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Black River is cleaner by 70 tires after cleanup

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – When a simple paddling trip turns into a tire-scouting safari, what follows is a targeted river cleanup! After noting the location of around 20 tires at the bottom of the Black River along Paddock Road in Springfield, Black River Action Team director Kelly Stettner organized a small flotilla to retrieve them.

The “haul” ended up being over three times the size originally estimated. Daughter Moira Stettner and son Armando Stettner worked the river bottom, while several volunteers collected the tires in boats. Steve and Maura Anderson used a whitewater kayak as an outrigger to stabilize their canoe, so they could winch the

tires aboard with a pulley system Steve designed. Kayla and Jordan Baker scouted from above and muscled dozens of tires into their canoe. Paddock Road resident Bitsy Biron ventured out to snap photos of the team at work. Richard Barber and son Leonard motored up from Hoyt’s Landing, towing Harry Milkman in a sturdy rowboat.

After several hours’ work over the course of roughly one mile of river, the Tire Brigade was ready to call it a day. Tires had to be offloaded to the bank of Paddock Road to



From left in front, Moira Stettner and Armando Stettner; back row Harry Milkman, Leonard and Richard Barber, Jordan and Kayla Baker, and Maura and Steve Anderson.
PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER, BRAT DIRECTOR

make room for the final “haul,” bringing the day’s total to just over 70. Most of the tires were decades old, one still had its rim, and two giant tractor tires completed the pile.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for so much elbow grease and hard work; to Richard Barbor for hauling the tires off in his dump truck; and to the Springfield Transfer Station for accepting our tires as part of “civic cleanup” efforts. A special nod to Bitsy Biron for taking photos and to all who

passed by these intrepid volunteers with a honk, a wave, and a smile.

The Black River Action Team celebrates 20 years of cleaning up local waterways, learning about the Black River, and discovering the joy and wonder of the world above, below, and on the surface. Director Kelly Stettner hopes folks will join the effort in the upcoming annual RiverSweep cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12.

Learn more at www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org or by sending an email to blackrivercleanup@gmail.com. A message may be left at 802-738-0456 for folks who wish to contact Stettner by phone.

Rockingham, VTrans discuss Route 5 bridge replacement

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed Bridge No. 38 with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Bellows Falls Opera House, and the Transfer Station.

VTrans engineers Rob Young and Laura Stone presented information on the replacement bridge on Route 5 in Rockingham over the Green Mountain Railroad.

Doug Thurber from the Boat Guy Marina and Selectboard

members expressed concerns about the 14.4-mile detour. Thurber explained that his busy season was from April to December and asked, “If my business takes a major hit, is the state of Vermont going to help me out?”

Chair Gaetano Putignano asked about the option for the temporary bridge plan, concerned about residents needing emergency services and the added time it would take for responders.

Young addressed the concerns by offering public outreach and communication,

looking at reducing the construction schedule, and suggested using mutual aid or parking an emergency vehicle on the other side of the construction site.

Putignano said, “Fourteen miles on paper doesn’t look like a lot...and we are not in a situation to stage an ambulance or pumper on the other side.”

Ben Masure’s concern was the added burden of time and money for residents to detour.

Resident Pat Fowler reminded everyone about the importance of the Herrick’s Cove Festival in May that attracts

1,200-plus visitors. Thurber explained his busiest push was April through Memorial Day.

Putignano wondered, “If more planning and perhaps funding was an option” would a temporary bridge be considered?”

Stone said that was “not ideal” and felt the detour was acceptable.

Resident Julie Nauceder was concerned that her foundation shared bedrock with the bridge. Stone explained the geologists would assess the bedrock, and Young said there were provisions in the contract protecting all parties involved.

Putignano reminded VTrans this was the first communication they had had with the town and said, “Perhaps it makes sense to have another discussion.” Stone agreed they

would share concerns with upper management that had approved the project.

Resident Charlie Hunter proposed a business plan to the Selectboard for a nonprofit to run the Bellows Falls Opera House, suggesting online features enabling patrons to purchase dinner, concessions, and movie tickets. Interim Municipal Manager Chuck Wise agreed with online ticket sales and suggested redesigning the foyer to avoid crowds.

Board members were interested but wanted to ensure affordable movies and concessions would still be available. More discussion is expected at the next meeting Sept. 1.

Peter Golec explained that Recycling Department Coordinator Gary DeRosia resigned, along with three of his volun-

teers, and, “The reason they left was because of the [Recycling Committee] report.”

Putignano explained they made “recommendations, not direct orders, to improve what’s happening.”

Stefan Golec said, “Our goal is to make sure we’re doing the best we can for Rockingham residents.”

The Selectboard agreed more information is necessary and changes needed to be made. They are currently looking for a new coordinator and more volunteers. Board members expressed thanks to both Gary DeRosia and Mike Furgat for their years of service.

September Selectboard meetings are the first and third Tuesdays in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

HCRS exceeds facemask campaign goal, thanks communities’ response

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont’s nonprofit community mental health agency, has exceeded its campaign to obtain 1,000 handmade cloth facemasks for staff and clients. As soon as the agency put out a request to the community

for homemade masks, offers to provide masks came pouring in.

HCRS received twice the number of masks requested from more than 40 staff and community members. According to George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, “We especially want to thank the

following individuals for their significant donations, which made this campaign so successful: Rose Aremburg, Laura Bilodeau, Karen Bruyn, Karen Chandler, Sandra Dadik, Joyce Dicianna, Carol Eastman, Joan Egbert, Joan Elliott, Louise Gabehart, Pat Graves, Ginny Haines, Carol Hanson, Sonja Hurley, Norma Ippolito, Alanna Parker, The Richards Group, Pat Riese, Nancy Robinson, Amy Steinberg, and Hilary Strasburger.”

The cloth facemasks are already being used by staff and clients as needed and are expected to provide the agency’s facemask needs for at least the next six months.

“We’re so thankful for the response from staff and community members who made it possible for us to provide facemasks for our staff and clients,” said Karabakakis. “We’re humbled by the outpouring of support.”

Support in the time of pandemic

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Brattleboro Area Hospice is pleased to announce a new offering to assist people in our community during this challenging time. We are broadening our grief and spiritual support to include issues of loss and transition related to the COVID-19 crisis by offering a support group that will commence in early September.

The pandemic has brought with it alterations in our circumstances that were unimaginable just months ago. How is Covid time affecting you and those you love? Have there been losses? How are you managing? Would you like some help?

