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Miranda Todt receives Springfield Hospital Nursing Scholarship —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The 15th annual Eileen Austin Neal R.N. Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Miranda Todt of North Springfield to attend the Colby-Sawyer College nursing program. Miranda, who attended Windsor High School, stated in her application that “after spending time in the clinical setting, there are many ways a nurse impacts a patient’s health and their experiences while receiving care. I have learned from working in the hospital that the two most important aspects of patient



Miranda Todt.
PHOTO PROVIDED

care are having the skills necessary to treat the patient and have a sense of compassion and empathy.”

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of the hospital’s George F. Leland Community Health Award in 2003. In 2004, the hospital established the Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award, given to a staff nurse, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service.

Upon her death in February

2006, at the request of Eileen’s family, Springfield Hospital established the nursing scholarship fund in her name with gifts received in her memory from Eileen’s family as well as from community members.

“We are delighted to award Miranda this scholarship and wish her the best with her education and dreams of someday being a nurse practitioner,” says Sandy Peplau, marketing and development. “This scholarship assists her to pursue the career path that she feels is right for her.”

Black Lives Matter Juneteenth protest in Springfield —

BY JO ROBBINS

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — “We are ready, we are moving, peace will set us free. We are waking from this dream. We are dangerous.” This was the music heard on Friday at the Black Lives Matter protest held on Main Street in Springfield. These were the voices of about 70 people – all wearing masks in compliance with COVID-19 recommendations – who gathered to peacefully protest in support of the movement and to celebrate Juneteenth, a word coined to identify June 19 as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States and now recognized in 47 states.

The event that received the support of the Springfield Police and the town manager was organized by Miriam Jones and Anna Boarini. Patrice Jones, a supporter, explained that the two women put this together on their own and not as part of an organization. She said, “It is different this time. There has

been a real shift in white folks empowering people of color.” She said up until now, people maybe could not imagine or had any idea how bad it has been – what people of color have gone through. “We are committed to standing in solidarity...finally. And we will be here every Friday.”

Raphael Sacks, who helped publicize Friday’s event, moved to Springfield to run a nonprofit arts organization out of what was his grandparents’ farm. Sacks said, “This is Abenaki land. Vermont has a role to play in America’s reckoning with our own history of genocide and slavery.” He said he wishes to make Springfield a safe place for people of color and was at the protest to stand in solidarity with the movement for Black Lives and their three Juneteenth demands: defund the police, invest in black communities, and resign Donald Trump.

There were earlier reports that Main Street would be closed during the protest, but it remained open to traffic and as sign-wielding protesters lined

Main Street chanting, “No Justice. No Peace. Defund the Police.” They received honks and waves in support from passing motorists.

This reporter spoke to several protesters and asked what they hoped would happen as a result of this and similar events. Norman, a self-proclaimed member of the socialist party, a nonracist anti-war protestor, held a sign with George Floyd’s name, a black man killed during an arrest May 25 in Minneapolis, Minn., that was taped over the name of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old black man who was fatally shot by a Ferguson, Mo. police officer in 2014.

Joe held a cardboard sign with the words “His name was George” that was covered with the names of other victims like Floyd. He said he does not know why people have power over other people and felt he needed to be in the street to support and protect them. Jackie said she sees injustice in the world and is fed up with systemic issues – they need to be addressed. Sarah said she felt as a person

of privilege, she needed to say something and added, “Silence is compliance.”

On both sides of the street and the other side of the issue were the Springfield police officers and Chief Mark Fountain. Fountain said, “Vermont law enforcement professionals were angered and horrified to learn of the circumstances surrounding George Floyd’s death. These are difficult times for good police officers because many in society have painted us with the same brush.”

Fountain said his officers were there to make sure the protest was a peaceful event because sometimes these things can become completely unraveled. He said he believes in openness and transparency and said long before these recent events, he fostered key public outreach programs to build positive relationships with community members.

Five months ago, Fountain said he initiated a Big Brother/Big Sister program in the schools to enable police officers to mentor students in positive ways.

He said the program just got off the ground before the pandemic closed down the classrooms. He practices and promotes tolerance but said his people have to be conscious of their surroundings because right now there is a lot of anger out there.

Town Manager Steve Neratko stated in an email following the event, “The town and I are very supportive of the rights of the protesters on both sides. I commend the protesters on staying peaceful and respectful of each other and the community.”

He added that it is important that everyone realizes town officials are willing to discuss issues. He said he understands the need to protest – to stand up for what you believe in – but we now need to take the next steps and lead by example as a community. Suggestions are welcome and Neratko said he is willing to meet with people. He explained, “Government should represent the wishes of the community,” and added that people need to be involved and attend public meetings, offer comments during budget season, and participate.

BF Village passes voting by Australian ballot in annual meeting —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — On Monday, June 15, the Bellows Falls Opera House hosted about 50 people for the Bellows Falls village annual meeting, and Tuesday’s election was held at the Fire Station where almost 273 people voted with 109 additional absentee ballots tallied. Two new Trustees won – Jeff Dunbar with 271 votes and Wade Masure with 128.

Article 4 was passed on Tuesday for the village budget of \$1,510,048 with \$1,444,099 to be raised by taxes with a 254-120 vote.

On Monday, James McAuliffe explained that fiscal year 2020 Police Department budget at \$1.2 million with nine full-time officers was reduced for fiscal year 2021 to \$977,000 with six full-time officers. He said, “Our challenge every year is to provide a level of service we feel taxpayers are looking for...We

hope to achieve excellent police service at a reasonable cost.”

Tony James thought it “was a mistake to cut the [K-9]” and “gross negligence...when it was paid for for the year.”

William Morse agreed, “We need [the K-9] in Bellows Falls...It’s a firewall between those of us who make a positive contribution to this community and those that seek to take it away...I cannot support a budget without this service.”

Colin James asked about the overall cost, and McAuliffe explained that for a dedicated officer and canine vehicle it was roughly \$100,000 per year. “We did not feel it was a good investment for our residents to bear.”

McAuliffe said that on average there were 14 drug-related incidents per year over the last five years and that “all towns around us rely” on the State Police Barracks in Westminster for K-9 services. Deborah Wright said that officers could “use other tools to catch drug crime...what

we expect by our officers.”

When Moderator Paul Obuchowski read Article 6, “Should the voters adopt the annual budget by Australian Ballot,” at first there was no comment. Jonathan Wright said, “I find it unusual there is no debate.”

Doug MacPhee agreed with a vote that received the highest number of voters as possible.

Larry Clark said, “I am opposed. We give up the right for it to be our budget. If we do it from the floor, we can make it our own.”

Dennis Harty also opposed. “We can vote to lower or raise the budget... if it’s voted down, we have to have a special meeting that costs us at least \$3,000.”

Charlie Hunter asked the Trustees whether they thought the budget vote by Australian Ballot was a good idea. McAuliffe favored it. “I think a lot of good people don’t come to the meeting, but they have a right to vote.”

Jonathan Wright said, “It’s a

Vermont tradition...part of our job as a board is to facilitate discussion.” Stefan Golec said it “gives voters an opportunity to discuss and debate.” Deborah Wright’s concern was the lack of voter turnout and wanted “to see 10%” making decisions. Gary Lique said, “We work for you.”

On Tuesday, Article 6 passed 265-104.

