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WNESU institutes hybrid plan to reopen schools

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Windham Northeast Supervisory Union recently voted to move forward with a hybrid, or staggered, school schedule recommended by the superintendent to begin next month. The voting took place Aug. 5 via a Zoom conference, which included more than 200 people participating in the meeting. The plan will be instituted for Bellows Falls Union High School, Bellows Falls Middle School, Central Elementary School, Grafton Elementary School, Saxtons River Elementary School, and Westminster Center School.

Vermont schools are set to reopen Sept. 8 – six months after Gov. Phil Scott had ordered



WNESU discussing hybrid school schedules. PHOTO PROVIDED

all schools in the state to close in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The final three months of the previous school year had been conducted between teachers and students via Google Meets conferencing.

The plan for the upcoming

school year is for each school to alphabetically divide the student body for into two groups, with the first group physically attending school on Monday and Tuesday, and the second group attending on Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, students and teachers will work together remotely while the vacant schools are deep cleaned. School day start times, schedules, and classes are still being determined.

It was decided that this hybrid plan will go into effect for the first six weeks of the school

year, then will be reviewed by the WNESU to see what revisions, if any, need to be made. The majority of the people who attended the meeting were in favor of this hybrid plan, which is different than the initial plan previously recommended by the Rockingham School Board, calling for students to physically attend school five days a week, while following the Agency of Education's pandemic protocols, including social distancing and masks for all teachers and students.

However, although WNESU is responsible for various district-wide services such as transportation and food service, the recent decision to institute the hybrid plan in the Bellows Falls area does not override the Rockingham School Board's ini-

tial plan, which remains undetermined at press time.

Initially, it was believed there could be enough space at the various schools to accommodate all students while adhering to Vermont's social distancing requirements, but upon further examination it was determined that it is simply not feasible. Therefore, the hybrid schedule and protocols were designed by a pandemic task force, made up of school administrators, directors, nurses, and teachers.

To ensure safety for all, it will be a requirement that school nurses perform a daily screening for each student before they enter the building, which will include a temperature check and specific questions about health and any possible symptoms of illness. Additionally, if a student

fails a screening, either at the initial screening or during the school day, the student's parent or guardian will be notified and required to pick up the student.

The school nurses are also working with state of Vermont guidelines on a plan to help streamline this potentially time-consuming process, such as creating a Google Doc that can be used via cell phone to answer screening questions before the student arrives at school, as well as the possibility of a student's temperature being taken from home by a parent or guardian.

There will soon be more information available to parents and students in regards to safety protocol, school day start times, and class scheduling. Please visit the WNESU website at www.wnesu.org.

Tax credits to help revitalize historic buildings in Bellows Falls, Springfield

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS/SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Aug. 13, Gov. Phil Scott announced that 27 Vermont communities received tax credits totaling \$3.2 million for 30 projects in downtown centers across the state. Among these projects, Springfield and Bellows Falls each received credits for two projects in each downtown.

Bellows Falls was awarded \$30,750 for the Bellows Falls Firehouse at 17 Rockingham St. as well as \$200,000 for 115 Rockingham St., a property that is "an early example of a now common parking garage," which will be rehabilitated into low income housing. Springfield received \$443,500 for their continuing development of the Black River Innovation Campus at 60 Park St. and \$62,500 for the Cotton Mill at 16 Park St.

"I'm proud to see Vermont's continued commitment to investing in downtowns during these uncertain times," Gov. Scott said during his announcement. "It is a testament to our sense of community and en-

trepreneurship, and I'm pleased the state can support this work through this program."

The property at 17 Rockingham St. is the old Bellows Falls Firehouse that was built in 1904. Today, it houses seven mixed-use rental spaces, including Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio, a full-service landscaping and gardening design studio, with six employees who are now operating out of the third floor space. The \$30,750 tax credit award will go toward installing a sprinkler system throughout the building. The whole project will cost \$61,500, and the final result will make the property more economically viable for the downtown.

An old parking garage at 115 Rockingham St. is undergoing a hefty renovation to be used for 26 low-income apartment units, including five units for the homeless. The rehabilitation will include exterior alterations, accessibility upgrades, efficiency and indoor air quality, and mitigation of hazardous



Revitalizations projects happening in Bellows Falls and Springfield.

materials. The full project will cost approximately \$8.8 million.

Springfield Regional Development Corp. recently purchased the Park Street School to house the Black River Innovation Campus that is a major draw to the area of Springfield. The campus has a temporary workspace for remote work, but the renovation of the campus includes co-working and private commercial space, 24 studio apartments, a renovated gym, and an 800-seat theater. The total project costs \$15.5 million. The Park Street School redevelopment project was

awarded a \$443,500 tax credit.

"SRDC greatly appreciates the continued strong state support for the Park Street redevelopment project and for the Black River Innovation Campus," says Bob Flint, executive director of SRDC. "This is an important puzzle piece to help us move forward with this effort, and we hope to have more good news to share soon!"

"The corner stone of downtown," the Cotton Mill, at 16-20 Park St., will be renovated into multi-housing units and commercial spaces. The project costs \$147,200 and the tax cred-



PHOTOS PROVIDED

it award was \$62,500. The work will focus on code compliance and expanding the second floor to accommodate three apartments, enhancing the street level entrance, and supporting the rental of the commercial space.

"The pandemic has required everyone to step back and re-think what they do," said Josh Hanford, Housing and Community Development commissioner. "It's extremely inspiring for me to see that Main Street building owners have decided there has never been a better time to make the place they call home even better for their resi-

dents, businesses, and visitors."

Overall, the tax credits will support over \$160 million in rehabilitation projects in downtowns and village centers across Vermont. Other projects include a lodging facility in Rochester with accommodations for cross-country hikers and bikers; conversion of the former Bridgewater School into a community center; rehabilitation of general stores in Craftsbury and East Calais; and more.

For more information, www.accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits.

Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund receives \$550K to help businesses

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Regional Development Corporation has announced that they have been awarded a \$550,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to capitalize and administer the Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund for loans to coronavirus-impacted small businesses in southern Windsor County.

SRDC Executive Director Bob Flint said that applications for this special COVID RLF would be available Sept. 1. He said that these funds are intend-

"We greatly appreciate the support from the EDA."

ed for use for COVID-related impact, such as working capital needs or helping to cover equipment or renovation costs. "We greatly appreciate the support from the EDA and the recognition that our businesses need access to funding opportunities to help them move to economic recovery," Flint said.

The Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund utilizes funds from the Economic Development Administration. Funding from the RLF is available to applicants in the ten towns in the SRDC service region.

For more information about the Springfield Area Revolving Loan Fund, or to get a loan application, please contact Paul Kowalski at SRDC, pkowalski@springfielddevelopment.org or 802-885-3061.

Getting started with Everyone Eats

REGION – Everyone Eats will be coming very soon to Rockingham, Westminster, Athens, and Grafton.

Everyone Eats is a new federally-funded program supporting restaurants, farmers, food producers, and the local economy while also feeding the community. Local restaurants, currently including Jamaican Jewelz, MKT: Grafton, Wunderbar, Allen Brothers, Leslie's, and Smokin' Bowls, will be making to-go meals for people in Rockingham, Westminster, Athens, and Grafton impacted by COVID-19. Restaurants will be reimbursed for the meals, and meals are free to those requesting them. Restaurants

use locally produced food for 10% of each meal made. The goal of this program is to help stabilize communities by nourishing Vermonters and providing economic support to restaurants and farmers.

To join the program, fill out the Everyone Eats form online at www.rockinghamlibrary.org. Applicants can also call the Rockingham Free Public Library at 802-463-4270 to fill out the form. When the program begins, pick-up locations will be announced. At each pick-up, households will receive one meal for each person in the household. Recognizing that transportation can be an issue, a household can pick up meals for up to three other households.

