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Mary Rita Batesole Scholarship awarded to GMUHS senior

CHESTER, Vt. – The Lake Rescue Association is very pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of the Mary Rita Batesole Scholarship award. This is the second year of the \$1,000 scholarship, which was started last year in memory of MR Batesole, longtime Lake Rescue resident and dedicated LRA board member, who left us in 2018. The scholarship supports a regional a graduating high school senior or a currently enrolled college or vocational student pursuing environmental education, broadly defined.

This year's recipient is Olivia Bernier from Andover, a graduating senior from Green Mountain Union High School. Olivia will be attending St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. this coming fall and will be pursuing a degree in conservation biology. She looks forward to a career as an environmental educator.

The field of applicants this

year was very strong, but Olivia's commitment to environmental pursuits stood out. She was president of the school's Environmental Club, in which she has participated for the past three years. Outside of school activities, Olivia has worked for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and the Hildene Youth Corps. Olivia says, "Putting my desires to conserve the environment into action felt liberating. I was doing work that mattered, work that had an actual impact on the health of our planet."

In addition to stellar academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to the environment, this multi-talented student is a violinist and volunteers in the summers with a children's youth ensemble. She envisions a future that



Olivia Bernier.

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combines her passion for the natural world with educating children about conservation and environmental sustainability.

Congratulations, Olivia!

Health Department finds no indication of COVID-19 spreading in Manchester

BURLINGTON, Vt. – Thirty-five of 63 people with a positive antigen test for COVID-19 reported to the Health Department by Manchester Medical Center since July 10 have had a PCR test.

Of those 35, 33 were negative and two were positive by PCR test.

The Vermont Department of Health treats all positive antigen tests as presumed positive cases, and has been reaching out to each person to give public health guidance to isolate, trace their contacts, and recommend a confirmatory PCR test.

As of July 18, all but seven of the 63 people who had positive antigen tests have been contacted. Among those interviewed, most are not symptomatic and have not been linked to other possible cases.

"Although the Health Department's investigation is not complete, it appears that a majority of the positive antigen results have not been confirmed by subsequent PCR testing," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. "We have not yet found connections that would lead us to believe there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in Ben-

nington or Windham counties."

PCR testing was offered to the public last week in Manchester and Londonderry. All 405 specimens analyzed by the Health Department Laboratory were negative.

"This is a good indication that COVID-19 is not spreading in the community," said Dr. Levine. "It does not mean, however, that people should relax their prevention practices: wearing a mask, keeping a six-foot distance, frequent hand washing, and staying home when sick."

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to end this week

MONTPELIER, Vt. – As a reminder to individuals on unemployment insurance benefits, Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, which has provided \$600 per week in federal assistance, is scheduled to end Saturday, July 25. FPUC has provided assistance to those on regular unemployment insurance, extended benefits, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

The CARES Act requires states to provide FPUC

through July 31. Vermont, like many other states, ends its benefit week on Saturdays. July 25 is the last Saturday in the month. Federal law does not allow the state to pay this particular benefit through Saturday, Aug. 1.

Eligible claimants still unemployed as of July 26 will continue to receive benefits that do not include the additional \$600 FPUC payment starting Monday, Aug. 3.

If an eligible claim is in pending status, and the claimant has completed all weekly

certifications prior to July 25, they will retroactively receive their benefits, including FPUC payments, on the date the claim is approved.

The additional unemployment programs outlined in the CARES Act, PUA, and PEUC, will continue through Dec. 26, the last Saturday of that month.

For further updates and more information on unemployment insurance benefits for Vermonters and the Department of Labor, go to www.labor.vermont.gov.

Chester pool visitor retested and confirmed negative for coronavirus

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – During the Wednesday, July 15 Chester Selectboard meeting, Town Manager Julie Hance reported that the girl who had reportedly tested positive after visiting Chester's town pool, may have been a "false positive." Follow-up information after retesting has confirmed that the girl is, in fact, negative for COVID-19.

The initially positive test result came from a rapid results test, which according to information Hance received from the Vermont Department of Health, could result in a "60-70% chance of a false positive." Information from the Contract Tracing Division of the VDH had also determined that the girl would not have been contagious on that day regardless based on her exposure.

Hance was confident that the town's response was appropriate given the information they had as it was unfolding, and they will continue with those procedures

in the future. The town put out a press release the day after becoming aware of the positive test result, alerting everyone that there had been a positive test at the pool. The pool was also shut down for a day while a specialized cleaning company came in to completely disinfect the pool house and area. The pool area is thoroughly cleaned after each swim session, and the virus cannot survive in chlorine.

Board member Leigh Dakin questioned whether the town should decrease the number of pool participants allowed at one time. The current number is 40 people at a time for 45-minute blocks. Hance said that an earlier limit of 25 people had seemed like it wasn't worth opening the pool considering its size, but she did agree to discuss the issue with Recreation Director Matt McCarthy.

The board discussed the issue of considering a mandatory mask ordinance in Chester with members falling on both sides of the issue and no definitive action being taken.

The board went through their six-month financial review, noting that 42% of the budget

had been spent in a six-month period, 8% below expectation. Hance praised the town's department heads for limiting spending for anything not essential. There is also \$240,000 left in money borrowed through a tax participation note.

Ron Smith from RHR Smith & Co, the town's outside auditor, walked the board through the balance sheet saying that for the moment nothing was jumping out at him. With tax bills just mailed out, a look at September and October will provide more information, specifically about possible tax delinquencies.

Smith will begin working with Hance on crafting the specifics on setting up a Reserve Fund, which was approved at town meeting but had no details attached at the time. The details will then be presented to the board for their feedback and approval.

The board approved a capital improvement loan for \$100,000 for paving, and capital equipment borrowing for a \$110,000 town back hoe, and \$140,000 for a town dump truck.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

Londonderry Town Office reopens

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Town Office has reopened for business at the pick-up window and for limited vault access. The clerk's office is operating

in accordance with ACCD guidelines so all employees and visitors must wear masks, practice social distancing, use hand sanitizer, and clean surfaces regularly. Vault access is by ap-

pointment only, and all other business will be conducted through a window in the clerk's office. Town employees who are able to work from home will continue to do so.

Londonderry's Beautification Commission at work

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Londonderry's Beautification Commission and Friends of Main Street overcame all obstacles from COVID-19 to ensure barrels and bridge boxes were planted and distributed throughout town. The planters are filled with colorful, thriving flowers to brighten the community. Their radiant colors provide a great lift to residents and visitors during this most challenging time.

COVID-19 guidelines restricted the annual gathering of volunteers to plant the barrels. With their can-do-it spirit, Barbara Wells and Pam Abraham took on the task and created vibrant, eye-catching arrangements. Helen Hamman, Peter Isakson, and Wantastiquit Rotary members refurbished bridge boxes and col-

laborated with Glebe Mountain Gardens to provide beautiful cascades of flowers along Londonderry's bridges.

Other Beautification Commission members organized the volunteer watering crew with the help of an online sign-up program created by Martha Dale. The Beautification Committee continues to work

tirelessly in keeping the show-stopping flowers blossoming and thriving from mid-June to early October.

The Beautification Commission and Friends of Main Street are grateful to Rugg Valley Landscaping for distribution and care of the barrels and to Glebe Mountain Gardens for their ongoing help and support.



Londonderry Beautification Commission adds color to Londonderry.

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Chester flowers make summer official

CHESTER, Vt. – Flowers are blooming in gray planters, whiskey barrels, and bridge boxes all over Chester. In spite of uncooperative weather and the COVID-19 pandemic, Chester Townscape was once again able to deliver flowers that bring beauty to Chester – all while adhering to social distancing and other precautions. The summer display – in full bloom now – continues the seasonal enhancements that Chester Townscape brings to the town.

