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Rockingham Selectboard supports Opera House proposal

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Bellows Falls Opera House and the Rockingham Recycling Center.

Interim Manager Chuck Wise said Josh Kemp is serving as interim recycling manager and acknowledged Rob Wheeler and Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis's efforts in helping Kemp. Wise explained that the scale had calibration issues and Kemp scheduled a complete upgrade, which will cost \$2,092. Discussion was held on operations and everyone agreed more volunteers were needed. Rockingham Recycling Center hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Chair Gaetano Putignano

commended Kemp. "It seems like a lot of progress has been made."

Charlie Hunter read part of his proposal to shift the Bellows Falls Opera House from municipality run to a nonprofit operation. Hunter explained, "Small town single screen movie theatres [are] in danger"... and offered his "nimble model" for success.

With volunteer board members Sean Long and Marty Gallagher, Hunter is joined by a "movie brain trust" including Josh Mosher, Jennifer Tolero-Heidbrink, Tim Heidbrink, Shawn Douglass, Sean Roberts, and Ella Cademartori. The proposal keeps family-friendly first run movies, the classic film series, and iconic triple-up. Adding two to three theatrical productions and live performances, Hunter projected revenues

based on 2019 numbers, bringing the BFOH from red to black in two years.

Movie prices would rise a dollar, and plans for classic film matinees and cashless ticket sales as well as capital improvements are proposed. Staff members who have worked at the Opera House from 7 to 17 years supported the plan.

Heidrink thought Hunter's plan could offer more to the town and highlighted live shows like "The Logger" that sold out two nights in a row. Jennifer wanted to thank loyal customers and staff for dedicating their time during the curbside Triple-Up sales.

She said Covid-19 "has forced opportunity upon us" and the Opera House is "the cornerstone of our community...a place where you can laugh and cry...a real place where everyone

knows your name."

Moser would like to see more concerts and plays. Cademartori said, "This vibrant staff here has become my family."

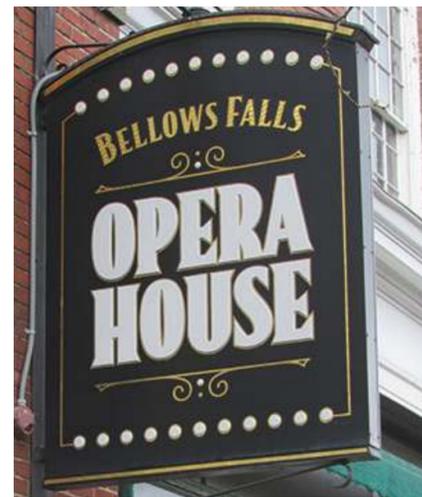
Putignano said, "I can feel the passion and dedication" of this staff and supported the plan. He said the biggest concern was to keep affordable pricing and the triple-up. Even with the price increase "a family of four to attend the movies is [still] under \$50, including a soft drink, large popcorn, and candy."

Peter Golec asked if town funds were financing the nonprofit's plan. Finance Director Shannon Burbela explained that current Rockingham expenses for the BFOH were heat, electricity, and about five hours per week for one staff member, but "once the nonprofit takes over our budget would not have revenue or expenses."

Susan Hammond mentioned that as a nonprofit model, the BFOH would be eligible for grants and said, "I am very supportive of the idea."

Stefan Golec supported the idea but wanted to make sure the town and village had a place for meetings. Hunter agreed the municipality would still have free access.

Wise explained the next step was developing a lease agreement to "transfer some authority to a nonprofit model." The Selectboard gave consent to move forward in exploring Hunter's proposal, but agreed more in-



Rockingham Selectboard supports Opera House proposal.

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formation and communication was necessary.

Hunter has scheduled open Zoom meetings for community members to express questions, concerns, and ideas for the future of the BFOH, which will be posted to Bellows Falls Facebook pages and the town's website www.rockinghamvt.org.

RiverSweep to help the Black River

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 21st Annual RiverSweep will take place Saturday, Sept. 12 with headquarters in the parking lot of Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt.

Plan to arrive about 8 a.m., pick up gloves and trash bags and your complimentary tee shirt before heading out to the site of your choice with a socially distanced buddy. Return to HQ around 11 a.m. to tally and sort the trash. Take a moment

to wash your hands and get a photo with your haul.

The traditional complementary grilled hot dog will be offered, along with lots of space to spread out and eat.