Deborah Wright had explained if voters passed it going forward “we will need to look at our charter and alter the time frame” between the village meeting and election. “It would still make it our budget, and you would have input at the annual meeting.”

Bruce Bennett recognized Public Works Director Everett Hammond and said he “put a lot of effort in his last two months.”

The Trustees special organizational meeting took place June 23. The Joint Board meeting is June 30.

Kurn Hattin takes

graduation on the road

WESTMINSTER, Vt. —

Kurn Hattin Homes came up with a unique plan to celebrate each graduate individually with a personalized ceremony to take to their homes throughout Vermont and New Hampshire – all while abiding by the current safety protocols.

A miniature “stage” with the Homes’ banner, chairs, decorations, and flowers was constructed on a flatbed trailer and pulled to each graduate’s home. Speeches, music, and recognitions played significant roles in the ceremonies incorporating many of Kurn Hattin Home’s traditions.

From June 6-14 staff set up and dismantled the moving parts between locations, as there were often two or more ceremonies per day. Graduation proceedings at each location began with Sue Kessler, assistant executive director, welcoming everyone and reading a statement from

Board President Mark Bodin.

Salutatorian Ben Robichaud shared, “My houseparents, teachers, and my family helped me shape my life to how it is now. Kurn Hattin has given me the home that has let me find out who I truly am.”

Valedictorian Elizabeth Anderson shared the Kurn Hattin core values. “Perseverance: Never give up, and always give your best. Nurturance: Take care of yourself, Hope: Hope will carry you through the hard times and beyond. Compassion: Makes the world a better place, and Sense of Worth: Kurn Hattin has taught every one of us how to value ourselves. These are all examples of what makes Kurn Hattin the strong, friendly environment that kids are able to call home.”

Several students received one or more awards: The Residential Suitcase Award for eighth graders who show outstanding progress went to Tristan Caroll

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Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Flag Day honors Eagle Scouts

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 held their annual Flag Day ceremony June 14 with 16 Boy and Cub Scouts in attendance with parents and Elk members. PER Vicki Siliski and the Scouts presented the flags as she spoke about each flag's history.

Each year, all Elks Lodges in the U.S. are required to hold a Flag Day ceremony at which

time some scouts are honored. This year, the Elks presented two new Eagle Scouts with their Elks certificates. They were Thomas Czwakiel, son of Scoutmaster Bruce and Lisa Czwakiel, and Liam Mallan, the son of Neil and Sherri Mallan. Both are members of Scout Troop 252 in Springfield.

Thomas earned his rank Nov. 20, 2019 and Liam earned

his Feb. 19, 2020. Thomas has been actively involved in Troop 252 for four years and has held positions of senior patrol leader, scribe, and webmaster. Thomas's Eagle Scout project was restoring and replacing the four Eureka Road historic signs. Thomas plans to complete high school in a couple years and continue on to college to study computer science.

Liam has been involved in Troop 252 for six years and has held leadership positions of senior patrol leader and Order of the Arrow representative. Liam's Eagle Scout project was building soccer benches and replacing the old signs at the Saxtons River Recreation Area. Liam plans to complete high school and then continue on to college to study geology with a minor in volcanology.

Springfield Elks Red Cross Blood Drive —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — On Wednesday, June 10, 2020, the Springfield BPOE 1560 sponsored a much-needed Red Cross Blood Drive. During the event, Smokey Aumand donated his 128th pint of blood for a total of 16 gallons. Pictured are Smokey and phlebotomist Jennifer Docos of Manchester, N.H. If you are interested



Smokey Aumand donating blood.

PHOTO BY DIANE BEERS

in giving blood, the next six local blood drives are: Thursday, July 2 at Springfield Buick and Claremont Common Man; Monday, July 13 at the Newsbank Conference Center

in Chester; Thursday, July 16 at the United Church in Bellows Falls; Wednesday, July 22 at Claremont Valley Regional Hospital; and Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the Springfield Elks.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — It is a pleasure to announce Abbigale Hodge has been named the Bellows Falls Union High School Elks Student of the Month for June. Abby, a sophomore, is the daughter of Randall and Stacey Hodge of Bellows Falls.

Abby works hard in her classes and has gone above and beyond during remote learning. She attends class and completes work daily without fail, revises work when needed, responds to emails promptly, and even does extra credit assignments. She is also kind, courteous,

and a great role model for her peers. Abby takes each new assignment and challenge head on with an admirable tenacity. She has maintained a consistent attendance and work ethic through the remote learning experience, and she is an admirable student.

Always positive, Abby never says "I can't" and never complains. She uses her time wisely to get as much out of her education as possible. Attentive to detail and willing to work hard, she tackles her assignments head on and does not procrastinate.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Rotary Club is pleased to announce this year's Rotary Scholarship winners, Ashley Chamberlin and Madison O'Brien, who were each awarded a \$3,000 scholarship. Chamberlin will be attending the University of Southern Maine and O'Brien will be at the University of Vermont. Proceeds from the annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale help to fund the annual Rotary Scholarships.

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Springfield Rotary scholarship recipients



Abby Hodge.

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Bellows Falls Elks June Student of the Month —

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and Deeanna Nicol; The Maiola

Athletic Award, for all-around athletic excellence went to Ethan Sumner and Denali Thorson; The Woodhull Music Award for Choir Award went to Deeanna Nicol, Jazz Band: Ethan Sumner, Most Overall Talented: Benjamin Robichaud and Elizabeth Anderson; and the Instrument Award: Tristan Caroll. The Alumni Association Award for students who embody the spirit of Kurn Hattin through their kindness to others and their participation in all aspects of campus life went to Cameron Childress and

Elizabeth Anderson; The Eleanor Ward Achievement Award, for the eighth grader showing the greatest improvement went to Tristan Caroll; The John P. Barry & Christopher W. Barry Award, for the student who exemplifies the Kurn Hattin spirit and shows acts of kindness to staff and students throughout the school year went to Cameron Childress; The W.I. Mayo Memorial Award, for outstanding all-around achievement by an eighth grader went to Benjamin Robichaud; The Vincenzo James Ruggiero Memorial

Scholarship Award went to Ethan Sumner and Deeanna Nicol. Four Kurn Hattin alumnae were awarded the Thomas G. Fahner Scholarship Award: Reginald Watson, Class of 2015, Jakobie Graves-Amidon, Class of 2019, Madison Ramos, Class of 2015, and Jessica Gibson, Class of 2016.

Principal Sergio Simunovic read heartfelt thoughts about each graduate from the Kurn Hattin community and presented diplomas.

"Seeing the smiles on the faces of the graduates and the pride and love from their families at each of the ceremonies was a true joy to behold and a clear testament to the Kurn Hattin team effort that made this idea so successful. Taking the difficult circumstances that we've all been dealing with over the past months and turning them into such a wonderful, positive way of ending the 2020 school year shows the dedication and commitment of the KHH staff to our children and to our mission. We are so proud of every one of them," lauded Assistant Executive Director Sue Kessler.

Thank you to the staff whose vision and creativity made this special occasion one for the books. To Elizabeth Anderson, Emma Duckett, Topanga Town, Deanna Nicol, Cameron Childress, Tristan Caroll, Dani Thorson, Lexi Miller, Ethan Sumner, Ben Robichaud, and Maddie Farar — Congratulations! You did it!



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Railroad covered bridges

Below are three entries from the Yo-Semite Firehouse ledger belonging to the Chester Historical Society.

