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## Schools prepare to open with varying safety procedures and hybrid structures

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**REGION** - As area schools prepare to open their doors Sept. 8, surrounding supervisory unions have begun communicating with parents and community members on opening details. Each of the local supervisory union has created a unique hybrid educational plan based on input from local parents and administrators. Plan details are available on the supervisory union websites or sometimes from the schools themselves.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union, which governs Cavendish Town Elementary, Chester-Andover Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, Mount Holly Elementary, and Green Mountain Union High School has developed a plan for four in-person instructional days and one remote education day on Wednesdays with teachers via Zoom. The TRSU has released detailed Covid-19 handbooks

for the elementary schools and GMUHS. The handbooks outline bussing procedures, face covering mandates, health check procedures, as well as detailed entry point and exit plans for each building. There are also specifics on procedures if a child is ill and other in-depth details for lunch, recess, cleaning, social distancing, and outdoor learning. Those handbooks can be found on the TRSU website page at [www.trsu.org](http://www.trsu.org).

Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, which oversees Central Elementary, Grafton Elementary, Saxtons River Elementary, Westminster Center School, Bellows Falls Middle School, and Bellows Falls Union High School, has issued a Fall 2020 School Reentry Plan. The plan includes a hybrid schedule with half the student population attending in-person Monday and Tuesday, and the other half attending Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be a fully remote day in cooperation

with Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative. Their extensive Reentry Plan also outlines all health screening procedures, transportation, classroom and building sanitization expectations, meals, and details their full schedule and remote access details, and can be found at [www.wnesu.org](http://www.wnesu.org) under "News."

Springfield School District 56, which includes Elm Hill School, Union Street School, Riverside Middle School, and Springfield High School, is implementing a hybrid schedule with half their students attending on Monday and Tuesday and the other half attending Thursday and Friday, all remote on Wednesday. All remote learning is using their internal resources. The district has sent out communication directly to parents with their reopening procedures that include all health safety precautions including transportation, health check in, and all other health and safety details. Entry and pick up procedures were sent out by individual schools.

New information including bus schedules is being sent out this week. Those details are not currently published on the district website. For specific information, contact the individual schools.

Windham Central Supervisory Union, which includes seven elementary schools as well as Leland & Gray Union High School, has several schools starting with remote instruction only including Leland & Gray. A few of their schools are starting Sept. 8 with a hybrid model. The Supervisory Union at [www.windhamcentral.org](http://www.windhamcentral.org) has posted WCSU Family Handbook on the Covid-19 Response page, which outlines all the health and safety guidelines for reopening.

According to administrators at Leland & Gray, once remote instruction has begun initially, they will consider implementing a hybrid model in the future, date not determined, which will likely include half the student population attending on Mon-



Schools go over safety procedures as they reopen.

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day and Tuesday, the other half on Thursday and Friday, with Wednesdays being completely remote. Those details will be communicated to parents once determined.

Fall Mountain Regional School District, overseeing Acworth Center School, Alstead Primary School, Sarah Porter School, Vilas Middle School, Charlestown Primary and Middle Schools, North Charlestown Community School, North Walpole School, and Walpole Elementary, and Fall Mountain Regional High School, has structured their hybrid-learn-

ing schedule into three different models for Pre-K through grade 4, grades 5-8, and grades 9-12. Students are split into two groups, with half attending in-person or remotely every other day and Friday being a personalized learning remote day for grades 5-12. Remote instruction may also include cooperation with Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, an online school available tuition-free to K-12 students in New Hampshire. For more details, including Covid-19 safety information, visit their website at [www.sau60.org](http://www.sau60.org).

## Everyone Eats, local collaboration in response to Covid-19

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The recently passed federal Cares Act included a number of relief programs for small businesses and individuals that have been hurt by the current Covid-19 pandemic. As the Rockingham and Bellows Falls area response has been a collaboration of resources so too is the administration and deployment of the Everyone Eats program that locally extends out to an area much wider than Rockingham itself.

With this program, local restaurants are paid to use mostly local food resources and provide free meals for those in need. Gary Fox, Rockingham development director, and one of the partners, says, "It's a win in three big ways; local restaurants and meal producers get to produce more meals and get paid for them, farmers and food producers get more sales, and those in need get food assistance."

Restaurants get \$10 per meal and use at least 10% ingredients from local producers. The meals are picked up by volun-

teers and taken to distribution points where qualifying families pick up one meal per family member per day.

Fox names Grafton's MKT and Bellows Falls Leslie's Tavern restaurants, Smokin' Bowls and Jamaican Jewels food trucks, and Allen Brothers Farm Stand as signed up so far. John and Leslie Marston of Leslie's Tavern say, "We started making meals in April on a bi-weekly basis knowing that there had to be a need. The thought then and now is the horrible thought of people going hungry. We are proud to be a part of the pro-

gram."

Samantha Maskell at Rockingham Free Public Library is the lead person for signing people up. She says right now they have 58 households with 175 individuals signed up. They expect to be serving 250 individuals in the next four weeks with a possible jump to 500 after school starts. She says, "I believe in this program. Throughout Vermont, restaurants, food producers, and local economies are getting some much needed help. I learned that there are several restaurants being saved by this program, and we are

feeding our communities! This is a win-win."

Rockingham Help and Helpers are coordinating the delivery of the meals. Lynn Parker Haas reports that volunteers began with transporting 40 meals from Jamaican Jewels to the Our Place Drop-in Center for pick up and then 60 meals their next delivery. MKT: Grafton will be next with their meals going to the Grafton Church for recipients in Athens and Grafton.

Being a federal program, there is a bureaucratic aspect. Fox says restaurants must have been paying meals and room

taxes to show that they are legitimate, and recipients must declare that they have had difficulty getting meals post-Covid. And Fox notes that SEVCA is the local fiscal agent and Chester Helping Hands is handling all the paperwork and payments for an area extending as far away as Ludlow.

Those wishing to join the program can fill out an Everyone Eats form online at [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org) or call the library at 802-463-4270. For further information, contact Sam at [sam@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:sam@rockinghamlibrary.org).

## New programming underway at SAPCC

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Springfield Area Parent Child Center, one of 15 parent-child centers in the state of Vermont, has not only survived the challenges associated with Covid-19, but they have found opportunities to thrive in the process. SAPCC's programs range from childcare referral and financial support, to early intervention and integrated services, to parent education and family support. SAPCC's programs and services are available to any parent or caregiver with young children living in southern Windsor or northern Windham counties.