Spring brought a successful tree and shrub fundraiser that encouraged many residents in Chester and well beyond to purchase a special tree or shrub to enhance their properties – all at prices below regular retail but with a small built-in donation to help fund CT's beautification projects. This year's offerings were the Pagoda Dogwood, Winterberry, Aronia, and Little Quick Fire Hydrangea – all known for being hardy in Ver-

mont and providing beauty and multi-seasonal interest. Springtime in Chester also featured the fabulous display of daffodils along the Brookside Cemetery wall in the heart of town.

Next came the annual orders for pots planted with an array of beautiful flowers and offered for sale to businesses and private homeowners. Using space provided at Sunshine Acres Nursery, Chester Townscape volunteers planted those private pots, as well as the public pots, barrels, and bridge boxes positioned at public places, bridges, and intersections around town.

The gardens CT had designed and planted last year at the Information Booth and Village Green gazebo are now well established and brightening at least three seasons of the year. In addition, the fence in front of the Chester-Andover Family Center was given a makeover, and the other garden areas at the entrance were weeded and mulched. Annuals were planted



Chester Townscape members social-distanced while planting annuals at the Brookside Cemetery after the spring daffodil display. PHOTO PROVIDED

at the Brookside Cemetery wall to continue the flowering display after daffodils subsided.

A growing number of volunteers from the public are making the summer planter project possible. Thanks go to Ben Whalen and his family for delivery assistance; to the Chester Fire Department for watering the pots after delivery; to returning and new watering recruits – Deb Aldrich, Jill Barger, Leigh Dakin, Diedra Doran, Colleen Garvey, Bev Groshens, Barbara Haas, Jean Hancock, Jim Houghton, Frank and Julie Kelley, Matt McCarthy, Melanie McGuirk, Kathy Smith, Diane Ulbrich, Barbara Windham,

and Sarah Yake; as well as to CT member Evan Parks for installing an automatic watering system along the Chester-Andover Family Center fence garden. These volunteers are helping CT regulars in the annual, monumental watering task, which is especially important during this very dry summer. The physical and financial help of all who support CT's flower and garden projects and fundraisers makes the beautification of Chester possible! For additional information about Chester Townscape, please contact www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html.



Summer concert's social distanced crowd

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Summer Concert series began successfully July 15 featuring the Rick Davis Band. The concert drew a crowd of approximately 100 people who spread out around the Proctorsville green adhering to social distancing guidelines, and showed a 90% mask-wearing adherence to CDC recommendations. Concert organizers were pleased with the COVID-conscious behavior and will continue with the series as scheduled, Wednesday evenings, from 6-7:30 p.m., on the Proctorsville green, continuing through mid-August.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

CAFC Thrift Shop not accepting donations until August

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester-Andover Family Center Thrift Shop is not accepting donations until Aug. 1. Due to the generosity of the community and your patience during the COVID-19 shut down, we have been overwhelmed with thrift shop donations. Our donation trailer is full.

Volunteers will be working hard to process the products already donated to make room for your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to get this done.

If you would like to volunteer a few hours between now and

Aug. 1 to help, stop in during thrift shop business hours, email us at cafc302@gmail.com, or call and leave a message at 802-875-3236.

We are located at 908 Route 103 South in Chester. Thrift shop hours are Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

Water polo

Recently, Danny Clemons bought an interesting real photo postcard. It's a view of a band and Yosemite firemen parading up Depot Hill. Danny and I collect Chester cards. Neither of us recalled seeing this card before. So much for that, we found one at the Chester Historical Society.



Yosemite firemen and band coming up Depot Hill in 1909. PHOTO PROVIDED BY DANNY CLEMONS

We have several other photos taken at this location in earlier and later years. I imagine several views were taken each year as the parade progressed. We have a few cards showing Steamer Aid Co. 1 with their steam pumper on Main Street.

Danny's card has a postmark of October 1909. This was helpful. I opened the Yosemite ledger to 1909 to see if I could find mention of this parade. I found two relevant entries as below.

"Chester Depot, Vt. August 27th, 1909

"YoSemite Engine Co. met at Engine Hall at 7-45 PM. Invitation of Steamer Aid Co. No.1, to meet with them to see about Firemans Day. It was voted to hold a joint meeting with Steamer Aid Co. No.1 at same date and place to be fixed by said Steamer Aid Co. No.1

"Attest F.A. Leland Clerk"

"Chester Depot Vt. Sept 18th 1909

"Union meeting of Steamer Aid Co. #1 and YoSemite Engine Co. at YoSemite E. Hall meeting called to order by C. Holt Foreman at 8-45. P.M. 22 members present minutes of last meeting read, Motion made and voted that we join with Steamer Aid Co. #1 in a field day and inspection, and share equally Steamer Aid Co. #1 to put in \$25.00 allowed them by their Fire District in case of a shortage. Motion made and carried that the committee on music be instructed to hire the band that they think best.

"Committee on Parade G.M. Harlow, L.R. Warren, C. Wilson.

"...on sports Cliff Carlisle, A. Butterfield, E. Morris

"...on printing W. Cilley, R. Bowker, F. Bingham

"...on Supper Arthur Abbott, Allen Hazen, Chas Chase

"...on Entertainment Bryant, Pierce, Parmenter

"No further business adjourned Attest F.A. Leland"

Above you read that a band was to be chosen. Mary Harris recorded this day in her diary. Mary describes the day in detail. It was the Saxtons River Band.

I wandered down street one summer day in the late 1950s. I was 6 or 7 at the time. On the south end of the green in front of Southern Pie Company was some excitement. I stopped to watch.

There were two teams of firemen. One team was from the School Street Department, the other team from Yosemite. They

were having a friendly game of water polo in the street.

The two fire companies faced off with firehoses connected to hydrants. There was a goalie and two or more firemen with hoses on each team. They used a soccer ball. The object was to play the stream of water on the ball and knock it in the opposing goal. Their goalie tried to block any goals.

What I remember most was when a fireman turned his hose directly on a fireman of the opposing team. How I did giggle when the fireman was knocked off his feet. This was done in fun. There was a crowd of spectators standing around. Everyone got soaked from the hoses. It was small town fun.

Harry Goodell participated in later games. These hoses have a lot of pressure. Harry told me the games ended when the high water pressure kicked up a stone that took out a window in the Yake place.

Chester Historical Society will publish a new book next spring, "History of Chester Fire Departments." We will use artifacts from our collection.

We are heavy with Yosemite artifacts but light on the School Street Department.

If you have any Chester fire history, give me a call. If you submit artifacts or photos for us to copy, you will be given credit in the book. This is your chance.

The above history will be included in this book. Mary Harris's entire diary entry will be included along with newspaper clippings reporting the day's events. Mary noted the day ended with a concert and dance at Town Hall.

Tom Hildreth volunteered - coerced might be more accurate - to photograph our collection of fire badges, helmets, Earl Horton's uniform, hose nozzles, sirens, etc. Tom will scan documents and photos we have. Tom is a perfectionist and does beautiful work.

Currently, we are collecting artifacts we have. This winter we'll put the book together.

This week's old saying:
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Virtual Career Expo for Windham County

REGION - Windham County residents of all ages and various employment needs are now able to connect with employers and learn about local employment opportunities virtually. The Virtual Career Expo website is designed to support job-seekers, especially those impacted by COVID-19, as face-to-face hiring events remain canceled for the foreseeable future and many Vermonters are still unemployed due to the crisis.

The website will serve as a replacement for the annual in-person Southern Vermont Career Expo, traditionally held every fall in Brattleboro; which is usually managed and staffed by Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation in partnership with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Southern Vermont Career Expo team.

