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Bellows Falls 2020 Alumni Queen nominees —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The following are this year's nominees for the 2020 Bellows Falls Alumni Queen: Anna Guild, Halle Dickerson, Stephanie Holland, Taylor Goodell, and Molly Potter.

Anna Guild

My name is Anna Guild. My parents are Thad and Jan Guild, and we live in Cambridgeport.

During my four years at BFUHS, I have been part in the concert and jazz ensembles and was a part of the pit orchestra for our spring musicals for two years. During my years in band, I have made the District 6 Concert Band twice, and this year I made the Vermont All-State Band. I have also been a part of our school Yearbook Committee for three years, and this year I am an editor of our yearbook. On our sports field, I have played four years on the defensive line for our field hockey team and two in right field for the softball team. I am also a current member of the National Honor Society. In my spare time, I love to cook and bake. I also enjoy painting and reading outside.

This fall, I am attending Vermont Technical College to study civil and environmental engineering. I hope to become a professional engineer in the future and work with the envi-



Halle Dickerson.

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ronment.

Halle Dickerson

My name is Halle Dickerson. My parents are Joanna and Dale Dickerson, and we live in Bellows Falls, Vt. While at BFUHS, I have participated in field hockey, basketball, track and field, and AAU basketball for the VT Gems. I am part of the National Honor Society. During my years as a variety field hockey player, I have won a D2 and D1 state title. When running track, I have also won a D3 and D2 state title. For varsity field hockey and basketball, I was appointed captain my senior year. I have also been an active member of the Student Council and Prom Committee for the high school. Over the last four years, I have been



Taylor Goodell.

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working at Allen Brothers Farm Stand. I will be attending Keene State College in the fall, as I will be going in undeclared. I will also be part of the field hockey team at Keene. I am proud to be a Bellows Falls alumna and very thankful to be part of such a great community!

Stephanie Holland

My name is Stephanie Holland. My parents are Steve and Jody Holland, and we live in Bellows Falls, Vt.

In high school, I have been involved in many different activities. I have played basketball, soccer, and tennis at BFUHS. This year, I got the leadership position to be a captain for the tennis team. I was part of the Student Council this year, and



Anna Guild.

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I helped out with winter carnival ideas and along with food drives. The times I'm not playing sports or doing extracurricular activities at school, I am working at a local pizza shop called Athens Pizza and working at a residential care home called Sterling House. While at school, I had the opportunity to volunteer my time at a childcare center and learn new things while having several amazing new experiences. I will be continuing my education at Radford University in Radford, Va., studying nursing. I have enjoyed my time in the Bellows Falls community and am forever grateful for all my family and friends that supported me along my whole journey.



Stephanie Holland.

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Molly Potter.

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Taylor Goodell

My name is Taylor Goodell. I live with my parents, Jason and Bridget Goodell, in Westminster, Vt.

I have played for both the field hockey and girls' basketball teams for all four years of high school. I am a member of the National Honor Society, and I am also a member of the Student Council. I am currently employed at Allen Brothers Farm Stand where I work in the ice cream shack and in the deli. This will be my third year work-

I plan on attending Castleton University in the fall where I will major in athletic training. My career plans for the future are to become an athletic trainer where I can help young athletes in need. I've always loved watching sports, and I'm excited to continue that, but also help young athletes like myself.

I just want to say thank you for this opportunity, and I am excited to be part of the Alumni Court this year.

Molly Potter

My name is Molly Potter. I live in Westminster, Vt., with my parents Jeff and Morgan Potter.

During my year at BFUHS, I have been involved in basketball, field hockey, coaching youth sports, and I worked at Greater Rock Fitness. In the fall, I will be attending

Dean College, studying sports management, and I will be playing basketball.

Dari Joy celebrating Class of 2020 with free sundaes –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - During the weekend of Father's Day, June 21, Dari Joy is celebrating the Class of 2020 with a free small sundae to graduating seniors in Fall Mountain Regional and Bellows Falls Union high schools. Seniors should visit Dari Joy in Bellows Falls during the weekend of June 19-21 and present a school ID or driver's license to redeem their free sun-

Owner Richard DeMuzio and manager Mallory Jantti stated, "We're doing this to give back to seniors who lost out on their graduation ceremony. We employ a lot of students and this is BR and FM High School seniors, claim your sundae. one way to thank them." They also congratulate their own Emily Bazin on her graduation from BFUHS. Congratulations Class of 2020.



Meet the Village candidates -

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The annual Bellows Falls Village meeting and voting is Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16, respectively. Voting will take place at the Bellows Falls Fire Department from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The following are candidates running in the election. For more information, go to www.rockinghamvt.org.

Jeff Dunbar grew up in Bellows Falls, graduating in 1991. He says, "Bellows Falls is a beautiful village with a lot to offer and has always been my home."

"We have a tremendous opportunity to advance ourselves by promoting our wonderful assets, while sensibly responding to the challenges we face."

Jeff is on the Take Action Rockingham task group to redevelop old buildings and says, "Development is essential to our future and economic vitality." He describes himself as calm, analytical, conscientious, and engaged and comments, "It is essential to have competent and cooperative leadership at every

Pat Fowler grew up in Queens and moved to Bellows Falls in 1999. Pat and her husband Alan bought the bookstore in 2000 and were named Chamber Persons of the Year in 2009.

Pat created the Third Friday Art walk, ran the Front Porch summer series, and is currently

a Justice of the Peace, member of the Bellows Falls Women's Club, and the treasurer of BFDDA, Rockingham Library, Rockingham Vermont

community care about and look out for each other."