This new group will be co-facilitated by Muriel Wolf, BAH’s spiritual companion, and Rick Willhite, a BAH volunteer with a professional background in spiritual care and social work. We will offer opportunities to learn

simple, non-religious spiritual practices as well as practical tools that have helped many find their way through times of difficulty and change. There will be times for journaling, shared reflection, and conversation about our experiences. We’ll emphasize attentive listening, compassion, and mutual trust.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-7 p.m., beginning Sept. 8. We will use the Zoom platform.

Don’t know how to use Zoom? We can help you learn how before the first session, just ask us when you register. We will meet for eight sessions, the first of which you can attend with no obligation to continue. After this point, we ask that you stay with us for our remaining time together.

This is not a drop-in group; registration is required. Membership is limited to eight participants. For registration or

more information, please email Muriel at muriel.wolf@brattleborohospice.org or call the office at 802-257-0775 and ask for Hilary at ext. 105. She will take your name and phone number and have Muriel return your call. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you well.

The group is sponsored by Brattleboro Area Hospice. Participation is free of charge and open to anyone in the community. Support groups offer a safe, mutually supportive environment for sharing experiences. No prior connection with hospice is necessary in order to participate.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is an independent, community-based, nonprofit volunteer organization that provides grassroots, volunteer-staffed programs. Hospice is locally funded and provides services free of charge. Hospice is located at 191 Canal St. in Brattleboro. Call 802-257-0775. Visit www.brattleborohospice.org.



CEO George Karabakakis, Ph.D., wearing a homemade cloth face mask.
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Nominations open for Rockingham's 2020 Old House Awards

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Nominations are open for the Rockingham Old House Awards 2020. "In the age of COVID, the commission is

excited to continue our annual Old House Awards program," says Dr. John Leppman, Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission chair. "This is an

excellent opportunity to celebrate with property owners their restoration and renewal of historic homes and commercial buildings."

There are multiple award categories with multiple awardees. Categories include awards for best private residence, commercial building, apartment building, and curb appeal.

"With folks staying close to home during the coronavirus pandemic, hammers have been pounding and paint flowing," says RHPC coordinator Walter Wallace. "Patting yourself on the back or acknowledging your neighbor's efforts at restoring and preserving our town's historic landscape is quick and simple, giving credit where credit is due."

Eligible properties are older homes that have been renovated, painted, or otherwise enhanced on the exterior in the past five years. Properties must be located within the town of

Rockingham, including the villages of Bellows Falls, Saxtons River, Bartonville, Cambridgeport, Brockways Mills, and the town's rural areas. To qualify, properties must be at least 50 years old and may be residential or commercial.

Nominations may be made by calling the Rockingham's Development Office at 802-463-3964, extension 1112, sending an email to clg@rockbf.org, or writing to Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. All nominations should include the property's address and, if possible, the owner's name.

Deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. The commission will select winners at its October meeting. Awards will be announced Oct. 15, celebrating the winners with Old House Awards plaques.

This program is supported by a grant from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

CCCD summer bulb sale now accepting orders



Bulbs for sale including tulips, daffodils, garlic, and more. PHOTO PROVIDED

WALPOLE, N.H. – Thinking about adding some color to your yard or garden? If so, you'll want to check out the Cheshire County Conservation District's Summer Bulb Sale. The CCCD is working in partnership with conservation districts across the state to offer a range of summer bulbs at a discount to customers.

Choose from your classic tulips, to hyacinths, daffodils, and even garlic, in quantities of 5, 10, and 25

bulbs. Costs vary, so visit the CCCD's website to view their pricing, color, and description sheets, or to download an order form: www.cheshireconservation.org/plant-and-seed-sales.

The deadline to submit your order form and payment is Tuesday, Sept. 8. Checks should be made out to "CCCD" and mailed to 11 Industrial Park Dr., Walpole, NH 03608.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCCD will host two outdoor pickup days for customers. All bulb orders will be available for pickup at The Farmers' Market of Keene either Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 3-6 p.m., or Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Farmers' Market of Keene is located on Gilbo Avenue across from Lindy's Diner.

More information can be found online. To request a hard copy order form, contact the Conservation District office at 603-756-2988 x3011 or send an email to lola@cheshireconservation.org.

So you want to write a children's book?

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Has it been your dream to write a children's book? On Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 4 p.m., noted children's book author Stephen Swinburne will be at Neighborhood Connections to discuss the nuts and bolts of writing for children. In a humor-filled 45 minutes, Swinburne will cover research, first drafts, re-writing, proposals, pitching an editor or agent, illustrations or photographs, and promotion. Whether you are a beginner or intermediate writer or if you only have a dream of one day writing a children's book, Swinburne has useful and practical advice.

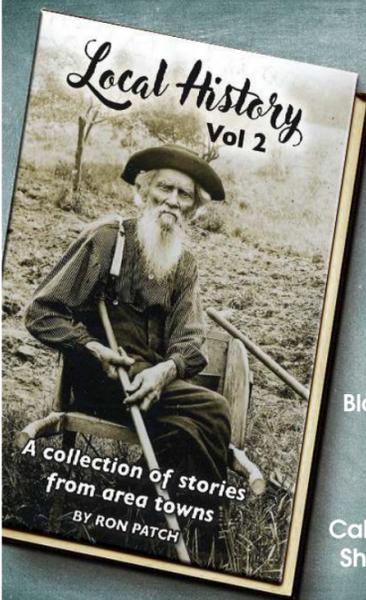
This program is being offered by Room – limited in-person attendance – or Zoom. Sign up today by visiting www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org or call 802-824-4343 to register. There is no charge to attend. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

Stephen Swinburne is the author of more than 35 children's books influenced by his extensive travels "to faraway lands." His latest, "Giraffe Math," will be available in 2021.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based nonprofit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont.

Springfield Rotary Penny Sale postponed to 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – With great regret, the Springfield Rotary Club has announced it is postponing the 68th Annual Rotary Penny Sale, scheduled for October 2020, due to ongoing restrictions on public gatherings. The Penny Sale is the Springfield Rotary Club's largest annual fundraiser and the hope is to reschedule it for the spring of 2021. We thank everyone for their understanding and appreciate the continued support!