It has been challenging, as a nonprofit organization, for SAPCC to create the capacity to reach every corner of their service region. Therefore, they recently created the position of PCC specialist to focus on doing just that; a position that has now been filled by Anne Goodrich. Goodrich has hit the ground running with a new "walking

playgroup" starting up in Windsor on Friday mornings in collaboration with Mount Ascutney Hospital and Windsor Public Library; and she has countless more exciting plans in the works.

Another project currently under development at SAPCC is the new Family Supportive Housing Program. The FSH Program is a participant-engaged permanent supportive housing program for homeless or at-risk families with minor children. This program looks beyond financial assistance or putting a roof over someone's head. In collaboration with Springfield Supported Housing, as well as multiple other housing and community partners, the new FSH service coordinator, Robert Waters, will engage families in intensive case



Springfield Area Parent Child Center finds new opportunities for programming for families.

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management to address obstacles or challenges regarding housing needs, acquire stable housing, and provide up to 24 months of support and services.

Please visit [www.sapcc-vt.org](http://www.sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242 for more information about any of SAPCC's growing list of programs and services that have been building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers in the greater Springfield region since 1992.

## Springfield Garden Club announces scholarship recipient

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Garden Club Scholarship Committee is very happy to announce the name of the scholarship winner this year. This young woman has recently graduated from Green Mountain Union High School. She is a very impressive scholar, active in community activities, and a leader on athletic teams. She has also demonstrated a true passion for the environment.

The Springfield Garden Club is able to offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors thanks to previous Festival of Trees fundraising from generous participants and corporate sponsors. Students, in order to be considered, must be studying in the fields of forestry, horticulture, landscaping, biology, natural sciences, or environmental studies.

The winner, Olivia Bernier, is the daughter of Christopher Bernier, wildlife bi-

ologist, and Margaret Minehan, a teacher. Olivia will be attending St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. with a focus on environmental sciences. Her goal is to become an environmental educator or scientist. Olivia is interested in further exploring the science behind conservation. She has planted trees in a riparian buffer zone, worked to remove invasive honeysuckle, and spent time shadowing a bear biologist. "Participating in an influential scientific study alongside field biologists made me aware of how I could combine my passion for the outdoors with meaningful work," says Olivia.

"The Garden Club is pleased to help students such as this



Olivia Bernier.

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move forward to achieve their dreams. Olivia will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship this year," stated Jocelyn Zezza, scholarship chair.

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# Vermont artist wins prestigious award

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Perkinsville artist, Robert O'Brien, has been awarded one of the Top 10 awards in the highly competitive San Diego Watercolor Society's 40th International Exhibition. Robert's painting entitled, "Procor Car 1," was one of 100 selected from over 800 entries from 21 countries by nationally known juror Michael Reardon. According

to Reardon, "This painting has such a powerful composition. The contrast between clean background and the patina of the machine make for a truly strong composition that tells a story with simplicity by crop-



"Procor Car 1" by Robert O'Brien. PHOTO PROVIDED

ping out all unnecessary detail.

"O'Brien has been painting in the watercolor medium for over 40 years. One of his main objectives in watercolor painting is to create light through the use of shadow. In painting ordinary images, he finds a fascinating interplay between the two. The transparency of the medium helps in bringing shadows alive while allowing the light to glow."

The exhibit will be online only and will run from Oct. 1-31, 2020. Paintings can be both viewed and purchased online at [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org).

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# SHS Alumni Association cancels Beyond the Unicorn Craft Fair —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield High School Alumni Association has canceled the Beyond the Unicorn Craft Fair for the 2020 winter season. In accordance with our governor's guidelines, and in an abundance of caution to do their part to keep the many communities that participate and visit from around New England safe, the Board of Trustees has elected to cancel the 2020 event and hold the next annual Craft Fair as scheduled in 2021.

The vendors that participated in the 2019 Beyond the Unicorn Craft Fair will be the first to receive invitations to reserve booth space for 2021, with letters going out in early September of next year.

As an organization, we would like to thank the greater Springfield community for its continuous support, which has enabled the Alumni Association the ability to bring events and scholarships to this community for decades. We would like to thank the Springfield School District and Riverside

Middle School for the years of allowing us to host this event on their grounds, and all the vendors, volunteers, and event attendees for their contributions and anticipated, continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone once again at this well-attended annual event in our traditional way, when safe to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the Beyond the Unicorn Craft Fair, please contact Sara Moulton, chairperson, at [SaraMoulton18@gmail.com](mailto:SaraMoulton18@gmail.com) or 802-291-2974.

# TOPS Chapter offers weight loss support

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – There is a TOPS Chapter, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, in Bellows Falls that has been meeting for over 50 years. The chapter is a nonjudgmental, affordable support group for those trying to lose weight or maintain where they are. The

chapter started meeting again in June after being shut down during the stay-at-home order.

When the group started meeting again, they had lost 15 pounds total. Members were successful not only because of their individual weight loss but because they were able to support each other with phone calls, email, and encouraging notes during that time.

One member feels she would have gained during the stay-at-home time if it wasn't for the steps she has learned as an active member of this weight loss

support group. Knowing how to plan using what food they had instead of shopping helped members during this time to stay safe and to stay healthy. Chapter weigh-ins and accountability are important to the group, and we are glad to be back using the state safety guidelines.

The group meets Tuesday evening at St. Charles Education Center, 39 Green St., in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. with a short meeting and program after. The space is handicap accessible.

# Arts Unite Windham raises more than \$8,000

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Next Stage Arts Project announced that the Aug. 2 Arts Unite Windham event raised more than \$8,000 for local social justice organizations, the Root Social Justice Center and the Windham County NAACP. More than \$6,700 came through

the online portal, and more than \$1,500 came through an anonymous donation after the concert.

Net proceeds were split evenly between the Windham County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Root Social Justice Center.

"The guest MCs ranged from Danny Lichtenfeld, director of BMAC, Representative Sara Coffey, Robert McBride from Southern Vermont Creative Network, Steffen Gillom, president of the NAACP of Windham County, Dr. Kat McGraw, chief medical officer for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and others," says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage and primary producer of the event. "They brought context to the evening through underpinning the relationship between a healthy community, social justice, and the arts."

Marks added special thanks to the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, the Arts Council of Windham County, the Southern Vermont Creative Network, and Rep. Sara Coffey (D-Vernon/Guilford) for their support, as well as all the artists who donated their time and talents.