Deborah Fox grew up in Vermont, returned to Bellows Falls in 2006, and bought a house this year in the village. She worked with Green Mountain Tours and her magazine, Vermont by Rail, highlights Amtrak spots. She says there is an opportunity in Bellows Falls for "staycation-

Deb has experience in lo-

Rockingham Recreation Dept. shares summer schedule

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - On Tuesday, June 2, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Recreation Department, Hyde Hill drainage project, and the municipal manager position.

Recreation Director Ryan Stoodley explained the summer schedule. His day camps would run shorter hours, allowing the pool to open for public swim Monday through Friday from 3:30-8:45 p.m. Gatherings are limited to 25, and Stoodley said they would rotate 23 swimmers and two lifeguards in 45-minute sessions, offering residents the opportunity to call and reserve a spot.

He explained that the playground and pavilion would be closed, but up to 25 people would be allowed at one time on courts and fields.

Stoodley explained that "the camp utilizes the strength of the program at a low budget cost and it's good for the com-

The Hyde Hill drainage project was approved with total construction costs of \$160,000. A bid of \$138.782 was awarded to Adams Trucking and Excavating with a suggested contingency of \$21,216. The town had applied for a \$60,000 grant for the project, and Stefan Golec said he was "hesitant at this time to dig into reserves."

Chair Gaetano Putignano

The Selectboard approved enof \$6,103.

said, "This is a priority."

gineering to Dufresne Group for \$13,897 with a contingency

Director of Public Works Everett Hammond said a decision had been made to eliminate the stairs on the Blake Street wall and a sidewalk from the steps to driveway at 1 Blake St. was to be added. He explained the owners agreed and it saved money.

Peter Golec thanked Everett Hammond for his service.

Peter Golec asked the board's opinion on a new manager search, and Hammond said, "I think we need to start sooner rather than later" Stefan Golec said "The vil-

lage is dealing with the police department. We've [the Select board] got issues - I don't see what the rush is."

Putignano was opposed to spending the amount the town had spent on the last search.

Peter Golec said the boards needed to agree and Village President Deborah Wright commented that both boards needed to be together to decide. The Joint Board meeting is June 30.

The Selectboard agreed on the summer schedule of one meeting per month on the first Tuesday, their next meeting is July 7.

Democrats, and Saxtons River cal government, working as a 4th of July committee. trustee and superintendent of Pat shares, "I love the small Public Works in Lyons, N.Y. and town atmosphere. People in our is excited to get back into it. She describes herself as "direct, hon-

> development. Mary Fredette grew up in North Walpole and has lived in Bellows Falls since 2013. She has worked primarily in the healthcare field, which provided her with experience in finance and budget management, grant writing, and board development.

Mary says, "I love this com-

est, and a good listener" and is

interested in sustainability and

munity - nowhere else have I been holds tradition as importantly, nor displays such spirit with pride." "I want to help affect positive

change...and am ready, willing and able to represent, advocate, and support this community."

Donna Harty is a 1967 BFUHS graduate and said Bellows Falls is where her husband Dennis and she wanted to raise their family. Both are very active here. Dennis spent years on both boards and Donna says, "We love everything about Bellows Falls."

Donna's career was at the Town Hall collecting money for the town and village. She has been the treasurer for about 10 years. She says, "It's hard to give up what you've been doing for 34 years."

Julie (James) Torres is a 1994 BFUHS graduate. She traveled to Spain in college, but says, "I always liked to come home." She has worked as the spanish teacher at the high school for 20-plus years and also helps her father manage his laundromat. She

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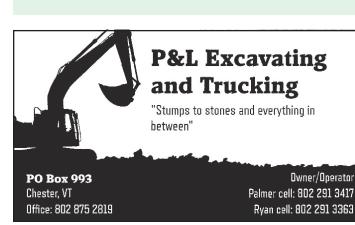


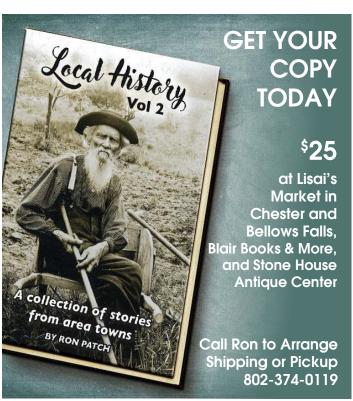
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Springfield seniors **Graduation Parade**

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Kick-Off to Graduation Parade will be Thursday, June 11, starting at 7 p.m. The parade will start at Riverside Middle School, proceed through town to South Hill, go up South Hill to Union Street, down Union until Park, turning towards the hospital, and ending at Chester Road.

The parade is for the Class of 2020 seniors with the support of the parents, the town of Springfield, and sponsored by the Springfield Alumni Association. This parade allows our seniors to come together to celebrate their accomplishments in a socially distant way, as well as allow the town to celebrate with them before their staggered, mini-commencements on Friday and Saturday.





Springfield Library: Composting 101

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - As of July 1, 2020, all food waste and organics must be removed from the waste stream. Springfield Town Library will host an online Zoom presentation by Cat Buxton Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. to cover the basics of the Vermont Universal Recycling Law. The

required. A sanitizing station will be provided.

and Ania Quelch of North Springfield.