Everyone Eats is made available by a partnership between Rockingham Help & Helpers, Our Place, Rockingham Development Office, Rockingham Free Public Library, and Windham Northeast Supervisory Union. Chester Helping Hands is submitting the grant as the food hub for several towns in Windham and Windsor counties. The grant is made possible through the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development and Southeastern Vermont Community Action.

For more information, contact Sam at the Rockingham Free Public Library at 802-463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or email sam@rockinghamlibrary.org.

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Kurn Hattin staff honored for dedication to children

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Thirteen staff members were the recipients of awards at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children All Staff Meeting Aug. 19 during Training Week.

Eleven were recognized for the longevity of their service: 25 years – Susan Kessler, assistant executive director; 20 years – Thomas Fontaine, science teacher; 15 years – Suzanne Peltier, houseparent, and

Heather Longe, development office manager; 10 years – Rory Longe, school custodian; five years – Keri Newton, former Dean of Students, John Reed, assistant to Residential Life, and houseparents Robert Siegel, Meranda Chandler, Wendy Burke, and Daniel Barile.

Two staff members received “Above and Beyond Awards” for stepping up to take on responsibilities outside of their



Staff recipients of “Above and Beyond Awards” at Kurn Hattin Homes: Carol Bazin and Clint Plante.

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Staff recipients of Service Awards at Kurn Hattin Homes (pictured from left to right): Suzanne Peltier, Daniel Barile, Robert Siegel, Meranda Chandler, Tom Fontaine, Heather Longe, Rory Longe, and Sue Kessler. Missing from photo: Wendy Burke, John Reed, and Keri Newton.

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normal role: Carol Bazin, co-assistant director of Residential Life, and Clint Plante, co-assistant director of Residential Life.

Through these awards, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children expresses sincere appreciation

for loyalty, diligence, and dedicated service during these staff members’ tenure. We could not offer a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment without our exem-

plary staff!

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NECCA reopens fall classes

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Move your body. Ease your mind. That’s what the New England

Center for Circus Arts invites in their upcoming session of new classes. NECCA reopened

over the summer with extensive COVID safety precautions and the fall session brings the fitness, joy, and creativity that students are familiar with in a safe way.

Leave it to the circus to get creative – in-person class structures have been rearranged to reinforce social distancing and mask wearing, and students who are unable to come in person to NECCA can still include circus fitness in their lives through new virtual programming. Virtual options focus on at home fitness including stretching, conditioning, and inversions and handstands.

NECCA is offering two fall sessions. Space is limited due to distancing requirements, so it is recommended that students register as soon as possible. Fall Session I: Sept. 8 – Oct. 25; Fall Session II: Oct. 26 – Dec. 20 and no class Nov. 23-29.

Registration and information at www.necenterforcircusarts.org or call 802-254-9780. For answers about what NECCA is doing for COVID safety, the protocols are shared on the website along with schedule and class options.

NECCA is also available for homeschool group lessons either in-person or virtually. NECCA coaches offer circus classes for physical training, as well as ways to integrate project-based learning such as mathematics of rigging and knot tying, problem-solving through juggling challenges, circus history, and performance development in a variety of genres, etc. These classes can be set up by inquiring at info@necenterforcircusarts.org.

And thanks to help from student and staff volunteers and support from Edible Brattleboro and Brattleboro Time Trade, there is a new community garden at NECCA. Pick your own peppers, cucumbers, and fresh salad greens to share!

Come find out how fun it can be to work hard, play hard, and even socialize from your own designated space at NECCA.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The Skinner place

The photo with this article is the Skinner place on Dodge Road in Popple Dungeon. Virginia Blake Clark wrote much about this farm in her book, "The Source: Popple Dungeon, Vermont."



The Skinner place. Taken October 31st, 1888. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"The Skinner family was on the farm by 1855 and remained for many years... The second home, which burned down in 1914, was built on the same location

as the original. This was a very substantial wood house with 16 rooms and a carriage shed to the side. An interesting small round window let light into the attic. A large porch stretched across the front. Here one could sit and view the valley below. On a clear day looking southeast from the peak of the hill behind the house, Mount Mansfield in New Hampshire was visible.

"Two large barns were located across the road from the house. All three were lost to fire; the first barn in 1908, the house in 1914 and the second barn in 1938. The first to burn was the larger barn that sat down hill to the left of the house. The Bellows Falls Times, a weekly paper, reported in August 1908, 'Last Thursday during one of the hardest thunder showers of the season Mr. Skinner, had a large barn struck by lightning and it burned together with 50 tons of hay and some farming tools. Mr. Skinner had just gotten his last load of oats as the shower approached. The barn was the largest in town and would accommodate 50 head of cattle.'

"The second barn, across from the house, burned in November of 1936 when Frank Blake owned the property. The family was called early in the evening and told that their barn was on fire. All who were alerted went as fast as possible to the hill, for the grass was very dry from

drought. The barn was beyond saving, but considerable effort was spent putting out the fire that was racing down the hillside toward Chester. November is deer-hunting season in Vermont, and speculation was that the fire was caused by a hunter dropping a cigarette as he took shelter in the barn. With the loss of this barn all buildings on Farm A had now disappeared.

"A ten-acre orchard behind the house on Farm A produced a variety of apples through many years. On the open hillside sloping down to the valley, long stone walls divided three fields of eight, seven and thirty acres. Even today two very large stone piles are visible in the 30 acre field, proof of the long, backbreaking hours of labor to clear these fields..."

The orchard

When I was a boy in the early 1960s, I visited this property countless times. I lived on High Street. If I went to the end of High Street to Crocker's Camp and continued on the old road I would end up at the Skinner place. In those days, there were still apple trees producing apples. There was one apple tree about 20 inches in diameter. About four feet above the ground it divided into three trunks, each about eight inches in diameter. This created a comfortable saddle for sitting, complete with backrest. I spent many hours sitting here gazing at the views Virginia describes.

I remember one apple in particular. They were six inches

in diameter. The skin color varied from blue to red to green. I brought one home once to show my mother. She called it a Blue Wolfgang. That may or may not be the real name.

Farmers have always adapted to changing markets. Beginning in the 1860s, farmers began buying apple trees to establish orchards. The railroad made shipping apples to Boston a profitable business.

In Child's 1884 Windsor County Gazetteer I found this entry: "Skinner Harvey J., (Chester) r 60, dairy 16 cows, 10 head young stock, sugar orchard 250 trees, apple orchard 1,000 trees, and farmer 1,300 (acres)."

Bud Nadeau, Billy Parker, or Steve Waldo tagged along with me sometimes. In those days only four-wheel drive vehicles could pass.

I remember the Skinner cellar hole had large trees growing up out of it. A barn foundation was across the road. While I didn't know the above history then, I felt it.

Study the photo. You'll even see the round window Virginia mentions.

Virginia Clark's Popple Dungeon book is available at Blair Books & More on the green in Chester. Jon Clark tells me Virginia just turned 99 and is doing well.

This week's old saying: "Marry a rich person. Expect to work for the money."

American Precision Museum hosts Windsor Day

WINDSOR, Vt. – The American Precision Museum's annual Windsor Day event takes place Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with hourly demonstrations of both vintage and modern state-of-the-art machines. Door prizes include behind-the-scenes tours, museum mugs and backpacks, 3D printed souvenirs, mini rockets, and more. Masks are required and free hand sanitizing stations are available inside the museum. Families are wel-

come. "Windsor Day is a great chance for locals to be tourists in their hometown. Take a staycation. Come find out what that big, old building is on Route 5," says Steve Dalesio, executive director. "There will be lots of different, exciting demonstrations, rocket launches and Sphero robot battles, in addition to all of our regular exhibits. At some point, every Vermonter really should visit here."