To view the archived recording of Arts Unite Windham, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ7eJpKOidY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ7eJpKOidY). For more information about Next Stage Arts Project, visit [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org).

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Book update

The Chester Historical Society will publish a new book next spring. The title is "History of Chester's Fire Departments." Our collection of firefighting artifacts is substantial.

In the old days, Chester had two fire departments. On School Street was Fire District 1. This company served the village and outlying areas. Yo-Semite, or Chester Depot Fire Company, served the Depot and its outlying areas.

### The photo

Peter Farrar sits in the right foreground. Frank Bidwell sits at his station on the left. Danny Clemons sits in the far corner. My station is at the opposite end of Peter's station. This allows us to keep our space.

We have several years of the Chester Advertiser newspaper. Peter says the Chester Advertiser was a weekly supplement to the Springfield Reporter. Our issues are an incomplete run from the 1890s to 1914.

Peter sits down with one year at a time searching for articles regarding Chester fires, firehouse meetings, dances etc. Page by page Peter looks for relevant articles. It's hard not to be distracted by other news of that day.

When Peter finds something pertinent, he puts a little page sticker on that page with a note as to what the article is. This prepares it for Frank.

When Peter completes a year of the Advertiser, it is passed to Frank. Using his laptop, Frank copies every article that Peter has identified. Some articles are only a paragraph or two - others much more. The 1904 fire that destroyed the buildings at what today is Chester Hardware is a half-page. This is tedious work.

Danny sits in the corner in his swivel office chair. Danny is searching the hundreds if not thousands of old newspaper clippings and photos we have. Danny is a great organizer. When he finds something fire related, he brings it to my attention so I can archive it.

My job is archiving photos, documents, and other ephemera. One piece at a time, I add each artifact to one of our archival boxes. Each week I create more boxes.

### Our goal

Our goal is to include these newspaper articles, Ed Spaulding's notebooks, and Yo-Semite firehouse ledger entries about any given fire. To that we will add an old photo of that building or a contemporary view of that location when possible. It will be a comprehensive book.

We meet twice a week at the historical society. If you were to add up the hours we work together, it would total close to 30 hours per week. We love what we do. Sometimes the room is quiet when one of us asks, "Ever hear of so and so?" I wish you could hear the information that follows that question. Ken Barrett stopped in last week. He is a fountain of Chester history.

We each have different areas of knowledge or interest. With all of this knowledge in one room, it



The gang at work.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

sure is fun to be part of. Frank is a new volunteer and quickly catching on.

The other day Frank was reading one of the papers and asked, "Who is Mrs. Frank Patch?" I replied, "My great-grandmother and my Mayflower connection." Frank's ancestors arrived in this country in 1630.

We have just about completed the donations from Ted and John Leon Spaulding. This required over 40 archival boxes. Now when Danny finds a newspaper clipping or photo relating to one of the boxes I've created, I simply add it to the proper archival box. We are each aware of what the other is working on.

On the subject of archival boxes, I'll give you a little idea what we have so far. We have boxes for Chester schools, hotels, winter carnivals, Buttonwood Farm, Town Hall, the Depot, fire departments, one box each of the Depot train station and Gassetts train station, Popple Dungeon, West Chester, Gassetts, and dozens more.

Currently, I am just placing artifacts in appropriate boxes.

Each box will need to be arranged chronologically when we are finished.

I've had an excellent response from readers of this column regarding Chester Fire Department artifacts or histories. A couple very rare Yo-Semite artifacts have surfaced and will be included in the book.

If you have any artifacts or history, fire off an email or give me a call. We'd like to include whatever you have or know in this book. This is your chance.

*This week's old saying is a sign I see at Kim Kendall's. Kim tells me Deanna Parker gave it to him. "Bad decisions make good stories." 'Tis true, says Henry.*

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## Visitor programs adapting to Covid-19 protocols to reduce isolation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Reducing social isolation can be a daunting challenge during this Covid-19 pandemic experience. As our aging Vermont population experiences the prolonged stay-at-home advisories, their sense of loneliness is compounded.

What are we at Senior Solutions doing? Mobilizing our volunteer visitors to remain in contact with their partners. Through shopping and dropping off important food and supplies, by calling on the phone to make sure their contact is not broken, and in some cases even finding ways to get telehealth and important connective de-

vices and hot spots established, our volunteers have consistently found creative ways to help. Please help us reach more isolated aging Vermonters by volunteering for a few hours a week. Call 802-885-2669 today to become a Friendly Visitor or a Vet-to-Vet volunteer visitor.

We want to share the following opportunity to help older Vermonters gain Wi-Fi connectivity. The Vermont Department of Public Service has a program to extend high-speed internet service beyond the current reach in many of our rural areas. This is the Line Extension Customer Assistance Program - LECAP. Up

to \$3,000 will be paid to service providers for you to get connectivity. To access this program, put in a request to your service provider, obtain an estimate, and apply for financial help through the Vermont Public Service Department. You must meet certain criteria so call 800-622-4496, write to 112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620-2601, or email [psd.telecom@vermont.gov](mailto:psd.telecom@vermont.gov) and get information and an application.

Thank you for helping us reach into our communities to make sure our friends, neighbors, and relatives are receiving the support they need and deserve.

## The value of our stories

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Each one of us has a story that is valuable. Rajnii Eddins utilizes spoken word as a tool for engagement in conversations about race, culture, equity, and the richness to be found in each of our stories. On Saturday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., Eddins will share his poetry and the historical context in which it was created.

He will discuss how our stories can be used to confront racism and other injustices, affirm diversity and equity, and initiate community dialogue. He will conclude with a conversation about how attendees can share their stories as a way to create healing and to grow mutual understanding.

Hailing from Seattle, Rajnii Eddins has been performing poetry and engaging diverse audiences for more than 20 years. He was the youngest member of the African American Writers Alliance at 11 years old, was chosen as the first youth poet to read original works to the Seattle City Council at 17, and represented Seattle in the National

Poetry Slam. He is a published author of two books of poetry, "A Taste of RAGE" and "Their Names Are Mine."

This event will be hosted virtually on Zoom. Sign up is re-

quired at [www.bit.ly/30PZpHL](http://www.bit.ly/30PZpHL). A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street. For more information, call 802-885-3108.

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# obituaries

## Clifton N. Aldrich Jr., 1971-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Clifton N. Aldrich Jr., 48, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020 at his home in Springfield, Vt. He was born Nov. 6, 1971 in Rutland, Vt., the son of Clifton N. and Juanita (Turco) Aldrich. He attended Springfield schools.

