saved it.

For as long as I can remember, Vermont and Vermonters have been subject of ridicule or insults from some down-country people. I've been called a woodchuck more times than I care to recall. Hick, stupid, ignorant, and dumb are all insults known to me. It was just a few years ago that I was called a "Dumb Vermonter" by a newcomer to Chester from Connecticut.

If you take the time to speak with other natives, you will hear similar stories. At a time when we are hypersensitive to every cause or other peoples' lot in life, I would like to see an end to casting Vermonters as a people of lesser intelligence or ability. We are very capable.



A page from Mary's scrapbook showing an article about the Windham Church

tion is that she makes no boasts, is not self-assertive, is seriously conscious of her limited resources of men and money, but at the same time there emanates from her old green hills a steady influence upon the career of the nation that ranges from the deeds of Ethan Allen to the achievement of George Dewey and embraces a century and a quarter of glory. —St. Albans Messenger.

I am very proud of my Vermont heritage. My family has lived in Weston and Chester over 200 years. It deeply offends me when I hear these insults. Not all newcomers are this way. I know a couple I consider my best friends.

In other news, the Chester Historical Society will publish another book this winter. The subject is the "History of Chester's Fire Departments." We have the largest collection of Chester Fire Department artifacts in existence. We will use our extensive collection and publish a first-class history with many photos and supporting documents. If you have any such history, give me a call.

The photo with this article is a page in Mary's scrapbook. I include it so you have an idea what I'm working with.

This week's old saying my mother used to tell me when I was hurt by someone's words. "Those above you won't hurt you and those below you can't."

A sneer at Vermont

Says the Boston Traveller: "When Vermont is cut off from communication with the outside world, by reason of snow, it is comforting to reflect that the outside world isn't losing very much."


This is funny, this is wit; Attic wit; wit that exudes from an attic bed-room and twenty-one meal tickets for \$2.50. This was doubtless written by a young man and written because it would make six lines of type. The man who perpetrated this probably never saw Vermont. It would be ridiculous to fly into passion over such an insignificant paragraph, but there is food for reflection in the fact that men who write this kind of stuff in cities like Boston scarcely reckon a Vermont newspaper man as a credible representative of the profession. It is the cult among his genus to indulge the fond imagination that Vermont and Vermonters hold to modern newspaperdom that same attitude that the frozen north and the Hyperboreans did to Herodotus. Any old thing could be fathered upon them in case of doubt.

The young man of the Traveller is cordially invited to come up to Vermont and see a cow. He is also reminded, gently but firmly, that older and wiser men, men who have had some experience and

have broadened out beyond the bamboo cane they first carried, will tell him that while Vermont is not a great state, in area or resource, population or wealth, it is none the less a very stable old commonwealth, has a history as exciting and as glorious as the tale of "Scottish Chiefs," and in proportion to her population, has contributed as many distinguished men to the service of the nation as any of her New England sisters. The young man of the Traveller has much to learn. "Smartness" is not wit. Gratuitous insults to a neighboring people, lugged in merely to make an alleged joke and help fill a column, may be "journalism" in Boston, but it is of a class that even the most intensely rural weekly would not recognize. The young man of the Traveller is invited to read the recently expressed opinion of the New York Sun on Vermont and Vermonters.

One of the beauties of Vermont's attitude toward the na-

tion is that she makes no boasts, is not self-assertive, is seriously conscious of her limited resources of men and money, but at the same time there emanates from her old green hills a steady influence upon the career of the nation that ranges from the deeds of Ethan Allen to the achievement of George Dewey and embraces a century and a quarter of glory. —St. Albans Messenger.



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VTVLC expands educational opportunities for students

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative, in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Education, is expanding services for schools by offering a variety of support options to greatly improve remote learning.

"For 11 years, we've focused on providing greater learning opportunities for students through online education," said Jeff Renard, founding director and principal of VTVLC. "By helping schools be better prepared to cope with remote teaching, we can ensure their students will receive the best possible outcomes under the worst possible conditions."