Tom Hildreth was helpful ferreting out information for this article. Tom reached out to the Rutland Railroad Historical Society for information. Tom learned very few photos exist of these covered railroad bridges. These covered bridges were sometimes set ablaze by embers from the smokestacks of the steam engines.

If you use Yosemite Firehouse as your starting point, you should be able to follow along.

Chester Depot Vt. July 22, 1889

"There was an alarm of fire sounded at about 12:40 am that the railroad bridge, first one south or east of RR Station. The engine was rapidly taken there and a stream of water was soon playing upon the burning roof & the flames were stayed so that only a small portion of the roof at the south or east end injured, after putting out the fire, Engine was taken back to the Engine House, roll called and the company dismissed.

"Attest P.H. Robbins"

This bridge was located just south of the intersection of Elm Street and Route 11. Today, it is a steel bridge built in the early 1900s. This covered bridge continued in use until it was replaced with the steel bridge we have today.

Chester Depot, Vt. May 9, 1891

"At one PM word was received that the Railroad Bridge No, 101 3 1/4 miles north was on fire and at the request of the RR Co Yo-Semite Engine Co and 30 men went to the bridge by teams arriving there in 45 minutes but too late to save the Bridge. Two lines of hose were laid and the fire which had spread to the brush that was put out. The Company remained until the wood work of the Bridge was consumed and then played upon the ruins cooling off the ironwork to allow the RR men to commence work upon the



Gassetts railroad bridge.

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trestle. Returned to the Engine House at 5-20 PM. The clerk was not at this fire but learn these facts by foreman H.R. Barney.

"Attest P.H. Robbins Clerk"

This is the steel bridge today just south of Gassetts. With this bridge lost, freight and passengers would have been forced to take alternate routes. I imagine this bridge was quickly replaced with another wooden bridge. In the early 1900s, this new wooden bridge was replaced with the steel bridge we have today.

A lot is known about H.R. Barney. He answered to "Hub" Barney. Hub was station agent at Chester Depot train station.

As station agent he prospered. It is known that Hub took advantage of his position. When a Boston firm ordered a carload of apples for a set figure, say \$1,000, Hub put out the word to Chester farmers he needed apples. Hub bought the apples below what the Boston firm paid. He collected his \$1,000 and paid the farmers their rate, pocketing the difference.

At the same time, the railroad paid him as station agent. So Hub was double dipping. I have a collection of Hub's waybills. He did alright for himself.

Hub was a mason and proprietor of the Central Hotel. The Central Hotel burned to the ground on June 5, 1888. It was a beautiful hotel located where the Fullerton Hotel is today. Below from the Yosemite ledger is a report of the Central Hotel fire.

Central Hotel Fire

"Tuesday AM June 5, 1888 the Central Hotel, Pierce's Drug Store + the old Fullerton store were burned and the Engine Co rendered great service no doubt they saved H.D. Fletcher's buildings, Dr Mather's house the small house below it. P.H. Robbins"

The School Street Fire Department was the first to arrive on the scene. Both departments fought this fire together. Directly in front of the hotel on the green was a large stonewalled well. The town filled this well in a few years ago. It would have been the water supply for this fire.

The photo with this article is a Gassetts covered railroad bridge. Dave Hutchinson of the Rutland Railroad Historical Society supplied Tom with the photo.

The above history will be included in our upcoming book, "History of Chester's Fire Departments" to be released next spring.

Note, when I say the steel bridges were built in the early 1900s, it is possible one or more were lost in later floods and replaced again.

This week's old saying is a question. Do you remember the "Center of the Universe" signpost in Cavendish?

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One Credit Union awards \$7,000 in scholarships

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Brett Smith, president and CEO of One Credit Union, announced the winners of the 2020 scholarship awards. To qualify applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, demonstrate financial need, and be eligible for membership at One Credit Union, as well as submit a 300-word essay explaining their experience with teamwork and community building. Each of the seven winners received \$1,000. Given the challenges with the pandemic this year, seniors did not have a traditional graduation — so One Credit Union hit the road to bring a fun (and safe) surprise along with some well-earned smiles to the winners. Watch the video at www.youtu.be/LvuB2UNBlfk.

Christina Thivierge, Barre

Christina has helped mentor younger kids through her participation in Dance Team

and as a camp counselor teaching hunter safety, alongside her school studies. Christina is heading west to Grand Canyon University in Arizona to study nursing.

Riley Bashaw, Barre

Beyond fantastic grades, Riley helped to package and deliver meals to the food insecure through Rise Against Hunger, as well as donate to the local

food shelf during the pandemic and support seniors during the lockdown with greeting cards. Riley plans to matriculate at Norwich University in the fall.

Tanner Brown, Claremont

Tanner credits her time on the varsity soccer team for teaching her the importance of teamwork and solid communication skills. Talent alone would not have brought the team to the state finals back to back. Tanner is heading to Colby-Sawyer College at the end of the summer.

"All of these students have demonstrated their commitment to community in notable ways," said Smith. "As they continue to invest themselves in their collegiate experiences, we are proud to invest back in them. The dividends will return to all of us!"

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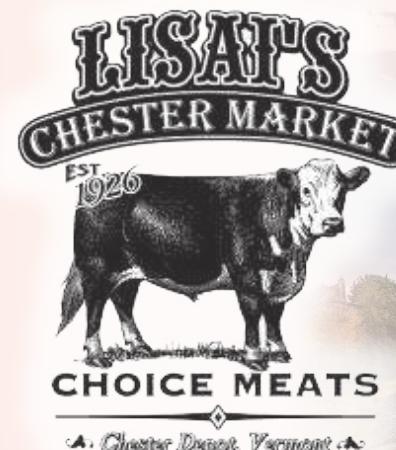
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Thomas L. Baird, 1944-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It is with a heavy heart the family of Thomas "Tom" Lee Baird announces his passing June 16, 2020, just one day after his 76th birthday. He died surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle of Lewy Body Dementia with Parkinsonism. He was born June 15, 1944 to Thomas and Norma (Barney) Baird in East Providence, R.I.

Tom grew up in Rhode Island and graduated from East Providence High School. He came to Vermont and received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at Norwich University. He was in sales early in his career and then became a local plumbing contractor.

Over the years Tom was involved with many organizations such as National Ski Patrol where he volunteered at Okemo and Ascutney mountains; he was a volunteer EMT and fireman with the Springfield Fire Dept.; a high school football referee; and more recently delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. He was also a member of St. John's Lodge 41 and the Mt. Sinai Shriners – he was one of the clowns, which came naturally.

He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes and was best known for his gift of gab, his generosity of his



Thomas L. Baird, 1944-2020.
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time, knowledge, and self, as well for his love of family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife of 38 years Dianne (Douglas); his sisters Linda and Heather; his daughter Brooke (Victor); his sons David (Shannon), Jeff, Brian (Darcy); and grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and one son Michael.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a memorial service at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to your area hospice program or the Shrine Hospitals. The family would like to thank VNH Hospice for their support.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Thomas L. Fournier, 1952-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Thomas L. Fournier, 67, died after a long battle with illness June 16, 2020 at home with his family at his side. He was born July 8, 1952 in Springfield, the son of Patrick Fournier and Lucinda (McAllister) Fournier.