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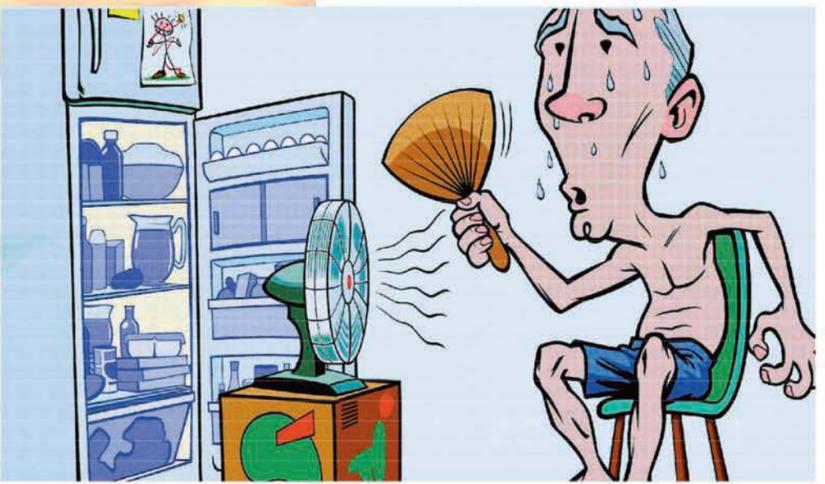
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Fullerton Hotel 100 years ago

In the March 1920 Carpenter's Store News I found some news regarding building the new Fullerton Inn we have today. The current Fullerton replaced the previous hotel destroyed by fire Jan. 18, 1920.

The photo with this article is the Fullerton that burned in January 1920. Howard

Peck described the fire to me. He and his parents watched the fire from what is Hugging Bear Inn today. It was 30 below zero.

It's interesting to learn how important the hotel was to Chester's economy in the 1920s. Automobiles were beginning to replace horse and buggy. Grand auto excursions were the rage. I have seen 1920s' advertisements for automobile excursions from Buffalo, N.Y. to Sunapee, N.H. Chester was an overnight stop on these excursions.

I found it interesting that individuals donated money or materials for this project. I can picture a logger donating logs to the sawmill and the sawmill sawing them for free. Everyone worked for the common good.

Also noteworthy, the new hotel was completed within seven months. Today, you couldn't get it through the Planning Commission in seven months, let alone all the other restrictions and regulations we have today. My old saying this week sums up what some call progress.

Carpenter's Store News March 1920

"Work Begins on the New Fullerton

"Chester's hotel will be rebuilt - bigger and finer than before. A hotel that we will all be proud of and one that will surely appeal to the traveling public.

"The office will be most attractive with its sunny roominess, big fireplace, comfort-



The Fullerton Hotel circa 1910. PHOTO PROVIDED BY ROBIN ROWELL SMITH.

ing committee have endeavored to cover the town thoroughly - if someone has been overlooked, please notify any of the hotel committee. Appeals have been sent out of town to those who might be interested to assist in this project.

"Whatever success has been attained in so quickly beginning the work of reconstruction, is due to the liberality and willing co-operation of our citizens, banks and business men. All have worked earnestly and in harmony.

"We are learning that this is the ONLY WAY we can make any real progress as a town - when all take hold and BOOST TOGETHER we can accomplish anything we set out for in short order.

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Chester Historical Society has a large collection of Carpenter's Store News. We are missing several issues for 1920. In the missing issues would be an announcement of the new hotel opening. The first summer issue we have is August 1920 where I found the entry below. It's obvious the new hotel was up and running.

Carpenter's Store News August 1920

"HOTEL FULLERTON GARAGE (Rear New Hotel.)

"FOR SALE - Three Ford Cars that have been thoroughly overhauled and painted. This Garage carries a full line of Ford parts and accessories."

In the new Fullerton was the post office, two banks, and a barbershop run by Harry Glynn. Some will remember the banks, or the post office; others will remember Harry Glynn.

This week's old saying: "Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity."

able lounging chairs, writing and reading tables. It will have a beam ceiling, probably finished natural, and there will be plenty of light from the ample window space. A sun porch is to be built on the south side opening from the lobby.

"The same finish will be carried out in bank rooms and post office.

"There will be 26 guest rooms, nearly all with bath connection. Hardwood floors throughout. The dining room is more commodious than before as is the public hall over it. The kitchen, serving room and laundry are neatly arranged and a built-in refrigerator is handy. The six rooms for help are behind the kitchen.

"The banking room is to be of fireproof construction. The banks will install a set of fixtures, burglar and fireproof vault with safety deposit boxes that would be a credit to any city. Great credit is due our banks for the financial aid they are rendering and the progressive spirit shown in the selection of new furnishings and vault.

"Postmaster Pollard will not be outdone by the bank in matter of equipment, which will be strictly up-to-the-minute. The post office will occupy a larger space than before and have a separate heating plant and toilet accommodations.

"To be sure about \$5000 is still needed to make up the required amount, but the committee have faith that this will be forthcoming and will try in every way to raise it. Contributions of money, Liberty bonds, labor and lumber are sorely needed and will be thankfully received. The canvass-

Artists Expo at the Custer Sharp House rescheduled

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society has rescheduled the annual Local Artists Expo. The exhibit will run from Aug. 22 to Sept. 12 at Londonderry Arts and Historical Society headquarters, The Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Rd., in Londonderry. Exhibit hours are Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you would like to exhibit, please contact Garrison Buxton at 917-602-2153 or [\[ha@gmail.com\]\(mailto:ha@gmail.com\), or Val Johnson at 802-875-3865 or \[valjean43@vermontel.net\]\(mailto:valjean43@vermontel.net\).](mailto:gbuxtonha-</p>
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New receiving date is Aug. 14, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Show opens Saturday, Aug. 22. Artists should provide paperwork with artist's name, email, phone, address, and complete list of works. All art must contain information on the back including artist's name, phone, title, description, and price. Art must be hangable and ready to install and sell. No pieces larger than 2.5 feet in any direction.

We also plan to have the works available online. Since we aren't restricted by hanging space there, it is a great optional opportunity for artists to showcase additional works to the ones actually hung in the show. Please send good digital pictures, smaller than 2MB each, and corresponding information of the works. This will make putting work online much easier.

Visit www.LAHSVT.org for more information on other events and programming.

LECAP \$2 million funds to help Vermonters access broadband

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Gov. Phil Scott announced that the Vermont Department of Public Service has launched a Line Extension Customer Assistance Program. LECAP provides up to \$3,000 in assistance to help consumers extend telecommunications lines to their homes, with \$2 million in total funds available.

"We know how important access to reliable internet has been during this pandemic," said Gov. Scott. "While expanding access has been a longstanding challenge in Vermont, I appreciate the efforts of the Public Service Department team, the Legislature, and many private partners to help get more Vermonters connected. This assistance program is another step forward in this challenging work, which is critical to increasing equity in education heading into our school reopening this fall."

This program was passed through Act 137 and developed in response to the COVID-19 emergency to help Vermonters access broadband.

"For the teacher or student living at the end of the dirt road with no internet access, the LECAP could be a lifeline," said June Tierney, commissioner of Public Service. "This is a great opportunity for qualifying Vermonters who need broadband

service but have not been able to afford the full cost of a line extension."

