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CAFC Empty Bowl fundraiser “souper” successful

CHESTER, Vt. – The CAFC Empty Bowl Soup Take Out fundraiser was a great success, raising \$4,000 to support our financial assistance and food shelf programs. In addition to all who participated by reserving soup meals and making generous donations, we have many to acknowledge and thank.

Jess and Paul, chef-owners of the Country Girl Diner, opened

their doors and parking lot to host this event. Their soup donation and guidance every step of the way is very appreciated. A big thank you to Melissa Howe of Endless Creations Pottery for her donation of bowls and her work to coordinate CAES and GMUHS students and staff to get them painted and fired.

It is a testimony to our soup makers that we sold out of soup by 5:30 p.m. Thank you,

Chef Christina from Rowell's Inn, Chef Jason from The Free Range, Chef Bonny from Smitty's, Chef Jess from the Country Girl Diner, and Chef Deb from MacLaomainn's. All soup choices were delicious. Thank you to Orchard Hill Breadworks for donating your wonderful bread. We thank our dessert bakers, Southern Pie Café, Smitty's, Karass Inn, and our CAFC volunteer bakers.

Special thanks to Frank Kelly for coordinating traffic control and Evan Parks for setting up live music with musicians Sam Creigh and Johnny “O” who generously donated their time.

We will be back next year with the third annual Empty Bowl Dinner and vow to make it bigger and better than ever!



Kim, Jess, and Polly, the soup distribution team.

PHOTO BY NENA NANFELDT

Paw Lodge is enjoying puppy love in their new venture

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – In a time of few new business stories, newly engaged partners Zachary Hall and Kori Savage have found early success opening Paw Lodge, a doggie daycare, kennel, and grooming facility in Cavendish.

They've revamped and re-branded what used to be Cavendish Canine Camp but now offer expanded grooming services in addition to maintaining day care packages and kennel services.

Kori has local roots here with family in Cavendish, and, according to Zach, they've been

looking for a dog care and kennel opportunity for about two years, excited to move closer to family from Seattle, where Zach has been grooming dogs for several years.

Now with Paw Lodge, Zach says that it is great to work for himself, caring for and grooming the dogs with his own sensitivity to their needs and making sure they're com-



Paw Lodge opens in Cavendish.

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fortable. Kori is the one managing the business end of things, launching their website and new computer software system. Together, they are both excited to bring new energy to their location, acknowledging that expanded grooming services allows them to do that.

They also have long range plans to expand the grooming area

and expand their grounds outside to include an agility course and more grassy space for their “pups” to roam more.

They've had the added benefit of working with Deb and Dave Norton, who owned and operated Cavendish Canine Camp for over 15 years, showing them the ropes and introducing them to the local dogs and owners.

“They're helping make a smooth transition...It's been nice getting to know the local pups,” said Kori.

Although the duo has had their challenges trying to make this transition in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, which has caused several de-

lays, they've been grateful to have the extra time to refine everything from their signage, updated décor, and new website. Although they would have liked to open sooner than their May 22 launch, the extra time helped them fully prepare.

Now they are just enjoying meeting the community and working with dogs every day. They both agree that they enjoy giving the dogs in their care “the same love we show our own dogs every day.”

Paw Lodge is located on Winery Road in Cavendish, just off Route 103. For details on their services, visit at www.pawlod-gevt.com.

Cavendish Streetscapes grows

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Thanks to many volunteers, the Cavendish and Proctorsville villages are ready for summer. The gazebo at Svec Park is a welcoming rest spot with new seating custom built and installed by Al and Roxie Davis. There are two new benches provided by Cavendish Streetscapes. Flowers are blooming, and Proctorsville Fire Dept. has once again installed flags along Route 131.

The Cavendish village flags were delayed by COVID-19 complications, but they will be up soon. Please return flags downed by winds to the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library.

Sharon Huntley designed our outstanding new banner, which



The Cavendish Streetscapes banner was created by Sharon Huntley, pictured with Streetscapes leader Rolf Van Schaik.

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you will see as volunteers continue to make improvements to our community.

If you are interested in participating, you can make a donation to bring back flags to the village of Cavendish, consider buying a bench in honor of someone, or bring your energy to our next gardening event. For more details, please find us on Facebook at Cavendish Streetscapes, email cavendishstreetscapes@gmail.com, or mail a donation to Cavendish Streetscapes, P.O. Box 605, Cavendish, VT 05142. We hope to meet you while enjoying a newly created Streetscapes sweet spot!