He worked as a manufacturing engineer for Whelen Engineering Company in Charlestown, N.H. He loved going to concerts, amusement parks, and play video games with his kids. He was a proud father of both.

He is survived by his spouse Karen (Miele) Aldrich, children Alan and Kendra Aldrich, his mother Juanita Aldrich, brother Tim Aldrich, sisters Maxine Aldrich and Sheila



Clifton N. Aldrich Jr., 1971-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

White (Warren), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins and grand-nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Clifton Sr., maternal grandparents Ralph and Theresa Miele, and paternal grandparents John and Irene Aldrich.

A graveside committal will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

## Miguel A. Flores, 1976-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Miguel A. Flores, 44, passed away Sunday morning, Aug. 30, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 2, 1976 in Van Nuys, Calif., the son of Rafael V. and Lorriane E. (Bailey) Flores. He graduated from Hartford High School in Hartford, Vt. and attended Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H.

Miguel was partner and warehouse manager with Artisanal Cellars in White River Jct., Vt. He was a volunteer with the Springfield Booster Club. He enjoyed supporting his daughters with school sports by attending and volunteering.

Miguel enjoyed hockey and football and was a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan. He loved music and played saxophone. He loved his family and was a hard worker.

He is survived by his mother Lorraine Flores of Wilder; wife Hannah J. Loney of Springfield; two daughters Cadence Mitchell (Christopher) of North Carolina and Olivia Loney of Springfield;



Miguel A. Flores, 1976-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

one brother Rafael A. Flores (Ariel) of Wilder; and one niece and one nephew. He was predeceased by his father Rafael V. Flores in 2015.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Claire Merchant, 1959-2020

CAMBRIDGEPORT, Vt. – Claire Merchant, 61, of Cambridgeport Road, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 at her home. She was born July 6, 1959 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of George and Ann (Park) Kuusela.

Claire attended school in and graduated from the Bellows Falls Union High School. Following high school, she attended Castleton State College. She worked as a nurse at Grace Cottage Hospital, Brattleboro Retreat, and Springfield Health

and Rehab.

Claire is survived by her partner Ronald Hart, her son Aaron Hart, her father George Kuusela, one brother Allen Kuusela, and two sisters Carol Hampshire and Cynthia Gendron. Claire was predeceased by her mother Ann Kuusela.

A celebration of life will be held Sept. 5, 2020 at 2 p.m., at 797 Missing Link Rd., in Rockingham, Vt. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home of Bellows Falls, Vt. is assisting in the arrangements.

## Gordon W. Robertson, 1937-2020

GRAFTON, Vt. – Gordon William Robertson, 83, of Pulaski, Tenn., passed away Aug. 13, 2020 in his home with his family by his side. He was born in Ludlow, Mass., to William and Isabella Robertson. The family moved to Grafton, Vt. in 1940 where he attended school in Grafton and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1956.

Gordon served in the United States Air Force after high school. He was stationed in New Mexico with his wife Jean (Jarvis) where they added two daughters to the family, Julie and Adele.

After four years, they moved back to Vermont. Gordon worked at Bryant's in Springfield, Vt., living in North Walpole, N.H. and added a son, Steven.

He loved cars and owned G&G Speed Shop on the island in Bellows Falls. Gordon was transferred to work for Fafnir Bearing Company a few times. Pulaski was the last move where he met JoAnn Ridgeway and



Gordon W. Robertson, 1937-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

they were married in 1980. They retired together and traveled all over the country to car shows and meeting lots of new friends.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn Robertson; daughters Julie Willet of Springhill, Tenn. and Adele Robertson of Tajikistan; son Steven Robertson of Nashville, Tenn.; and Norman and Linda Robertson of Grafton, Carl and Gela Watson of Westminster, and Bob and Holly Whitcomb of Grafton.

## Edward Shambo Sr., 1943-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edward Shambo Sr., 76, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec. 26, 1943 in Windsor, Vt., the son of Melvin and Doris (Parker) Shambo. He attended Windsor schools and graduated from Windsor High School.

On July 21, 1962, he married Paulette White in Windsor, Vt. Ed was employed as a machinist and inspector with the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vt., from 1963 to 2002 when he retired.

He was a longtime member of the Springfield Elks BPOE 1560 and the Loyal Order of

Moose 679 in Springfield. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and playing golf.

He is survived by his wife Paulette; two sons Edward Shambo Jr. and David Shambo; two daughters Judi Gentes and Cathi Shambo; three brothers Melvin Shambo Jr., Leslie Shambo, and Richard Shambo; one sister Ethel Shambo; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by one sister Barbara Jean Scherp.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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**Keith C. Destromp Jr.**

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Keith C. Destromp Jr., 45, who passed away July 13, 2020, will be held Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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## Becky L. Ross, 1960-2020

MUNFORD, Tenn. – Becky Lynn Ross, 60, of Munford, Tenn., passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Baptist East in Memphis. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal, Va. Pastor Danny Clegg officiated. A procession to Panorama Memorial Gardens, where Becky was laid to rest, followed the service. Pallbearers were Kenny Ross Jr., Kenneth Ross, Timmy Henry, Mike North, and one honorary pallbearer, Alex Mauri.

Becky was born March 31, 1960 to the late Harry Nichols and Mary Lou Deuley in Cantania, Italy.

Surviving Becky is her loving husband of 42 wonderful years, Wayne Ross; her daughters Jennifer Ross of Munford, Tenn. and Sarah Mauri of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; her siblings Deborah Taylor of Bellows Falls, Vt., Les-



Becky L. Ross, 1960-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

lie Hurd of Munford, Tenn., and John Nichols of Norfolk, Va.; and one grandchild Mason.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Foundation.

Maddox Funeral Home assisted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.maddoxfuneralhome.com.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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- Attempt
- Paul or Lloyd of baseball lore
- Gear teeth
- Collection
- Go off the board
- Central
- Turf
- Londoner's last letter
- Reverberate
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- Boxing legend
- Spellbind
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- Cacophony
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- Replace personnel with robots
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# OPINION/CHURCH SERVICES

# obituaries

Dear Editor,

There has been considerable recent discussion about why Vermont's response rate to the 2020 census form is so low. Several possible excuses have been floated, but one explanation is frequently overlooked when discussing why 43% of Vermonters have failed to complete the census form. The U.S. Census Bureau in its ill-conceived marketing plan virtually ignored advertising in community newspapers in Vermont – and some other states.