Hundreds of Vermonters without 25/3 Mbps broadband service live just out of the reach of current cable and other Internet Service Providers' networks. Extending these networks to unserved and underserved areas can be expensive and the full cost can be unaffordable for those looking to take this step.

Under this program, up to \$3,000 in financial assistance is

available to offset the customer cost portion of a line extension. For details about how to qualify for the LECAP, Vermonters should call the department at 800-622-4496 or visit www.publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vermont-covid-19-line-extension-customer-assistance-program. All line extensions funded through this program must be completed on or before Dec. 30, 2020. Additional information can be accessed at www.publicservice.vermont.gov.

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opinion

CHURCH SERVICES

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Gary Derosia, Rockingham Recycling coordinator for the last 20 years. The Rockingham acting Town Manager Chuck Wise charged a private committee with reviewing the Recycling Center's operations. The result was a cursory one-page report that was grossly disrespectful to Gary and his leadership. Gary, also vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Windham/Windsor County Waste Management District, was not consulted or interviewed for the report.

Gary has tirelessly worked to create and grow the Rockingham Recycling Center to the resourceful, resilient community fixture that it is today. Our

acting town manager seems to have a misunderstanding of Gary's leadership and integrity, as well as of the fixture that he and the center have become in our community. Alienating him and his many volunteers will not in any way be a benefit to the center or to our community's recycling efforts.

On top of his 20 years of committed service, Gary has most recently navigated the Rockingham Recycling Center through the COVID-19 pandemic, seamlessly adapting the center's procedures for safety, while adding in a whole new system for food scraps per Vermont state law.

I would ask that the acting town manager exercise strong

leadership and look more deeply into the dilemma. This chain of events is a lose-lose proposition. We have lost Gary's strong leadership, the time of many volunteers, and our faith in the local government system. You, Mr. Wise, have the power to mend this situation. Please reach out to Gary and his team to build a bridge, in order to move forward for our community Recycling Center. Now is absolutely not the time to be losing our most informed and gifted community leaders!

Sincerely,
Berta Martin
Saxtons River, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Sean Whalen. I live and farm in Weathersfield with my young family; and my name will be on the ballot this November as an Independent candidate to represent Cavendish and Weathersfield in the Vermont Legislature.

There were times when I was a kid that all my mom could afford to give my brothers and I for our noon meal was a margarine sandwich. In fall, Grandma Cook would send jars of her own pomegranate jelly to dress it up. At the time I also thought it was sort of gross that if the bread had a spot of mold on it, Mom would just pare it away: "Nothing wrong with a little mold."

Well, now I understand. The times we are living through now are teaching us things that maybe we didn't want to know. But if Grandma Cook were still alive, she'd remember the Depression times that taught our family to rely on homemade foods and not to be afraid of a little bit of mold. If my mother were still alive, she

could teach a lot about keeping a small business going through hard times in Windsor County. I try to carry their wisdom with me and share it with my own kids.

I feel that there is so much opportunity now for our communities, state, and nation to learn new things, remember old things, and become stronger for it, just like the generation that lived through the Depression, World War II, and the struggles for equal rights. Much of that growth and change will be accomplished at the level of individual and family choices: how to be resourceful, keep our hearts up, and work together with our neighbors.

But to the extent that our local and state government can lead and help build the future, I feel that I can be useful. I don't have any brilliant ideas or magic beans to save the day, but I read a lot, listen to VPR all day on my farm, and know how to work together with a team to serve the public. I've served Weathersfield for seven years, first on the Planning Commission, and now in my second term on the School Board. My colleagues

there can tell you that I'm one to go along and get along whenever possible, and that I fight when I have to. For example, we kept Act 46 at bay in Weathersfield - while at the same time, the experience of negotiating that mess brought us closer to the other towns in our Supervisory Union. In many ways we came out stronger from the experience of that fight.

We're all being humbled now by the changes we're going through. So I think it's necessary to come to the task of government with humility. As your Representative in Montpelier, I pledge to listen to colleagues, work with the governor, and do what I can to help. I also pledge to be compassionate but frugal with our money, just like Gov. Scott.

I look forward to meeting folks in both towns over the next few months and beyond. This district is our home. Let's make the most of it.

Learn more at www.farm-newsvt.com.

Sincerely,
Sean Whalen
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a state representative for the towns of Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Walpole, and Westmoreland, all in New Hampshire's second Executive Council District, I am pleased to be supporting Cinde Warmington for Executive Council Sept. 8.

The position of executive councilor requires a combination of both professional skills and personal values. Cinde's 40 years of professional experience in healthcare is impressive, both as a frontline healthcare worker and as a healthcare and contract attorney. We don't have anyone on

our executive council right now with a healthcare background, and this expertise is clearly needed as we navigate and rebuild from COVID-19.

Importantly, being an executive councilor requires compassion, empathy, and civility. It requires a commitment to critical issues such as women's health and reproductive rights, priorities that Cinde and I share. Anyone who knows Cinde knows this is who she is - a hard worker, a listener, and someone who knows both how to find common ground and when to stand her ground.

I hope that voters in District 2 will cast their ballot for Cinde Warmington in the Democratic primary Sept. 8.

Sincerely,
Paul Berch
State Representative
Cheshire District 1

CHURCH SERVICES

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Sermons are available live Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on the streaming page at www.chesterbaptist.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Due to the circumstances around COVID-19, we have decided to cancel all church activities for an indefinite period of time. For those who follow the Springfield Vermont Church of Christ Facebook, you can check for updates posted on that page. We will continue to post devotional materials on Facebook so people can stay connected. We will inform our communities when we resume our regular activities.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

As the state is gradually reopening small gatherings, those who are interested in attending service should let Father Mircea know in advance. Email frmircea@earthlink.net for more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services will be held on the first and third Sunday of July and August at 10 a.m. online via Zoom. Services resume Sept. 13, 2020. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

Sunday services are online. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Lnc-1506511432980057.

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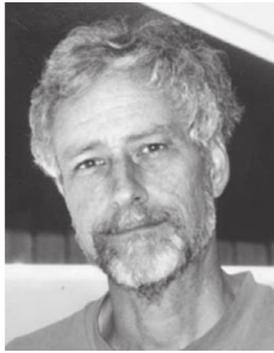
obituaries

Thomas L. Marrone, 1943-2020

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Thomas L. Marrone, 77, passed away unexpectedly in the peaceful waters of Echo Lake July 27, 2020, while on an outing with his wife Margo and grandsons. He was born in Bethpage, N.Y. to Thomas D. and Marian (Maggi) Marrone June 6, 1943. In his teens, they moved to Armonk, N.Y., and he graduated from Pleasantville High School and then received his bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Bridgeport. Tom was part of the Air National Guard in White Plains, N.Y. He worked in sales for various companies in New York and later in Vermont and New Hampshire. He was employed at Green Mountain Industries, later Rutland Industries, which enabled the 1978 move to the ski house he built in his beloved Vermont.