The American Precision Museum is located in the 1846 Robbins & Lawrence Armory, a National Historic Landmark, and traces the beginnings of manufacturing to modern technology through exhibits and interactive programs. Open daily, Memorial Day Weekend through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The American Precision Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, offering free admission to active duty military and their families.

Free showing of "Selma" to honor civil rights hero Rep. John Lewis

RUTLAND, Vt. – "Selma," the powerful historical drama that chronicles the Montgomery voting rights marches with Dr. Martin Luther King, John Lewis, and other important leaders of the 1960s civil rights movement, will be screened Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Paramount Theatre Drive-in at the Vermont State Fair. The free screening is a collaboration between the Rutland Chapter of the NAACP, which is presenting the film with the Paramount Theatre, and Green Mountain Power, which is sponsoring the event through a corporate charitable fund.

"The film demonstrates the incredible risks faced by and leadership of Rep. Lewis, Dr. King, and others," said Tabitha Moore, president of the Rutland branch of the NAACP. "Showing the film is a fitting tribute to Rep. Lewis, who fought for equal rights for all Americans his entire life. It's a fight that continues today, and we hope the film will inspire this community and its growing support for anti-racism and equality."

The film highlights the perseverance of African Americans in demanding the right to vote, including Lewis, who was brutally beaten by Alabama state troopers, but ultimately was successful. Start time is 8 p.m., with gates opening at 7:30 p.m. Free

tickets, which are required, are available on a first-come, first-

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all voters who voted in the Aug. 11, 2020 primary, exercising their right to vote. Special congratulations are in order to all those candi-

dates who won their respected primaries.

I look forward to meeting as many voters as possible between now and Election Day.

Sincerely,

Michael Jasinski Sr.
Windser County Senate Candidate

Dear Editor,

And just like that, we are right back in the thick of things. It seems way too recent that I was writing how we had just adjourned, and now as I write this I've already had two days of budget meetings. The State Legislature officially reconvenes Tuesday, Aug. 25, but some committees have already started meeting as of Aug. 18 to prepare for budget negotiations. As before, legislators are telecommuting, so those meetings are conducted over Zoom, and they are livestreamed on YouTube. Links can be found to all the legislative YouTube channels here: www.legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming.

Most of the meetings going on right now are in the fiscal committees - House Appro-

priations and House Ways and Means. That being said, some "policy" committees have been meeting during this adjournment to discuss time-sensitive topics, for example: the House Education Committee has met during adjournment to talk about schools reopening next month; and the House Judiciary Committee has held three public hearings over just the last two weeks to talk about systemic changes to law enforcement in Vermont, conversations started in response to the racial justice protests that continue throughout the country.

We have a lot of work to do and very little time to do it. When we adjourned at the end of June, we had passed a state budget that funded the government for the first quarter of the fiscal year, July-September. Now we must pass a budget that funds the government through

the remainder of the fiscal year, October-June.

The governor has made his proposal for that budget, which does include some major potential policy changes, and we must explore the details of that proposal to ensure we agree with the policies or negotiate changes with the administration where we don't. In a normal year this process takes the House around eight weeks to review and make our proposal to the Senate, the Senate then takes another seven weeks to get their proposal back to the House, then there are a few more weeks for the House and Senate to negotiate and iron out details where we disagree. Under our new schedule, the House has about two weeks to get a budget to the Senate. So, these will be a very hectic and busy few weeks.

As always, I hope to hear from you if you have any questions or comments about this or anything else. Stay safe and stay strong!

Sincerely,
Logan Nicoll
State Representative
Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 11, primary voters had the difficult task of choosing two Democratic candidates to represent Windham-3 in the Vermont House of Representatives in the general election Nov. 3. I am very grateful to have been chosen as one of those two. I would both be humbled and honored to serve Windham-3 as our state rep. and I want to take my focus on problem solving to the Statehouse to take on the difficult challenges in healthcare, our economy, education, social justice, climate change, among others. I am thankful for the support of voters in the primary and I humbly ask for support again in the general election in Novem-

ber. Ballots will be mailed out directly to every voter in Vermont by the Secretary of State in September. As you have no doubt heard, the president is trying to disrupt the United States Postal Service to slow down the return of those ballots. So please consider three options:

1. If you choose to mail your ballot back in, do so by Oct. 20, just to give our postal workers adequate business days to process them, or
2. Hand deliver your completed ballot to your town clerk prior to the election, or
3. On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, vote in person or bring

your completed ballot to your polling place.

This election has been called the battle for the soul of our democracy. Please take these words seriously and vote in this critical election. Thank you for voting this past Tuesday and for hopefully supporting me in the general election Nov. 3.

Please contact me through my website, www.LeslieGoldmanVT.com, with thoughts and questions. I will be in touch with you.

Again, thank you,
Leslie Goldman
Democratic candidate
Windham-3 House of Representatives

Dear Editor,

I'm Cinde Warmington, a candidate for New Hampshire's Executive Council District 2 and a lifelong healthcare advocate and Democratic activist.

I'm running for Executive Council because I know that one vote on the Executive Council is the difference between Planned Parenthood being funded and women across our state being denied essential health care services; one vote on the Executive Council is the difference between a Commissioner of Education who supports public education and one who seeks to undermine it every single day; one vote on the Executive Council is the difference between a Supreme Court that upholds our fundamental rights and one who seeks to undermine the right to choose, the right to vote, and the right to marry the one you love.

I've worked in healthcare for 40 years: 20 years in laboratory medicine and hospitals,

and 20 as a healthcare attorney. Currently, we have no one on the Executive Council with a healthcare background, despite health and human services being the largest share of our state budget. Now in the midst of a public health crisis, this expertise is desperately needed. As a healthcare worker and now a healthcare attorney, I've seen the challenges many Granite Staters face in accessing quality, affordable healthcare, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. On the Executive Council, I will work to expand access and lower costs for New Hampshire families.

I'm also an activist. I started knocking on doors two decades ago to elect Democratic candidates. From chairing my town committee, to now chairing the New Hampshire Democratic Party's Platform Committee, I know our Democratic values, I know how to fight for

them, and I know how to get the job done. I'm honored to have more than 65 Democratic and labor leaders supporting my campaign, including Senate President Donna Soucy, Speaker Steve Shurtleff, Rep. Lucy Weber, Rep. Paul Berch, and five New Hampshire labor unions.

I have a bold vision to put the power of the Executive Council to work for the people, and I'm prepared give this job my full-time attention to make that happen. I believe if every one of us steps up to do what we can to make a difference, we can elect leaders up and down the ballot who will stand up for us and for our values.

Sincerely,
Cinde Warmington
Concord, N.H.
The New Hampshire towns of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, and Walpole are in Executive Council District 2.

Dear Editor,

Vermont schools are preparing for September openings amid COVID-19. School administrators, in consultation with staff, families, and public health officials, have been working hard to reinvent our educational systems in ways that provide students with rich learning while keeping students, staff, and the public safe. While some schools are looking at returning to in-person classes, others are planning to continue virtual instruction; most are expecting to use some combination of in-person and virtual instruction. Social distancing and frequent sanitizing will be the new normal in schools. Some students will adjust easily and thrive in this new normal; some students will struggle.

Families are seeking alternatives for their students. If they have means, they may choose to dip into their pockets to hire private teachers for their children or small "pods" of children from a few families. Vermont is experiencing a significant uptick in parents applying to homeschool their children. Articles about "Unschooling," an informal learning practice that advocates for learner-chosen activities, appear in the national press.