Chester Recreation opens pool, board reviews policing policies

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – At the June 17 meeting, the Chester Selectboard heard the latest on the Chester Recreation Department opening of the town pool at Pinnacle Park as of June 22. According to Chester Town Manager Julie Hance, Chester Recreation Director Matt McCarthy has been working with lifeguards and staff to open the pool while adhering to

the current allowable group size of 25 people.

That may change with Gov. Phil Scott's announcement last Friday. According to Scott, effective June 26, outdoor organized events will now allow up to 150 people. Hance said during a follow up phone call that the town will likely loosen their guidelines at the pool, but details would need to be worked out in accordance with the new regulations as appropriate for that space.

Other current restrictions allow for two-hour blocks of swimming time. The pool is also only open to residents and taxpayers of Chester and Andover. Swim lessons are currently on hold for now. Visitors will need to bring their own chairs, and no pool toys will be allowed. Adult swim will be scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. and the last 15 minutes of every hour.

Other updates on Pinnacle Park include the addition of new

TRSU summer food service

REGION – Two Rivers Supervisory Union is participating in the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows.

Breakfast will be served June 22 to Aug. 7, from 8 to 8:30 a.m., at the following locations:

- Chester-Andover Elementary School, 72 Main Street, in Chester
- Ludlow Elementary School, 45 Main Street, in Ludlow
- Pick up “Grab-n-Go” breakfast and lunch will be available from June 22 to Aug. 14 at the following locations:
 - Chester-Andover Elementary School, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 - Ludlow Elementary

parking spaces. According to Hance, the new gate will be going up soon and new signage will be installed, stating hours and other restrictions. The Selectboard will be looking at revising policies for the area in upcoming meetings.

The Selectboard heard from

School, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

• Cavendish Town Elementary School, 573 Main Street in Proctorsville, from 10 to 11 a.m.

• Mount Holly Elementary School, 150 School St., in Mount Holly, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

The West Hill Dam site is not open to the public, but breakfast will be served June 22 to Aug. 7, from 8:30 to 9 a.m., and lunch will be served from 12:30 to 1 p.m., at West Hill Dam, located at 239 West Hill Rd. in Ludlow.

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Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud as they examined policing policies in Chester, largely in response to national headlines that are rife with deadly force and discriminatory policing events around the country.

As Cloud explained, Vermont

League of Cities and Towns comes up with policing policies, which are then adapted to the town. Any excessive force issues are dealt with through the Vermont Police Academy at the state

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Inn at Water’s Edge renovations done the “Wright” way

LUDLOW, Vt. – It was November 2019 when the Inn at Water’s Edge project began at

Wright Construction. This historic building deserved a major facelift after serving as a peaceful

retreat for guests over the past 21 years.

After falling into the hands of new owners, Bob and Connie Rae, over 20,000 square-feet of original wallpaper was removed, and custom wood wainscoting replaced it stretching through the corridors, gathering areas, and 11 bedrooms. Every bedroom is elevated by a bathroom with custom tile, new vanities, and glass shower doors. Just like snowflakes that fall gracefully in Vermont winter, no two rooms at the Inn at Water’s Edge are alike.

The lobby is now a warm entrance adorned with custom wood beams, metal railings, and refurbished brick floor from 1878. Historic preservation is a specialty of Wright Construction. They can modernize a 150-year-old building with energy-efficient heating, lighting, and plumbing, while maintaining the colonial charm by refurbishing as much of the original design and architecture as possible.

It’s standard to be faced with obstacles in construction, but nobody expected anything like COVID-19. For the month of April, just as the amazing team

led by Project Manager Rick Cross and Superintendent Justin Baker was wrapping up, nearly the entire company was laid off. By early May, and with just finishing touches left, the team was able to slowly get started again. That is, while complying with every single PPE and safety precaution required, of course.

However, thanks to the work of Cross, Baker, and their incredible team, the Inn at Water’s Edge reopened June 15! The Rae family is ready to welcome guests back to the waterfront hideaway.

“The best part about the project was the new friendship that was made between myself and the owners,” Cross said.