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Springfield resident named to Franklin

Pierce University Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ashley Quelch, a Springfield High

School graduate and a current freshman at Franklin Pierce

University, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2020

spring semester. Ashley is a psychology major and finished the semester with a 3.79 GPA. Ashley is the daughter of Shawn

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presentation is suitable for all levels of understanding and applicable for all sizes of family and neighborhood compost systems.

Cat Buxton is an educator, community organizer, and advocate for food system change. Cat works on topics such as soil and ecosystem health, community resilience, composting, water catchment, landscape planning, monitoring landscape function, and increasing biodiversity.

Registration is required www.eventbrite.com/e/

zoom-with-cat-buxton-backyard-composting-101-tickets-105265736652. Contact Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 or springfieldlibrary@ hotmail.com.

Rockingham Library's

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Library is offering contact-free curbside pickup service for cardholders. Get a temporary digital library card by contacting the library at 802-463-4270, email reference@rockinghamlibrary.org, or online at www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

To borrow materials, call the library Monday through Friday

go to www.rfpl.kohavt.org. Requests are limited to 10 items. Interlibrary loans remain suspended at this time.

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MEET

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says, "Bellows Falls is a beautiful town...this community tends to stick together." Julie says she would "like to have a voice," describing herself as logical and

Wade Masure is a 1980

Wade says, "I've had a longstanding interest in local gov-

Kathleen Neathawk, Village clerk

ernment," and wants to share

what he has to offer. He has lived

here his entire life and says,"It's

home."

Paul Obuchowski is a 1973 BFUHS graduate. He moved to Westminster after marrying his wife Terry, where he served on the School Board for six years. They raised their family in Bellows Falls, and he says, "This is a community where if you have a tragedy or need support, all types of people step forward to

He has served as a Justice of the Peace for over 40 years, the chief election official, and has been on both the Rockingham School and Library boards, also serving as village trustee for two years. He says, "I really enjoy doing this."

Tim Powers, auditor

Village President Deborah Wright has been a Trustee since 2011 and says, "I continue to run because I believe my service and my strength is needed." Originally from Portsmouth, N.H., Deborah and her husband Cass moved their business to Bellows Falls, buying their house in 2005.

She says, "Our conviction to this community is stronger than the adversity we have experienced...Bellows Falls has seen hell, in fire and flood, and it has survived... We can be stronger and better, together."

Jonathan Wright has been a Trustee for two years. He says, "There is work still to do," and lists post-COVID budget concerns, the ordinance review, and accountability to the municipal board as examples.

He grew up in Westminster West and has lived with his wife in their current house since 2007. Jonathan comments, "I love the community. The best part of Bellows Falls is the walkability of living here; it's like a microcosm of an old inner city

curbside service **Community Bike Project spring fundraiser**

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a Potted Houseplant Extravaganza and Tag Sale at the Bike Project parking lot, 30 Henry St., in Bellows Falls. There will also be baked goods, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a very cool kayak for sale. Masks and physical distancing are

between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or

reasonable.

Gary Lique, Trustee

BFUHS graduate and spent 21 years as a full-time member of the Bellows Falls Fire Department. For the last 10 years, he has been a volunteer on the Rockingham Fire Department. He has worked for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns since 2003, helping municipalities in southern Vermont control and reduce insurance costs.



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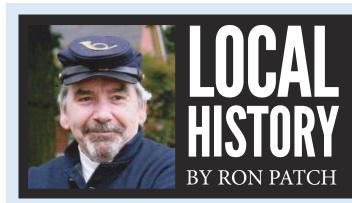


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The Beast

When I was little, maybe 4 or 5 years old, I imagined monsters living under my bed. But the real monster lived in our dimly lit, dirt floor cellar. The foundation walls of the cellar were laid-up stone. In the middle of the cellar stood "the Beast." The Beast was an old fire-breathing coal furnace.

It might have been three feet or more in diameter and five feet or so tall. On top of the Beast was a plenum. The plenum collected the heat and sent it through ducts to registers in rooms on the first floor. There were six of these round metal ducts extending out from the plenum. To a little boy, it was a giant oc-

Abby Butterfield of Montany & Montany delivered our coal. The dump truck was loaded with a ton or more of coal. The driver had a metal chute maybe 14 feet long by two feet wide. The driver would open our cellar window and put one end of the chute through the cellar window.

The other end of the chute was hooked to the truck. When the dump body was raised, the coal would slide down the chute into the coal bin in our cellar. Our coal bin was in a corner of the cellar. There were two wooden partitions that created a small room maybe 10 feet by 14 feet. When the coal slid down the chute, it would fill the bin. How noisy the coal was as it rattled down the chute!

One of my chores was feeding the Beast before I went to school each morning. We used a coal shovel to shovel coal from the coal bin to the furnace. I would open the furnace door and shovel in the coal. If the fire was burning hot with lots of coals, I would shovel in two or three heaping shovelfuls. That would last quite a while. My mother kept the Beast fed during the day.

Coal gas

If the furnace didn't have a lot of coals, you only add



Coal furnace showing octopus arms.

PHOTO PROVIDED

one shovelful. If you put too much coal over low coals, coal gas could develop. Coal gas is created when coal smolders. The gas can collect in the top of the firebox. As the coal burns, it can ignite these gases or release toxic gases into the home.

At Chester Junior High School, now the Academy Building, we had a coal furnace. I remember once when the school was evacuated to allow the toxic gas time to escape.