He was a member of the Green Mountain Fly Tyers, led the initial recycling effort in Plymouth, enjoyed coaching boys' tennis at Woodstock Union High School, taught skiing at Round Top and the Killington Junior Program, and was a longtime member of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department. He loved driving fellow American Legion members in the Woodstock Memorial Day parades. He took great pride in his family and loved to have family and friends help with making maple syrup each year. Laid back, fun-loving, and kind, he accepted others easily and had many wonderful friendships that he cherished.

In light of COVID-19, Gwen Groff led a small graveside ser-



Thomas L. Marrone, 1943-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

vice for immediate family July 31, 2020, including a last call salute by the Plymouth Fire Dept. His church family, the congregation of Bethany Mennonite Church, provided flowers and beautiful music.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 46 years, daughter and son-in-law Melissa and Chris Perrino, grandsons Owen and Landon, and several beloved cousins.

There have been so many expressions of affection and warm memories shared that have been a wonderful tribute and great comfort.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Black River Independent School, www.blackriveris.org, for bettering local educational opportunities for children or to Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, P.O. Box 702, Brownsville, VT 05037, on whose board he served for many years. An online guest book can be found at www.cabotfh.com.

Peter Ramsdell, 1946-2020

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Peter Ramsdell, 73, of Cavendish, and formerly of Vernon, Conn., beloved husband of 51 years to Dorothy (Arzt) Ramsdell, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Aug. 2, 2020 at Dartmouth Medical Center. Peter was born Oct. 2, 1946 in Hartford, Conn., son of Raymond and Natalie (Allen) Ramsdell. Peter was the youngest of three brothers, Gary and Alan, and was raised in Vernon.

Peter completed an undergraduate degree from Hamilton College. He received post-graduate degrees from the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut. Peter lived in Ashford, Conn., and worked in the Somers and Vernon School systems for 35 years as a teacher and administrator. He was the president of the Connecticut Science Supervisors Association and members of both the American Lung Association and American Heart Association. He spent his retirement split between his full-time home in Cavendish and Cape Cod.

Peter had a lifetime love of woodworking. He built both the home in Connecticut where he raised his family, as well as his log cabin in Vermont. Peter built his dream woodshop in his Vermont home. Peter was a member of the Snow Travelers snowmobile club in Cavendish, and he spent countless hours performing trail maintenance, which earned him the title club historian.

He enjoyed traveling. While the family was young, he took several cross-country trips seeing numerous national parks and historical sites. After retiring, he went on several trips with Dorothy, including Costa Rica, a Caribbean cruise, Ha-



Peter Ramsdell, 1946-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

waii, Alaska, and Portugal. His all-time favorite trip was the three-week African safari. Above all else, the most joy that he had in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Travis Ramsdell and his wife Kathryn of Suffield, Todd Ramsdell and his wife Penny of Manchester, Adam Ramsdell and his fiancée Courtney Gile of Mansfield; and his grandchildren Alexa, Matthew, Olivia, Ethan, Ristin, and Bowen.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rockville School Science Department, 70 Loveland Hill Rd., Vernon, CT 06066; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Attn: Gift Recording, One Medical Center Dr., HB 7070, Lebanon, NH 03756; or to the American Lung Association of CT, 45 Ash St. East Hartford, CT 06108-3272. For online condolences, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

Michael J. Duhamel, 1947-2020

READING, Vt. – Michael J. Duhamel, 73, died Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at his home. Mike was born July 25, 1947 in Worcester, Mass., son of Wilfred and Elsie (Webster) Duhamel. He graduated from South High School, Worcester, Class of 1965. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mike worked for Consumers Savings in Worcester in their leadership program. He was married to Katherine J. McCroskey Feb. 17, 1979 in Sturbridge, Mass. He later worked at Berkshire Bank in Pittsfield, Mass. before moving to Ludlow, Vt. to work at Vermont National Bank. He stepped away from banking in 2006 but used his considerable sales skills at Sears, Home Depot, Best Buy, and most recently at Books A Million.

Michael was a member of the Ludlow Rotary. Mike was a passionate, ebullient, gentle soul who loved deeply. A natural leader, he studied and knew his passions in depth. A lifelong Red Sox fan, he also loved golfing, cars, music, photography, traveling, playing cards; and in his younger years, he was renowned as a candle pin bowling champ. He loved connecting with and listening to people and could be counted on for an interesting story. He knew how to play and explore new places; his enthusiasm was infectious.

Oakley F. Patenaude, 1931-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Oakley "Oakie" F. Patenaude, 89, passed away at his home Aug. 2, 2020. He was born in Castleton, Vt., July 27, 1931, the son of Frank O. and Dorothy (LaMore) Patenaude. He attended a one-room schoolhouse through eighth grade and graduated from Fair Haven High School in 1949. He joined his father in farming for a few years after high school and eventually moved to Chester, where he worked for 34 years at Fellows Gear Shaper as a machinist before retiring in 1993. He was noted for his strong work ethic, precision manufacturing, and took great pride in his work.

He volunteered with the Chester Boy Scouts and at Chester Recycling. Square dancing with the Precision Valley Squares was a favorite for many years, followed by another learning endeavor in amateur radio, achieving Advanced Class licensure with KA1FGQ as his call sign. He loved having friends in for coffee and conversation during their radio studies. He enjoyed being outdoors cutting, splitting, and stacking wood, driving his Jeep up through the woods, and terrifying anyone who dared go with him.

Camping all over Vermont, Cape Cod, and Kennebunkport, Maine, and traveling around the U.S. visiting national parks and beaches along the East Coast, and meeting new friends along the way gave him joy. Spending time with his family was the highlight of his life, especially with his granddaughters, who were his pride and joy. His sense of humor laced with little ditties, some oldies, and some he made up, kept us all laughing, even in

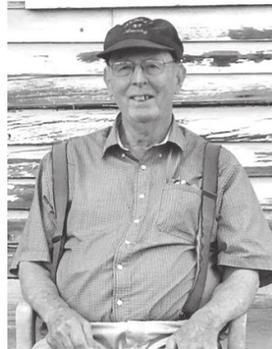


Michael J. Duhamel, 1947-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mike was known for his friendly nature, corny jokes, and his love for Hawaiian shirts, beach adventures, and any kind of sweet treat.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife Katherine Duhamel of Reading; two sons Andrew Duhamel of White River Junction and David Nickerson of Ypsilanti, Mich.; daughter Jennifer Avery; and grandson Jaxson Avery of Hanover, N.H.