Vermont's educational system provides alternatives. For students 16 years and older, Vermont Adult Learning is one of those alternatives. Vermont Adult Learning offers a flexible pathway for students to earn a

high school diploma via free services tailored to their individual learning needs. With a range of options, from tech center courses to independent studies, students work with an academic advisor to craft an educational pathway that meets their goals and learning needs while also meeting their high schools' graduation requirements. We provide small classes, 1:1 supports, and intensive academic advising, allowing for career exploration and bridges to continuing education or the workforce. We work closely with the high school throughout the process and, in the end, students earn their diploma from their local high school.

Every student deserves a quality education tailored to their unique needs and goals. Providing that is challenging in the best of times. As Vermont's educational community works to restructure our systems to continue providing services in a world changed by a global pandemic, Vermont Adult Learning and Vermont's other adult education providers are here to help ensure as many students as possible get the education they deserve.

Our passion to help students succeed drives our work. We are here to help, one aspiring student at a time. Find us at www.vtadultlearning.org.

Sincerely,
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King Crossword

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- 1 Early bird?
- 4 Said "not guilty"
- 8 Molt
- 12 By way of
- 13 Emanation
- 14 Rent
- 15 Work unit
- 16 Whirl
- 17 Long-billed wader
- 18 Sprinter's device
- 21 Many millenia
- 22 Parcel of land
- 23 Allude (to)
- 26 Driver's license datum
- 27 Foundation
- 30 Out of control
- 31 "Oklahoma!" baddie
- 32 Stead
- 33 Vat
- 34 Haw partner
- 35 Sureen accessory
- 36 Prohibit
- 37 Emeril's shout
- 38 Extremely exciting
- 45 Plankton component
- 46 Love god
- 47 Dove's remark
- 48 Works with
- 49 New Haven school
- 50 Choose
- 51 Not so much
- 52 Resorts international?
- 53 "The Matrix" role
- 7 Hung
- 8 Half a circus clown's pair
- 9 Vagrant
- 10 - The Red
- 11 Dilbert's worksite
- 19 Stench
- 20 Go a few rounds
- 23 Snitch
- 24 Ostrich's cousin
- 25 Pass (off)
- 26 Total
- 27 Auction action
- 28 Wet wriggler
- 29 Payable
- 31 Football garb
- 32 Genie's home
- 34 Chapeau
- 35 Expires
- 36 Marching-band section
- 37 Half of 49-Across' fight song
- 38 Booty
- 39 Otherwise
- 40 Census statistics
- 41 Snare
- 42 PC picture
- 43 "Unh-unh"
- 44 Attend

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obituaries

Alice B. Baker, 1944-2020

HILL, N.H. – A few days shy of her 77th birthday, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, our beloved wife and mother, Alice B. (Melendy) Baker, passed away. Alice was born in Mount Holly, N.J., to David E. and Alice (Merchant) Melendy. She graduated from Chester High School in Chester, Vt. In 1962, she married Richard N. Baker and they raised five children together.

Alice loved spending time with her family and friends and always looked forward to the annual summer vacations camping throughout New England. She especially loved the ocean and visiting along the southern coast of Maine. Alice loved bowling and was a member of leagues at the Plaza Bowl in Springfield, and she was also an avid Red Sox

fan. Alice was a waitress at many area restaurants, later working in the clerical department at Grace Cottage Hospital.

Alice is survived by her husband Richard of 58 years and four children Richard, December-Lynn, Rusty, and Nicholas and their spouses. She is also survived by her sister Clara Derry and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Alice was predeceased by her daughter Heather, son-in-law Tim, grandson Zachery, three brothers, and two sisters.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Andover Town Hall. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Grace Cottage Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Kevin M. Baker, 1956-2020

ANDOVER, Vt. – Kevin Michael Baker of Andover passed away unexpectedly doing what he loved Aug. 15, 2020. Kevin was born in Springfield, Feb. 19, 1956 to Sally (Osborne) Gilmore and John Richard Baker. Kevin lived on the family farm in Andover where he grew up taking care of the farm animals and being a country boy. Kevin served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1976-1979 and then worked in various logging industry jobs before joining Andover road crew. Kevin retired as foreman of the road crew in 2017, after 23 years of looking to the safety of the town roads and the people driving on them.

Kevin was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved spending time in the woods. He was known for his good humor, storytelling, and willingness to talk to anyone. Kevin would bring home stray plants from doing roadwork and tuck them into his various garden spots. A self-taught accordionist, Kevin enjoyed plinking away at polka music. Kevin's true passion was logging. Once he retired from the town, he was able to pursue that for the past three years. Kevin loved his family and his community very much.

Kevin leaves behind his wife Wendalyn Truax Baker; mother Sally Gilmore of West Addison; his father John Richard Baker of Florence, Ky.; two daughters Verity Baker and husband Antonio DaCosta of Exeter, N.H., and Mia Baker and her partner Ben Turco and their son Asher M. Turco of Ludlow; stepchildren Fatime Nesimi of Ludlow,



Kevin M. Baker, 1956-2020.
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Steve and Nik Nesimi of Brooklyn, N.Y., Jemile Nesimi Hobson of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; sister Sharon Baker of Chester; brothers Tyson Baker of Salina, Kan., Pat Baker of Wichita, Kan., and John Davison Jr. of Killen, Texas. Kevin leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews, mother-in-law Colleen M. Truax of Chester, and an extensive group of in-laws. He is predeceased by his second wife Frances (Armele) Baker; stepfather John Davison; sister Anna (Davison) Kalinen; brother Ronald Parks; and father-in-law Paul W. Truax.

Services will be held outdoors Aug. 27, 2020 at 2 p.m. on at the Keck Farm in Andover. Please dress casually – logging, hunting, and working gear welcome. Please bring a lawn chair.

Kevin loved flowers, and Wendy would love to be able to plant more in the gardens for remembering him. Donations may also be given to Chester Fire and Rescue.

Gladys M. Bickford, 1925-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gladys M. "Rusty" (Doyle) Bickford, a Springfield resident since 1994, passed away in August 2020.

She was born in 1925, the daughter of Robert and Florence (Grant) Doyle in Bootle, Liverpool, England. Her Irish parents had moved to Liverpool to find work and returned to Dublin, Ireland soon after her birth. Later, the family immigrated to the United States and resided in Jamaica Plain, Boston.

Gladys attended schools in Dublin and Boston and she worked for Western Union and Sears Roebuck in Boston and as a reporter for the Salem Evening News in Salem, Mass. Most of her life was spent as a devoted volunteer at her church at local public schools and hospitals and other organizations.

She married Elwood "Woody" Bickford in 1953 and moved to Burlington, Vt., where he attended the University of Vermont and where their children Dale and Mary Jane were born. Thereafter, she lived in Freeport, N.Y., Central Islip, N.Y.,

East Brunswick, N.J., Billerica, Mass., Topsfield, Mass., Parsippany, N.J. and Springfield, Vt.

In retirement, she and her husband moved to Springfield where she was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's Church and volunteered at the local Meals on Wheels program.

She is survived by her husband Elwood and children Dale of Springfield and Mary Jane of Seabrook, N.H.; a brother Robert Marshall of Bridgemanpton, N.Y.; godson Joseph Morel of Barnard, Vt.; goddaughter Aine Doyle of New York City; and in-laws, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother in 1940 and her father in 1944.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Her remains would have been donated to Dartmouth Medical School for medical research and teaching as her final volunteer effort and as a long-term member of the donor program, but her gift was denied.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Terry L. Goddard, 1961-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Terry L. Goddard, 58, passed away at his home Monday evening, Aug. 17, 2020. He was born Nov. 17, 1961 in Manchester, Vt., the son of Paul R. and Lois (Capen) Goddard. He attended Chester schools, graduating from Green Mountain High School, Class of 1979.

Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, socializing, and taking rides on the back roads of Vermont. He was a longtime member of the Andover Community Church.