This was helped by shaking the coals. On the front of the furnace were the ends of the coal grates. There was a cast iron crank handle that slid over the end of the grates. You would turn the crank back and forth. This sifted off built-up ash improving combustion. The ash we spread over our icy driveway.

Converting to wood

In 1963, my father converted the Beast to burn wood. Now I'm older so my workload increased. We burned about 10 cords of wood a year.

My father cut the wood. My job was splitting and lugging the wood to the woodshed and stacking it. We cut the wood in Shrewsbury and trucked it to Chester one load at a time in the back of our 1962 Scout. I handled that wood many times before we ever got to burn it.

The wash

My mother had an old fashion wringer washing machine. We had a clothesline that went from the backdoor to the TV

antenna. In the winter, the clothes would freeze on the line.

I remember one winter morning in 1964. I had a pair of white denim type pants on the line. I brought them in about a half-hour before leaving for school. They were frozen stiff.

On the first floor directly over the Beast was a large cast iron floor register. I put the clothes rack over the register and hung my frozen pants to dry. Soon they were thawed out but still damp.

I put the pants on and sat on the register to dry them. The heat felt good. As usual I walked to school that morning. Unknown to me, the damp pants sitting on the register left square rust stains on the seat of my white pants. It wasn't long before someone was picking on me. I had waffle butt.

This week's old saying is something Henry came up with last week: "Better six feet apart than six feet un-

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CHS program: Revolutionary Cemetery

CAVENDISH, Vt. - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cavendish Historical Society is limiting museum visits by appointment only, which can be arranged by calling 802-226-7807 or emailing margocaulfield@icloud.com.

In addition, CHS is sponsoring a series of Second Sunday programs throughout the season. Note, those attending the programs, or visiting the museum, will be required to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.

In honor of Flag Day, June 14, CHS will conduct a tour of the Old Revolutionary Cemetery in Cavendish. We will meet at 2 p.m. in front of the museum, 1958 Main Street in Cavendish, and then carpool out to the cemetery. A short hike is required to reach the cemetery.

The cemetery is the final resting place of many patriots, as well as one loyalist, the latter of whom had served in the French & Indian War. Cavendish patriots ranged in age from 15 upwards and included women, as well as a former slave. Due to the proximity to the Crown Point Road, there are a number of soldiers who died along the way and were buried here as well as in the Coffeen Cemetery.

If time permits, a visit will be made to the Coffeen Cemetery.

BRAM expands community history project; July 1 opening

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Academy Museum in Ludlow is adapting to meet local challenges. BRAM announced an expanded effort to preserve the experience of community members during the time of COVID-19 even as the building remains closed to the public until July 1.

The organization, in partnership with Okemo Valley TV, recognizes the important moment in history that the nation and Ludlow area community continue to face today. BRAM has produced a short booklet of prompts and activities to encourage community members to reflect on their experience during the spring of 2020. Once completed, these records can be added to the museum's extensive local history collection. The activity booklet can be downloaded at www.bramvt.org or on BRAM's Facebook page. Visit www.tinyurl.com/Ludlow-Memory to learn more about submitting digital photos, video clips, or audio recordings related to the project.

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The Black River Academy Museum will open to the public July 1, 2020 after delaying the summer season's opening because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum is in the process of making changes to the physical spaces to ensure the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and patrons. The museum is located at 14 High St. in Ludlow and will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m.

All in-person special events have been canceled through August. BRAM joins other historic sites and museums partially reopening July 1, including the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth and the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier.

The Black River Academy Museum preserves the history of the Ludlow area through education programs, exhibitions, and the stewardship of hundreds of artifacts. For more information, contact Executive Director Georgia Brehem at 802-228-5050.



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obituaries

OPINION

Doris MacDonald, 1926-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. - Doris "Dodo" Ellis MacDonald, 94, passed away May 30, 2020 at the home where she was born. She was born in Ludlow, Jan. 9, 1926, to Albert and Mildred (Stone) Ellis. She graduated from Black River High School in 1944.

Doris married Leonard MacDonald in 1949; he passed away in 1997.

She moved to North Hampton, Mass., where she worked for over five years. She also worked at Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield and Mack Molding in Cavendish.

Surviving are a niece Cindy Devereux Berge of Fort Myers, Fla.; three nephews from Belmont, Douglas, Dennis, and Dana Devereux. Dana took good care of her to achieve 94 years of life.

She was predeceased by her only sibling, Hazel Devereux, who died in 2005.

A private burial service will be held in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Memorial contributions may be made to Ludlow American Legion Post 36 or Ludlow Ambulance Service. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.

Norman E. Rolfe, 1937-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Norman E. Rolfe, 83, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Springfield Health and Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. He was born May 29, 1937 in Charlestown, N.H., the son of Everett and Mabel (Gragen) Rolfe. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1955.

He served in the United States Navy for four years and continued to serve in the National Guard for many years. On Aug. 9, 1958, he married Marlene Hildreth at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt.

Norman was employed as an inspector and service manager with the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield for 28 years. He later worked with Central Vermont Public Service for 10 years and IVEK in North Springfield for five years. He also worked at Idlenot, Ames Department Store, and Bibens Home Center all in Springfield.

He enjoyed camping, logging, working in the woods, woodworking, and making clocks. He enjoyed model trains and model airplanes. He was a member and past president of the Pecan Model Airplane Club and a member of the Rolling Wheels Camping Club. Norm enjoyed working and keeping busy. He did odd jobs and helped his family with many projects over the years.

He is survived by his wife



Norman E. Rolfe, 1937-2020.