Tom graduated from Springfield High School, Class of '71. He worked briefly as the manager of a local restaurant before joining the Eagle Times of Claremont, N.H. as a pressman and darkroom technician. He also worked for American Optical of Brattleboro as a machine operator.

For more than 20 years, Tom worked as a commercial and industrial photographer and press operator for Bryant Chucking Grinder Company. Tom produced the printed sales brochures and technical materials for the cutting-edge machine tools being manufactured by Bryant Grinder including the Lectraline model, which was the world's first computer-controlled multi-surface grinding machine. Tom finished out his career with 19 years of service as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service.

Tom enjoyed playing chess and bridge. He was known for his skills with a pool cue and was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Moose. He was an avid reader who enjoyed history and politics. He was a fierce debater and always ready to out-argue any willing to challenge him.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the American Bladder Cancer Society at 12 Flansburg Ave, Dalton, MA 01226-1409.

lenghe him.

He was also an athlete. For years, he played shortstop for the Bryant Grinder softball team. He was a marksman and a crack-shot with either pistol or rifle. He was also a cycling enthusiast and enjoyed tinkering on antique bicycles. His children and nephews remember fondly the epic summertime bike rides he'd organize. He was an unabashed pinball wizard.

He was married three times: Angela (Lou-Ann) Scott of Waterville, Tamara Rice of Springfield, and Ginger Wilk of Reading. They all survive.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother Joseph. Surviving in addition to his two children Christopher Fournier and his wife Molly of Rochester, Mass. and Charlotte Knight and her husband Abel of Claremont, are three grandchildren Winslow Fournier, Felix Fournier, and Ashby Fournier; four brothers Patrick Fournier and Jane, David Fournier and Nonie, Stephen Fournier, Bernard Fournier and Cecile; five sisters Jeanne Bristol, Mary Bart, Nancy Fournier and Michael Langman, Catherine Fournier and Richard Chapin, and Lucinda Scott and William; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the American Bladder Cancer Society at 12 Flansburg Ave, Dalton, MA 01226-1409.

Richard C. Hall, 1931-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Richard C. Hall, 89, passed away Tuesday afternoon, June 16, 2020 at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt., after a long illness. He was born April 18, 1931 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Riley Charles and Ila E. (Lakso) Hall. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School.

He later graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology for Airline Mechanics. Richard served in the United States Navy.

He drove school bus for Springfield public schools in the 1950s and later he was employed for many years in

the hydraulics department at Bryant Grinder Company in Springfield, Vt., retiring in 1993. He also worked ski patrol at Okemo Mountain in the 1960s. Richard enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling, and square dancing. He was a member of the St. John's Lodge 41 F. & A.M. in Springfield, Vt.

He is survived by his son Ryan Hall of Springfield and several cousins.

A graveside service was held Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper officiated. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

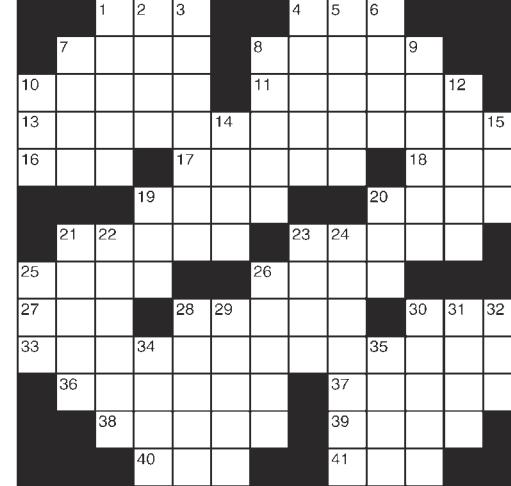
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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Harold E. Wortman, 1938-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Harold (Tim) Edward Wortman, 81, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born in Columbus, Ohio Oct. 29, 1938, the son of Harold and Irene (Massie) Wortman. He attended schools and graduated high school in Columbus.

He served in the United States Air Force as a turret gunner from 1955 to 1959. During this time, he was stationed in Turkey and loved to share those memories.

He lived in Columbus, Bellows Falls, Chester, and most recently Springfield.



Harold E. Wortman, 1938-2020.
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ters Brenda Wortman, Charlene Muzzy, Francine Scott, Kristin Caminiti, April Clough, Trish Fairbrother, Amanda Gibson, and Amber Wortman. He also has 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Wayne Wortman and one brother.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Services are also available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Until further notice, the Diocese of Vermont has made online services available with Bishop Shannon. Go to www.diovermont.org. For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sunday services are live on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302>. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.

Public masses resumed June 1. Services at St. Joseph's include Saturday at 4 p.m.; Wednesday at 9 a.m. Services are also available on YouTube. For more information, go to stmaryjoseph.com.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Church has reopened for Sunday and weekday masses: Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday services are held online. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive COVID-19 updates on services and meetings.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

I want the Weathersfield Selectboard to honor the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the third Monday in January. This Jan. 6, 2020, the Selectboard voted unanimously "to deny the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday."

At the time, it worried me a lot that Weathersfield would be so far behind the times and our leaders would vote that way. But being chair of the School Board, I had troubles of my own on Jan. 6 – hosting a budget discussion and community potluck and voting to approve the School District's budget. Tough times. So I wasn't at the Selectboard meeting that night to argue against denying the MLK holiday.

But like most of us, I was moved recently by what happened to George Floyd – his murder and the violent protests that followed – and so three weeks ago I called the chair of the Weathersfield Selectboard

to ask why our town should not honor the Martin Luther King holiday. I asked if the board would reconsider. The chair did not commit to such a course, so I wrote to our town manager to ask him to press the Selectboard to reconsider their Jan. 6 action. That resulted in the matter being put on the Selectboard agenda this past Monday, June 15.

I am shocked and disturbed at what happened next. The Selectboard refused to reconsider its unanimous Jan. 6 vote "to deny the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday." The chair offered that the board "might" reconsider honoring the holiday "in the next budget season." And then John Garrison made a motion that the board should "move on" from this discussion.

I told them that is not good enough, and now I want to tell all of your readers, especially the ones who live in Weathers-

field, that "moving on" from the question of honoring the MLK holiday is not good enough.

The thing is Martin Luther King is not only our country's greatest leader for civil rights and racial equality; he is also our greatest leader for nonviolence. That's what I was thinking about when I saw those pictures of the Minneapolis Police Station burning: that this violence and hatred is not good enough; that there is a better way; and that Martin Luther King is the one above all who showed us the better way. Our town should honor the federal holiday that turns our whole nation's attention toward equality, justice, and peace. We should honor Martin Luther King. Weathersfield Selectboard, I beg you, again, to get on the right side of history.

Sincerely,
Sean Whalen
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Sen. Dick McCormack's opinion piece about racism. Under "The situational definition" he said, "To be black in America is to experience America one way, and to be white is to experience it another way." As a white, 66-year-old male,

I agree within my realm of experience. My mantra lately is that attitude matters, so I agree with the premise of "The attitudinal definition." I think people's attitudes determine the situation because whites with power can adversely affect the lives of blacks. The power aspect

is missing from McCormack's opinion. If there were not a power differential, it would not matter nearly as much as it does and has for the past 400 years.