Terry is survived by his mother Lois, sister Mary Ann Salo, and five nephews Jason, Nathan, Freddie Jr., Josiah, and Dennis. He was predeceased by his father Paul.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Rev-



Terry L. Goddard, 1961-2020.
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erend Daryl Martens will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Community Church, c/o Patti Gordon, 2625 Simonsville Rd., Andover, VT 05143.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Marion H. Robinson, 1923-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Marion H. Robinson, 95, passed away April 26, 2019 at Hanover Terrace in Hanover, N.H. She was born Nov. 21, 1923 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Lyman A. and Gretta (Trefrey) Howard. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1941.

She was married to William R. Robinson. He predeceased her June 7, 1997. She worked as a secretary in the machine tool industry. Marion enjoyed reading, knitting, cooking, gardening, and caring for her daughter Susan.

She is survived by her daughter Anne Stocker of Chester, Vt., one grandson, one great-granddaughter, and one great-grandson. She was predeceased by her husband, one daughter Susan J. Robinson in 2015, and by her sister Daisy Currie in 2016.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. Contributions may be made in her name to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

OBITUARIES: In order to have room for each Obituary we receive, submissions are limited to 300 words. We reserve the right to shorten any Obituary.

Larry T. Fleury, 1955-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Larry Fleury, 65, passed away July 25, 2020 at his home in Springfield, Vt. He was born June 11, 1955 in Burlington, Vt. Larry was a graduate of Burlington High School.

He enjoyed the times when he was able to get together with family and especially enjoyed the treasure hunt of a good flea market.

He is survived by and dearly missed by his wife of 18 years Pat (Emery). Larry was predeceased by his parents Albert and Geraldine (Cyr) Fleury. He is also survived by his brother Lee Compagna and his wife Linda of Efland, N.C. and his sister Mary Greenough of Spring Hill, Fla.

In addition, Larry leaves three nephews Joseph Compagna of Acton, Mass., Robert Compagna of Newton, Mass., Colin Greenough and his wife Lori of Spring Hill, Fla.; three great nephews Drew Compagna of Rhode Island, Pierce and



Larry T. Fleury, 1955-2020.
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Aidan Greenough of Florida; a special cousin Pam Root of Duluth, Ga.; and many other cherished aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Springfield, Vt. for their kindness and support of Larry. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Mary E. Lachapelle, 1932-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mary E. Lachapelle, 88, passed away at the Springfield Hospital Tuesday evening, Aug. 18, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born Jan. 10, 1932 in Ludlow, Vt., the daughter of Orison and Ida M. (Hart) Thomas. She attended Ludlow schools.

On July 25, 1953, she married Edward S. "Frenchy" Lachapelle in Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her Dec. 15, 2006.

In her younger years, she worked for Bryant Grinder, Sears, and Betty & Romas. She owned and operated Modern Upholstery on Valley Street in Springfield for many years and was chief cook and bottle washer at the Valley Street Market. She also worked as a personal care assistant for elders in the community for many years.

She is survived by two sons Michael Lachapelle and Paul Lachapelle and one daughter Jeannette Lachapelle, all of Springfield; six grandchildren Justin Lachapelle, Michelle Lachapelle, Jeremiah Lachapelle, Paul Lachapelle Jr., Danielle Eastman, and Christian Cowell; seven great-grandchildren Sophie Eastman, Daxton Boyle, Blake, Emma, and Marquise Lachapelle, Paul Bachmeier, and Cohen Cowell; and several nieces, nephews, and



Mary E. Lachapelle, 1932-2020.
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cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, one son Bruce Lachapelle in 2003, and one daughter Brenda Lachapelle in 2008.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate. A reception will be held after the service at the Moose Club in Springfield from 12-4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Family Center, 365 Summer St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Jane Scofield, 1940-2020

LANSING, Mich. – Jane Scofield passed away Aug. 13, 2020 from complications of COVID-19 at the age of 80. Jane was born Aug. 5, 1940, to Forrest and Laura Gregory in Troy, N.Y. Jane married Kenneth Scofield in 1961 and remained married until his passing in 1988. Jane attended Lansing Community College where she received a degree in hotel restaurant management.

Jane was a self-employed seamstress, doing all types of work such as Springfield Community Players costumes, wedding dresses, and more. She worked as a seamstress for Laurie Pollock Fashions, as well as Lett's Bridal. Jane also worked for Holiday Inn of Lansing in guest services and as a bartender.

Jane volunteered for over 20 years at Sparrow Hospital as a patient advocate and as a front desk greeter. She was also a member of the Women's Leadership Board at Sparrow. Jane enjoyed jogging and quilting and held a black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Lee Sco-



Jane Scofield, 1940-2020.
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field and one brother James.

Jane is survived by her daughter Christina King; three sons Lawrence Reasoner, Aaron (Lissa) Scofield, and Todd Scofield; grandchildren Jesse King, Trevor Scofield, Teddy Palmer; and great-grandchildren Shailyn and Little Teddy Palmer; sister-in-law Sylvia Scofield; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in Springfield, Vt., at a future date to be announced. To share memories and condolences, please visit www.skinnerfuneralhome.com.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Norman B. Spaulding Jr., 82, completed his journey here on Earth and passed away at his home Aug. 16, 2020 after a battle with Lewy body dementia. He was born Feb. 23, 1938 in Proctorsville, Vt., the son of Norman B. and Vivian I. (Murray) Spaulding. He graduated from Black River High School in 1956.

He married Julia Bresett Aug. 20, 1960; they enjoyed 60 years of marriage.

Norm was employed as an inspector with General Electric in Ludlow, Vt. and later in Rutland, Vt. for 28 years. He served in the Vermont Army National Guard Company B 2nd Battalion for eight years and was a member of American Legion Post 67 in Chester and the Independent

Norman B. Spaulding Jr., 1938-2020

Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 6. He was a former member of the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department Prudential Committee, served as a Proctorsville Village Trustee, and was a lifelong member of St. James United Methodist Church.

He loved flowers and spent hours caring for his gardens and keeping his birds well fed. He enjoyed reading and country music and was delighted, as a fan of the Montreal Expos since the 1970s, when the Washington Nationals won the World Series in 2019. Norm had a wonderful sense of humor and was a kind and caring person who was always willing to lend a helping hand. For these reasons, among others, he was honored with a town of Cavendish Distinguished Citizen Award in

2008. He is survived by his wife Julia; daughters Dr. Stacia Spaulding and her husband Dr. Jonathan Rice and Kim Henry and her husband Don, all of Proctorsville; granddaughter Nicole Hansel, her husband Kenny, and great-grandson Kenny Jr. of Claremont, N.H.; sister Belle McKnight and niece Christine Parker, both of Proctorsville; and his adored cat "Buster." He leaves behind friends Nonie and Ted Spaulding and special friend and caregiver Abi Karner.

The family wishes to thank Darcy, Carole, Casey, and Judi of the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire for their wonderful care, love, and support.

A graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in



Norman B. Spaulding Jr., 1938-2020.
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Proctorsville at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department invites you to get outside and help celebrate 100 years of Wildlife Management Area conservation with an art contest commemorating Vermont's legacy of wildlife-based recreation and healthy lands and waters.

In 1920, Sandbar Wildlife Management Area in Milton became Vermont's first area conserved specifically for the benefit of fish and wildlife. Over the course of the past 100 years, Vermont has conserved 100 WMAs, protecting more than 130,000 acres of important

habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as providing opportunities for wildlife-based recreation. This great milestone of conserving 100 WMAs in 100 years is the result of dedicated conservationists who provide financial support for land conservation including hunters, anglers, bird watchers, and many others.

"More than ever, this is a great time to get outside and enjoy Vermont's wild areas and wildlife," said Director of Wildlife Mark Scott. "Please join us in celebrating Vermont's legacy of wildlife-based recreation and

healthy lands and waters by creating a work of art about one or all of Vermont's Wildlife Management Areas."