Marlene of Springfield; daughters Cheryl Rolfe of Springfield and Kelly Dexter of Weathersfield; son Timothy Rolfe of Springfield; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters Janet Fiske, Sandy George, and Marlene Millay; two brothers Butch Perry and Andy Blais; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by one son Randy Rolfe; granddaughter Ashley Ingalls; four brothers Richard Rolfe, John Blais, Raymond Blais, and Paul Blais; and three sisters Theresa Fagans, Angel Jefts, and Shirley Rolfe.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will hold a private service and burial at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper vis Memorial Chapel.

Sean M. Osterrieder, 1970-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sean M. Osterrieder, 49, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. after a short battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 10, 1970 in Portsmouth, Va., the son of James G. and Sandra M. (Sabettini) Osterrieder. He attended schools at Bonny Eagle.

Sean was a self-employed painter. He enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, surfing, and paddle boarding and built his own paddleboards. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing, playing and collecting guitars, and writing music. Sean loved to make people laugh and most of all loved his children.

He is survived by his parents James and Sandra Osterrieder of Steep Falls, Maine; his companion of 18 years Stephanie M. Parker of Springfield, Vt.; son Corey Osterrieder and daughter Julianna Osterrieder, both of Springfield, Vt.; two brothers Christopher Osterrieder and



Sean M. Osterrieder, 1970-2020.

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his wife Michelle of Standish, Maine, and Matthew Osterrieder of Woodbridge, Va.; two nieces Isabella and Emily and one nephew Ben.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a private burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Arlon J. Rice, 1935-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Arlon James Rice, 85, passed away Friday, June 5, 2020 at Vernon Green Nursing Home in Vernon, Vt. He was born May 10, 1935 in Springfield, Vt., the son Karl F. and Grace (Spaulding) Rice. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1954. Arlon served in the United

States Army Signal Corps and was stationed in France from 1955 to 1958. From 1960 to 1974, he was employed at the First National Bank in Springfield and served as head teller for many years. From 1974 to 1984, he was employed at Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company in Springfield. He also served as the Springfield town auditor for 20 years.

Arlon was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 42 in Springfield and a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield.

He is survived by his sister



Arlon J. Rice, 1935-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Katherine and her husband Wilbur "Peanut" Gauthier of Bradenton, Fla. and seven nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers Edward F. Rice and Charles O. Rice.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Burial will be in the Plains Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt.

Op-Ed: HCRS CEO urges, "Silence is not an option"

Our world seems to be erupting around us. We've spent the past three months dealing with the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted almost every aspect of our lives. Now, our hearts break at the senseless and horrific killing of George Floyd and many others before him. These tragic deaths have put a spotlight on the systemic and institutional racism deeply embedded in our society and culture. We must commit to transforming our communities by dismantling racism with compassionate action - silence is not an option.

People across the country have taken to the streets, fueled by their frustration, anger, hopelessness, and outrage at a system that perpetuates racism. It is evident in our criminal justice system, housing, employment, and educational and health care systems. The disparities exist and persist and must be addressed – silence is not an

Studies suggest that the experience of racism and discrimination raise the risk of emotional and physical health issues. We are living in a racism pandemic, according to the American Psychological Association, whose health consequences include depression, anxiety, PTSD, and substance use disorders. Racism is a public health issue that impacts black and brown Americans and diminishes all of us.

Our actions must be intentional and compassionate - silence and inaction is not an option.

The grievous harm we have seen affects all of us. I believe it reaches deep into our psyche, and we must do the hard work necessary to confront racism. It will not be easy since racism has deep roots - centuries old in our country. We have much work to do, both individually and collectively.

Yet, I know we can do this. I am proud to work in Vermont where an outpouring of support and solidarity of more than 1,000 people in Brattleboro and thousands more across the state have come together to demonstrate and speak out for change. Many of our community partners, including Chiefs of Police, have been willing to commit to citizen engagement and community policing and begin the very difficult conversation that leads to culture change. Transformational change takes compassion, empathy, trust, vulnerability, and accountability.

I am also particularly p of all our staff at HCRS whose compassionate caring in supporting people with mental health, substance use, and development disabilities in our community is truly inspirational. They strive to live the values of inclusivity, respect, and mutuality, while honoring the humanity we all share. We at HCRS will be doing our part to dismantle racism.

These are the times when we must unite in solidarity and do everything we can to show that institutional racism has no place in our society. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

If we are to take meaningful action, we must commit ourselves to a just, inclusive society and heal our wounds. We must confront the inconvenient truths, collectively recognize racism, and say no to oppression, discrimination, hate, and violence. As Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us, "In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends" - silence is not an option if we are to dismantle

Written by George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO.

Funeral service for Robert W. Kirkbride will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of the Da-LUDLOW, Vt. - A funeral service and burial for Robert W.

Kirkbride, a longtime resident of Ludlow who died March 19, 2020, will be held Friday, June 19 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, we must follow the guidelines set out and limit the amount of people who attend the funeral mass.