The Virtual Career Expo has a dual-focus: offering opportunities for job seekers to access employment and internship opportunities, and providing resources for individuals navigating the job-market in Windham County during COVID-19 and beyond. Employers can link to their websites, provide contact information for job-seekers, and post a small blurb about the opportunities they offer. Businesses interested in having their information shared on the website can use the registration submission form at www.vermontcareer-expo.com at no cost.

The Virtual Career Expo website will also highlight local and regional workshops and tools to help prepare job-

seekers, including resume, cover letter, and professionalism workshops offered at the Career Resource Center in Brattleboro and by other state partners. Job-seekers can explore job postings and access these resources and events free of charge. Given the uncertainty around COVID-19 and its long-term impacts on the regional economy, this resource will remain available for employers and job-seekers through mid-September.

The Career Expo planning team includes representatives from Brattleboro Development

Credit Corporation, Creative Workforce Solutions, South-eastern Vermont Community Action, Vermont Department of Labor, VocRehab Vermont, Vermont Agency of Human Services, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These regional partners are collaboratively developing a local workforce system to serve Windham County, its employers, and job seekers. For more information, please visit www.vermontcareer-expo.com or contact abeck@brattleborodevelopment.com.

Whale of a Sale canceled for 2020

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - With great regret, the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry announces the cancellation of the Whale of a Sale for 2020 due to COVID-19. This huge annual tag sale - a very popular community event - will return in 2021. The church thanks everyone very much for their donations and support. See you next summer.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

We are angry and disheartened by the decision at the Rockingham Selectboard meeting on July 7 concerning the order that Main Street Arts remove the scenery and lighting and sound equipment for its COVID-19 postponed production of "Cabaret" at the Bellows Falls Opera House. This decision turns the "postponement" in effect into a cancellation of the show. This outcome makes us question whether or not most of the Selectboard and town manager have the best interest of the town at heart. We would like to thank Susan Hammond for the one vote in our favor and her comments in support. There was little to no

interest in considering the letters of support from residents and local businesses who have benefited from MSA's presence in the heart of the town. Only a very few voices, mostly virtual, were allowed to be heard in support of MSA.

We were both very much involved in the process that led to the 2006 restoration and renovation of the opera house and Town Hall, one of us chairing the committee that spearheaded the project and the other organizing and producing its fundraising events. Ironically, we are both now also involved with MSA's "Cabaret," one as a cast member and the other as a stage manager.

Partnerships with the community as a whole, the town administration, state and local arts organizations, state and other funders, volunteers and community supporters, and the

Selectboard of that time made that project in the late 1990s and early 2000s a success. It was agreed by all parties then and ongoing that the opera house would be a multi-venue facility for movies, concerts, meetings, theatrical productions, and similar events. The town's partnership with MSA over the past few years was a continuation of that mission. From 2017, four successful productions preceded "Cabaret."

This production was postponed just two days before opening by the shutdown. It was still ready to roll. The majority members of the Selectboard referred to not wanting the Town Hall to be a "storage facility." Our set is not just "stuff" to be stored or a random pile of construction materials. It is a carefully crafted work of art built to interact with the many other aspects of the production. Since

this was not intended to be a touring production, the set was not built to be moved and reassembled again. We were gladly willing to move lights and speakers, and the set behind the movie screen on the stage no way impedes movie showings. Movie patrons, who don't know differently, would not even know it's there.

None of us know what the future of the Covid situation will bring, but now, sadly, it will not include a celebratory comeback of "MSA's Cabaret" at the opera house. Where are the voices of those who once so believed in Bellows Falls being a vibrant, thriving community?

Sincerely,
Jeanie Levesque
Bill Lockwood
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This is my third and final installment covering a bygone sports era at Bellows Falls High School. I was hoping for and received input from others on the first two articles.

The following are their selections, along with some additional choices of my own.

• **Simone Perrault** – diver at the pool. I remember Simone as being a beautiful diver.

• **Paul McGuirk** – football. If I'm not mistaken, Paul was voted "top lineman at practice," during his Shrine Game camp.

• **Mike Cray** – tough football player. Mike was a patient at the Shriners Hospital and later played in the game. Mike's sister Sue certainly could expound on this.

• **Pat Buckley** – diver at the pool. I remember Pat (B Boys) as being a dynamic athlete. Along with brothers Dave and Jay (also a member of the B Boys), they combined to make up a very athletic family. I would be amiss here if I didn't mention their mother, Majella, who made

Bellows Falls High School a very pleasant place to be on a daily basis.

• **Jim Stack** – football. Jim went on to be the captain of the Boston University football team.

• **Jim Brynes** – football. Jim was by far the best player on his Vermont Shrine team. Brother Larry brought a physical toughness to the B Boys.

• **Dickie Healy** – football. Simply put, Dickie was outstanding on both sides of the ball.

I would like to thank Jim Managan, Doug MacPhee, Mark Kennedy, John Dagnoli, and Tim Nelson for their selections. Please note, in the second article, Dave Black should read Dave Blake.

I'd like to end with a little trivia. Who was the last North Walpole player to represent Bellows Falls in the Shrine Game?

Once again, this has been so much fun. Please stay well.

Thank you,
Dave Barry
Bellows Falls High School,
Class of 1967

P.S. Trivia answer is Jack Lloyd

Dear Editor,

The last day that I and my fellow House colleagues set foot in the House Chamber was Friday, March 13. Since then, for over three months, the 150-member House has conducted business from our homes with Speaker of the House Mitzi Johnson insisting we continue to wear proper business attire while Zooming, which for me meant a jacket and tie.

It didn't take long for the COVID-19 pandemic issues to take top priority. Vermont's allotment from the Federal CARES Act was \$1.25 billion, all of which must be spent by the end of the year and be used exclusively for relief from pandemic losses. Over the past three months, we managed to move nearly \$1 billion worth of Corona Relief Funds to Vermont communities, including over \$235 million for businesses, farms, and nonprofits who have suffered significant losses. The combined \$1 billion investment is the largest Emergency Recovery Program ever passed by the Vermont Legislature.

Eighty-five million dollars will be direct aid to Vermonters. It includes \$5 million for foreclosure protection; \$25 million for eviction protection; \$38 million for rehousing initiatives and housing grants. The Vermont Foodbank receives \$4.7 million, while summer meals programs get \$12 million. Millions more will shore up schools, childcare, parent child centers, and our health care system. Monies will also support our farms, working lands, state colleges, and UVM.

The House also approved a Senate bill that would make it easier for those in high-risk jobs to get workers' compensation. And we also took action to establish a Vote-by-

Mail system for the November General Election.

Not all of the House's activities were directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. H.955, the Capital bill, will be a \$60 million stimulus for the construction and trades industry as we begin to restart the economy.

And in our last week of the session, we unanimously supported a bill that would ban police from using choke holds and mandate all state troopers to wear body cameras, while committing us to start dismantling systemic and structural racism.

One other bill that had to be passed by the House before we recessed was the budget for the first financial quarter of 2021. The Q1 budget's purpose is to keep the basics of government functioning through the first quarter, which runs from July 1 through Sept. 30, 2020. It will finance the Education Fund at 100% and also appropriate \$50 million from the CRF to cover pandemic costs for pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

But while we have recessed, we are not adjourned. We are scheduled to return Aug. 25 after we have a more complete picture of where the state's finances and potential federal assistance stand. Hopefully, in August we will be in a better position to build a full year budget for FY-2021 and appropriate the remaining \$250 million of the \$1.25 billion CARES Act allotment. But make no mistake, it will require pulling back fiscally, resulting in substantial reductions.

Please reach out to me if you need support connecting to relief resources or have any questions or feedback. I can be reached at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmboc@vermontel.net.

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Dear Editor,

Now more than ever in the state of Vermont, we are forced to confront daunting issues that will impact all of our lives as well as the future of this place we love. Representation in our state government matters. We, the voters, get to decide who will be our voice in the government.