Competition will be held in five age groups from August through Oct. 9. Entries may include media such as paintings, drawings, collages, photographs, poetry, audio, video, or anything else that can be shared digitally. Prizes will include \$300 for the first, second, and third place winners provided by the Vermont Federation of Sportsman's Clubs, with additional monetary prizes from other sporting organizations, a Vermont WMA guide, Wetland-Woodland-Wildland book, Green Mountain Conservation Camp discounts, and lunch with a scientist. Winners will be announced Nov. 13.

Anyone who would like to enter can learn more about WMA Art Contest rules and Vermont's WMAs by going to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wma-art-contest.

Four states, nine projects, \$2 million for rivers, economies

REGION – This year, the Connecticut River Conservancy is aiming to complete nine river restoration projects across all four Connecticut River states – New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. These projects will restore natural river flow, improve wildlife habitat, and protect clean water. They will also pump more than \$2 million into local economies and local businesses like plant nurseries, tree planting crews, construction crews, engineering and design firms, and more.

CRC's river restoration projects include: stream bank stabilization with large wood in Lisbon, N.H.; dam removal and culvert upgrade already complete in Perkins-

ville, Vt.; dam removal at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt.; habitat improvements with large wood additions in Windham, Vt.; two berm removals reconnecting the Green River to its floodplain in Vermont; stream bank stabilization with large wood in Colrain, Mass.; stream bank stabilization and culvert upgrade in Colrain, Mass.; and living shoreline in Fenwick, Conn.

"We always say that a healthy environment and healthy economy go hand in hand, and it couldn't be any more true right now," says Ron Rhodes, river steward for CRC. "We're thrilled that our river restoration work can help boost the local economies during these difficult times. And we are proud of the partnerships we have been able to forge over the

past decade that have resulted in nearly 350 miles of stream being restored and opened to fish passage."

David Sagan, private lands biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service notes, "Each time we remove an old dam, replace a bridge or culvert in the Connecticut River watershed, it has far-reaching benefits to the wildlife and people that depend on it. We are pleased to be a part of the team helping to remove a dam."

In addition to these nine river restoration projects, CRC and partners planted more than 6,400 trees this past spring and has 13 more tree planting projects lined up for this fall.

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Volunteers invited to clean rivers

REGION – Registration is now open for the Connecticut River Conservancy's Source to Sea Cleanup. This annual event, now in its 24th year, has grown into one of the largest river cleanups

in the country. CRC invites volunteers to safely continue the tradition of getting dirty for cleaner rivers in September.

The annual Source to Sea Cleanup is a river cleanup coor-

ordinated by CRC in all four states of the 410-mile Connecticut River basin – New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

This year's cleanup continues throughout September, rather than the typical two-day event, for better social distancing of volunteers. "We've redesigned the event to keep everyone as safe as possible while still making a difference for cleaner rivers," says Stacey Lennard, CRC cleanup coordinator. Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. Volunteers remove trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails, and more.

Join us to celebrate our collective efforts at a virtual Source to Sea Shindig Sept. 30 to wrap up the cleanup.

New this year, CRC added #RiverWitness to help people connect online. Take a photo or video when you are at the river, participating in the Source to Sea Cleanup, or enjoying time outside. Share on social media, include #RiverWitness, and tag Connecticut River Conservancy. If you're not on social media, share images at www.ctriver.org/riverwitness.

If your group needs a cleanup site, if you have questions, or if you know of a trash site in need of cleaning, contact CRC's Cleanup Coordinator Stacey Lennard at cleanup@ctriver.org. Learn more about the event at www.ctriver.org/cleanup.



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LUDLOW, Vt. – Estate yard sale, antiques and collectibles, etc. Aug. 29, from 9-3, at 21 High Street. Masks and social distancing required. (09/01)

WINHALL, Vt. – Estate Sale, phase II, collections still coming out! Vintage iron loveseat, Lg. antique pine corner cabinet, antique pine Tavern table, jewels, pr. Stickley twin beds, pr. upholstered chairs, mirrors, china, linens, K - more quilts, drapes, rugs, books, old mags, teal leather loveseat & chair, Art - sheep & landscapes, nudes

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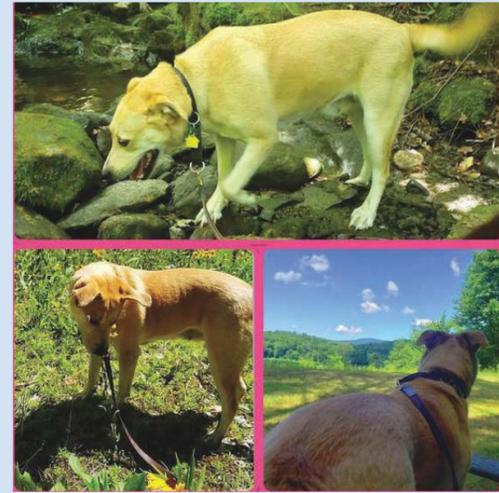
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Answer

1	8	5	4	3	7	6	2	9
7	4	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
9	3	2	6	8	1	5	4	7
4	7	9	2	1	8	3	6	5
8	6	1	5	9	3	2	7	4
2	5	3	7	6	4	1	9	8
3	9	7	8	5	2	4	1	6
6	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	2
5	2	4	1	7	6	9	8	3

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

E	G	G	P	L	E	D	S	H	E	D		
V	I	A	A	U	R	A	T	O	R	E		
E	R	G	S	P	I	N	I	B	I	S		
S	T	A	R	T	I	N	G	B	L	O	C	K
S	E	O	N	L	O	T						
R	E	F	E	R	S	E	X	B	E	D		
A	M	O	K	J	U	D	L	I	E	U		
T	U	B	H	E	M	L	A	D	L	E		
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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

NOTICE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 961(a), the Selectboard of the Town of Plymouth hereby gives notice of a vacancy created in the office of a Lister effective immediately.

The Selectboard is placing an advertisement requesting interested individuals to be interviewed to fill this vacancy. The person appointed will serve until a Town election is held for said position in 2021.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit your resume to the Town Clerk, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056 or by emailing same to clerk@plymouthvt.org at your earliest convenience. Applications are due by Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Additional information pertaining to this Notice and its contents may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, 802-672-3655 during normal office hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dated: August 18, 2020

2020-2021 Bus Routes

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
716 VT RTE 103 SOUTH, CHESTER, VT. 05143

Director of Maintenance and Transportation: Todd Parah
Phone 875-2146 Fax 875-3183

Green Mountain Union High School announces the following bus schedule for the 2020/2021 school year.

Buses will begin running on Tuesday September 8th. Please note that the a.m. and p.m. routes may not be the same. This year with COVID-19 health Screening questions and temperature checks, please be extra patient as our bus times will vary from day to day and week to week. Green Mountain's bus drivers make every effort to provide a safe and comfortable ride to and from school. Parents should review expectations for good bus behavior with their children. Please have your student at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early during the school year. Bus questions should be directed to Todd Parah, the transportation supervisor at 875-4246.