We encourage folks to join us after the mass at 11:45 a.m. in the church parking lot, follow the procession to the Ludlow Fire Department for a "last call" and continue to the Pleasant View Cemetery for burial where more can be present. The family would like to thank you for your love and understand-

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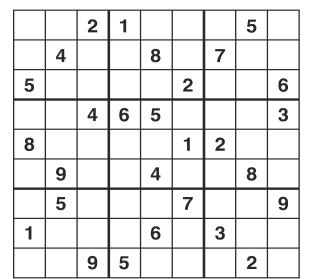
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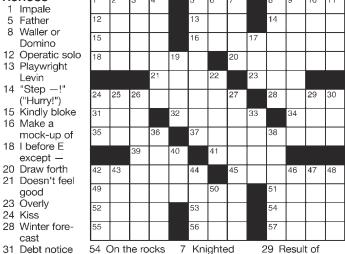
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opinion

Dear Editor,

On June 16, the community of Springfield will be asked to approve the second pass of the Springfield school budget. A lot has changed in our world since the last time we voted on the budget. The current pandemic forced us to close our schools and move to an online learning platform with little time to prepare. The school district has navigated this challenge and at the same time was able to provide meals to our students. This happened through hard work and dedication of our district employees. This period has not gone without its challenges for the community, parents, students, and staff. Many in the community are struggling financially and socially as we have been asked to stay home and stay safe. All of these events have had a large impact on the youngest members of our community, our students. As we look forward to the next school year, I hope that our students can start the year back in the classroom, but many things can change from now until the end

of August. When our students re-enter the classroom after more than five months away, they are going to need all the educational help that we can give them.

The second school budget presented does not include the Pre-K program and further cost reductions were made to reduce the overall number. These reductions total \$248,161 from the previous vote. The total school budget requested is comprised of \$22,673,934 from the state of Vermont, \$1,978,318 from federal funds, \$1,280,317 from other grants, and \$7,387,126 from the Springfield tax base. All of these numbers together comprise the total budget of \$32,531,695.

Yes, this seems like a lot of money in times like these and it is. When we break this down to a percentage, 11% is funded by local homeowners and 11% by non-residential taxes. As a homeowner, if I can spend \$1 and have it matched by \$10, that is an opportunity I cannot ignore. The required wording of the ballot article does not allow for the number to be thoroughly explained. I hope that the above breakdown may give some clarity to the numbers.

At a time when our students are going to need us the most, we need to support them the best we can. Voting "yes" on the budget will provide this support for the upcoming school year. Please join me in supporting Springfield's school budget for next year. Please request an absentee ballot from the town clerk or vote in person at the Riverside Middle School Gym June 16. More details about the budget can be obtained by contacting the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5141. I welcome your comments and concerns at tpalmer@ssdvt.

Sincerely, Troy Palmer Parent & Springfield School **Board Chair**

Dear Editor,

The staff, volunteers, and clients of Black River Good Neighbor Services thank members of American Legion Post 36 of Ludlow for their recent donation of \$500 to the food shelf. The American Legion is a consistent supporter of BRGNS and in this time of pandemic they've stepped up to the plate again. BRGNS has had to cancel

their major spring fundraiser so this donation is certainly wel-

Even though the store is closed and the fundraisers are canceled, the food shelf is open and BRGNS has consistently provided food to community members in need. Anyone in Ludlow, Cavendish, Plymouth, or Mount Holly who needs food should call 802-228-3663. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for assistance. People having trouble paying rent or utility bills should also call for assistance.

Sincerely,

Audrey Bridge, executive director

Krey Kellington, food program director Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to explain my position on junkyards as a 40-year property owner, not in my official capacity on the town of Cavendish's Selectboard. Furthermore, I want to make it clear that I am an advocate for property rights for all not one faction or a special interest.

It is my belief that Cavendish is basically a town comprised of middle class citizens that most likely do not have substantial savings accounts, certificates of deposits, or other nest eggs. Like most Americans, they do not have enough disposal income to account for emergency spending. For the most part, their primary source of funds is in the equity they have invested in their house or property.

The equity in their house is often used on a planned or emergency basis for: end of life expenses, home repairs, post-high school educational tuition costs, medical expenses. The amount they can borrow against their mortgage to refinance is based on how much they have in

equity and the appraised value of their house or property. The virus has resulted in employment losses, business closures, and may still present more economic impacts in the future. For many that are directly impacted by current and future impacts, the possibility of dipping into their home or property's equity may be more real and of last resort.

What does this have to do with junkyards? In Cavendish, we have very modest regulations regarding junkyards that I do not think have been enforced. In speaking with area realtors, a neighboring junkyard can reduce the value of a property by as much as \$5,000 to \$50,000, or even making it unsaleable. In these uncertain times, as a town, do we think that it is acceptable to take away money from an adjacent property owner that might be used for: end of life expenses, home repairs, post-high school educational tuition costs, or critical medical expenses by allowing these properties to negatively impact the property rights of their neighbors?

Lastly, as evidenced in other communities, junkvards have a way of continually growing on a property and neighboring properties, creating an atmosphere of disinvestment lowering the overall value of properties in the town and its attractiveness for investing, working, living, and recreating in the community. The time has come to follow the rules, protect everyone's property rights, act responsibly, and stop taking money out of the pockets of our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely, Stephen Plunkard Cavendish, Vt.

Amber Waves









Dear Editor,

Jeff Dunbar is a candidate for Trustee for the village of Bellows Falls. He is undoubtedly an excellent candidate and will get my vote because he has the best interests of Bellows Falls in his heart.

Jeff has loved the natural beauty, architecture, history, and people of Bellows Falls all of his life. After graduating from Vermont Academy, he moved out of the area to further his education and pursue a career. In 2006, he returned to the area to buy a home and continue his career. He has a keen awareness of the needs of the village and knows that the Board of Trustees needs the engagement of the community to move forward in our post-COVID virus world.