On March 15, 2020, Gov. Phil Scott issued a directive to all Vermont schools to conduct an orderly dismissal of all schools, and cancellation of all school related activities, no later than Wednesday, March 18, 2020. This required teachers to begin teaching from home with no prior training or support. Immediately, VTVLC began creating resources and plans to support schools and teachers to respond to this interruption in traditionally offered programs.

"Vermont is a small, rural state," Renard added. "We've built our relationship with school districts over the last 11 years by focusing on each organization's needs and customizing how we support each one. This year, as a result of the pandemic and the need to support schools with the tools to effectively transition to remote learning, we've customized what we do and expanded our systems to supply turn-key solutions which support not only remote learning, but helping teachers focus on their students instead of curating and creating content."

In Vermont, teachers are required to have a supplemental endorsement to their content area license. The Online Teaching Specialist endorsement is required for teachers working with students from a distance and distinguishes VTVLC online teachers from those in other states where such an endorsement is not mandated. The certification program VTVLC runs in partnership with Castleton University is a 10-credit graduate certificate in online teaching.

The transition to remote teaching requires educators who are used to relying on verbal and nonverbal cues during the limited time students are seated in the classroom to check for understanding using different strategies. Although "homework" done outside the normal school day extends the practice of new information, teachers tend to rely on providing instruction while in close proximity to their students in order to check for understanding. Remote teaching relies on other techniques.

"Online teaching relies on a variety of tools and the purposeful collection of data," Renard said. "Assessments are designed not only to check student proficiency, but also a way to collect key data points to analyze exactly how much the student is understanding the material. True online coursework is designed to be flexible, providing students the agency to work when and where they are best positioned to be successful. Work is blocked in weekly chunks to provide this flexibility and teachers make themselves available for 'online

office hours' to work one-on-one or in small groups using video conferencing systems. This allows students to receive the help they need, when they need it most."

VTVLC is not only supporting Vermont schools to make the transition to remote learning, but also broadening their partnership model. VTVLC works as a cooperative. Schools which are teaching partners provide a teacher who, as part of their regular teaching assignments, facilitate at least one online course which becomes part of the catalog of offerings to students across the state. This allows smaller schools with a teacher offering a course like AP Statistics, usually to a small group of students, to open that class up to other students around the state.

Now, through VTVLC's expanded role in Vermont, students are able to access these online courses regardless of where they live. This partner model is both efficient and extremely flexible for students and the schools they attend.

"We're very proud to be supporting schools with new tools and training to help them through the impacts of the pandemic. And even more proud of how we've grown over the last 11 years to remove barriers to students being able to access courses they never would have been able to enroll in previously," said Renard. "We look forward to helping students succeed whether via their local schools or through VTVLC online courses."

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- Garrison Smith



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OPINION

William E. Jansak Sr., 1960-2020

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – William E. Jansak Sr. “Bill,” “Birdie,” “Birdman,” 59, died unexpectedly Thursday evening, May 21, 2020 in Ludlow, Vt. He was born June 3, 1960 in Middletown, Conn., the son of Richard and Mary Ann (Starr) Jansak. He attended elementary schools in Connecticut and graduated from Vinal Regional Technical High School specializing in carpentry.

He served in the United States Navy for 20 years as an instrument calibration specialist, serving during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. After retiring from the Navy, he lived in Proctorsville, Vt., working for the town of Cavendish at the Transfer Station and in the town cemeteries. He also worked as a builder and did

odd jobs in the area for many years and worked part-time at the Adams Funeral Homes in Ludlow and Chester, Vt. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, and all types of woodworking.

He is survived by his mother Mary Ann; his wife Merlie (Grande) Jansak; two sons William Jansak Jr. and Michael Tyus; daughter Marylynn Morales; two grandchildren Fernando and Mariana; his third grandchild on the way, William the Third, who is due July 25, 2020; two brothers Peter and Raymond; one sister Patricia; aunt Joan Jansak; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Gwendolyn Lawrence, 1949-2020

LUDLLOW, Vt. – Gwendolyn “Wendy” Lawrence, 71, passed away at the Gill Odd Fellows Home May 30, 2020. She was born April 27, 1949 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Floyd and Mary (Bixby) Lawrence.