Sincerely,
Bruce Frauman
South Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This week's New Yorker magazine cover "This Side Up," illustrates an upside down world, capturing an aspect of how many are feeling right now. Our U.S. government has failed to adequately prepare and protect its citizens from a global pandemic – and our public safety officers, whose job is to protect and serve the people who pay their salaries, are, in far too many instances, traumatizing them – and even killing them. This is not the way it is supposed to be. This is indeed an upside down world.

The Legislature has been consumed for the last three months in our response to the challenges the COVID-19 crisis has wrought upon our state. Every one of us who serves our state in this capacity is clear on the level of stress and anxiety which our constituents are living with. When you add to that the murder by a policeman of yet another innocent black man – you have a tinderbox – you have an explosion of all that we feel is unfair, unjust, inhumane, and unwarranted. George Floyd's death reminds us that this pandemic is not the only crisis we face.

The tragedy of George Floyd's death is a terrible reminder of the embedded racial inequality in our country. It has torn the scab off the great national wound of racial disparity and subjugation. It calls the question on what every state is doing to address systemic racism. A stark reminder of our need to continue honing our racial equity policies happened last year when our legislative colleague, Kiah Morris of Bennington, resigned as a result of terrible racial harassment. We would like to think that this kind of ugly, immoral behavior doesn't happen here in Vermont, but it does. And to that end, I am pleased the governor has appointed Xusana Davis, Vermont's racial equity director, to lead the Racial Equity Task Force. Many of you have

emailed with constructive ideas about how to change and improve Vermont's laws around racial equity and policing. I have high hopes that this task force will address each and every one of these and come back to the Legislature with recommendations for how Vermont can make significant progress on correcting our course incorporating racial equity in all we do. Our work will, in small part, ensure George Floyd did not die in vain.

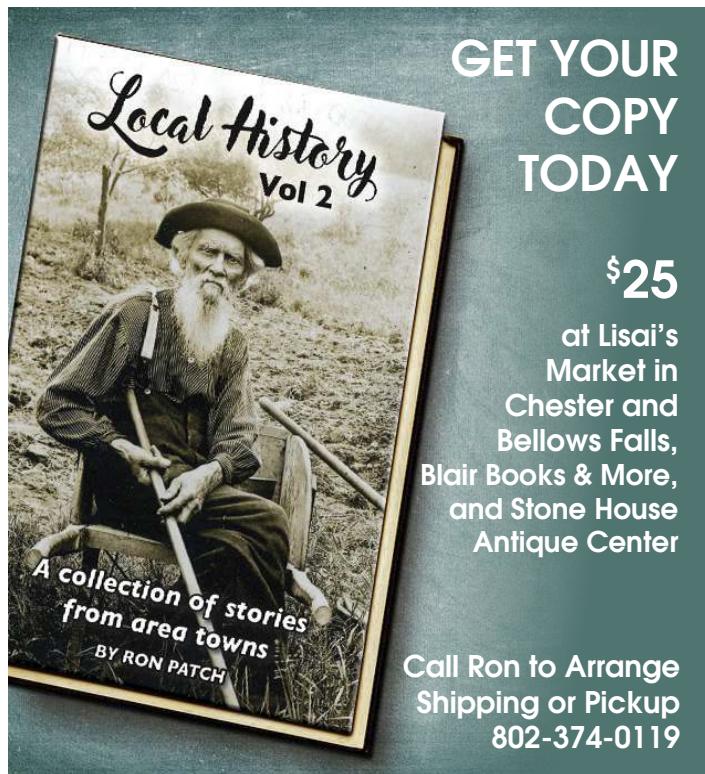
The nation is outraged and the nation is listening. Maybe in a way we couldn't have several months ago. Because we have been in a "stay home, stay safe" mode for three months – we are quieter, less busy. As a result, we are better able to listen to the anger and injustice the death of George Floyd has challenged us to address. So many questions are being asked that we have to answer. And, chief among them: "What kind of a nation do we want to be?"

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the

bills which are being debated now, those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alison Clarkson
Windsor County

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LUDLOW, Vt. — Mark Varespy, left, of Killarney donates to Terry O'Brien, right, of the Cavendish Recreation Department at their recent spring golf outing.

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Bald eagle spotted

PLYMOUTH, Vt. — A reader found this bald eagle fishing on Lake Rescue on June 18.

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Fishing areas not safe for swimming —

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds the public not to swim at fishing access areas due to safety concerns. The primary use of the fishing access areas is for launching and retrieving motorboats.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains 196 developed fishing access areas on lakes and rivers throughout the state. These areas have allowed uses determined by law, and swimming is not one of them.

The access areas were purchased and are maintained

with funds derived from the sale of fishing licenses and motorboat registrations, as well as a federal excise tax on fishing equipment, fishing tackle, and gasoline for motorboats. These funding sources explicitly prohibit activities that are in conflict with fishing and boating.

Fish & Wildlife regulations prohibit certain uses of fishing access areas including, but not limited to — swimming, littering, camping, picnicking, making a fire, parking of vehicles not related to priority uses, and commercial activity.

"It's great that people want to get out in the water, but a boat ramp is not the right place to go swimming," said Mike Wichrowski who oversees the Fishing Access Area program. "There's a reason motorboats aren't allowed in swimming areas, and swimming isn't allowed at fishing access areas — it's simply not safe."

"Vermont State Game Wardens often respond to incidents involving people swimming at fishing access areas," said Col. Jason Batchelder, Vermont's chief warden. "In some cases

people, including children, are swimming right at the boat ramps while boats were being launched, risking injury or preventing the launching of boats."

"We understand that people want to go swimming, especially during hot weather, but we are urging folks to swim at locally approved swimming areas," he added. "Finding a safe swimming area is easy in most communities. Just ask at a general store or other place where people gather."

The fine for swimming at an access area is \$162.

Mount Holly Farmers' Market is back

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. — The Mount Holly Farmers Market is back this year Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Belmont Green. Vendors are selling Crowley cheeses, garden

protection supplies, fresh rhubarb, plants, cut flowers, arts and crafts, and more. The market will follow Vermont state safety guidelines for farmers markets. All vendors will wear

face covering and all customers are asked to wear face covering. Vendors are spaced 12 feet apart, and social distancing is observed. Curbside and drive thru service is available. New

vendors are invited with no charge for space. Please contact Jim Corven at 781-307-0394 or mhgardener@vermontel.net or Laura Davis at 802-259-2440 or gdavis6@juno.com.

Two SMS alumni named to Chilean National Ski Team

STRATTON, Vt. — Stratton Mountain School alumni Kay Holscher '17 and Diego Holscher '20 have once again been named to the Chilean National Ski Team for the 2020-2021 season.

"We are extremely proud to see that Diego and Kay have been named to the Chilean National Team again, alongside the 13 SMS athletes named to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team for 2020-2021," said Headmaster Chris Kaltas. "We wish them the best of luck!"

"Both Kay and Diego have brought so much to the ski racing community, not only at Stratton Mountain School but across the whole of U.S. Skiing," added SMS Alpine Director Mike Morin. "We are very proud of their accomplishments and want to see them both continue on their paths to ski at the highest level someday. We hope they return

to SMS often for training and to help SMS achieve its mission of excellence. They are both well deserving of being named to the Chilean National Team!"

Diego recently graduated from SMS with the Class of 2020, and this is the third year that Diego has been named to the Chilean National Ski Team.