The message about the critical need for an accurate Vermont population count by filling out the form is clearly not getting to residents through social media and other limited marketing ways selected by the Census Bureau. Now facing a dismal response rate, the Census Bureau has been asking newspapers to devote free space – something that is not in great supply these days with the attack on businesses due to the deadly Covid-19 pandemic.

From the start the Census Bureau and government should have been investing in and supporting this newspaper and other community newspapers in Vermont. Newspapers remain the No. 1 news source in Vermont communities for all things – Covid-19, politics, sports, and more. So it would make sense that newspapers are the obvious answer if the Census

Bureau wants its message delivered about the importance of completing the form.

Print edition newspapers are available 24/7 and even if interrupted by a phone call or knock on the door, you can always resume reading when free. You can also find the print newspapers online. Non-daily newspapers sit on tables in homes and offices for four to five days for reading and for browsing. Most weekly papers are read by three to five people. And with the Census Bureau cutting back on census workers going door-to-door due to the coronavirus, it makes complete sense to use newspaper advertising even more.

Newspapers have been around before the start of this country and will continue on for a long time to come. The Vermont Press Association, which represents the interests of 10 daily and more than three dozen non-daily newspapers serving the state, has reached out to the Census Bureau to help it try to recover from its failure. We await action. As Vermonters, we just hope it is not too late to get an accurate state population count. Otherwise, Vermont will be penalized for the next 10 years when federal funds are distributed based on the limited responses.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Loomis, president  
Vermont Press Association

Dear Editor,

I've worked well with both Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman and Gov. Phil Scott for years. I'm proud to have been a part of Vermont's tri-partisan response to Covid-19. I like and respect both leaders. It is in this context that I'll be voting for Dave Zuckerman for governor of Vermont.

Dave supports family leave and an increased minimum wage. He has long supported universal access to publicly financed health care. And he gets the importance of actually fighting global warming. These are not isolated positions. Dave has a long record of progressive, humane advocacy. He has long supported racial justice, women's rights, prison

reform, and economic justice. As a farmer, Dave has a strong personal understanding of agricultural issues.

As the Senate's presiding officer, Dave has demonstrated fairness, competence, and the ability to work well with people of various values and opinions. But with his friendly, open willingness to work with others, Dave has never backed down when defending his deeply held progressive values of compassion and justice. I hope my neighbors will join me in voting early for David Zuckerman for governor.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Dick McCormack  
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Democratic candidate to represent Cavendish and Weathersfield in the Vermont House.

I was born in Chester and have lived in Weathersfield since 1986. It has been my privilege to serve the town as a member of the Zoning Board, the volunteer fire department, and the Budget Committee. I have served many terms as a member and former chair of the Selectboard, totaling 18 years in all. I have always tried hard to make myself available to citizens because I believe that the first job of any town official is to listen to citizens' concerns.

When the primary winner, Dan Boyer, dropped out of the race, I was proud to be chosen by the local Democratic Committee to take his place. By running for the Vermont House of Representatives, I want to take my commitment to public service to Montpelier, where I can speak on behalf of the people of Cavendish and Weathersfield. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the District W2 towns, Windsor County, and the state of Vermont.

Sincerely,  
John Arrison  
Weathersfield, Vt.

## Bernice Woodard, 1930-2020

ATHENS, Vt. – Bernice “Bunny” Rounds Woodard, 90, of Route 35, passed away Aug. 21, 2020, at Pine Heights in Brattleboro, Vt. She was born July 26, 1930 in Grafton, Vt., the daughter of Harley and Catherine Rounds. She attended school in Grafton.

Following school, she worked for Vermont Academy and Mary Meyers. She enjoyed cooking, cats, outdoors, knitting, crocheting, and loved to go to sporting events. She was a fun-loving, feisty lady with a wonderful laugh who loved to smile. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, Community Christian Church in Athens, Vt., Bellows Falls Senior Center, and Meals on Wheels.

She married John Woodard in Grafton, who predeceased her. Bunny is survived by her three sons Robert, Ricky, and Harley Woodard; her two brothers Henry and Joe; two



Bernice Woodard, 1930-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

sisters Jean Wright and Inez Brooks; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 at 2 p.m. with Reverend Harold Noyes officiating at the Cambridgeport Cemetery. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

## Barbara A. Streater, 2020

S. BURLINGTON, Vt. – Barbara Ann (Morrison) Streater, 94, previously of Westmore, Vt., left this earthly life peacefully Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020 while at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, Vt.

On Aug. 22, 2020, a small graveside service and burial for Barbara was held in Westmore, Vt., attended by her son Michael (Lori) of Underhill, Vt., and her daughters Stacey Archer of Lafayette, Ind. and Ron-di Whitney (James Whitney) of Brandon, Vt. Barbara graduated from Springfield High School with the Class of 1941. Visit the Stephen C. Gregory and Son online for a full obitu-



Barbara A. Streater, 2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

ary and tribute to Barbara and her life journey.

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## ASCUTNEY, VT.

### Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. services are streaming via the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/brownsvillemethodistchurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownsvillemethodistchurch) and [www.brownsvillemethodistchurch.org](http://www.brownsvillemethodistchurch.org), where there's a link to join the service on the church's Nest Cam live video.

### Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, 2 Legion Rd., Hartland, Vt.

Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VOLChurch](http://www.facebook.com/VOLChurch) to receive weekly emails including the Zoom links for Sunday services.

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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## CHESTER, VT.

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Services have been canceled at this time. Until further notice, the Diocese of Vermont has made online services available with Bishop Shannon. Go to [www.diovermont.org](http://www.diovermont.org). Visit [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) for more information.

## GRAFTON, VT.

### Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks must be worn in the sanctuary and maintain a safe distance from others. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to [www.graftoncommunitychurch.org](http://www.graftoncommunitychurch.org) or call 802-843-2346.

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

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### Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.

Service is at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/TysonCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TysonCommunityChurch), call 802-522-8249, or email [cindysummer55@gmail.com](mailto:cindysummer55@gmail.com).

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Live streaming of Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-5728, email [fccucc@vermontel.net](mailto:fccucc@vermontel.net), or go to [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org).

### Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/precisionvalleybaptistchurch](http://www.facebook.com/precisionvalleybaptistchurch).

### Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday morning services will be live streamed starting at 11 a.m. Go to [www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910](http://www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910) for links and more information.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

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# sports news

## This & That: High school football in the time of COVID-19

BY BILL MURPHY

I've been sitting here hoping there will be some sort of fall high school athletic season in the area, and all area schools are expected to field teams in each of the fall sports they normally offer. Some of those sports may have a different type of wrinkle to them, but the good news is that there will be competition.

The sport of football is the outlier that most people expected might just not happen in any form this fall. Three of the five area high schools compete in the sport and every one of those teams has gone through some trying days in the last month or so before finding out exactly what their competition will look like. Chances are there is not one football player who at one time or another expected a downright "no" for the 2020 season.

Rumors of no football at all were fielded at Bellows Falls and Springfield in Vermont and also at Fall Mountain in

New Hampshire. Vermont was the first one to announce their direction, and the athletes felt like they suffered the hardest hit of their career when it was reported that tackle football was out and a seven on seven tag flag football would be offered in its place. First of all, they will be utilizing seven on seven play, which has always been drills with skill possession players only. What would football be like without linemen? And secondly, do you honestly think the grid sport is expected to be played without tackling?

Well, what the Vermont Principals Association did was unquestionably a good job of thinking outside the box, but it still brought all kinds of protests from the football community at large. If I were the one being asked to make a decision on whether there would have been football this fall, I likely would have said no, playing it cautiously for the students involved for fear of what actually could go wrong.

But the VPA plan, although being cautious to an extent, to me was brilliant. Vermonters feel cheated because neighboring New Hampshire is playing the sport with tackling included, but the VPA doesn't actually have full control of the decision, which makes their offering even more special.

Vermont could not play tackle football because the state guidelines in place through the governor's office do not allow contact to that extent. The New Hampshire guidelines allow more public leeway, which puts the plan adopted by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association to have more freedom in its approach. Many non-football enthusiasts applaud Vermont's direction, pointing out that Vermont has a slower spread of the Covid-19 virus and relate that to the more conservative approach as playing a part in that.

There are no winners in this scenario. Although I admit I would have likely erred on the

side of caution, I feel deeply for these Vermont football players who will get to compete in what seems to be a foreign sport.

Concerning that "foreign sport," the committee that put together Vermont Covid Football 2020 came up with a game that gives as much opportunity to all 11 of the position players as seems possible. Seven on seven football is not a blocking game that utilizes traditional lineman. You eliminate the line in this competition and accentuate advancing the skills of the players who touch the ball. It is a passing competition with no handoffs allowed. Thus how are the linemen included.

The Vermont 2020 edition of football has divided the game between linemen at the skill positions and backs and receivers at the skill positions. Up until now, the seven on seven competitions around here used for skill building has completely eliminated linemen with the exception of the center, who is only utilized to snap the ball.

The new edition will be four quarters of the skill driven passing game with traditional linemen assigned to play the skill positions for half of the game. A traditional quarterback can be used throughout the game. In the first and the third quarters, linemen will fill the five receiver positions, while play returns to the traditional seven on seven format with the skill position players in those spots for the second and fourth quarters. From here, it isn't football, but I do think it should prove to be interesting competitive entertainment. A lineman may be much closer to their dream of running with the football after catching a pass or scoring a touchdown.

The players across the river at Fall Mountain spent a period of time believing their school had decided there would be no football. The group had been working together much of the summer but believed those who make decisions had decided the sport was considered too high of a risk. This is a tough blow to any student athlete being deprived of any activity; but in the case of these young men,

they felt all the other sports had passed the test and not theirs. This was an especially tough blow for the seniors who are unlikely to ever have the opportunity to play in their pads again.

On Monday evening, Aug. 24, the Fall Mountain School Board voted to allow football to take place. The football team, along with other Wildcat sports, will compete in a New Hampshire Connecticut Valley based league with Stevens, Newport, Mascoma, Lebanon, and Hanover, in which football will be played between these schools on the weekend and the other sports will play two games a week, home and away with each of the other schools. Each week will feature a different opponent and during each week all competition will be staged between just those two schools.

Back when the football team felt there would be no team this fall, one Wildcat gridded chose to take to Facebook to express his dissatisfaction. He didn't lash out, but his choice of personal therapy was to let his feelings known to those who check in on his page. Alex Flynn has been a senior two-way standout for three seasons for the Wildcats. Flynn hopes to further his education beyond this year pursuing a job in the medical field. To show how many of these students feel when they feel shortchanged during these difficult times, Flynn allowed us to post some of the words he used when he felt his football dreams had been put aside.

Flynn wrote: "I have been playing football since I have been in third grade. I have such a love for this sport, it has brought me some of the closest friends I have and it has shaped the person I am.

"This has come from all the hardships and successes, from the joys of little league to the hardships that occupied our team through our middle school years, to the exhilaration from bringing Fall Mountain football its first win in many years my freshman year to the feeling of defeat from missing the playoffs my sophomore

season, then to my junior year where the entire community came together around a team, which for the first time in many years was in the playoffs.

"That support was felt even after a devastating loss in the state game. Over those three years, our team became less of a team and more of a family to me and those around me with the joys of conditioning, team dinners, and celebrating a victory, but that family didn't only come together after a win because we held each other up after a loss too.

"We were together as a team and as a family through all my three years of playing as we grew together to become better teammates, better players, and better people as well.

"Now that it has come time for me to be a senior, the last year that I will be able to play the game that I love with the team that I have grown to love, my season has been ripped away from me. There are many like me on our team that want at least a chance at a season, something more than a simple no without even trying to give us a season."

This was an edited, well-scripted emotional excerpt from Flynn's post. I know many people in the Wildcat football community were moved by the young man's words. I don't know if any of the powers that be heard of or saw the post, but Fall Mountain will have football – barring any last minute Covid-19 obstacles – this fall. No matter how things play out, Flynn knows in the end it wasn't a simple "no" without even trying to play a season.

Flynn's coach Orion Binney told me, "Alex is everything a coach wants in a player. He is big, tough, physical, very smart as a player, an athlete who always wants to learn more. He is also a good student and an all around great kid."

The bottom line is both state athletic associations have worked on setting up a baseline for their athletes to compete in a fall season in 2020.

Here's hoping that both states are able to pull off this season in these very difficult times.

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### Fall sports schedule

REGION – Fall sports are back. Game schedules are subject to

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**FRIDAY, SEPT. 4 – Football**  
Bellows Falls at Spaulding, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Springfield at Hartford, 4:30 p.m.