Wendy loved animals, especially cats and dogs. She enjoyed feeding chickadees birdseed out of her hand, and also liked reading, walking, and the outdoors.

She is survived by her two sisters Kathleen Lawrence and Wanda Barlow and her husband Chris, all of Ludlow; two nephews David Sherer and Scott Sherer and a niece Emily

Chamberlin; grand-nieces Lily Sherer and Ava Chamberlin and grand-nephews Ezra Sherer, Owen Warburton, and Mason Warburton. She was predeceased by her parents Floyd and Mary Lawrence.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Greenhill Cemetery in Wallingford. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156 or to the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Patti-Anne Lovell, 1953-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Patti-Anne Lovell, 66, of Springfield passed away suddenly May 26, 2020. She was born Oct. 29, 1953 in Springfield, to the late Joyce Elaine Chandler Clarke Wilcox and the late Harvey Lee Clarke. Patti was one of five girls. She was also predeceased by her sister Joanne in 1988.

In 1974, she met her husband and best friend Peter. They were married in 1978 in the home they shared and enjoyed 42 years of marriage together. They were opposites, yet similar and made the perfect match. Together, they raised four children and built a life they loved living.

Patti loved being in the kitchen. Her creative cooking and baking skills were top-notch. There was always an overflow of snacks for whoever visited. She enjoyed gardening and had an insane ability to keep plants alive. Patti enjoyed the simple things in life: family dinners and visits, daily routines, home projects with her husband, and watching her shows. She was meticulous, gave her best to everything and was one of the rare few that truly enjoyed doing laundry – a smell we could bottle up and enjoy for the rest of our days. She was honest, had no filter, and gave the best advice.

Most of all, Patti loved her family. Nothing made her happier than to be with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was a devoted wife, nurturing mother, and the best



Patti-Anne Lovell, 1953-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mimi. If you really knew her, you truly adored her.

Patti leaves behind her husband Peter Lovell; children Shannon Lovell, Michelle Devane and husband Ryan, Michael Lovell and wife Elspeth, and five great-grandchildren Debra Lovell; 10 cherished grandchildren Jayna, Jacobi, Henry, Adelyn, Sofie, Callahan, Finley, Amanda, Terri, Ashley; and five great-grandchildren Emma, Madeline, Dennis, Kimberly, and Benjamin. She is also survived by her loving sister Suzanne Murray (Louis), Peggy-Sue Manner (Chris); and stepsister Pamela Kane; brothers-in-law Bill Lovell and Bob Lovell (Rose); sisters-in-law Bonnie Harrington (Ramon), Bea Merrill (Buddy), and Ruth Corliss; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday, May 31, 2020.

Rosabel A. Prouty, 1932-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Rosabel A. (LaFrance) Prouty, 88, passed away at her son's home May 28, 2020. She was born Jan. 16, 1932 in South Reading, Vt., the daughter of Kenneth and Bernice (Lherreux) LaFrance. She graduated from Springfield High School with the Class of 1949.

Rosabel was employed for many years at Fellows Gear Shaper. She taught Sunday school and was an original member and past treasurer of the Assembly of God Church in Springfield. She enjoyed camping and playing games with her grandchildren and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed cooking and the Boston Celtics.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Richardson; her son Richard Johnson and his wife Michelle; and stepson Mark Prouty, all of Springfield; four grandchildren Amy Mitchell, Kelly Rose, Ryan Prouty, and Carl Johnson; four great-grandchildren Kaden Jatzak, Evan Prouty, Riley Labonte, Gwendolyn Mitchell, sister-



Rosabel A. Prouty, 1932-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

in-law Pauline LaFrance; and her former husband Allyn Johnson. She was predeceased by her husband of 30 years Lyman Prouty, son-in-law Dean Richardson, and brother Kenneth LaFrance Jr.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Oakland Cemetery. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Assembly of God Church, 269 River St., Springfield, VT 05156. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The obscene public execution of George Floyd Monday night, May 25 by Minneapolis Police has brought about righteous indignation and protests not only in Minnesota, but across the country as the American public has finally had enough of the continuous system of non-accountability and protection from serious prosecution afforded to brutal thugs posing as police officers. We have even seen it here in Vermont where these systemic patterns have been manifested in similar occurrences.