Under certain circumstances, the governor has the authority to appoint a representative; his choice – made for his own reasons – is not necessarily the choice of the people. In Windham-3, we voters have an excel-

lent choice to represent us: Leslie Goldman. Leslie has served our community on the School Board and Selectboard, run for office, treated many of us in her 37 years as a nurse practitioner, and raised her family here.

Leslie is a systems thinker. She brings first-hand experience of the challenges in health care and education, as well as an open mind and desire to solve problems. I may not agree with every decision or viewpoint of Leslie's, but she will

listen, seek input, research, weigh the alternatives, and then make a decision. I will vote for Leslie, confident that she has the amazing combination of practical problem-solving skills, judgment, compassion, and strength to represent our district and address our needs in this very unsettled time.

Sincerely,
Flo Levin
Rockingham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Pine Heights in Brattleboro, Vt. for the wonderful care I received. I would also like to thank everyone that prayed for my health and recovery. I am blessed with good friends and family.

Sincerely,
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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King Crossword

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- 1 Fleet from faraway?
- 5 "Impossible"
- 8 Get a look at
- 12 Strict disciplinarian
- 14 Small grimace
- 15 Geometric curve
- 16 Former European capital
- 17 Can metal
- 18 "Gracias"
- 20 Orbital point
- 23 Affair of honor
- 24 Coalition
- 25 New Jersey borough
- 28 Coquettish
- 29 Parking lot structure
- 30 Bigwig, for short
- 32 "Semper —" (Coast Guard motto)
- 34 Toy block name
- 35 Thing
- 36 Angle
- 37 Destroyer
- 40 Pod occupant
- 41 Chimney grime
- 42 Irrational fear
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- 9 Any time now
- 10 Play a prank on (Sl.)
- 11 Longings
- 13 Sacred wading bird
- 19 Listen to
- 20 Kimmel's network
- 21 Fall into a beanbag chair
- 22 Sauce source
- 23 Piece of information
- 25 Jif rival
- 26 Eye layer
- 27 Portent
- 29 Partner
- 31 Cauldron
- 33 Disturbed the peace
- 34 Argentine grasslands
- 36 Burn something
- 37 Secondhand
- 38 Protuberance
- 39 Venetian magistrate
- 40 Get ready, for short
- 43 Literary collection
- 44 Lubricate
- 45 Wedding utterance
- 46 Venomous viper

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obituaries

Garhetta Berg, 1920-2020

FREMONT, N.H. – Garhetta “Dee” (Kenyon) Berg, 99, formerly of Bellows Falls, Vt., died July 13, 2020. Dee was born in Watertown, N.Y., Oct. 22, 1920, the daughter of the late Albert Kenyon and Adelaide (Helmer) (Kenyon) Bronk. Her father died when she was young, and years later her mother was re-married to William Bronk of Bellows Falls. Dee graduated from Bellows Falls High School. After graduation, she worked at Colby Junior College in New London, N.H., Landers, Frary & Clark in New Britain, Conn., and AT&T in Chicago.

Dee met her husband Bill in New Britain, when he was a Navy Seabee. They married in New Britain March 28, 1946 and moved to Chicago while Bill obtained his doctorate degree at Illinois College of Optometry. There they started their family, and their oldest son William was born. After Bill's college graduation, Bill, Dee, and son Bill moved to Bellows Falls, where Bill started his practice. They raised three more children in Bellows Falls.

Dee's interests included bingo, playing cards, reading, reminiscing about the past, knitting, and crocheting. When her children were young, she often volunteered at wellness clinics using her typing skills and was an active member of the PTA for many years.

She is survived by her children William “Bill” (Kathy) of Erie, Pa., Harold “Bud” (Toni) of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Beatrice “Babs” of Williston, Vt., and Robert “Bob” (Joy) of Kings-



Garhetta Berg, 1920-2020.
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ton, N.H.; six grandchildren Christie Berg Anderson, Holly Berg Daugherty, Heather Berg Harvey, Brittany Berg Arama, William Berg, and Bailey Berg; seven great-grandchildren Joseph and Angela Anderson, Devin, Aidan, Isabella, Dylan and Gabriel Harvey; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. William J. Berg; sisters Margaret Kenyon Krupinsky Caine and Beatrice Kovar; stepfather William Bronk; stepbrothers Bruce, Rod, Harold, and Jack Bronk; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Plaistow Meals on Wheels, 18 Greenough Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865 or a charity of your choice. There are no public services at this time. Arrangements by Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, Plaistow, N.H. To send a message of condolence and view an expanded obituary, please visit www.brooksidechapel.com.

Kianna Peters, 2002-2020

RUTLAND, Vt. – Kianna Peters, 18, of Rutland, died July 9, 2020 as a result of an automobile accident. She was born Jan. 29, 2002 in Rutland. She was a graduate of Black River High School Class of 2020. She was the vice president of the last graduating class.

Kianna loved to read; she was rarely seen without a book nearby. She was quite the comedian at every place she went. She always championed the underdog. She loved the ocean and water and could not wait for her yearly vacations with family and friends. Her dream was to become a certified childcare worker for small children. She started on that path by caring for her cousin with special needs. She was employed at Washington Elms in Bennington, Vt.

She was predeceased by her brother Jonathan Peters in February 2020. She is survived by her parents Jesse and Angela Peters of Ludlow; her biological parents Candie L. and John M.; her grandparents Todd and Dorrie Yakunovitch of Proctor, Donna Peterson Abbott of An-



Kianna Peters, 2002-2020.
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dover and Michael Burke of Fair Haven; her sister Cassidy H. of Wallingford; various aunts, uncles, and cousins, including her special aunts Becky, Heidi, Renee, and Krista.

She was so loved and the light of so many people. Due to the limitations with COVID-19, there will be a celebration of Kianna's life at a later date. The family requests that donations may be made to Clifford Funeral Home to help with Kianna's funeral expenses.

Dorothy M. Whittemore, 1925-2020

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Dorothy M. Whittemore, 95, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, July 12, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born April 23, 1925 in Springfield, the daughter of Edward and Veronica (Dashner) Novakoski. She graduated from Springfield High School Class of 1943 and later from Simmons College in Boston. On June 26, 1949, she married Gilbert F. Whittemore in Springfield. He predeceased her Jan. 24, 1989.

She worked as a secretary at Lovejoy Tool Company while attending high school, as a secretary with Factory Mutual Insurance Company in Boston – where she met a certain handsome appraiser – and served as the librarian at the Perkinsville Elementary School before working as an English teacher at the Riverside Middle School. She retired in 1983.

She also served as a lister with the town of Perkinsville, volunteered for blood drawings, and

worked the polls. She was also a member of the Home Dem Club, the Red Hat Society, and St. Mary's Altar Society.

She and Gil raised their seven children in Perkinsville and also owned the Perkinsville General Store for 13 years. She enjoyed reading, knitting, quilting, crossword puzzles, cooking, the New England Patriots, traveling, and spending time with her family. Her greatest joy in life was being a Grammy – also known as Goosie.

Dorothy took many trips abroad with her son Gilbert as well as several travel buddies.

She was one of the sweetest, kindest people to walk the face of the Earth. She often put others before herself right up to the very end. Rest in Peace, Mom...fly high.

She is survived by her children Jonathan Whittemore, Scott Whittemore, Jeffery Whittemore, Edward Whittemore, Camilla Whittemore, and April Case; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

Keith C. Destromp Jr., 1975-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Keith C. Destromp Jr., 45, passed away Monday, July 13, 2020 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., surrounded by his family. He was born June 27, 1975 in Middlebury, Vt., the son of Keith Sr. and Candice (Holmes) Destromp. He attended schools in Middlebury. He was a wrestling state champion for Middlebury.

He was a self-employed tree expert, cutting, pruning, and caring for tree needs in the greater Springfield area for many years. He was an avid softball player, enjoyed playing horseshoes, and watching all sports.