Jeff knows the value of hard work, responsible, financial management, and he keeps his commitments. These attributes are invaluable as a village Trustee.

I urge all residents to register and vote in the village election June 16 at the Bellows Falls Fire Department.

Sincerely, Sandy Martin Bellows Falls, Vt.

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Dear Editor,

This is a request to citizens of Bellows Falls. First of all, please vote in the upcoming Village Election Tuesday, June 16. Sec ondly, I ask that you vote for Jeff Dunbar and Deborah Fox as Trustees.

We have the opportunity to vote for two Trustees for twovear terms. It's a crowded field with many individuals running for these two available seats.

Two candidates stand out - Jeff Dunbar and Deborah Fox. They are capable and committed to the welfare of our village. They bring years of successful business experience. They also bring a new perspective and approach.

I ask that you join me in voting for these two candidates. They will contribute, I sincerely believe, to building on the strengths and shepherding our village into a stronger future.

Sincerely, Barbara Ternes Bellows Falls, Vt.



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Vermont bass fishing season opens June 13

REGION – Vermont's bass fishing season kicks off Saturday, June 13 and anglers throughout the state are eager to hit their favorite body of water in search of largemouth and smallmouth bass.

"Anglers in Vermont are fortunate to have world-class bass fishing for both species right in their backyard," said Bernie Pientka, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From big-water angling on lakes like Champlain, Bomoseen, and Memphremagog and the Connecticut River, to hundreds of smaller, untapped ponds and reservoirs, Vermont is loaded with great bass fishing for anglers of all ages."

Vermont's general bass season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November. Outside of those dates, anglers can fish for bass on open water on a catch-and-release basis with artificial lures and flies only on waters that are not seasonally closed. Bass fishing in Vermont is a fun outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by adults and kids alike, regardless of skill level, and can also be a great source of food for the table.

"Bass fishing is a great way to get out and enjoy Vermont's great outdoors and nothing can beat a tasty meal of fresh, locally-caught fish," Pientka said.

Anglers heading out on the water to fish for bass this season should be sure to check fishing regulations, including harvest and length limits applicable to the waters they are fishing. Vermont's fishing regulations can be found in the "2020 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations" available from license agents or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.

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state enters Phase 3 and eventually Phase 4 of Gov. Phil Scott's plan for reopening, we want to once again provide baseball to the area youth by abiding to all safety guidelines set forth by

Health Department.

We are actively reaching out to our baseball community to see if there is interest in making a baseball season happen this year, later in the summer extending into September. If anybody has an opinion or interest, they can email us at bellowsfallslittleleague@gmail.com or call 1-802-289-4239. You can also like us on Facebook to see all that we provide to our great community. Remember, Vermont, we are in this together!

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For bid specifications or more information please contact Richard Pembroke, CFO at rpembroke@ssdvt.org or Martha Tarbell, Administrative Assistant at 802-885-5120 or mtarbell@ssdvt.org.

TOWN OF BALTIMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Baltimore Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the below application on Wednesday June 17, at 7:00pm. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency a remote meeting has been scheduled. To access the meeting via Zoom you will need to first download free meeting software here: https://zoom.us/. https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9047906570?pwd=cXpoM0I1RGpQVmMvUHlBNmo5VytlUT09 Meeting ID: 904 790 6570

Karen Hammond of 399 Baltimore Road has submitted an application for a Subdivision of property located at 104 Gould Road in the Town of Baltimore. The proposed project is described as follows: Subdivision of 15.16 Acres into three Lots, Lot B, 3.70 Acres, Lot C, 8.30 Acres and Lot D 3.16 Acres.

A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Baltimore Town Office at www.baltimorevt.org. Please check the Town of Baltimore website for updates.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. ESTATE OF STEPHANIE SEARS, ET AL. Civil No. 2:20-cv-00013-wks

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

In obedience to a Judgment Order, Decree of Foreclosure and Order for Judicial Sale entered on March 24, 2020. and recorded in the Town of Westminster, Vermont, for breach of the mortgage as stated therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 16th day of July, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at the land and premises known as 25 Maple Ridge Road, Westminster, VT 05158, the said real property and improvements thereon, as further described in said mortgage (the "Property"), will be auctioned, "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no representations or warranties, express or implied, of any kind, subject to all superior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The legal description of the property foreclosed upon can be found in the mortgage filed in the Town of Westminster Land Records and all deeds and instruments of record. The physical address of the property is 25 Maple Ridge Road, Westminster, VT 05158.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the property at any time prior to the auction by paying the full amount due under the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure, including the costs and expenses of auction.

An OPEN HOUSE will be held at the property on Thursday, June 25, 2020, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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community

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Springfield Humane Society hosts microchip clinic

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Humane Society is having a microchip clinic for dogs and cats June 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are also hosting a cats-only spay and neuter clinic July 7. For more information on these programs, call 802-885-3997 or check out our events on Facebook.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town & Village of Ludlow is in the process of obtaining Statements of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms detailing the firm's qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, references, and related prior experience. Required professional services will include but are not limited to preliminary engineering services, design and construction related services, preparation of bidding and contract documents, participation in the evaluation of bids received, and monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications associated with "Water, Wastewater and/or Stormwater Improvements".