George Floyd's murder is part of a racist pattern that permeates both U.S. domestic and

foreign policy. And it is the American police and military that have become the repressive agents that enforce this racist system both here against its own citizens and against citizens of foreign lands. People must make it known loud and clear through their words and actions that the insidious economic, cultural, and political militarization of American society that establishes the power base for racism both here and abroad must stop and will no longer be allowed to operate.

Sincerely,
Ralph Corbo
Wallingford, Vt.

Dear Editor,

We are writing this letter as an enthusiastic endorsement of Meg Hansen for lieutenant governor of Vermont. We have known Meg for several years and are impressed with her knowledge of the concerns facing all Vermonters. Meg is a tenacious researcher, a gifted speaker, writer, and an honest and compassionate woman. She will bring these skills and attributes to the job.

Meg will be a staunch advocate for fiscal responsibility and proper constitutional governance in our statehouse. Vermonters will find no greater ally in defending small business, entrepreneurs, economic

freedom, and bringing prosperity to Vermont. Meg also understands the importance of self-governance through local democratically elected school boards. Our small rural schools are at the heart of our communities. We have all witnessed the devastating financial and moral effects of Act 46. Meg will fight against the overbearing and unnecessary overreach of an out of control education bureaucracy. Please join us in voting for Meg Hansen in the Republican primary.

Sincerely,
Stuart and Michele Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Keith Stern, and I am announcing my campaign for a Windsor County senate seat. Some of you may recognize me as a candidate for governor two years ago. My platform has not changed; I want to see a more responsible budget, end Act 46, and make sure Act 250 goes back to its original goal and not become an excessively restrictive hurdle to responsible development. Above anything, the federal and state constitutions must be followed to avoid an abusive government.

Author Dave Barry humorously said the Democrats are good people with good intentions but are incompetent. They would stop to help someone change a tire and end up setting the car on fire. They have good intentions, but they fail to understand how to accomplish their goals so they end up hurting us with ineffective and restrictive laws.

We can see this every day with struggling businesses, low wages, and an overall cost of

living that exceeds our wages. Affordable housing is a major issue here because of excessive regulations for building, high property taxes, and lack of landlord protection against destructive, disruptive, and deadbeat tenants. Ultimately, it isn't the landlords who bear the cost; it is the tenants.

I will work to fix these issues to create more affordable housing. At the same time, I will introduce an effective tenant protection bill as well. The cost of health insurance is very high in comparison to other states, again due to over-regulation. I will introduce a bill that will lower health care and health insurance costs. I hope you visit my Facebook page, Keith Stern for Windsor County, and see how a vote for me will be a vote for lowering taxes; a better, more cost-effective education system; and a stronger economy.

Sincerely,
Keith Stern
N. Springfield, Vt.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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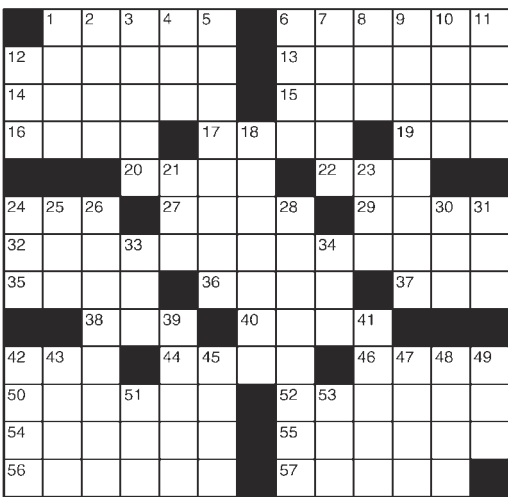
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- 6 Skin opening
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Emerald ash borer will be taking flight soon

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Trees are greening and insects are awakening as spring continues its slow and steady progress. One such insect is the emerald ash borer. This destructive, invasive forest pest has been identified in numerous towns in Vermont and is expected to continue to move across the landscape, likely killing most ash trees in its path. To manage the pest and mitigate damage to ash trees and the multiple values they provide, Vermont adopted a “Slow the Spread” strategy in 2018, similar to our current effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, intended to buy time for development of control and mitigation measures.