CTES Bus #1	Bob
Location	P/U
East RD	7:05
Knapp Pond & Senna Rd	7:10
228 Knapp Pond Rd	7:12
Rt 131 and Chubb Hill Rd	7:25
2319 Rt 131	7:30
228 Cavendish Golf rd	7:35
RT 131 and Bonts Mill	7:37
Smiling Faces Daycare	7:38

Bus #2	Jerry
Location	am
Knapp Pond Rd	6:20
Knapp Pond Rd + Laplante Rd	6:21
55 Knapp Pond Rd	6:23
2440 East Rd	6:29
1141 Tarbell Hill Rd	6:33
800 Tarbell Hill	6:35
RT 131 & Chubb Hill	6:38
RT 131 & Brook Rd	6:39
413 Brook Rd	6:41
1915 Brook Rd	6:47
796 Center Rd	6:48
Center Rd & Davis	6:50
2319 Rt 131	6:53
Mac Molding	6:56
CTES	7:00
Cavendish Gulf Road	7:05
GM	7:25

ROUTE 3 - Ken Bingham	Location	P/U
480 Bait Rd		6:15
Ivek		6:20
3078 RT 10		6:22
Gould Rd		6:23
Amsden Hill & Maple Ridge		6:24
Amsden Hill		6:24
Mineral spring rd		6:27
987 RT 10		6:28
Chandler Rd		6:29
Rt 10		6:32
RT 10 Mattson		6:34
RT 10& Blackberry Hill		6:34
1759 Mattson		6:40
1778 Mattson Rd		6:40
1807 Mattson		6:48
3559 Farmstead		6:44
Trebo & farmstead		6:46
3769 Trebo rd		6:46
3341 Trebo rd		6:48
3143 Trebo rd		6:50
461 Trebo rd		6:56
87 RT 103		6:59
RT 103 & Flamstead		7:03
463 Depot street		7:09
492 Elm Street		no morning
Town Hall/103		7:10
#449 Rt. 103		7:11
#189 Rt. 103		7:12
GM		7:15

ROUTE 4 - Tammy	Location	P/U
Potash		6:15
Andover Rd		6:20
Andover Town Hall		6:25
Bottom of East Hill Rd		6:26
North hill Rd		6:30
Angus Rd		6:35
3532 Andover Rd		6:36
Willies Lane Andover Rd		6:36
3543 Andover Rd		6:43
MiddleTown Rd		6:43
1872 RT 11		6:46
1926 RT 11		6:46
1998 RT 11		6:47
6825 RT 11		6:56
Gates Rd & rt 11		6:52
Magic Mountain		7:00
Castaldo Rd RT 11		7:04
Across Hilltop RT 11		7:04
47 Shady Grove Lane RT 10		7:08
Gold Waite Rd & RT 11		7:09
Patch & RT 11		7:09
Meadows Motel		7:15
301 & RT 11		7:15
541 Main		7:17
515 Main		7:20
Colbeigh St		7:20
GM		7:15

ROUTE 5- Etta Kennett	Location	P/U
Poppie Dungeon		6:15
Grafton St		6:32
Pleasant st Apt & Rt11		6:38
Fletcher Hill & RT 11		6:44
Farm on Green Mt Turnpike		6:44
Sylvan Rd & 103		6:53
1554 RT 103 S		6:55
High school		7:00
493 Rt 103 S		7:03
Mt. View & RT 103		7:05
253 Keavudus Cir		7:08
282 Rt 103 S		7:11
57 River St		7:13
Corner by Hardware store		7:15
3242 Rt 103		7:17
Beth Goulds		7:17
School House Apartments		7:20
GM		7:20
CAES		7:20

Late Bus
Schedule Pick up GM then to CAES at the 4:- 4:15 tentative.

Andover
Hardware Store 4:17 Pot Ash Brook Rd 4:25
North Hill Rd 4:35 Andover Ridge Rd 4:40
Magic Mountain 4:55 Return to GM

Chester/Baltimore
e Intersection of 103 and Rt 10 4:30 Baltimore Rd 4:45

Cavendish
CTES 4:40 Williams store 4:45 Intersection Green Bush and Tarbell Hill 5:00

Any children along any of the late bus routes will be dropped off at the bottom of the road and along the late bus routes. Late bus departure times may vary due to weather and traffic.

In Town
Poppie Dungeon 4:30 103 South 4:45 South end of GMT 4:50 Rt.11 Fletcher Hill Rd 5:00
Late bus stops may change depending on number of students riding and time the busses get onto the route.

Ludlow
GM to Mt Holly. Dropping off along the 103 corridor.

The Ludlow Mt Holly route will pick up any students along the 103 corridor from Mt Holly to Chester.

AUG. 27 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – We are happy to welcome to Northshire Live Thursday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m., Kerri Arsenaault, author of the Northshire staff favorite “Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains.” A galvanizing and powerful debut, “Mill Town” is an American story, a human predicament, and a moral wake-up call that asks: what are we willing to tolerate and whose lives are we willing to sacrifice for our own survival? For more information on this event or others, email events@northshire.com or visit www.northshire.com.

AUG. 29 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturday, Aug. 29, Lori Wright from DG Bodyworks will be offering a yoga class at the Proctorsville Green from 9-10 a.m. Improve flexibility, strength, and balance in this flow class designed for all levels. This is a donation-based class, and students will need to bring their own mat, which will be spaced 10 feet apart. Class size is limited, so please call Lori at 603-

401-8123 to reserve your spot or email questions to loriwright163@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calvary Baptist Church of Springfield is holding a food drive to benefit the local food shelf at the Springfield Family Center Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations will be collected in the lower church parking lot at 156 Main St. in Springfield. Volunteers will be wearing masks and will be happy to assist you. Monetary donations or donations of nonperishable food are welcome and greatly appreciated.

AUG. 30 – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange will hold an outdoor Jamboree Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, from 1-4 p.m. Music will be provided by Green Mountain Express. This is not an open mic. Accepting donations. There will be no refreshments – just water or soda for sale. There will be no tents, canopies, or coverings, so you might want an umbrella or hat to protect from the sun. Bring a chair and remember to maintain a distance of six feet from others. Masks are required as well as sign in is required by law. In case of rain, the event will be canceled. For questions or in the case of rain, call 802-591-4290 any time before 10 a.m. the day of the Jamboree.

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These include short term allowances of walk-up windows, temporary tents, outside seating, additional signage, etc. These are only temporary measures and will revert back to current Town & Village of Ludlow Zoning Regulations in the near future.

If you have any questions, please call the Town and Village of Ludlow Zoning Office at 802-228-2845.



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SEPT. 2 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Art in the Alley is Sept. 2 outside Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main Street in Springfield. Have fun making paste papers to use for cards, collages, books, and other projects. Stop by anytime from 1-3 p.m. This event is free. Please remember your facemask and stop in VAULT to see the latest exhibits and creations from Vermont artists.

SEPT. 19 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Neal's Concert Productions presents the Jake Kulak and the LowDown Sept. 19 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.

REGION – Harpoon's Flannel 5k is going virtual for the first time! Participants of the annual race benefiting 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.

SEPT. 21 – LUDLOW, Vt. – On Sept. 21, from 12:30-5:30 p.m., the American Legion, 133 West Main St., in Ludlow will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

WEDNESDAYS – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. –

Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

FRIDAYS – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

KJ's Gathering Place, 3 Main St. 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.

DAILY – REGION –

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September 15, 2020

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

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arts & entertainment

Gypsy Reel returns to Weston for their annual Labor Day concert

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Community Association is happy to announce, in this season of cancellations, that Gypsy Reel, “the Celtic Band that Rocks,” will return for their 10th annual Labor Day concert on the Weston Green. The date is Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. Bring chairs, your friends, and a picnic.

Gypsy Reel plays high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. Higher Ground Music says, “Gypsy Reel have been perfecting their eclectic blend of Celtic and original music for over 30 years all over the world.”

Featuring fiddle, banjo, mandolin, octave mandolin, guitars, bodhran, upright bass, and stunning twin turbo vocals. Don't miss this chance to hear these great entertainers!

Due to COVID-19, masks and social distancing are the order of the day. As in prior years, you are invited to bring a picnic and, when actively sipping or nibbling, masks may be removed. When listening or chatting, please put 'em on. Everyone's safety must be a priority.

In the event of rain, the concert will have to be canceled, as there is no appropriate local indoor venue that can safely ac-

commodate an assemblage of this size during the pandemic.