A private memorial will be held at the convenience of the family. Knight Funeral Home in Windsor assisted with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to Mike's family in an online guestbook at www.knightfuneralhomes.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Ln., Williston, VT 05495.



Oakley F. Patenaude, 1931-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

stressful times. He restored an early 1940s John Deere Model H tractor, which came to him from his childhood farm in pieces, and he loved it.

Oakie was predeceased by his parents, and his sisters Elsie Pelletier and Shirley Patenaude. He is survived by his wife Lynda (Tefft); son Dan and his wife Dianne, and their daughter Nicole; his daughter Sue and her husband Gary, and their daughter Courtney and son Shawn and his family.

A private burial will be held at the convenience of the family, and a celebration of his life will be held in the summer of 2021, as per his wishes. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156; Springfield Hospital, 25 Ridgewood Rd., P.O. Box 2003, Springfield, VT 05156-2003; or to a charity of one's choice.

Charlie Buffum, 2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Charlie "Chuck" Buffum, 85, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Chuck was born in Fitchburg, Mass., and graduated school in that area in 1952. He then served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Essex. He traversed all over the world during that time. Chuck was an excellent carpenter. He loved the ocean and traveled to Maine and settled in Vermont later on in life. He loved camping, dancing, and followed the Sound Investment band for all the dances he could.

He leaves behind his son Charlie and two daughters – one deceased. A longtime companion Donna Gannon pre-



Charlie Buffum, 2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

deceased him. He had specific friends Chetty and Deb Rowe, Pete and his ex-wife Gert. He will be missed by all.

Mimi Neff, 1942-2020

WESTON, Vt. – Mimi Neff died July 22, 2020 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born in New York, N.Y. April 2, 1942, the daughter of Michael Dubois and Andrea Whitcraft.

Growing up in Long Island, Mimi attended the East Woods School, graduating in the first co-ed class, continuing her high school education at the Westover School, Class of '56, in Middlebury, Conn., and attended Sarah Lawrence College. Mimi married and raised a family on Centre Island, Oyster Bay, N.Y. She and her late husband, W. Perry Neff, were members of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club where their collective accomplishments in yachting still make history today.

Mimi and her husband moved to Weston in 1982, partnering Little Holden Farm, and built a champion 4-H dairy program, became a certified bovine artificial inseminator, consultant for the U.S. Holstein Association, president of the Vermont Holstein Association, and director of the New England Holstein Association. Within the Weston community, she served on the board of the Weston Historical Society, the Weston Craft Show, the Mountain Valley Health Clinic, the Old Parish Church, and the Little School. Mimi was the former president of the Green Mountain Garden Club. She was currently serving terms as the cemetery commissioner and trustee of public funds to Weston.

Retiring from farming, she trained her Labradors in obedience, agility, and as therapy dogs for visitation at assisted living facilities. She was an avid gardener using her home for gar-



Mimi Neff, 1942-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

den tours and supplying flowers for arrangements for local nonprofits and kindly to anyone in need. Mimi's creative interests complimented her interest in painting. She met weekly with her teacher and friends, inspiring her brushes to transform landscapes. She was a lovely skier and a determined golfer.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband W. Perry Neff, and brother Larry. She leaves behind her sons and daughter Terry (Paula), Stewart (Eilish), Michael (Jane), and Laura Reaper (Tony). She will be deeply missed by her eight grandchildren Jasper Neff, Nicholas, Spencer Neff, Jackson, Sydney Reaper, and Hazel, Georgia, Evan Roberts.

Given the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a private family burial service to honor her cherished legendary life. Gifts in her memory can be made to The Old Parish Church, P.O. Box 125, Weston VT 05161; Weston Playhouse Theater Company, 703 Main St, Weston VT 05161; or Bennington County Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1159, Manchester, VT 05254.

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Fish & Wildlife announces 100th WMA in 100 years —

SHREWSBURY, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, along with the Shrewsbury community and the Vermont Land Trust, are celebrating the conservation of their 100th Wildlife Management Area, coincidentally, in the 100th year of department WMA ownership and management in Vermont.

On Aug. 4, the department established the new Wildlife Management Area, a 526.7-acre property in the town of Shrewsbury. Originally settled in the late 1700s, the site was later purchased by the town in 1870 to create a town farm to house the poor. The town farm was abandoned by 1903 and despite exchanging hands several times over the years, it has remained undeveloped, aside from the scattered stone walls and foundations that preserve the old town farm.

“The 100th Wildlife Management Area represents a key parcel in a strategic, state-significant wildlife corridor, connecting state land to the north with federal and privately conserved land to the south,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Com-

missioner Louis Porter. “The property is part of an area we have mapped as a highest ecological priority and one that is critical for maintaining ecological function within Vermont.”

Public Land Section Chief Jane Lazorchak mentioned, “This area is utilized by wide-ranging mammals like black bear, bobcat, moose, and deer, as well as upland bird species and migratory songbirds. On a smaller scale, the property contains small wetlands, vernal pools, early successional forest, and mast-producing trees. In addition to protecting valuable habitat and forest connectivity, this property safeguards public-use for hunting, hiking, wildlife viewing, and other dispersed wildlife-based recreation.”

Since 2008, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission had attempted to arrange funding to conserve the property after learning of its wildlife value through the department’s Community Wildlife Program. After several years of dead ends, the SCC invited the Vermont Land Trust to enter



The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, along with the Vermont Land Trust and the Shrewsbury community, celebrate the conservation of the state’s 100th Wildlife Management Area in the town of Shrewsbury.

PHOTO BY GINA STEWART

as a conservation partner. Local fundraising efforts to draw funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began, after a sizeable lead gift was pledged by VLT. These funds had been bequeathed by the late Joan Sibley, local resident and wildlife enthusiast, for conservation in Shrewsbury.

“We were delighted to work with such a dedicated group of partners. The donor who made this possible lived just down the road from this prop-

erty in a little log cabin,” said Donald Campbell, Vermont Land Trust’s southern regional director. “She loved nothing more than knowing that bears, bobcats, and moose were using the woods around her. Fortunately, many Shrewsbury residents share her love for this land — enough to protect it.”

In September 2019, with a decision to prioritize the land as unique wildlife habitat, the department stepped in as the new prospective owner and

immediately entered into a purchase and sales agreement with the landowner. The department then leveraged its Vermont Habitat Stamp program, which provided local supporters a dedicated channel to raise the remaining funds to finally acquire the property.