June 1 through Sept. 30 is EAB’s flight season – the time

when the adult beetles emerge from infested ash trees and ash wood products to seek out new host trees. Without due care, you may be unknowingly assisting them in their spread to uninfested trees.

Though it can only fly a mile or two each year, EAB has spread rapidly through forests and street trees alike in North America. The insect has often been moved unknowingly to uninfested areas in personal and commercial vehicles in ash firewood. While EAB may eventually kill the majority of ash trees, the good news is most of Vermont’s ash trees are not presently infested with EAB, and there is a lot we can do to slow the spread and give communities and forest landowners time to plan.

Here’s what you can do to help. Learn to identify EAB and report suspicious findings at www.VTInvasives.org. Leave firewood at home when you go camping and purchase firewood at or near your campsite instead. Know the source of your firewood and ask your supplier to confirm they have not moved untreated ash out of an infested area.

Information on ash and EAB identification, areas of infestation, recommendations for moving ash material, and managing ash can all be found at www.VTInvasives.org. Let’s get ready for flight season and do our part to slow the spread of EAB and protect the forests we love.

Springfield Farmers Market opening June 27

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Because of uncertainties with the COVID-19 virus and some vendors having problems getting the supplies they need, the Springfield Farmers Market has delayed their opening until Saturday, June 27 at their location on lower Clinton Street. The market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are many new guidelines that need to be followed by both vendors and customers. Facemasks will be required.

Social distancing will also be required with only one customer at a time at a vendor booth. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizers will be available at all vendor spaces.

It is encouraged that customers preorder items they want to purchase if at all possible so they can be packaged and ready for pickup. Prepayment can also be made with some vendors. We will have vendor contact information on the market Facebook page; customers can

also contact vendors directly if they have their information. Any single-serve foods purchased must be eaten off site, and no pets are allowed.

There is still space available for additional qualified vendors; applications can be downloaded from www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com. For further information, contact the market at springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096.

Sustainable Valley Group, Great River Co-Op host farmers market

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Sustainable Valley Group and the Great River Co-Op are partnering to host the Greater Falls Farmers Market this year. There will be two locations beginning Wednesday, June 10, from 4-7 p.m., next to the Hungry Diner on Route 12 in Walpole and Friday, June 12, from 4-7 p.m., at the Waypoint Center in Bel-

lows Falls.

Both Vermont and New Hampshire have farmers market matching grant programs and have included the Greater Falls Farmers Market. Both sites will match a dollar towards fresh fruits, vegetables, and starter plants of edible produce for every dollar of EBT spent at the market.

Masks and social distancing are encouraged for customers. All vendors are required to wear personal protective equipment.

For more information or to be a vendor, email Jennifer Hanrahan at greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com or mail to Greater Falls Farmers’ Market, P.O. Box 25, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Deer ages available online

RUTLAND, Vt. – Hunters who provided the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with a tooth from their deer can now find out how old their deer was by visiting the department’s website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

A total of 2,489 teeth were received from successful rifle season hunters. When added to the 1,148 deer examined by biologists during the youth and rifle seasons, the department was able to get accurate ages for 3,637 deer.

“We are thankful to the thousands of hunters who

supported our deer management efforts by providing us with a tooth from their deer,” said Deer Project Leader Nick Fortin. “This age information helps us estimate deer population size and assess the health of deer. It is also critically important for understanding the effects of new hunting regulations on the deer population and buck age structure.”

The oldest deer harvested were a pair of 17-year-old does taken in Rockingham and Fairfax. The oldest buck was 10 years old and was taken in Shaftsbury.

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Windham County Trails Alliance trail work day

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Windham County Trails Alliance has received approval from the state and the town to organize a socially-distanced trail work day Sunday, June 7, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Find out more information and be sure to follow them on Facebook at @WindhamCounty-Trails.

WCoTA is a chapter of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association and is looking for your support. They hope to have at least 10 people volunteer. Joe Frigo said, “It is

amazing the progress that can be made when you have the people power. As they say, many hands make light work!”