"I'm very happy to be named again to be part of the Chilean Team, it's a huge honor to be part of the team and being able to represent my country everywhere I go," Diego said. "Throughout my years at SMS I've worked really hard and I've taken advantage of everything they have offered me, and it feels good to know that all the sacrifice and effort are paying off."

"I also want to thank every staff member and student of the Stratton Mountain School community, they have helped me immensely in all of my six



Diego Holscher '20.

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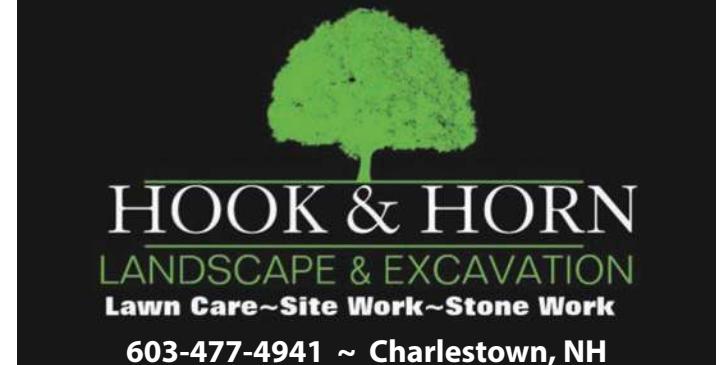


Kay Holscher '17.

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years at SMS, and I don't know if all the things I have achieved would've been possible without their help," he continued. "Now I'm graduating SMS knowing that they have fully prepared me for what's to come."

SMS athletes named to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team for the 2020-2021 season include: Alice Merryweather '15 (U.S. Alpine B-Team), George Steffey '15 (U.S. Alpine B Team), Caroline Claire '18 (U.S. Freeski Pro Slopestyle Team), Mac Forehand '20 (U.S. Freeski Pro Slopestyle Team), Jessie Diggins (SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country A-Team), Sophie Caldwell '08 (SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country A-Team), Simi Hamilton (SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country A-Team), Julia Kern PG '16 (SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country A-Team), Katherine Ogden '16 (Dartmouth College, SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country B-Team), Ben Ogden (University of Vermont, SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country D-Team), Sophia Laukh (Middlebury College, SMS T2 Team, U.S. Cross Country D-Team), Alex Deibold '04 (U.S. Snowboardcross Team), and Lindsey Jacobellis '03 (U.S. Snowboardcross Team).



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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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— King Crossword —

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arts & entertainment

LAHS' annual "Kids Art @ Custer Sharp" in July —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. — The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents its annual "Kids Art @ Custer Sharp" during the month of July at its headquarters at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middle-town Rd. Hours are Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is free.

"Kids Art" displays work from Flood Brook K-8 students created over the school year. It is mixed media and multicultural.

In addition to work from all grade levels, the show will feature "Our Community from a Distance," a black and white photo exhibit by Sawyer Van Houten, a fourth grader at Flood Brook Elementary School. During the COVID-19 "stay home, stay safe" order, Sawyer and his mom were challenged to find ways to stay entertained. One

day Sawyer's mom suggested he bring along a camera his uncle Howie had given him.

It turns out Sawyer had quite an eye! The pictures he took that day in the woods were really beautiful. Knowing that the landscape was not going to change for a while, Sawyer asked friends if he could swing by for a picture in their dooryards. The answer was "yes," and the adventure began. Sawyer and his mom started Facebook and Instagram pages to share the images. He now has over 500 people following his journey. Not only is Sawyer documenting history in this challenging time, he is connecting the community, letting people know that friends and neighbors are happy and well.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical

Society is to be a beacon — helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town, bringing stories of the past to light, igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived, and presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area.

Visit the LAHS website, www.LAHSVT.org, for more information on other events and programming. Follow us on Facebook.

Vail opens six northeast resorts for summer operations

LUDLOW, Vt. — Okemo, Stowe, and Mount Snow in Vermont, as well as three other resorts in New York and New Hampshire, will open for summer. Okemo Mountain reopens June 26 and will be open Friday to Monday for scenic chairlift rides, hiking, mountain coaster, golf, and disc golf. Mount Snow also opens June 26, and Stowe will follow June 27.

Each resort has enacted a unique operating plan that aligns with COVID-19 safety guidelines and was developed in consultation with state, and local health officials.

Vail Resorts asks guests and employees to take on a new level of personal accountability to ensure the safety of its mountain communities.

Employees will be required to wear face coverings at all times. Plexiglass barriers have been installed in areas where physical distancing measures are not possible.

Vail Resorts will continue to review and update our policies to adhere to the most up-to-date practices to keep employees and guests safe. For more information, go to www.snow.com/info/summer-2020-update.

Springfield Library's StoryWalk

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Town Library is kicking off the summer reading program with a StoryWalk on Toonerville Trail starting June 27.

StoryWalk is an innovative way to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, readers are directed to the next page in the story.

The book chosen for our first StoryWalk is "Thunder Underground" by Jane Yolen. This is a collection of poems that takes readers on an expedition underground, exploring everything from animal burrows, human creations, to caves and magma. This StoryWalk is hosted by the Springfield Town Library with the support of Springfield Parks and Recreation and the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Enjoy reading this book while walking or riding the Toonerville Trail. The pages are spaced to offer room for social distancing.

Imagine Your Story at Springfield Town Library! Be sure to register for the Springfield Town Library summer reading program. Youth will receive a packet and supplies for activities to do this summer, prizes, and incentives too. We have a fun summer planned — outdoor programs

as well as virtual. Watch for visits from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum and DinoMan. Additional favorites to look forward to are programs with The Nature Museum and Time with Teachers.

For more information on this or other programs at the Springfield Town Library, please call us at 802-885-3108, go to www.springfieldtownlibrary.org, and find us on social media.

The best summer ever starts at Meeting Waters YMCA

REGION — Meeting Waters YMCA, now in its 125th year of service to youth and families, will

be running its popular day camp program as it has each summer since 1965. The "best summer

ever" will focus on "building skills, friendships, and memories."

"I have spent most of nearly every day over the past 10 weeks on virtual meetings and webinars with a variety of experts all over the country to learn everything I could about best practices for running a safe camp program during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Meeting Waters YMCA Executive Director Susan Fortier. "From taking every camper's temperature before they get on the bus in the morning and hav-

ing lower enrollment and smaller group sizes, to regular deep cleaning of the camp facility several times per day as well as adaptation of all activities and activity spaces to allow for physical distancing, among many other protocols and practices, we are confident we will keep our campers and staff safe."

Because of lower overall enrollment to meet state health guidelines, all sessions of Y Day Camp 2020 are currently full with small waiting lists. Updated information is available at www.meetingwatersymca.org.

Y Day Camp, for 6-13-year-olds, offers eight one-week sessions between June 29 and Aug. 21. The camp takes place at the regional Y's 52-acre Lewis Day Camp facility, located on Route 5 in Springfield, just off I-91. Bus service is provided to and from camp each day from Brattleboro, Putney, Westminster, Bellows Falls, Chester, Springfield, Walpole, North Walpole, and Charlestown.

All campers, regardless of town of residence or family income, qualify for a free healthy lunch each day. Meeting Waters YMCA offers financial assistance to those who need it. Donate at www.meetingwatersymca.org/support.