He is survived by his children Akassa Destromp of Brandon, Zoey Destromp of Windsor, Keith Destromp III of Ludlow, Dillon Beach of Ludlow, and Levi Destromp of Windsor; two granddaughters Lyrik, and Laci; one sister Keitha Marie



Keith C. Destromp Jr., 1975-2020.
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Destromp of Shoreham; and also by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Ella B. Huyler, 1924-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Ella B. Huyler, 96, formally of Chester, died peacefully at Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community in Windsor, July 9, 2020, surrounded by family. She was born in Woodbury, Conn., Jan. 23, 1924 to G. Gordon and Elizabeth (Smith) Cowles.

She fondly remembered the years between ages 3 and 8 when she lived with her grandparents, Lincoln and Susan Smith in Roxbury, Conn., and attended the one-room school there. Ella graduated from Woodbury High School in 1941 as class valedictorian. She graduated from Simmons College in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. On Aug. 3, 1946, she married J. Richard Huyler, also from Woodbury. Their seven children were born in Woodbury. In 1961, they moved their family to Chester to Kingdom Valley Farm, where they lived until 2002 when “Dick” Huyler died.

Ella was the school nurse at Chester-Andover Elementary School from 1965 until she retired in 1989. Many former students remember her kindness when they were feeling sick at school.

Following her retirement, she devoted more time to her favorite activities, her flower gardens and quilting. She created hundreds of quilted and cross-stitched projects from bags, vests, and wall hangings to full-sized bed quilts for each of her children. She also knit more than 50 Christmas stockings for family and friends.

Ella is survived by her seven children Betsy (Roger)

Owen of Springfield; Susan (Henri de Marne) Donniss of Shelburne; J. Peter (Charlene) Huyler of Andover; Katharine (John) Tate of Ava, Mo.; John G. (Debra) Huyler of Bellvue, Colo.; Mark (Joanne) Huyler of Hatfield, Mass.; and Priscilla (Rodney) Arnold of Springfield. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Ella was predeceased by her husband and her four younger siblings Paul Cowles, Janice Millard, Robert Cowles, and June Smith.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Cedar Hill for their care and kindness to Ella in her last few years. There will be no service at this time. Cards may be sent to Peter Huyler, 861 Weston-Andover Rd., Andover, VT 05143. Any donations may be made to the Chester-Andover Family Center, P.O. Box 302, Chester, VT 05143.



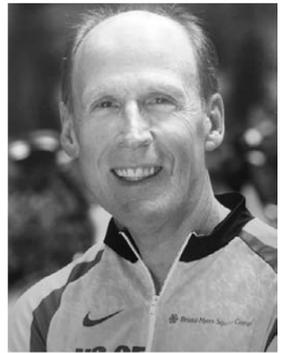
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Robert Gilmore III, 2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Robert Gilmore III succumbed to a long illness July 9, 2020 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. Bob, a Ludlow resident, owned Nikki's Restaurant at the base of Okemo Mountain for nearly 30 years. He sold the business and retired in 2006. His civic contributions included terms on the Vermont National Bank Board of Directors, the Ludlow Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trustees, and Water Commission. Bob also served as a member of the Norris Cotton Cancer Research Center Board of Directors.

The town and village of Ludlow recently passed a resolution dedicating the former Lamere Square pedestrian bridge in Bob's honor, renaming it the Robert N. Gilmore Footbridge. In 2005, he participated in the Bristol Myers Squibb Lance Armstrong Tour of Hope to promote cancer research. The tour took him from San Diego, Calif. to Washington, D.C. by bicycle. They were met in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Tammy on a wet day on the Washington Mall by over a thousand people who greeted them. Bob remarked that the tour was one of the high points of his life.

Bob's journey as a cancer



Robert Gilmore III, 2020.
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survivor became the defining experience of his life. After beating insurmountable odds, he went on to a marriage that lasted until his death and had two children along the way. Bob leaves behind a legion of friends and family. He is survived by his wife Beth Oldenburg and their two children, daughter Blakely and son Taylor. Additionally, he is survived by his siblings Phoebe Tanner of Richmond, Calif.; Blake of Calistoga, Calif.; and a brother David of Brooklyn, N.Y. A memorial and gathering will be announced at a later date.

A full obituary and an online guestbook can be found at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

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outdoor news

Learn to hunt with Vermont Fish & Wildlife

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is offering a new way for Vermonters to get started hunting through their recently established mentorship program, “Learn to Hunt: Mentor Meet-Ups.”

“This free, interactive, two-part program is designed for hunters over the age of 16 to pair with experienced mentors at a meet-and-greet this summer followed by a guided hunt this fall,” said education manager Alison Thomas. “Hunters will learn safe hunting practices, hunting strategies, hunting regulations, and season dates, and they will be able to apply what they have learned in a mentored hunt.”

Hunter education program coordinator Nicole Meier also mentioned, “The goal of this program is to eliminate the barrier to entry many new hunters

face. A social support system is key for new hunters and we hope this program will help them build their hunting community.”

Interested hunters and mentors can attend one of the two meet-up sessions scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, from 5-8 p.m., at Kehoe Conservation Camp or Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Buck Lake Conservation Camp.

To sign up, visit www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont/133-vermont-fish-and-wildlife-seminars. For



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more information about these events or the Hunter Education Program, please email HunterEducation@vermont.gov.

To protect the health and safety of all participants, physical distancing requirements will be in place. All participants must also wear a face covering at all times. Masks will not be provided, and participants should bring their own. Limited spaces are available, and registration is required. The deadline to enroll is one week prior to the scheduled session.

Hot weather fishing tips

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is encouraging anglers to consider their impact on trout when fishing during the current hot weather because many of Vermont’s streams and rivers are at or above stressful temperatures for trout, and flows in most rivers are very low.

“With air temperatures expected to be close to or above 90 degrees over the next week, we want to offer a few tips on trout fishing. Trout prefer water temperatures in the upper 50s to mid-60s, but hot weather like we’ve been experiencing can push some streams over 70 degrees, which is highly stressful, especially for brook trout,” said fisheries biologist Shawn Good. “If you plan to harvest trout, there’s no need for concern, but catch-and-release angling during hot spells could result in the

unintentional death of your released fish.”

“As an alternative, you can switch to fishing for warm water species such as bass, northern pike, bowfin, or panfish,” he added.

Here is a summary of Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s tips for fishing during hot summer weather:

- Avoid catch-and-release fishing for stream trout when water temps are over 70 degrees. Fighting and handling a trout under these conditions increases the risk of the fish dying after release.
- If you do fish trout in streams or rivers with marginal temperatures, play, land, and release the fish quickly, and keep it in the water as much as possible while unhooking it.
- Fish early in the morning when stream temperatures are at their coolest.
- Avoid fishing in areas where trout have congregated in un-

usually high numbers. Springs and cold water tributary inputs attract fish and make them vulnerable to angling pressure.

• Switch tactics and target warm water fish species such as bass, northern pike, pickerel, bowfin, or panfish.

“Over the long term, the single most important thing we can do to protect Vermont’s wild trout populations is protect and restore forested streambanks,” added Good. Forested streambanks help keep trout streams cool by providing shade from the sun. The root systems of shrubs and trees also help hold soil together and reduce erosion, and when trees do fall into a stream, they provide habitat, cover, and protection for trout and other fish species.”

Anglers interested in protecting trout stream habitat can get involved through angling clubs, local Trout Unlimited chapters, and watershed partnership groups.

Public meeting on Vermont’s Big Game Management plan

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a virtual public meeting Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and record public comment on the draft 2020-2030 Vermont Big Game Plan.

The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on a computer or smart phone

at <https://tinyurl.com/y6w6tauv>. Please download the Microsoft Teams app ahead of time. Participants can also call into the meeting by calling 802-828-7667 and entering 743579474#.