There is no cost to attend. Voluntary donations will be accepted on behalf of the Farfar Park Association, an organization of nine ladies, which has owned and maintained the idyllic Weston Green since 1886, and who make this lovely space available for community events such as this. The concert is hosted and sponsored by the Weston Community Association, stewards of the Weston Playhouse building, the Museums of Weston, and Cold Spring Memorial Park.

Weston Playhouse Theatre presents “Songs for Today”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre Company continues its Reimagined 2020 Season with the debut of “Songs for Today,” a series of bite-sized musical tracks in the spirit of classic Playhouse shows. The project is the second in the recently launched new works initiative, Weston Writers.

“Songs for Today” invites Weston's family of musical theatre writers to talk to us in song about the stories they want to tell today. Composers who have previously been with us in Weston will create and record original music that captures this unprecedented moment when we are all invited to care and connect in new, unique ways. These songs will premiere on Weston's social media channels weekly beginning Aug. 27.

Featured musical theatre writers and writing teams for the first series of “Songs for Today” include Joe Iconis, Jenny Giering and Sean Berry, Adam Guettel, Julia Meinwald and

Gordon Leary, Tidaya Sinutoke and Isabella Dawis, Adam Gwon, and Kirsten Childs.

“Weston has a long and rich history of supporting the work of America's leading musical theatre writers. The annual Weston-Ghostlight New Musical award has introduced more than a dozen new works to the world, and our summer season has produced acclaimed world premieres of wonderful musicals,” says Gellert. “Songs for Today,” the newest project in our reimagined season, turns to the musical theatre writers who have found a home in Weston and invites them to explore the stories of today in song.

“With ‘Songs for Today,’ we recognize the healing power of song and theatre; even in this moment when we cannot gather in person, listening to music can bring us closer together. While some of our artists are using this opportunity to create a new piece, others are reinterpreting one of their early works

in light of how the world has changed. The result is a fascinating collage, a beautiful meditation on the power of music.”

The Box Office at the Weston Playhouse remains closed for the summer, but staff will be returning voice-mails left on the Box Office line at 802-824-5288. “Songs for Today” is presented free of charge, but gift cards for future Weston events can be purchased online at www.westonplayhouse.org.

“Songs for Today” is made possible with support from Wohler Realty Group. Weston's Reimagined 2020 Season is presented by The Vermont Country Store with support from the Weston New Works Fund.

FOLA restarts event programs with Oscar winner “Parasite”

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA announced that it will resume its event programs at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall beginning Saturday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. with the showing of the Oscar-winning movie, “Parasite.”

In making the announcement, FOLA Chairperson Scott Stearns said, “COVID-19 has compelled us to cancel much of our 2020 event calendar. However, after discussions with Ludlow Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, we have been given the green light to restart our auditorium presentations. And what better way to restart than with the Oscar-winning film, ‘Parasite.’”

He indicated that the 2020 schedule will feature:

- Sept. 5 – “Parasite”
- Sept. 26 – “The Anchorman”
- Oct. 10 – “Amazing Grace,” an Aretha Franklin concert
- Oct. 24 – “Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein,” Halloween movie
- Nov. 14 – “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles”
- Dec. 19 – “It's a Wonderful Life,” Christmas movie
- Dec. 29 – “Apollo 11”

All events, except “Apollo 11,” will start at 7 p.m. and will be free and open to the public; donations are appreciated. “Apollo 11” starts at 5 p.m. and is open to everyone.

In keeping with the Ludlow policy for COVID-19, masks or suitable face cov-



FOLA will restart schedule with “Parasite.”

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erings are required for these events and social distancing will be observed in the auditorium seating. For more information, call 802-228-3238.

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Gov. Scott announces utility bill relief program

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott announced \$8 million in available grant funding to assist Vermonters with overdue utility bills as a result of economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Many Vermonters are struggling to keep up with their basic expenses because of this pandemic, and these grant funds provide necessary relief for

those who’ve fallen behind on utility bills,” said Gov. Scott. “I’m grateful to the cooperation of Legislature and the Public Service team in funding and implementing this program.”

Developed by the Department of Public Service, the Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program includes federal Coronavirus Relief Fund monies as appropri-

ated by the Legislature. The program will provide 100% of eligible outstanding arrearages that are more than 60 days overdue for regulated utility customers with delinquent balances who may face disconnection of service if arrearages go unpaid. Eligible applicants include residential and nonresidential account holders served by a Vermont elec-

tric, natural gas, fixed-line telephone service provider, or a private water company.

“The State of Emergency has impacted many Vermonters, including individuals who have lost income and small businesses that have lost revenue,” said Public Service Commissioner June Tierney. “This program will help keep Vermonters’ utilities running as we rebuild and recover together.”

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 30, 2020 and grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted or by the program’s end date Dec. 20, 2020, whichever comes first.

For more information about the program and to apply, visit public-service.vermont.gov or contact the department at psd.consumer@vermont.gov or 1-800-622-4496.

MENTOR Vermont COVID-19 response grants to youth mentoring agencies

REGION – MENTOR Vermont recently awarded four COVID-19 response grants, totaling \$174,014, to youth mentoring agencies in rural communities in northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast Vermont. This one-time funding in response to the pandemic comes from a larger \$1.25 million three-year federal grant that the Vermont Department for Children and Families and MENTOR Vermont received from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to provide mentoring services to youth, ages 6 to 17, living in rural Vermont communities inordinately impacted by the opiate epidemic.

These four grants include: a \$50,000 grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont to support programming both in the Northeast Kingdom and in Windham County; a \$50,000 grant to The DREAM Program to support programming in Bennington and Windsor Counties; a grant of \$26,416 to

Franklin County Caring Communities to support the Watershed Mentoring program in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties; and a grant of \$47,598 to the Mentor Connector to support their mentoring programs in Rutland County. This funding is designed to allow mentoring agencies that were candidates to be a part of the larger three-year grant to have the financial support they need this summer and fall to maintain their current matches and further adapt their models to address new needs posed by the pandemic, and create a successful infrastructure for expanding their mentoring services to more youth in the coming years.

“Youth mentoring program leaders and their mentors have been steadfast during the pandemic and have continued to support young people under unprecedented circumstances,” said Chad Butt, executive director of MENTOR Vermont. “We want to do everything we can to support their work and are grateful for OJJDP and DCF’s flexibility with this funding, which will help serve an urgent need

while also setting up the project for long-term success.”

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Vermont and MENTOR Vermont adjusted the scope of their grant from OJJDP to be responsive to the immediate needs of mentoring agencies serving underserved rural communities in the originally proposed four regions of Vermont. Mentoring programs have needed to shift their staff time to provide additional support to their existing mentor matches to ensure that their youth participants are able to lean on the consistency of their established relationship with their mentor, even if they aren’t able to meet in person.

For programs, this has meant devising new and creative means for communication between mentors and mentees, increased frequency of check-ins with all constituents, additional training for mentors, and adjustments of policies and procedures. Additionally, the current pandemic has meant programs had to temporarily pause starting new matches while procedures were updated, and agencies have also struggled to fundraise for their programs’ operational costs.

OJJDP’s original grant award to DCF and MENTOR Vermont was designed to provide mentoring services to youth living in rural Vermont communities affected by the opiate epidemic, and increase the number of total youth served by 200 over the course of the grant period.

Over the past five years, Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy has advocated for expanding the eligibility for the national OJJDP youth mentoring funding to allow for grants to go toward supporting rural states like Vermont that have been disproportionately impacted by the opiate epidemic. DCF and MENTOR Vermont became eligible to apply for funding because of a new category that allows a state government agency to receive a grant and sub-grant it to other agencies that can meet the needs of smaller, local communities.

For more information about mentoring programs and initiatives in Vermont, visit www.mentorvt.org.

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