The team at the inn felt a connection too. “I thought that we all worked really well together, which made the project so enjoyable,” Rae reflected. “Seeing things come together, like the wallpaper coming off and the board and batten replacing it, made me confident that the final product would look beautiful and inviting.”

Now that the interior feels especially “Vermont,” Mitch Rae, manager of all things food-related, is looking forward to his role in bringing that energy off the



From left to right, Project Manager Rick Cross, Owner Connie Rae, Manager of Food Services Mitch Rae, Inn Keeper Joel Quinones, and Superintendent Justin Baker. The Rae family cuts the ribbon to officially reopen their inn!

PHOTO PROVIDED

walls and onto the menu at the restaurant at the inn.

“I’ve brought the ‘farm to table’ by utilizing an original barn on the property as a chicken coop so we have fresh eggs each morning,” he said. “I want to tie in the romance and comfort of the interior space with this more rustic, outdoorsy Vermont vibe. It feels so nice to nestle into this more relaxed kind of atmosphere.”

Wright has been thrilled to make the Rae family’s vision

come to life and honored to refurbish another historical piece of Vermont history. If you need a project done “the Wright way,” check them out at www.wright-construction.com. If you want a cozy weekend away, the Inn at Waters Edge, www.innatwatersedge.com, is officially reopened for business.

Written by Carly Trombley, marketing coordinator, Wright Construction.

Chester resident named to Dean’s List at Denison University


CHESTER, Vt. – Samantha Chase of Chester was one of 714 students named to Denison University’s 2020 spring semester Dean’s List by Provost Kim Coplin. Students who achieve Dean’s List status have maintained a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the semester. Chase is a member of the Denison Class of 2022.

Local resident graduates from Dickinson College

WESTON, Vt. – Ali Leiter, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Leiter of Weston, Vt., graduated from Dickinson College in May with a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience. Leiter is a graduate of Burr and Burton Academy. Dickinson is a nationally recognized liberal-arts college chartered in 1783 in Carlisle, Pa.

Community College of Vermont announces 2020 graduates

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The following students at the Community College of Vermont earned associate’s degrees in spring 2020: Jeffrey G. Davis and Lesley S. Veysey of Cavendish; Emma E. Esty of Chester; and Samantha Lee DeCarvalho and Bhavin K. Patel of Ludlow. Congratulations, graduates.



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WCAX meteorologist describes impact of COVID-19

LUDLOW, Vt. – Sharon Meyer, weather director at WCAX, was the guest speaker recently at the online meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Sharon devoted her presentation to the effect the CO-

VID-19 crisis had on how WCAX adapted to the rigorous demands of dealing with the virus. The meeting allowed members of the LRC to get a detailed picture of the changes at the station. The

main change was working from home. The most difficult adjustment was for production staff who needed to be “hands-on” with the various technical equipment. Sharon noted that she was

on vacation in Mexico at the onset of the virus. On her return to Vermont, she learned that she would have to spend 14 days in isolation, following the requirements of Gov. Scott.

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level and reviewed by a “use of force” committee. Use of force issues include anytime a taser is used or there is a canine bite dur-

ing any police and resident interaction.

According to Cloud, changes being made at the state level now largely deal with deadly force. He also said that there is more emphasis now on de-escalation, particularly in domestic violence cases and mental health issues.

Cloud said that his department has only had six “use of force” incidents in 19 years.

Selectboard Chair Arne Jonynas expressed his concern that there are procedures for filing a complaint against the police department. Cloud confirmed there was a form that can be filed with the police chief or the town

manager. He said that most complaints to date have involved traffic stops, and in which case, the town manager and he would review the cruiser footage together. Typically, those are resolved easily after footage is reviewed. If the one filing the complaint was not happy with the outcome, by statute, the complaint could then proceed to the Selectboard or district court, according to Cloud.

Board member Heather Chase asked how many complaints per year Cloud had received against police department and Cloud confirmed it was about two or three per year, usually motor vehicle stops.

Chase suggested they be open to ways “we can do things better.”

The board agreed to include an agenda item at the July 1 meeting to discuss policies and the way they handle police complaints in future. They would also look at what decisions were being made at the state level before that meeting.