This trail network offers multiple short loops with views to the north and east. To access the trail, park at the Bellows Falls Recreation Center at Williams Terrace and Playground Round. The trail switchbacks up the community ski hill to gain access to the loops along the ridge.

They are always looking for help on the trails. If you can’t attend June 7, schedule time with lead trail builder Kurt Fehren-

bach by emailing kfehrenbach@yahoo.com.

There are three new trails that WCoTA built connecting the existing trail at the top. They look forward to finishing two more this year, while exploring possible new corridors to grow the system further. They also look forward to hosting an opening day event at Oak Hill when conditions allow.

For more information, go to www.wcota.org. For more information about the Vermont Mountain Bike Association, go to www.vmba.org.

Newly planted trees help make local rivers, businesses healthy

REGION – The Connecticut River Conservancy announced that 6,412 native trees and shrubs have been planted along 12,500 feet of riverfront land on 10 different rivers in Vermont and New Hampshire this spring. The plantings, which are all on privately owned land, will help reduce erosion, improve clean water, and increase fish and wildlife habitat in the Connecticut River watershed.

In addition, these spring plantings have helped local businesses in these difficult times – including the Intervale Conservation Nursery, New England Wetland Plants, NorthWoods Stewardship Center, and Redstart Natural Resource Management – by injecting \$60,000 into the local communities.

“We are so glad for this opportunity to get back out into the field after being cooped up for so long,” said Meghann Carter, conservation science director at NWSC. “NorthWoods is proud to work alongside the Connecticut River Conservancy to help our local rivers.”

The plantings were done in accordance with each state’s guidance on outdoor work as well as newly adopted health and safety guidelines for the

planting crews. Ben Machin, a partner at Redstart, noted, “We greatly appreciate the chance to work with CRC to get these important restoration projects completed. Nothing expresses hopefulness like planting trees and shrubs in the spring.”

CRC and these partners planted the trees and shrubs in Haverhill, N.H. on Clark Brook; in Dummerston on Crosby Brook; Grafton on the Saxtons River; Springfield on Carly Brook; Weathersfield on the Black River; Norwich on Bloody Brook; Bradford on the Connecticut River; Strafford and Thetford on the Ompompanoosuc River; and Barnet on the Stevens River.

CRC received funding from numerous sources to purchase the trees and hire the planting crews, including the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Vermont Clean Water Fund, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the PUR Project, and CRC individual donors.

CRC is doing their part to help local economies recover by accelerating work on the many restoration projects they have


identified over the last several years. With the right kind of stimulus funding, CRC can remove eight more dams and do more than 50 other restoration projects in the next 24 months. These projects will funnel millions of dollars of stimulus funding to local engineering firms, nurseries, construction companies, planting crews, and more.

To learn more about CRC, or to join the effort and help protect our rivers, visit www.ctriver.org.


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Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for 2020 road paving. Invitation to Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids is 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Shane O’Keefe, Town Administrator

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the Special Town School District Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 16, 2020 will soon be available.

In an effort to keep you, other voters and election officials safe in this COVID-19 environment, please consider voting through the mail with the absentee ballot process.

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office as soon as possible, in writing, by phone, email or request your ballots online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us and we will send you your ballot once they arrive. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, June 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of polls, 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Your completed and sealed certificate envelope containing your absentee ballot can be dropped off at town hall by depositing it through the mail slot located in the brown door at the top of the outside stairs, or it can be returned to us through the mail.

The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

At this time town hall is closed to the public, however, staff is working and available to assist you.

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The Memoir Workshop sessions

WALPOLE, N.H. – Join one of these dynamic and popular workshops beginning week of June 8. Usually held at Pam Bernard’s home in Walpole, they are temporarily conducted via videoconferencing on Zoom.

If you yearn for a deeper engagement with your life and the lives of those who have helped define you, the act of writing about experience can provide meaning and direction – not as reportage, but as a

way to shape your life story into something memorable and meaningful.

The workshops are intimate and nurturing, yet rigorous and challenging. Included are readings and explorations of craft, free writes from prompts, and sharing of narrative drafts.