“The people of Shrewsbury are very conservation-oriented, and its these people that made this project happen,” said SCC chairman Louise Duda. “For many years, we didn’t think conserving this land was possible, but it is possible, and reaching out to different agencies and working in partnership allowed this to happen.”

Shrewsbury resident and SCC member Mark Youngstrum stated, “It was a wonderful opportunity that came along with this partnership between the community, the state, and the Vermont Land Trust. It’s almost universally supported and nearly everyone in town is excited and looking forward to this property becoming the 100th Wildlife Management Area.”

“Owning and managing Wildlife Management Areas

are vitally important to meeting our mission, which is to protect and conserve the fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the people of Vermont,” said Lazorchak.

“This milestone achievement is widely celebrated by all,” said Wildlife Division Director Mark Scott. “We are very fortunate to be able to collaborate with conservation partners like the Vermont Land Trust and the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission to realize these conservation successes for Vermonters to enjoy into the future.”

The department now owns and manages 100 WMAs throughout the state, comprising nearly 135,000 acres, for fish and wildlife habitat and public access.

Conservation and management of all WMAs is funded through sporting license sales, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Fund, and the Vermont Habitat Stamp. Join the effort and help us continue wildlife conservation with your own Habitat Stamp, www.vtfishandwildlife.com/vthabitatstamp.

Vermont moose hunting permit winners are drawn

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The winners of Vermont’s 2020 moose hunting permits were determined Wednesday, Aug. 5, at a lottery drawing in Montpelier witnessed by Fish & Wildlife’s Director of Wildlife Mark Scott and business systems analyst Cheri Waters. The drawing is done by a random sort of applications that were submitted by a July 8 deadline.

As part of the regular lottery drawing, a “special priority drawing” was held for five permits to go to applicants who are Vermont resident veterans. The unsuccessful applicants from the veteran drawing were

included in the larger regular drawing that followed. All applicants for both drawings who did not receive a permit were awarded a bonus point to improve their chances in future moose permit lotteries.

The department will issue 55 either-sex moose hunting permits in WMU-E in the northeast corner of the state for the moose seasons this October, which is expected to result in the harvest of 30-35 moose.

Winners in this year’s moose hunting lottery are posted in a searchable database on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Peregrine falcon nesting complete —

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Hikers and rock climbers can return to Vermont cliffs as of Aug. 1 now that peregrine falcon nesting season has ended. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has confirmed that all the young falcons have learned to fly and should not be disturbed by human presence on the cliffs.

“The young peregrines have fledged, and nesting data suggest Vermont falcons had a very successful year. A final report will be issued later this year,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s migratory bird biologist Doug Morin. “The falcon’s nesting success is due to a combination of good weather and the cooperation from hikers and rock climbers who observe a respectful distance from nesting falcons during this critical period. Peregrine nesting success would not be possible without more than 50 volunteers who monitor the nest sites statewide from March to the end of July.”

According to Audubon bi-

ologist Margaret Fowle, who coordinates the monitoring effort on behalf of the Fish & Wildlife Department, biologists and volunteers monitored peregrine pairs that occupied at least 56 Vermont cliffs in early spring and summer.

“We greatly appreciate the time and effort volunteers put into monitoring the population this year, and we thank landowners and recreationists for their cooperation in protecting nesting peregrines from human disturbance,” said Fowle.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife and Audubon Vermont partner to monitor and protect peregrine nesting sites in Vermont. Peregrine falcons were removed from the state’s Threatened and Endangered Species List in 2005. Ongoing cooperation from recreationists and continued monitoring efforts by Vermont Fish & Wildlife and Audubon Vermont will help ensure the peregrine’s remarkable recovery in future years.

Fish & Wildlife Dept. now offering online bowhunter education —

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is now offering a new way for Vermonters to obtain their bowhunter certification through an online-only education course.

To protect the health and safety of staff, instructors, and students during the COVID-19 pandemic, the department has made its hunter education, trapper education, and bowhunter education classes available as an online-only option. Although offered on a limited basis, in-person bowhunter education courses are still available, but students will now have the option to take an in-person or online-only bowhunter education course to obtain their bowhunter certification.

Students who want to take the bowhunter education course will need to complete the online homework found at www.bowhunter-ed.com/

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“While our hunter education, trapper education, and bowhunter education courses meet the standards and requirements established by the International Hunter Education Association,” said Hunter Education Program Coordinator Nicole Meier, “we realize that online learning is not for everyone, so we’re encouraging Vermonters who have taken an online course, to also take an in-person class if possible. At the end of the day, hunters are accountable for themselves and their actions to ensure the safety and welfare of all Vermonters, wildlife, and our hunting legacy.”

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Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

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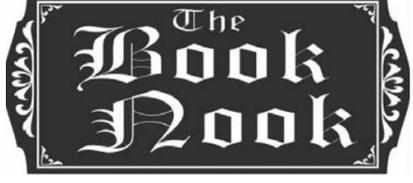
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place, Ainsley Bertone was second place, and Alivia Emerson was the first place winner.

Now, Springfield Community Players, along with John Landry of WCFR Rewind 106.5, have coordinated an outdoor drive-in styled concert: An Evening Under the Stars: A Salute to Broadway.

An Evening Under the Stars: A Salute to Broadway will be performed Aug. 22, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Community Players, 165 South St., in Springfield. Guests will arrive and park in the parking lot, and the musicians will per-

form from the deck of the main entrance to the theater. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and sit under the evening sky and sing along to the music. WCFR Rewind 106.5 will provide a radio frequency for those who wish to stay in their vehicles.

Social distancing will be required, and those using the restrooms in the theater will be required to wear their facial masks to enter the building. "Our goal is to make everyone safe, and we want everyone to enjoy themselves. If anyone feels sick or not well, we would ask that you stay home."

Hospitality manager Claire MacDonald will coordinate volunteers to assist with beverages and ice cream for purchase during the concert. There will be no intermission so the volunteers will make themselves available to guests during the event.

This will be a free concert, and donations will be accepted. Social distancing and state COVID-19 requirements will apply along with Springfield Community Players' safety requirements. For more information, call the ticket box office at 802-885-4098.

Ludlow Rotary Duck Race this Saturday

LULOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary is going forward with their 21st Annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race Saturday, Aug. 15 with the Duck Drop at noon.

This year the funds raised will be used by Ludlow Rotary to support community projects, as their largest fundraiser, the Penny Sale, had to

be canceled in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Time is short – so rent your ducks today. Any business is urged to buy a corporate duck to support the good works of Ludlow Rotary.