In other business, the board approved a one-year appraisers service contract with New England Municipal Resource Center after looking into a complaint leveled against the company at the last Selectboard meeting. Those concerns were addressed and largely dismissed. Hance reminded the board that NEMRC was familiar with the grand list, worked quickly, and did a good job. She also noted they did not have a lot of options and that most small towns were leaning towards their services as long-time listers were retiring. The board agreed to use them for a trial year to see what the costs would look like and how they would work.

A request to add a streetlight in Gassetts to help light a business property was put on hold until Hance could ask if the owner was lighting the property himself as well. Jonynas and board member Lee Gustafson agreed they were reluctant to set a precedent to install a light for anyone that asked.

The Wednesday, July 1 meeting at 6 p.m. is slated to be both an in-person meeting at the Chester Town Hall and also available for viewing remotely through Zoom. Link will be available on the town website.

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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

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?



Gassetts railroad bridge. PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAVE HUTCHINSON AND RUTLAND RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

restle. 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.



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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.youtube.com/watch?v=LvuB2UN-BIfk.

Anna Guild, Chester

Anna’s sense of community blossomed during Tropical Storm Irene, keeping her busy ever since. She coaches youth athletics and was the editor of the yearbook. Anna, the first in her family to attend college, is enrolling at Vermont Technical College.

Annika Randall, Newport

Annika will be studying nursing at UVM in the fall. Her most impactful community experience was with Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia. Anna learned that diverse strangers can bond quickly, work harmoniously, and accomplish much – and most importantly, that a home is much more than a roof overhead.

Ashley Chamberlin, Springfield

Ashley’s identity extends far beyond the typical student athlete. When a fellow student received a cancer diagnosis, Ashley and the community

came together to help, financially and emotionally. Ashley will be studying at University of Southern Maine this fall.

Carly Rikken, Essex

Carly’s participation in field hockey was foundational to her understanding of teamwork. Carly also enjoys working in the Big Little program at her former elementary school. In the fall, Carly is heading to UMass Amherst.

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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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. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 chal-

lenge 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.

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 owned and operated the Sunoco Service Station in Bellows Falls for several years and owned and operated a parts store in Claremont, N.H. He also owned and operated Performance Analysis Systems for many years.

He enjoyed racing and owned and drove racecars for many years; he also enjoyed computers. What was most important to him especially in his most recent years was his ever-growing family.

He is survived by eight daugh-



Harold E. Wortman, 1938-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

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by Linda Thistle

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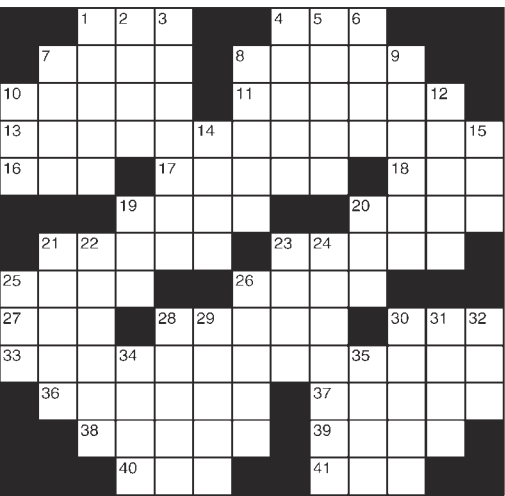
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- 11 Many
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- 16 Sprite
- 17 Unclear
- 18 Still, in verse
- 19 Say it isn't so
- 20 Rhyming tributes
- 21 Groups of musicians
- 23 Slanted edge
- 25 Volcanic outflow
- 26 One of the Three Bears
- 27 Sailor's assent
- 28 Unwilling
- 30 Fine, to NASA
- 33 Texas city
- 36 Bill-payment period
- 37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
- 38 Mystery writer's award
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- 40 Sun. speech



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- 9 Withdraw
- 10 Expert
- 12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
- 14 Catches some rays
- 15 — and outs
- 19 "CSI" evidence
- 20 Eggs
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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 Arrison 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,

To my fellow Windham-3 residents: I urge you to vote for Leslie Goldman in the primary for state representative.

I have known Leslie Goldman since she began her medical practice in Bellows Falls in 1982, first as a medical practitioner, later as a neighbor, eventually as a close friend and colleague. We have served together on committees, we have shared the ups and downs of par-

enting children close in age, and I have seen her in action as an advocate for education, for health care, for community wellbeing.