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation on the plan. However, people are urged to review the document prior to attending. The draft 2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan is available on Fish & Wildlife’s website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Vermont’s 2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan will guide deer, bear, moose, and wild turkey management over the next decade. The draft plan identifies issues these species face, such as habitat loss and disease; it establishes sustainable population and management goals; and it prescribes the strategies needed to achieve those goals. While these strategies act as a road map for regulation de-

velopment, the 2020-2030 Big Game Plan is not a regulation setting document. As a result, specific regulations are not discussed. The Fish & Wildlife Department updates the plan every decade based on species needs and public input.

“The 2020-2030 plan is the culmination of two years of public survey data, biological data, public meetings, and department thinking,” said Fish & Wildlife Director of Wildlife Mark Scott. “These are four very important species to the state, and we welcome comments from all Vermonters prior to finalizing the plan.”

The department would like to receive comments by Wednesday, Aug. 12. Comments can be submitted electronically to ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov or by mail to Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620.

Muzzleloader antlerless deer permit deadline

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds hunters that muzzleloader season antlerless deer permit applications are available on its website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, until Aug. 12.

The muzzleloader seasons Oct. 29-Nov. 1 and Dec. 5-13 will have antlerless permits available for 19 of Vermont’s 21 Wildlife Management Units. Landowners who post their land may not apply for a landowner priority muzzleloader antlerless deer permit. They are eligible to apply in the regular lottery for an antlerless deer permit.

“Yearling antler beam diam-

eters, fawn weights, and other physical condition measures are declining or are below optimal levels in many areas, indicating that deer have exceeded the level their habitat can support long-term,” said Nick Fortin, Fish and Wildlife’s deer project leader. “Minimal population growth is expected in 2020; however, deer populations in 10 WMUs will be above their respective population objectives. The goal is to reduce deer populations in those areas while stabilizing populations in other areas.”

The deadline to apply for a muzzleloader antlerless deer permit is Aug. 12.

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- Casey Richardson, Chester
- Samantha Decarvalho, Ludlow

The following students were named to the Spring 2020 Student Honors List. This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

- Emma Esty, Chester
- Lillianne Seward, Weston

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Donations can be made until Aug. 31, 2020 for the Bakeless Bake Sale. Please send check to Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT 05156, call the shelter at 802-885-3997 with a debit or credit card payment, or visit www.spfldhumane.org to use our PayPal donation button. Please specify this is for the Bakeless Bake Sale. Thank you to all of our donors.

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arts & entertainment

The Gully Boys concert rescheduled

CAVENDISH, Vt. – We can't control the weather; we can only rely on the weather forecasters' best guesses. The Gully Boys were scheduled to play in the Cavendish Summer Concert series but were canceled when thunderstorms loomed. Cavendish has now announced that the band has rescheduled their concert to July 29 at 6 p.m. on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville.

The Gully Boys, a professional rock and jam band from the Green Mountains, present an amalgamation of style, sound, and personality that makes them unique, but with a comfortable familiarity. They like to mix up the playlist with originals and cover tunes from all genres. As Vermonters, they feel that music helps bring us all together and to sustain our communities.

Please remember that things are different now, and we must behave differently. Wearing a mask is mandatory and so is physical distancing. The green is large enough and the bands will be loud enough, so please spread out. Please don't jeopardize these concerts – follow the rules!

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will again coordinate the series. All concerts are free and open to the public, so join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of good music from the gazebo. Murdock's Restaurant and Outer Limits Brewery will each be serving food but you have to call ahead for a reservation. Please support your local businesses.

The summer concert series has a long history in Proctorsville and many area residents reserve Wednesday evenings to listen to the live music. As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Facebook page. If you would like to help, we would like to hear from you. Call Robin at 802-226-7736 to volunteer or for more information on the concerts.

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Learn the art of vinegar graining, VAULT art challenge

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to offer a fun, in-person class to learn vinegar graining. Vinegar graining is a type of faux finishing that was introduced to the United States by the British in the 18th century and was originally used to reproduce the look of exotic wood grain patterns. Pieces that are well suited to transform with this process are picture frames, serving trays, boxes of all sorts, wooden stools, small tabletops, shoeboxes, or anything with flat surfaces that can be embellished.

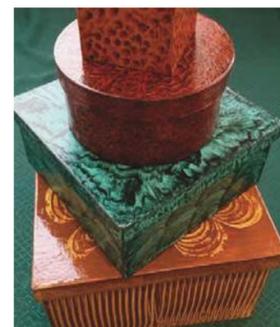
There is an infinite combination of colors and patterns that can be achieved with a variety of household "tools," such as bubble wrap, plastic cling wrap, cork, feathers, sponges, or even just fingers. It involves base coating the item with a solid latex or acrylic paint, letting it dry, then applying a glazing layer of the vinegar mixture. This is then decorated while it is still wet. The final step is to coat with a non-water based

sealer to make it permanent. The class will be held Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse on 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. This location will allow us to work outdoors in plenty of space with the indoors available if weather is stormy. Cost for the class also includes all materials.

We'll see examples of objects that have been decorated in this manner and learn how to properly apply a base coat and glaze. Each student will make a practice board before completing a project piece. Time will allow for several objects to be painted. Instructor Corky Bond will provide all materials unless a student wishes to bring an unfinished wooden, paper mache, or cardboard object of their own from home.

Class size is limited so please sign up early by calling Gallery at the VAULT at 802-885-7111, stopping in at 68 Main Street – open Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email gallerylvault@vermontel.net.

VAULT art challenge
Gallery at the VAULT chal-



Learn about vinegar graining. PHOTO PROVIDED

lenges you to create uplifting, inspirational, colorful words using any medium. Take a photo of your single word or saying and send it to VAULT by email gallerylvault@vermontel.net or mail to 68 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156, or bring it into the gallery by July 25.

We will make a special display of all of your expressions to go with the new Open Wall show. Please sign your creation so people will know who you are. One submission per person, please. The display will be on view from July 29 to Oct. 14.

LAHS's 2020 Mountain Town Dine-around

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical is planning its Mountain Town Dine-around for Saturday, Aug. 1. This year,

since we need to keep our social gatherings small, LAHS is pairing up with the New American Grill and Grandma Miller's to provide a gourmet

dinner for guests to eat at their own homes. Guests will pick up their dinners at the Custer Sharp along with a flower arrangement prepared by Green Mountain Gardeners.

A raffle featuring fun experiences and local treasures is also being held. Prizes include a gourmet picnic for eight at Lowell Lake with a speaker on "The History of Lowell Lake," a sleigh ride, and cheese tasting for 10 at Taylor Farm, a family photo by Hubert Schriegl, a family photo by Sawyer Van Houten, ski and fondue for six at Viking Nordic Center, panoramic photo of Londonderry circa 1900, a \$100 gift certificate from New American Grill, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Peculiar Posies. The drawing will take place Aug. 1.

Tickets for the dinner or the raffle may be purchased at www.LAHSVT.org. Take the night off from cooking and ask friends to join you for a fun evening at home to support the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society.



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American Pickers to film in New England

REGION – Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont! They plan to film episodes of the hit series “American Pickers” throughout the area in September.

We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by each state. While we plan to be in New England in September, we will continue to reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the

way. Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

The 70th Grace Cottage Fair Day goes virtual

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The first Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day was held Saturday, Aug. 5, 1950, organized by the Grace Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, with a healthy mix of fun, fellowship, and fundraising. For 70 years, it has been vital to sustaining Grace Cottage’s patient care.

No, we can’t gather on the Townshend Common this year, but the 70th Hospital Fair Day will go on, with some of the traditional elements intact.