Cash prizes are awarded \$200, \$100, \$75, and \$25 for the last little duck that crosses the finish line. Masks and social distanc-

ing will be in place at the start and finish line of the race.

This year's tickets are on sale online via PayPal. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact Head Duck Sharon Bixby at Ludlow Insurance who has tickets and can accept cash or checks. Email seb1@tds.net or call the office 802-228-8823 or at home 802-228-4530.

"Poetic Landscape" fine art show at DaVallia Art & Accents

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Art & Accents invites you to a new fine art exhibition at their 39 North Gallery. Their fine art show, "Poetic Landscape," will feature paintings by Carol Aronson-Shore from Aug. 15 through Oct. 15.

Carol Aronson-Shore employs poetic effects of light, color, and composition to coax magical and mysterious moments out of our daily world. She was a professor of painting and drawing at the University of New Hampshire from 1980 to 1999. Carol has continued to pursue her muse through her evocative landscapes and seascapes. Her compositions are assured and assuring in their light and color relationships. Her professional success is amply demonstrated by the



Carol Aronson-Shore fine art paintings will be on display at DaVallia Art.

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collection of the White House.

Established in 2009, DaVallia has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. DaVallia welcomes you to enjoy this special exhibit.

For more information, visit www.theDavallia.com or call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900 to schedule an appointment for a private viewing.

fact that she has exhibited, and is included in private and corporate collections, across the nation – including the permanent

New sessions of the Memoir Workshops with Pam Bernard

WALPOLE, N.H. – New sessions of the popular Memoir Workshop series will begin from mid to late August, at different times and days depending on a participant's experience. Over the many years the workshops have been offered, over 60 writers from New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts have attended, many returning for dozens of sessions over years. Some of them have recorded their responses.

Jeff Smull of Alstead says, "Pam Bernard revived the dormant writer in me. Shortly after I retired from a decades-long career at the Toadstool Bookshop, I felt the urge to record and reflect upon some of the more significant events in my life, on the good and the bad and, even, the ugly. Having not written for years, I wasn't sure I could still craft a compelling sentence. Turns out I can. That's thanks to Pam. She is a gifted teacher, always sup-

portive and encouraging, and has a deep understanding of the craft of memoir. Joining her workshop is one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Alison Scott of Franconetown says, "I feel cherished, encouraged to risk, and inspired to bring my very best. Her lessons always provide me with a keen appreciation for the craft of writing."

Patti Whalen of Westminster, Vt., says, "Pam's workshop is the highlight of my week. Pam leads each session with skill and warmth bringing the process of memoir writing alive with support and creativity."

Katherine Clarke of Marlborough, professor emeritus, Antioch University New England, says, "Pam's special gift is listening for the authentic voice of a writer to emerge. Her groups are designed to welcome and nourish this voice. When I began to write from my life, she heard me before I did."

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at the



Pam Bernard.

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New Hampshire Institute of Art and Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College and B.A. from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email pam@pambernard.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call 603-756-4177 for more information, including days and times.



Springfield Community Players prepares for drive-in concert.

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AUG. 13 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m., Jane MacKugler will present a slideshow via Zoom on "The Loons on Lowell Lake." This year the loon couple successfully hatched two chicks who have been thriving and growing despite the many attempts of a take-over from intruding loons. Life isn't easy for loons; there are a lot of predators out there. Come learn more about the common loon. You can access the program via Zoom using www.tinyurl.com/LCC-Loons.

AUG. 15 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Aug. 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlestown Senior Center will host a rummage sale at 223 Old Springfield Rd. There's clothing of all sorts and sizes for men, women, children, and babies; small rugs and blankets; linens and cloth; and a little something for everyone. This is a fundraiser for the Senior Center and donations will be accepted. Please practice social distancing. Please wear your mask while you are in the building.

AUG. 15-16 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – The Garden Club of Manchester 100th Anniversary Garden Tour will take place Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 16, from 1-4 p.m. The two-day tour includes 10 glorious gardens – eight private gardens in Manchester and Dorset, as well as the Southern Vermont Arts Center Boswell Trail and the gardens at Hildene. Tickets and information are available online at www.gardenclubofmanchester.com or on Facebook @ gardenclubofmanchester. Facemasks and social distancing are required.

AUG. 16 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Times like these call for outdoor concerts with small ensembles and ample room to stop by and enjoy some music from a safe distance. Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Close to Home and Far Afield" series honors our statewide mission by visiting all 14 of Vermont's counties this summer, bringing a variety of repertoire to town greens, patios, and other outdoor venues. For this edition of "Close to Home and Far Afield," we'll have a string trio in Saxtons River Park Sunday, Aug. 16, from 4-5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Weather permitting. For venue accessibility information, please contact Louise Luring at saxrivgov@gmail.com. In accordance with the state mask mandate, facial coverings are required in public areas when physical distancing is not possible.

AUG. 22 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Neal's Concert Productions presents the Jake Kulak and the LowDown Aug. 22 at Neal's Restaurant & Bar in Proctorsville, Vt. Doors open at 5 p.m. and show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are extremely limited. Show is for 21 and older only. Tickets are available at the restaurant. Jake Kulak and the LowDown bring their blend of modern and

traditional guitar-driven blues and blues-rock to music lovers everywhere. Neal's is located at 2588 Route 103, Proctorsville. For more information or updates, go to www.facebook.com/nealsrestaurant or give owner Neal Baron a call at the restaurant at 802-226-7251.

AUG. 24-25 – REGION – Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board will host public hearings Aug. 24 and 25 on proposed changes to the turkey hunting regulation and the regulation on reporting requirements for hunters who take big game during hunting seasons. The proposed regulations are at www.vfhandwildlife.com/about-us/fish-and-wildlife-board/board-rules. On Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m., go to www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86223604609. Meeting ID: 862 2360 4609. Dial in Phone Number: 929-436-2866. On Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m., go to www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87928057824. Meeting ID: 879 2805 7824. Dial in Phone Number: 929-436-2866. Public comments can also be provided by sending them to ANR. FVPublicComment@vermont.gov by Sept. 2.

SEPT. 19 – REGION – Harpoon's Flannel 5k is going virtual for the first time! Participants of the annual race benefitting the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center can commit to running or walking a 5k course of their choosing Saturday, Sept. 19 or Sunday, Sept. 20. Those interested can register for one of three levels that include various gift pack items, including a 6-pack of Harpoon Flannel Friday Beer. New this year, race bibs will have space for

participants to write the names of loved ones who are or have battled cancer. Participants will be encouraged to use the #harpoonflannel5k during race weekend to join the community and enter to win virtual contests. Learn more and register at www.harpoonflannel5k.com.

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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