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with elements of the procurement process in 40 U.S.C. § 1101-1104. Qualified firms/candidates interested in being considered for this project must submit three (3) copies and an electronic copy of: (1) letter of interest; (2) statement of qualifications and experience of staff persons who will be involved with the project; (3) references; and (4) related prior experience. The Statement of Qualifications submittal shall be less than 20 pages, double sided. Submit the requested information to the Town & Village of Ludlow, Attn: Scott Murphy, PO Box 359, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 no later than July 1, 2020 by 10:00 am in order to receive consideration.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project may be undertaken with a variety of Federal and State funds and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by such agencies and the State of Vermont pertaining thereto.

The Town & Village of Ludlow shall evaluate the statements of qualifications and performance data and other material submitted by interested firms, and may select a minimum of three firms which, in their opinion, are best qualified to perform the desired services. Interviews may be conducted with each firm and would include discussions regarding anticipated concepts and proposed methods of approach. The Town & Village of Ludlow shall rank, in order of preference, the professional firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required, and shall commence scope of services and price negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm for engineering services.

The Town & Village of Ludlow reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. This solicitation does not obligate the Town & Village of Ludlow to award a contract.

Price Chopper's Golub Foundation Grant awarded to Grace Cottage

TOWNSHEND, Vt. -Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has received a grant from the Price Chopper's Golub Foundation in response to an appeal for COVIDrelated assistance.

Like most other hospitals in the nation, Grace

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constant state of vigilance, prepared to respond to community needs, while experiencing a significant drop in operating income during the pandemic, as people have followed Gov. Phil Scott's stay-at-home instructions and canceled or postponed healthcare services. In order to bridge this huge gap, Grace Cottage has appealed to in-

Cottage has maintained a dividuals and charitable munities they serve. The organizations for funds to keep operations going. The Price Chopper's Golub Foundation made a generous grant in response to this appeal.

The Golub Corporation, Price Chopper, and Market 32 are committed to social responsibility. Their sponsorship and giving programs help to improve the quality of life in com-

charitable branch of the Golub Corporation, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, was established in 1981 and provides financial support to eligible nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Contributions are made in the areas of health and human services, arts, culture, education, and youth activities in areas where

Price Chopper or Market 32 operates.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital serves approximately 7,500 patients annually, mainly from towns throughout Windham County. Among its services, it offers primary care, physical, and occupational rehabilitation, and 24-7-365 emergency medical ser-

Kristin Morgan, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, joins Springfield Health Center —

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come Kristin Morgan, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC Springfield Health Center's pediatric suite. Kristin is a graduate of the Duke School of Nursing in Durham, N.C., where she earned her doctorate of nursing practice degree. She received her Master of Science in Nursing-Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from Yale School of Nursing in New Haven, Conn., and Bachelor of

Systems is pleased to wel- Arts degree from the Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis.

Prior to joining Springfield Health Center, Kristin served as captain, pediatric nurse practitioner at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

Kristin is currently accepting new pa- Kristin Morgan.

Carol Cole

REALTOR



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NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING JUNE 10 & 11, 2020 VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

The Village of Ludlow will be flushing the water mains and testing the fire hydrant system on Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 & 11, 2020 from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Residents may experience temporary discoloration of the water, so we recommend you delay washing clothes/ laundry during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to run your cold water until the water runs

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

Thank you.

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT **Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No. 20-PR-00112 IN RE THE ESTATE OF JAMES KINGSBURY **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the creditors of James Kingsbury, late of Chester, Vermont. I have been appointed to Administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or estate must present their claims in writing within 4 months of the date of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period. Dated: 06/10/2020 Signed: /s/ Christopher Kingsbury Executor Address: 1782 VT RT 11 E Chester, VT 05143 802-875-2288 Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal Publication Date: June 10, 2020 Address of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court Windsor Unit, Probate Division 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

tients. Please call Springfield Health Center to schedule an appointment at 802-886-8990.

Lisa Moulton joins Rockingham Health Center —



Lisa Moulton. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Springfield Medical Care Systems is pleased to welcome Lisa Moulton, FNP to the Rockingham Health

Lisa is a graduate of Graceland University in Independence, Mo. where she earned her family nurse practitioner MSN/ FNP degree in 2016. She received her Bachelor of Science nursing degree from Graceland University in 2014 and her R.N. diploma was awarded in 1986 from the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, Mass.

Prior to joining Rockingham Health Center, Lisa worked with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in internal medicine, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Endocrinology, and Bayada Hospice in Brattleboro, Vt.

Lisa is currently accepting new patients. Please call Rockingham Health Center to schedule an appointment at 802-463-9000.

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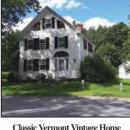
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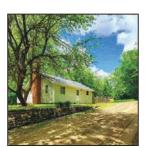
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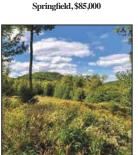
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Broker/Owner

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three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room,

formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A

garage and lovely wrap around porch. REDUCED AGAIN

full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly subdivided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached

with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry,



back porch, 2-3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, living room and a 3/4 bath. Located on a State Road the property has easy access. A bright and sunny location with barn and 4+/acres offering a great opportunity for extensive gardens, lawn or pasture. JUST REDUCED TO \$129,900



Country Cabin in Chester with 30.5+/-acres. Is easily accessible off a town maintained road. This Log Home is a great opportunity to own a large Parcel of Land (in current use) to self sustain with mostly wooded acreage and a couple open acres for gardening or yard. A tidy home with screened porch, front deck and cozy interior with kitchen/dining area, bedroom 3/4 bath, livingroom with woodstove. Basement for additional storage. \$195,000



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