The auction, t-shirts and hats sales, the Birthday Parade, kids’ entertainment, and gourmet food offerings are all online at www.gracecottage.org/get-involved/fair-day.

The online auction runs from Monday, July 27, through 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. Bid to win furniture, jewelry, art, chainsaws, a brand new gazebo, food, flowers, gift certificates, and much more. It’s not the same as having Townshend Auction Gallery’s extraordinary Kit Martin at the front of the auction tent, but it will keep us safe.

Grace Cottage hopes to raise \$40,000 from this year’s Hospital Fair Day in order to purchase new technologically advanced Stryker hospital beds, important for the safety and comfort of patients and easier for nurses to adjust and move.

The Hospital Fair Day website allows us to reminisce, with an album of photos from fairs

across the years. Also, those born at Grace Cottage can submit a current photo with name and birth year for the online Birthday Parade. The 70th Hospital Virtual Fair Day t-shirts and hats will be on sale at Messenger Valley Pharmacy in Townshend or online. Sales and donations at www.gracecottage.org/get-involved/fair-day will all support patient care at Grace Cottage.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital serves an average of 9,000 patients each year. Among its services, it offers primary care, a retail pharmacy, physical and occupational rehabilitation, inpatient hospital care, and 24-7-365 emergency medical services. Learn more at www.gracecottage.org.

Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Fair postponed until 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – We hope you are all faring alright and coping okay during these strange and challenging times. It is with heavy hearts that we must announce the postponement of our Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Fair. The safety and wellbeing of Springfield residents, our vendors, our volunteers, and our guests is our highest priority and therefore, unfortunately, given the circumstances of the pandemic, there is simply no way that we could gather thousands of people together at Riverside Middle School this October.

The governor’s COVID-19 guidelines are in place to protect everyone, and those restrictions prohibit and discourage large events at this time. Even as important as the event is to our community and our organization, it would be incredibly difficult for us to host the same Apple Fest we all know and love while simultaneously effectively enforcing sanitation, social distancing, masks, and the necessary safety measures with that many people on site. We were holding out hope that things might change, but at this point, we cannot in good conscience make it work for this year. We know that times are tough for many right now, and we are

deeply sorry not to be able to offer this event in 2020. This decision was not taken lightly, but ultimately, we must act in the way that is safest and most responsible for everyone in this unusual situation. The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 event and postpone all related activities to 2021.

Although it saddens us to skip a year, we are glad that folks are committed to doing what is right for everyone’s safety. We’re fortunate to be living in a state that has managed to keep the spread of the virus under control, and that is something to be grateful for. We must do our part to protect Vermonters and the great progress we’ve collectively made with keeping people safe.

We want to thank our staff, volunteers, vendors, guests, and all of you for your ongoing involvement, and while we will miss seeing your smiling faces at Riverside this fall, we look forward to reconvening with all of you in 2021!

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Fletcher Farm School to hold fabric sale

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will be holding a Fabric and Craft Supply Sale Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., inside and outside the Gift and Craft Shop on the school’s Ludlow campus. Proceeds of the sale will go toward keeping the school afloat during the COVID-19 health emergency. Masks and social distancing will be required.

We have a wide variety of fabric and

supplies available. The Cavendish Town Wide Tag Sale is being held the same day, so

stop to see us on your way to or from the tag sale.

Our annual raffle is now online and going strong. We have six terrific prizes. Buy tickets online at www.fletcherfarm.org/raffles. Prize drawings will be held Dec. 1, 2020, and any one of the prizes would make an excellent holiday gift.

Finally, we are still holding a few classes on campus. On

the same weekend as the sale, we have scheduled a Creative Metalworking class as well as a Beginning Spoon Carving class.

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Lake Rescue Association fights spread of Eurasian Milfoil

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Lake Rescue Association has received authorization for the deployment of an additional 24 bottom barriers on Lake Rescue from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The association will add 24 barriers to the lakebed in addition to the 24 barriers that were authorized and installed last year.

The 10-by-50-foot weighted vinyl barriers are laid by divers on the lakebed. The barriers help stop the propagation and spread of the mil-

foil plants. Milfoil, if unchecked, can grow from shore-to-shore and blanket the entire lake bottom and surface area of a water body, forming dense impenetrable stands with no open water.

“In the spring and summer of 2020, we’ve seen the most aggressive spread of milfoil in over 20 years,” said Bruce J. Zanca, co-president of the Lake Rescue Association. Milfoil can be spread when motorboat propellers cut the water plants. “With the pandemic and social distancing, we are seeing exponential increases in boat traffic on Lake Rescue. Unfortunately, when boat props hit the milfoil plants the pieces propa-

gate and take root and quickly grow new plants.”

Zanca added, “We’re also seeing an outbreak of milfoil downstream when plant pieces go over the Red Bridge Dam into Lake Pauline. Our divers are hand harvesting milfoil plants and deploying bottom barriers to help stop the spread of the invasive water plant species.”

“Fighting milfoil is expensive. In 2020 we will spend over \$35,000 keeping the waters of Lake Rescue and Lake Pauline pristine,” said Zanca. In 2020 it’s expected the divers will spend over 240 hours removing milfoil plants and deploying the bottom barriers to problem areas.

The association participates in the Vermont Public Access Greeter program, which is administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation. In this program, trained greeters Christopher and Janet Mott of Belmont, Vt. are present at the Lake Rescue fish-

ing access boat ramp on weekends to inspect incoming and outgoing boats and watercraft for milfoil. The hand harvest divers and the milfoil greeters program are funded in part by a \$7,640 grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. In addition to the grant from the state, the Lake Rescue Association will spend over \$35,000 to fight the spread of Eurasian milfoil. Those funds come from the donation of Lake Rescue Association members and other contributors.

The Lake Rescue Association is a volunteer organization whose members include homeowners on Lake Rescue and Lake Pauline and interested local business owners. To learn more about the Lake Rescue Association, to join, or to make a donation, visit www.lakerescue.org.

COVID Relief Funding rental and mortgage assistance now open

REGION – State funding for relief programs for renters and homeowners experiencing hardships due to COVID-19 are open for applications as of July 13.

Rental Stabilization Program

Vermont State Housing Authority is accepting applications from tenants and landlords in need of rental arrearage assistance due to COVID-19 to avert tenant eviction. Total available funding is currently \$25

million. VSHA will accept applications on a rolling basis from July 13 through Dec. 20.

Vermont COVID Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program

Vermont Housing Finance Authority is accepting applications from homeowners July 13-Aug. 31. The program is limited to Vermont households that have missed two or more mortgage payments and with incomes in the last 90 days of \$15,000 or under.

More information on the programs, eligibility, and applications can be found on the VSHA and VHFA websites.

The Windham and Windsor Housing Trust office on 68 Birge Street in Brattleboro will have a dedicated computer station for those who require access to internet and a computer. Please call 802-254-4604 for scheduling an appointment. Appointments are available Monday and Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Community Action Team COVID-19 recovery forum

REGION – On July 23, residents of the Windham region are invited to a virtual COVID-19 Recovery Forum, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., to share challenges, ideas, and strategies for community response, economic recovery, and long-term resilience and renewal.

The forum is one of a series hosted by the Local Support and Community Action Team of the governor’s Economic Recovery Task Force.

Participants are all invited to join a brief opening session and then breakout into their choice of one of four discussion topics chosen by a steering committee of leaders from the region. The breakout sessions include: Childcare & Family Care, Housing, Arts the Cultural Economy and Regional Nonprofits, and Business and Workforce Recovery.

Chis Campy, executive director of the Windham Regional Commission, says, “Based upon lessons from Tropical Storm Irene and the need for a long-term recovery response, the Windham Region COVID-19 Community Response Com-

mittee was organized as a means by which to communicate ideas and needs across sectors – housing, hunger, health, human services, businesses, municipalities, nonprofits. This forum will be a great opportunity to hear from the broader public about how needs are and are not being met, and ideas for faster, smoother recovery.”