For more information about Y Day Camp or the Reach Out to Youth scholarship, visit www.meetingwatersymca.org or contact their office at 802-463-4769 or info@meetingwatersymca.org.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

Grace Cottage virtual Fair Day seeks donations

TOWNSHEND, Vt. — Grace Cottage Hospital's 70th annual Hospital Fair Day is going virtual this year and your help is needed to raise \$34,800 for technologically advanced hospital beds that will provide increased comfort and safety for patients and nurses.

Books – hardcover only, to be sold for an art instal-

Claremont Savings Bank announces new corporators

CLAREMONT, N.H. — Claremont Savings Bank held its 114th annual meeting June 9, 2020. The bank is pleased to announce three new corporators.

- Sera Gray, vice president of business operations, Red River Computer
- Ben Nelson, proprietor, Claremont Spice & Dry Goods
- Elyse Crossman, executive director, Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce

"We are delighted to welcome Sera, Ben, and Elyse as new corporators of Claremont Savings Bank," said Reggie Greene, Claremont Savings Bank president and CEO. "All three bring leadership skills and entrepreneurial spirit to the corporator group," continued Greene. "We look forward to their participation."

In addition, the board elected Steve Monette as the new chair and Heather Minkler as vice chair. The board thanks Tom Connair for his service as chair for the last four years. "Tom has provided sage counsel to me since I arrived at the bank and I appreciate his support," said Greene.

Black River Independent School peony sale —

LUDLOW, Vt. — Black River Independent School Committee is hosting a peony sale fundraiser for the independent school. Frost Hill Farm in Mount Holly has generously donated the peonies. Pre-order a "baker's dozen" bouquet for a minimum donation or single flowers and half dozens available at pickup while supplies last. Remaining pick up dates include Friday, June 26, from 4-7 p.m., in Ludlow — location to be announced; or Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Big Eyes Bakery.

For more information, go to www.blackriveris.org.



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The Town of Plymouth Soliciting Bids

The Town of Plymouth is planning to do some roof repair at the Town Offices and the Town Garage at 68 Town Office Road, and is now soliciting bids for the work to be done.

All bids should be sealed and directed to the Town Clerk's Office, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056. The deadline for receipt of bids is Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Please call Rick Kaminski, one of our Selectboard members, at 802-672-1270 for more information.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITIONS AVAILABLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Town of Ludlow Select Board is receiving applications for Development Review Board (DRB) members:

One-year term – 2 positions open

Two-year term – 1 position open

Three-year term – 1 position open

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Scott Murphy at tmanager@tds.net or mail to the Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 no later than July 1, 2020. Appointments will be made at the Ludlow Select Board's regular meeting scheduled on July 6, 2020.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITIONS AVAILABLE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Ludlow Select Board is receiving applications for Planning Commission members:

One position ending 2023

One position ending 2024

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Scott Murphy at tmanager@tds.net or mail to the Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 no later than July 1, 2020. Appointments will be made at the Ludlow Select Board's regular meeting scheduled on July 6, 2020.

Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A meeting will be held on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Frank Heald Auditorium, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 483-20-CU

APPLICANT: Sarah & William Rocha

PROPERTY LOCATION: 83 Northshore Drive

PARCEL NUMBER: 200325.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of a non-conforming structure to replace stone steps down to the lake with wooden steps. Section 430-Lakes District.

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for delivery of 2020 winter sand. Invitation to Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids is 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A meeting will be held on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Frank Heald Auditorium, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB-20-011

APPLICANT: Ballard-Hobart Post 36

American Legion Building Association

PROPERTY LOCATION: 81 High Street

PARCEL NUMBER: 030357.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Subdividing a 2.54-acre lot into 3 lots (0.85-ac) (0.73-ac) (0.96-ac).

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

Town of Londonderry, VT Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT*, and hold a public hearing on the following application:

Application 2020-21 by the Connecticut River Conservancy for property owner Ski Magic, LLC, requesting Conditional Use Review per Zoning Bylaw sections 205(H) and 503 for the proposed removal of an unused dam located within a Flood Hazard Overlay District on the Thompsonburg Brook, on Parcel 070004.000, in the vicinity of VT Route 11.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available for inspection on the Development Review Board page on the Town's website: <http://www.londonderryvt.org/development-review-board/>.

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, the meeting venue is likely to change and be held through means of remote electronic access as permitted under Act 92, signed into law on by the Governor Scott on March 30, 2020. Notice of this will be provided at the time of legal posting of the meeting agenda, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please check the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org, or contact the Town Office prior to the meeting on how to participate remotely by video or telephone.

Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A meeting will be held on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Frank Heald Auditorium, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB-20-012

APPLICANT: Brian Glynn

PROPERTY LOCATION: 169 Godfrey Road

PARCEL NUMBER: 230769.100

REASON FOR HEARING: Subdividing a 64-acre lot into 2 lots (61-ac) (3-ac).

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

Green Mountain Unified School District JV Girls Soccer Coach Needed for upcoming 2020 Fall Season at Green Mountain Union High School

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ATTENTION LUDLOW AND MOUNT HOLLY RESIDENTS

The Town of Ludlow will be purchasing the Black River High School Middle School (BRHSMS) building and several acres on June 30th for \$1.00. The BRHSMS administration, teachers and staff have been working to distribute the contents of the building to the Black River Academy Museum and other schools.

On June 29th from Noon - 6:00 p.m. the building will be open for community members who want to select item(s) from the school.

Social distancing and face coverings will be required. Contact Meg Alison Powden at meg.powden@trsu.org if you need further information.

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.

The United States reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction at any time.

For a written copy of the (1) Decree of Foreclosure which contains the terms and conditions of said auction, and (2) the purchase agreement, contact Tyler Hirchak.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing via the Zoom Meeting platform on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 20206 Bonnie Chase & Randy Goulet for a Flood Hazard Review (Section 5.6) to construct a 127 sq. ft. addition in the Flood Hazard Overlay District. The property is located at 133 Chester Road and is zoned RA-2 Acres / Flood Hazard Overlay District.

Application 202019 Matt Baran for a Conditional Use Review (Section 5.3) to convert property from commercial office to residential. The property is located at 111 Main Street and is zoned Central Business/Downtown Design Control Overlay District.

Application 202021 Peter & Patricia Fuller for a Conditional Use (Section 5.3) and Site Plan Review (Section 5.2) to establish a Glampingground and Trout Fishing Retreat. The property is located at 481 Parker Hill Road and is zoned RA-5 Acres.

Application 202022 RHTL Enterprises, LLC for a Minor Subdivision (Section 405) to subdivide Parcel 01A-1-78 (5.0 acres) into two lots of 3.93 acres and 0.92 acres (to remain with house). The property is located at 40 Fairbanks Road and is zoned Industrial Commercial.

To join the zoom meeting:
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**Notification to Chester taxpayers
regarding 2020 Tax Bills:**

In previous years, the Town of Chester has mailed tax bills the second week in July. This year, there will be a delay in mailing tax bills. The State of Vermont will not be setting the Education Tax Rate until August 1st with this date "being subject to change". To avoid potential confusion and additional expense of mailing two separate bills, the town will not be mailing tax bills until the Education Rate has been set. At this time, the tax due date will remain September 15, 2020. Should the education rate be delayed further, we will reevaluate this process.

This delay in billing will have a significant impact on the cash flow for the town and may cause a need for additional borrowing. In effort to help minimize this impact, we are encouraging property owners to make prepayments for their property taxes in July and early August, based on their 2019 tax bill. Prepaying any amount will also help relieve the overall financial burden for property owners when the final bill becomes due.