Writer Maureen Daylor says: “Studying the craft of memoir writing with Pam for the last year has opened up the world for me. There is so much to value: the craft lessons, the

free writes, fellow writers and their works, and the feedback from them and Pam. More than anything, this process has led me to find the forgiveness that has eluded me, despite my deep desire for it and years of therapy. Exploring my life deeply with others allows me to see my past in a different and softer light. This workshop is my saving grace in the time of COVID-19.”

The author of four books, Pam is a poet,

memoirist, painter, editor, and professor.

Please visit www.pam-bernard.com for informa-

tion and fees. For more information, email pam@pambernard.com or call 603-756-4177.

WRJ VA leads in reintroducing VA health care

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – The White River Junction Veterans Administration Medical Center has been actively working on plans to reintroduce health care services as Vermont and New Hampshire start moving forward after some COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted. The facility began reintroducing some face-to-face services Monday, June 1. Across the Veterans

Health Administration, each Veterans Integrated Service Network selected facilities as lead sites to be the first to implement a phased approach to reintroducing health care services while ensuring a safe environment. White River Junction is selected as the lead site for the VA New England Healthcare System, which includes eight VA medical centers in Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine.

“The safety and wellbeing of veterans and our staff is the utmost priority. As we consider and balance how to best provide comprehensive health care services to veterans during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will continuously evaluate and reevaluate our current status,” White River Junction VA Executive Director Dr. Brett Rusch explains. “The White River Junction VA Healthcare System will take into account guidance from various agencies including federal, state, and local government as we gradually and carefully reintroduce health care services. As a high reliability organization, safety is always paramount and it will drive our decision-making.”

The White River Junction VA will carefully expand time-sensitive surgical cases as well as select specialty services based on clinical need of veteran patients. Primary care, mental health, and specialty services will continue full operations delivering care predominantly as virtual visits as we know these services have been a valuable link to our veterans during this challenging time.

It is important for veterans, stakeholders, and families to understand they must continue to call prior to coming on site unless it is a medical emergency. Visitor restrictions remain, walk-in appointments are discouraged, and pharmacy will continue to maximize mail-order prescriptions. For those who will come on site, you will be screened, there will be a reduced number of patients in waiting areas, additional signage to ensure safe social distancing, and everyone will be required to wear a face covering. These adjustments will remain in effect until further notice.

VA has developed a risk-based framework to prioritize non-urgent procedures, in addition to the urgent procedures currently being performed. Evaluation of factors such as patient health, staff safety, and resource considerations will guide expansions and scheduling decisions. Rigorous safety measures including employee and veteran COVID-19 screening, physical distancing, and appropriate personal protective attire such as face coverings and frequent disinfection of high-touch services will remain in place at all VA facilities.

As the pandemic evolves, VA facilities will too. For more information, visit www.whiteriver.va.gov.

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2020 GRIEVANCE HEARINGS
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BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you wish to grieve your 2020 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, please submit your grievance in writing on or before Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Please include property location, owner phone # or email, and a summary of your concern.

Mail: PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
Email: listers@rockbf.org

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing directly with the Listers by either phone or by zoom, please call to make an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 802-463-1229

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TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:20 pm on Monday, June 22nd and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday June 22, 2020 at the Town Hall (or via ZOOM conference), for a Conditional Use application (#552)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Breezy Sky LLC
APPLICANT: Melissa Howe & Barry Lynch
LOCATION: 442 Elm St.
DISTRICT: Commercial / Industrial (CI)

ACTION REQUESTED: Two-family home for the foreseeable future with the potential for one or both apartments to be leased as a commercial space in the future.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk’s Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
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Thank you.

ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer								
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King Crossword

Answers															
Solution time: 24 mins.															
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pet of the week



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Tila enjoys car rides above all else and loves to hang her head out the window for ultimate viewing. Tila is learning leash manners with the help of a front lead, easy-walk harness. Tila currently knows “sit,” but is eager to learn more – especially for food! She seems to be housebroken here, especially with a normal routine. We think Tila would be best in a home where her humans are home more

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