Leslie is fearless when it comes to speaking up for her community. She is dedicated to community service, as a family nurse practitioner and master of public health, as a School Board and Selectboard member, as a friend and parent. She

studies every issue carefully, she listens to all voices, and she carefully considers the pros and cons of each. She will bring her work ethic and courage, her intelligence, and her long experience in public service to the Statehouse as our representative for Windham-3.

Sincerely,
Laurie Indenbaum
Athens, 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.

While Vermont has begun the work of righting centuries of wrongs, it still has a long way to go. We have taken some steps to heal wounds many of us didn’t even realize were still

open. There are many systemic failures we need to continue to reform: the growing inequality in our economic system, in our criminal justice system, and in our educational system. Over the years I have served in the Legislature, we’ve enacted many measures from “fair and impartial policing” policies, to improving inclusive educational policy, to increasing the minimum wage, to continuing our work reforming our criminal justice system, to addressing systemic racism in state government by creating a Racial Equity Advisory Panel in 2018, which in 2019, hired a racial equity director.

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.

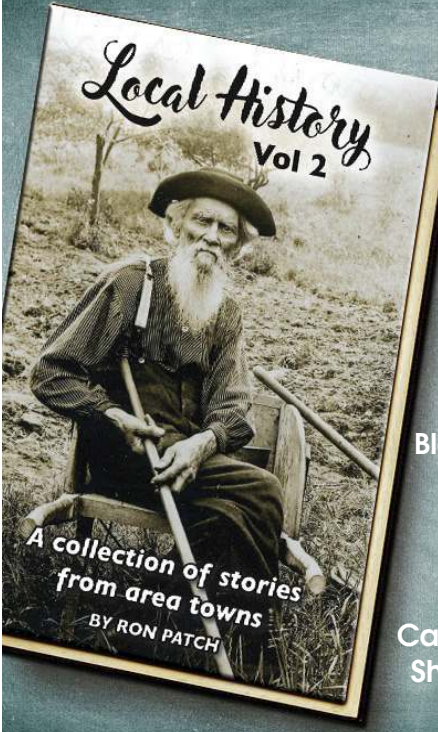
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Sen. Alison Clarkson
Windsor County

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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.

PHOTO BY TOM HARRIS

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 gldavis6@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 Kaltsas. “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 T2Team, U.S. Cross Country A-Team), Katherine Ogden ’16 (Dartmouth College, SMS T2Team, U.S. Cross Country B-Team), Ben Ogden (University of Vermont, SMS T2Team, U.S. Cross Country D-Team), Sophia Laukli (Middlebury College, SMS T2Team, 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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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 Middletown 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.

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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 devel-

oped 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.

Guests will be required to wear face coverings in certain areas, including in lines; loading and unloading chairlifts, gondolas, or bubble chairs; on the mountain coaster; and in indoor resort facilities. Capacity of lifts and gondolas will be reduced to allow for physical distancing. Guests will only be allowed on lifts and gondolas

with travelers in their party. Employees may limit the number of guests in any area of the resort to ensure proper physical distancing.

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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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-

lation – are being accepted in Townshend by appointment only. Call Book Booth Chairperson Ann Allbee at 802-365-7213 to schedule an appointment for drop-off of hardcover books.

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at 802-365-9109. Selected items will be auctioned off at www.32auctions.com/FairDay2020.

Any area artists and craftspeople who would like to donate their works in support of Grace Cottage are encouraged to call Art Show Chairperson Lauri Miner at 802-365-4194.

For more information about Hospital Fair Day, go to www.gracecottage.org/events or call Fair Day Chairperson Eileen Fahey at 802-365-4030.

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 pickup 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.



Peonies. PHOTO PROVIDED BY FROST HILL FARM

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BLACK RIVER BRHSMS PRESIDENTS

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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.

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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 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.

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

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 & 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).

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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 Glampground 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.

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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 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.informedelivery.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.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

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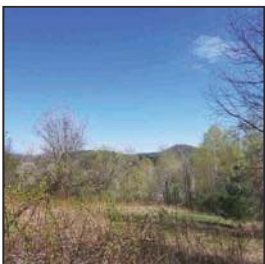
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Looking for an affordable start? This 3 bedroom bungalow is quaint in size with living room, kitchen/dining combo, full bath, bedroom on the first floor with two closets and upstairs with 2 more bedrooms. Vinyl siding and replacement windows. Nestled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

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