**Field Hockey**  
Woodstock at Springfield, 4 p.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 – Boys Soccer**  
Arlington Memorial at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 – Boys Soccer**  
Bellows Falls at Proctor, 4:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 – Boys Soccer**  
Springfield and Randolph, 4:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 – Football**  
Brattleboro at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.

Springfield at Windsor, 2 p.m.

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THRIFT STORE WORKER – Part-time position at Black River Good Neighbor Services. Applications at the thrift store, 37B Main St, Ludlow, or call 802-228-3663.

### Town of Plymouth Request for Proposals

The Plymouth Selectboard is soliciting proposals for replacing the existing insulation in the truck bay of the Town Municipal Building. Call Rick Kaminski, Selectman, for specifications at 802-672-1270. Bids are due at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2020, at the Town Clerk's Office.

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## YARD SALE

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CHESTER, Vt. – KIDS STUFF! Yard sale Sept. 5 & 6, from 9-4. All things kids newborn to size 5. Clothes (boys and girls), toys, and furnishings. 826 VT Route 11 West, Chester (between Stone Hearth Inn and Motel in the Meadow).

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Downsizing – crafts, collectibles, home décor, and so much more. Sept. 4-5, from 8-5 at 1468 Wellwood Orchard Road.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Garage Sale at 130 Summer St. On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5 and 6, from

9 am - 4 pm. Antiques, collectibles, dining table, old lamps, Avon perfume bottles, ladies' scarves, and many unusual items.

CHESTER, Vt. – Clean Out the Attic & Barn Yard Sale, 9/5 & 9/6 from 8am-3pm. Antique furniture, collectibles, tools, and much more! Masks required. 1733 Brockways Mills Rd.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join me for a Labor Day Sale, Friday, Sept. 4, from 9 am – 1 pm for my new products at 34 High Street. Find me on Instagram @ "Green Mtn. Shells n More\_" Driftwood crafted pieces + more. Wearing masks a must.

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The Clerk position will be held by a registered voter in Westminster by State law. The position will include presiding over elections, recording official town documents such as land records, marriage, and death certificates, administering motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, and various other duties. The Clerk will assume a role in the office as a member of a team which is responsible for helping and aiding Westminster residents as well as their agents.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to the Town Manager's office by 4:00 PM on October 1st, 2020.

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# AUTOMOTIVE/REAL ESTATE

**SEPT. 8 – CHESTER, Vt. –** Southern Vermont Astronomy Group's September 2020 remote monthly meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. The host, Dr. Heidi Hammel, will be presenting on NASA's next flagship facility, the James Webb Space Telescope, scheduled for launch in October 2021. Visit [www.sovera.org](http://www.sovera.org) for link to the meeting.

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt. –** Brattleboro Area Hospice offers a support group for people who are facing grief, loss, and any number of different

challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. The group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month beginning Sept. 8. It will be co-facilitated by Muriel Wolf and Rick Willhite. The group is sponsored by Brattleboro Area Hospice. Participation is free of charge and open to anyone in the community. No prior connection with hospice is necessary in order to participate. Please email Muriel at [muriel.wolf@brattleborohospice.org](mailto:muriel.wolf@brattleborohospice.org) or call Hilary at 802-257-0775, ext. 105 for assistance.

**SEPT. 11 – CLAREMONT, N.H. –** On Friday, Sept. 11, from 6-8 p.m., Claremont Opera House invites you to enjoy the big band swing sounds of the COH Orchestra directed by Gerry Grimo on the hillside at Arrowhead. The seating areas are divided into wet and dry, with 10 feet of social distancing between each seating area. Masks are required except when in assigned seating area. Sweet Fire BBQ will be providing beer and wine service, and patrons are invited to bring a picnic basket with food and refreshments –

no outside alcohol. Tickets can be purchased at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org) or 603-542-4433. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**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](http://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 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](http://www.harpoonflannel5k.com).

**NORWICH, Vt. –** Do you have heirlooms you want to know more about? Do you have inherited items you are looking to find new homes for? Do you want help finding out how to care for your treasured things? Come and meet the professionals from Collections Care & Conservation Alliance Inc. at the Norwich Historical Society's 16th Annual Norwich Antiques Show, 277 Main St. We'll be there Sept. 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Masks

are required. For more information, call 802-649-0124.

**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](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at St. Charles Education Center located at 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible.

**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 [dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org](mailto:dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org).

**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.

**DAILY – REGION –** If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aavt.org](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

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## Successful bear hunters are required to submit bear teeth

**MONTPELIER, Vt. –** The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is

again reminding successful bear hunters that a regulation requires them to submit a bear tooth so wildlife managers can collect important information on Vermont's bear population.

The hunter must field dress the bear before taking it to a reporting station. It is also legal to skin the bear and cut it up in order to carry it out of the woods. Although the bear must be reported within 48 hours, Fish

& Wildlife urges doing so quickly to cool the meat. The hunter must also collect and submit a premolar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. The tooth provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population. Envelopes for submitting teeth are available at all big game check stations.

"Successful bear hunters will be helping in our management of this magnificent big game animal," said Forrest Hammond, bear project leader for Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "The premolar tooth we're asking hunters to extract is small and easy to loosen with a knife. Directions for removing the tooth are on the back of the envelope provided by the check station, and a short video showing tooth removal is found on our website by clicking on Hunt and then Black Bear."

Vermont has two bear hunting seasons. The early season, which requires a special bear tag, starts Sept. 1, and continues through Nov. 13 with one exception. Nonresident hunters using dogs cannot start bear hunting until Sept. 15. The late bear season begins Nov. 14 and continues through Nov. 22. A hunter may only take one bear during the year.

"Carefully regulated hunting plays a very important role in scientific wildlife management by helping to control the growth of Vermont's bear population now estimated at being well within our population objective of 3,500 to 5,500 bears," said Hammond. "Minor fluctuations in the bear population will always occur due to changes in food availability, winter severity, and hunter success. Despite these fluctuations, we look at the long-term trends to manage for a healthy, robust population."