Payments can be made by hand delivery, mail, direct debited from a checking/savings account, or paid by credit/debit card (3% fee for this payment option). Payments can be dropped off to Town Hall Monday through Friday 8:00-4:00 or can be mailed to Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143. If you would like to make a payment or set up recurring payments to be taken out of an account, please call the Town Office at (802) 875-2173.

Thank you to the property owners that will take advantage of this option and to everyone for their understanding during this difficult time.

AUTO/REAL ESTATE/LEGAL

Tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

REGION – Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened 5,803 times last year across the nation. Fourteen of those here in Vermont.

Nashua, N.H. letter carrier Melissa Fascione recalls being bitten recently.

"I asked the customer to put the dog inside and she replied it's OK, he's friendly," Fascione reported. "It's not that the dog is bad," said Fascione. "People just need to understand that the dog is just doing what they think is their job."

When a dog attacks

As head of the Democratic Party in Ludlow I am hosting a Zoom meeting on June 29th at 5:30 to nominate Justices of the Peace for the Democratic Party. Being a Justice allows you to officiate at weddings, but also comes with responsibilities. You also serve on the Board of Civil Authority with a meeting before each election and work at the polls(elections) for the town. You also serve on the Board of Tax Abatement. This board conducts hearings for taxpayers who are contesting their property tax assessment. It involves hearings, site visits, report writing and follow-up hearings. Please direct message me on Facebook Messenger or email me and I will send you a Zoom link if you are interested. You must be a registered voter in Ludlow, a Democrat and be willing to perform all the duties of the job. Terry Carter (tmgcarter@gmail.com)

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:15 pm on Monday July 13th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13th 2020 at the Town Hall (and via a Zoom meeting), for a Preliminary Plat review of a Minor Sub-Division application (#553)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Carlo Kapp
APPLICANT: Carlo Kapp
LOCATION: 1782 Quarry Rd.
DISTRICT Residential 40 (R40)

ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide one large parcel (393 +- acres) into two lots. Lot A being 149 +- acres and Lot B being 244+- acres

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. Link to Zoom meeting option will be posted on the Chester web site.

For the Development Review Board
Michael Normyle
Zoning Administrator
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michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform, and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority and dedicates a week each year to Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries that should be enforced all year round:

Door delivery If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Parents should remind their children and other family members not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the person handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.

Electronic fencing Carriers may assume, when they see no physical fence around a property, the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not protect your Postal Service carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversize packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence.

Dog in yard Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash away from where your mail carrier is delivering the mail. Mail delivery service can be interrupted at an address or neighborhood the carrier deems unsafe because of an unrestrained dog. When service is interrupted at an address or neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick mail up at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

Tracking Dog owners who have access to postal features such as Informed Delivery notifications, www.informeddelivery.usps.com, for letter mail and package tracking are urged to use this as a way to gauge when the carrier is on their way and to ensure dogs are properly restrained.

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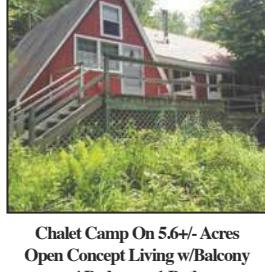
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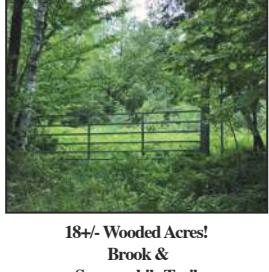
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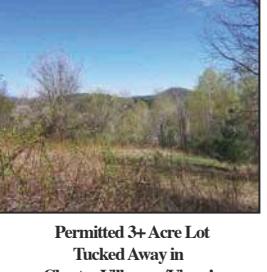
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Looking for an affordable start? This 3 bedroom bungalow is quaint in size with living room, kitchen/dining combo, full bath, bedroom on the first floor with two closets and upstairs with 2 more bedrooms. Vinyl siding and replacement windows. Nestled amongst boulders and ledges, this home sets above the street looking out over the town. \$54,900



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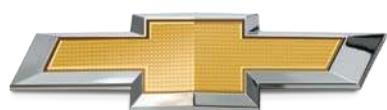
This modified cape has ample living space with 4-6 bedrooms (or den, offices, music rooms...), three baths, expanded living room, upgraded kitchen and a formal dining room. Master bedroom is privately situated upstairs with its own separate access, bathroom and private deck that looks out onto the private back yard (and undeveloped acreage beyond). Outside offers beautiful perennial gardens, patio, front deck. All situated at the end of a development. Get ready to be pleasantly surprised! \$175,000

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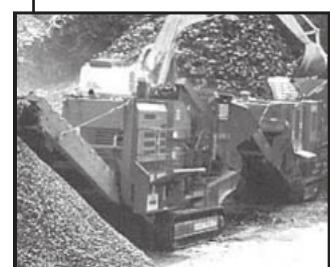
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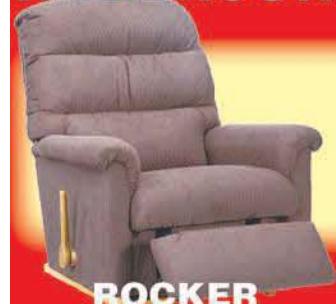
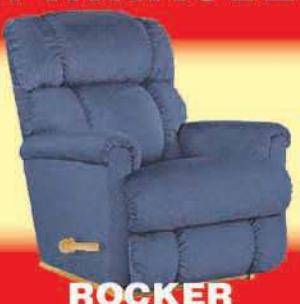
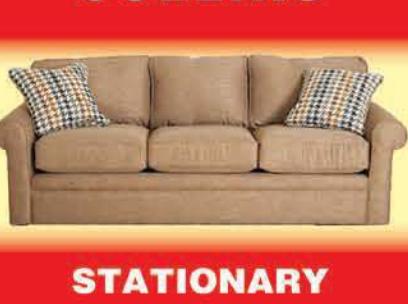
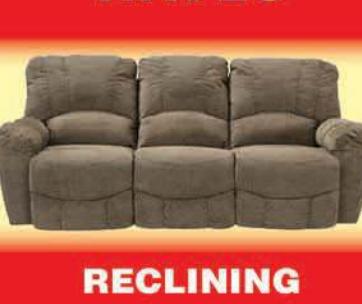
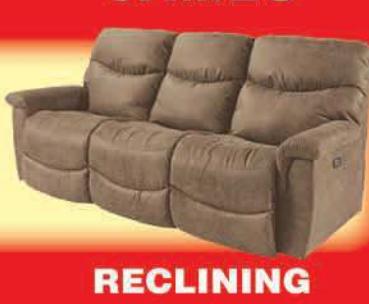
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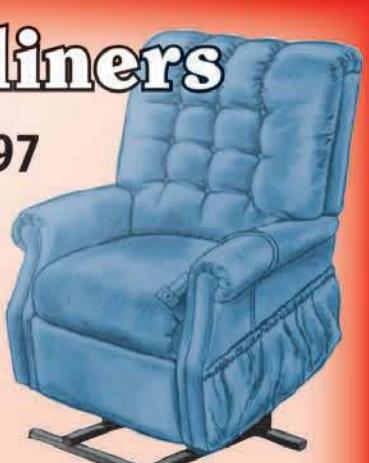
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