All are welcome and encouraged to join the forum discussions. To learn more about the forums and to register, visit www.vtrural.org/recovery/windham or contact info@vtrural.org or 802-223-6091 with questions or for registration assistance.

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham Selectboard is proceeding with a proposed reclassification of an approximately 860 foot section of Gaskill Road. The Selectboard has scheduled a Gaskill Road Site Visit @ 4:30pm, Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The site visit will be followed by a Town Hall Public Hearing @ 6pm. All interested parties are advised to attend and participate. Any questions, contact the Manager at 376.5241 or manager@rockbf.org.

Cavendish Fire District 2 Cavendish, Vermont

POSITIONS AVAILABLE Cavendish Fire District 2 is accepting applications for 2 Part time EMT/Firefighter positions. Minimum requirements include: EMT Basic VT, CPR, Valid Driver’s License and the ability to pass a background check. Applicants must be able to perform all essential functions of the job. These are part time year round positions with competitive wage. No benefits.

For more information and to submit a resume and cover letter please email Abraham Gross at Cavendishfiredistrict2@startmail.com or USPS mail Cavendish Fire District 2, P.O. Box 453 Cavendish, Vermont 05142 802-226-8113

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Please forward a letter of interest and references to:

Todd Parah
Transportation Supervisor
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-2146

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Food Service/Kitchen Help Chester-Andover Elementary School

Chester-Andover Elementary School will have two openings for Food Service workers for the next school year.

This position is responsible for preparing and serving food items to students and/or school personnel; and maintaining food service facilities in a safe and sanitary condition.

First position is for 3 hours a day, with the potential for up to 4.5 hours, working the breakfast and lunch services

Second position is for 2 hours a day, running the cash register during lunch service, minimal food preparation and food clean up.

Background Check is required.

For more information and to apply, send an application or resume with references to:

Michael Kennedy
Director of Food Services
Green Mountain Unified School District
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143

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Submit bids for 2,000 yards of winter sand both FOB and delivered. The sand must be available for our trucks to haul now and meet town quality specifications. Please indicate whether more will be available if needed.

Bids will be received until July 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Selectboard Meeting on July 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Office.

Please send bids to:
Andover Town Office – Winter Sand
953 Weston Andover Road
Andover, Vermont 05143

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, VT this 13th day of July, 2020.
Jeanette Haight, Clerk

July 14, 2020

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:30 pm on Monday August 10, 2020 and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the Town Hall (and via a Zoom meeting), for a Final Plat review of a Minor Sub-Division application (#556)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Carlo Kapp
APPLICANT: Carlo Kapp
LOCATION: 1782 Quarry Rd.
DISTRICT Residential 40 (R40)
ACTION REQUESTED: Sub-divide one large parcel (391 +- acres) into two lots. Lot A being 149 +- acres and Lot B being 242+- 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
(802) 875-2173
michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 20-PR-00245

In re ESTATE of: DEBORAH A. LUSE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: DEBORAH A. LUSE

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Decedent
Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated:

Signature of Fiduciary

7-22-2020

Cornelia Bascom Terhune Wells
Cornelia Bascom Terhune Wells, Executor

Executor/Administrator Cornelia Bascom Terhune Wells C/O Parker & Ankuda P.C.	Mailing Address P.O. Box 519 City, State, Zip Springfield, Vermont 05156
Phone Number (802) 885-2134	Email

Name of Publication:

The Shopper

Publication Date:

July 22, 2020

Name of Probate Court:
Address of Probate Court:

Vermont Superior Court - Windsor Probate Division
12 The Green
Woodstock, Vermont 05091

REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

calendar

JULY 24 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Firehouse 6 Dixieland Band will perform a free concert Friday, July 24, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments will be available for sale, including hot dogs, burgers, chips, hot and cold beverages, ice cream sandwiches, and a sweet of some kind. Plus a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair and a mask if you are ordering food. Join us for a fun evening.

JULY 25 – CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish 10th annual Town Wide Tag Sale will take place Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All vendors are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Hand sanitizing and masks are available in two locations – the Proctorsville Green Gazebo and the Cavendish Baptist Church. Organizations, businesses, and residents line the streets, village greens, off roads, and

by-ways to help you find a treasure you can't live without. BBQ is available on the Proctorsville Green. The online vendors list is available at www.cavendishconnects.com/blog/2020/3/10/2020-cavendish-town-wide-tag-sale.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join the Springfield Town Library and take a literary journey with storytelling naturalist Michael Clough as he shares tales of animals and magic from around the world. With each story, a live animal will visit to bring a natural history piece to the myths and legends. This event will be held at the Commons Park Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. Suitable for all ages! Social distancing required; bring your own chair or blanket. Health screening with temperature check and face masks required. For more information, please call the library at 802-885-3108.

Register for this program at www.eventbrite.com/o/springfield-town-library-28934846977.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole is having a curbside pick up barbecue chicken event Saturday, July 25, from 4-5:30 p.m. Tickets for a half of a chicken can be purchased at Galloway Real Estate in Walpole or by calling Betty Prentiss at 603-313-4801.

JULY 27 – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage's 70th

annual Hospital Fair Day will be a virtual event this year. Bid in the online auction, buy a t-shirt or hat, try favorite Fair Day recipes, and help us raise crucial funds for Grace Cottage. Visit our Online Hospital Fair Day Auction and register to bid on unique and exciting items. Bidding begins Monday, July 27 and will end Monday, Aug. 3. Visit www.gracecottage.org/events for more information.

FRIDAYS – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – KJ's Gathering Place, 3 Main

Street in North Springfield, is hosting Bingo every Friday evening, from 6:30-9 p.m. Proceeds benefit Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. COVID-19 CDC guidelines observed.

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Alcohol is a cause of family trouble for over one-third of Americans, according to the latest Gallup Consumption Habits poll. Thirty-seven percent report alcohol-related incidents have interfered with their family life, and about 1 in 10 children live in households with at least one parent who suffers from alcohol use disorder.

Al-Anon today includes partners, parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and relatives who seek help because of a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Al-Anon Family Groups is fully self-supported by voluntary contributions from members and the sale of literature. There are no dues or fees to attend a meeting, and no appointments or referrals are necessary – anyone concerned about someone else's drinking is welcome to attend any Al-Anon meeting.

Al-Anon Family Groups is a spiritual fellowship, not a religious one, and anonymity is an important spiritual principle of the Al-Anon program. Personal anonymity, as well as confidentiality of members sharing in our program, creates a safe place to get help. For more information, go to www.alanon.org. To find meetings in Vermont, visit www.vermontalanonala-teen.org.

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

There's not much left to do in this property other than enjoy! This well cared for ranch style home is located on the outskirts of Grafton on a slightly sloping lot of 4+/- acres with perennials, fruit trees/bushes, garden space, lawn and so much more. The comfortable home includes a main floor consisting of a kitchen/dining open to the living room, den/craft room with built-in storage, full bath and master bedroom. Basement is partially finished with additional finished rooms, workshop space and laundry. A nice expansive deck outside with room for a hot tub, oversized/drive through shed for motorcycle/snowmobiles/lawn equipment. Solar power for efficiency, taking advantage of the sunny location. A must see! **\$199,900**

Looking for the Solitude with Acreage, barn and modern conveniences? This 1989 home offers all of that and more. A spacious home with oversized entry, family room with woodstove, spacious living room, modern kitchen with abundant storage and pantry/laundry, dining area, 2 baths, 3 bedrooms (master with walk-in-closet and full bath), deck. New barn with garage doors, workshop space and overhead storage. All on 35+/- enrolled in current use on the outskirts of Chester. **\$249,900**

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 it's 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! **REDUCED TO 169,900**

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