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**Located on a quiet side street** this lovely home offers ample living space and is within walking distance to schools, downtown and much more. Step into the kitchen and enjoy the sunny view to the backyard garden space and sitting area. The dining room offers space for the largest of family dinners and one can retire to the living room or perhaps sit on the enclosed porch on those warm summer evenings. A family room, den and office space if one chooses to work from home. With 4 bedrooms and 2 baths there is room for the family and guests. The full basement has room for a workshop and the 3 car garage offers more working space. This charming older home owned by one family has never been on the market. The workmanship with built-ins, hardwood floors, lots of closets and attention to detail is sure to be appreciated by the buyer. \$148,000

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# arts & entertainment

## The Sky is the Limit and uplifting words at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present a new Open Wall show “The Sky is the Limit.” This show includes beautiful photographs, paintings, paper sculpture, jewelry, needlework, and fiber arts. Also showing is a display of uplifting, inspirational, colorful words and phrases to add some joy to your day. You are invited

to add to the collection. Take a photo of your single word or saying and send it to VAULT via email, snail mail, or bring it into the gallery.

Open Wall is a non-juried show for any artists living in a 30-mile radius of Springfield. Enjoy a variety of fine art and fun fantasy created by neighbors and friends. The works will be

on display until Oct. 14.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield. We are open Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

## OLLI offers online speaker programs this fall

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The popular Springfield area Osher Lifelong Learning Institute speaker programs will not be meeting in person this fall. Due to the Covid-19 virus concerns, the University of Vermont OLLI director has canceled all statewide OLLI in-person programs for the safety of its at-

tendees.

The university OLLI team has planned an exciting Distinguished Speakers Series with seven interesting topics. You can see a listing in an advertisement in this paper, as well as checking out the descriptions and registration at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). You can partici-

pate via Zoom for a registration fee.

When it is safe to again hold in-person programs, local programs will be scheduled. The interesting ones that people had been looking forward to that were canceled in March will be re-scheduled.

## FOLA screens “Parasite”

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA’s first film since the Covid-19 pandemic started will feature the award-winning South Korean film, “Parasite.” It will be screened in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.

“Parasite” is a 2019 South Korean black comedy thriller film directed by Bong Joon-ho, who also co-wrote the screenplay with Han Jin-won. It follows the members of a poor family who scheme to become employed by a wealthy family by infiltrating their household and posing as unrelated, highly qualified individuals.

“Parasite” premiered at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival, where it became the first South Korean film to win the Palme d’Or. The film is considered by many critics to be the best film of 2019 and one of the best of the 2010s.

The Kims are a poor family living in a shabby and cramped half-basement apartment in a busy lower working class commercial district of Seoul. Through a series of scams and lies, they gain employment in the Parks household.

The Parks are a wealthy family who has lived in their modernistic house designed by and the former residence of famed architect Namgoong. While Mr. and Mrs. Park are all about status, Mrs. Park has a flighty, simpleminded mentality and temperament, which Min tells Ki-woo to feel comfortable in lying to her about his education to get the job. The new servants get rid of the hired help except for one, Moon-gwang, the

Parks’ housekeeper who literally came with the house.

The question then becomes how far the Kims can take this scam in their quest to become their version of the Parks.

The movie is free and open to

everyone; donations are appreciated. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, masks and social distancing are required. FOLA will supply water. For information, call 802-228-3238.

## How to spot celestial objects in our skies

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Meteor aimed for Earth! Mars now brightest it’s been in years! These headlines are becoming more frequent and pique our curiosity to the point where many of us instinctively look to the night sky to see if we can spot these objects. In a graphic-rich presentation, architect and astronomer Claudio Veliz will be at Neighborhood Connections Thursday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. to explain how to find celestial objects in our local New England skies using the naked eye, binoculars, or a telescope.

Veliz is co-founder of SoVerA, the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group, headquartered in Chester and owns an award-winning architecture firm, Claudio Veliz Architect PLLC/AIA.

Veliz will discuss a handful of very useful websites and simple procedures for spotting these objects as well as available planetarium software programs that you can download and install for free to help plan an observing session.

This program is offered at no charge, and you can attend in room or on Zoom. Call 802-824-4343 to regis-



Celestial objects in our New England skies. STOCK PHOTO

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# community

## Statewide effort to provide Personal Protective Equipment to Vermont schools

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The Vermont Agency of Education, working in close cooperation with the State Emergency Operations Center, is working to provide personal protective equipment and other resources to support Vermont schools as they prepare to reopen. These resources include PPE kits for school nurses and school COVID-19 coordinators, hand sanitizer, cloth face coverings, posters, and other mask campaign resources to remind and encourage all Vermonters that face coverings are required in all schools to protect students, staff, and their families.

“School administrators, principals, teachers, staff, and parents are working incredibly hard to make the start of this school year a success for our kids and ensure all health and safety protocols are in place to keep schools safe. We are

pleased to further support this work by providing these additional supplies,” said Gov. Phil Scott. “I hope all Vermonters will remember that the most important thing we can do to help our kids and school employees is to stay vigilant and keep the prevalence of COVID-19 low in our communities.”

Vermont school districts and independent schools are in the final phases of their efforts to prepare for reopening Sept. 8, a universal start date as directed by Gov. Scott.

“Educators and school administrators are in the middle of a herculean effort to get ready for students to return to the classroom,” said Secretary of Education Dan French. “At the state level, we’re doing everything we can to find and provide resources to help them do this. It has been a team effort, and I am grateful to our

state agency partners at Vermont Emergency Management, the Health Department, the Agency of Transportation, and the Vermont National Guard, for their efforts and assistance.”

The state is providing 1,515 PPE kits for school nurses and COVID-19 coordinators. In total, the state will distribute 75,750 pairs of gloves, 75,750 surgical masks and 75,750 surgical gowns, as well as over 1,500 face shields. These kits will be available to school nurses, COVID-19 coordinators, and other key staff for use when performing health care tasks and assessments within close contact of those who are potentially ill or injured. The state is also providing nearly 800 gallons of hand sanitizer and 23,620 adult-size face coverings.

These resources are being provided to schools free of

charge, with costs covered via Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance, Coronavirus Relief Funds, and private donations.

The SEOC, with assistance from multiple agencies, has led the work to find and coordinate distribution of these supplies. The resources were sourced from the state’s medical logistics warehouse and transported by VTrans and Vermont National Guard staff to regional VTrans garages. Schools are picking up their orders from garages in their area this week.

“This distribution effort highlights the ongoing partnership among state and federal agencies that has defined the response to COVID-19 in Vermont,” Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann said. “From the beginning we have taken a whole government approach to



The state makes an effort to provide PPE to Vermont schools.

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ensure the continued wellbeing of Vermonters, and that will continue throughout this pandemic.”

For more information on Vermont’s response to COVID-19, visit [www.healthvermont.gov/covid19](http://www.healthvermont.gov/covid19).

## Connecticut Valley Ear, Nose, & Throat is expanding hours

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