There will be a list of designated sites to target with a small "quaran-team" of people. Some will benefit from a canoe or kayak so shout out privately if you prefer that at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or 802-738-0456.



Join BRAT in cleaning up Black River.

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Springfield Garden Club wins state awards

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Garden Club has earned four awards and two honorable mentions this summer from the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont. The first FGCV award was for "our ongoing work of Civic Beautification and the beautiful planters and gardens throughout the town," reported Anne Miller, awards co-chair.

A FGCV Honorable Mention is a community business award. "Each club is eligible to recommend one business in its area which has made an effort to use plants to improve the appearance of its premises," stated awards co-chair Karen Vatne. "In addition to their impeccable and colorful gardens on Main Street, the bank provides a room for us to have our monthly board meetings and also provides volunteers for our cleanup and civic beautification days."

Claremont Savings Bank is located on Main Street across from Town Hall and is visible to everyone traveling around

and through town. Every year there is an eye-catching, colorful garden display in the spring, summer, and fall with a mix of annuals and perennials and with their use of evergreens, there is winter interest as well. The bank participates in the Festival of Trees each year as a sponsor and also enters a tree into the tree-decorating contest. The Garden Club greatly appreciates the support that the Claremont Savings Bank provides to the community. The whole town enjoys their uplifting and immaculately maintained gardens.

The second FGCV award went to longtime club member Margaret Nickerson who won the 2020 Golden Trowel Award. Margaret has been a member of the Springfield Garden Club since she retired in 1994. Over the last 25 years, she has supported the club in its various activities.

For many years, she has been the steward of the Route 10 and 106 triangular intersection in Springfield, heading up the spring cleanup, also weeding and watering throughout the summer. She has also shepherded students from Riverside Middle School for years, as they fulfilled their civic-duty



Lindsey Dauphin, business services; Cheryl Pierce, Garden Club co-president; Nicole Picard, branch manager; and Janelle Haskell of Terra Flora Gardening.

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responsibilities by weeding and helping to plant this area. Margaret is a very friendly and engaging person who has certainly served her community above and beyond and is still going strong at 86.

The third FGCV award was recognition of the quality and clarity of the club's 2019 annual yearbook publication, which was produced by club co-presidents Carolyn Lane and Cheryl Pierce.

The fourth FGCV award was for Conservation of Natural Resources. The Springfield Garden Club continues to focus on programs that foster the use of native plants that support wildlife and birds native to our state. In this program, Gwen

Causar, Audubon educator, focused on birds and the plants, trees, and shrubs that provide for their wellbeing.

Through slides and workshop style discussion, attendees learned which native plants provide shelter, nesting materials, and food for our feathered friends. Bird-friendly landscaping saves water, fights climate change, and conserves both our birds and native plants.

The club also cleaned up with a FGCV honorable mention for the Environmental Education program provided by Henry Homeyer, in conjunction with Springfield area Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, "Growing Plants to Support the Birds and the Bees."

Bellows Falls resident proposes operating Opera House as nonprofit

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – In a recent Rockingham Selectboard meeting, a plan was proposed to convert the Bellows Falls Opera House over to a nonprofit Board of Directors, a plan that has been endorsed by the Selectboard.

The proposal was created and presented to the board by Bellows Falls resident, artist, and music and arts promoter Charlie Hunter, who feels that through the meeting the Opera House could be turning a profit within three years. The entity is currently

costing Rockingham taxpayers thousands of dollars a year, with the Covid-19 pandemic making the situation even more impactful. Hunter served on the first Bellows Falls Opera House committee.

"In the '70s, I used to go to the movies at The Falls Cinema, as it was called then," Hunter recalled. "After the renovations, I was asked to serve on the first committee and have served as a volunteer off and on for 12 years. As I learned about operations of other municipally owned venues, I've become convinced that a nonprofit operational entity is the way to go. Other towns

whose opera houses are in municipal buildings – such as Claremont, Woodstock, Lebanon – all are operated by nonprofits."

Hunter indicated that part of the projected plan would be to keep the cost of going to the movie theater low, which has always been a big draw locally. In this new proposal, admission would bump up a dollar; however, the venue's popular "Triple Up" concession package deal of a medium popcorn, box of candy, and medium soda would remain in place.

Hunter's proposal also promotes "cashless" transactions as a foundation for the Opera

House moving forward successfully, also noting that the aforementioned food concessions – from not only movie showings but all future events – should be the money-making focal point.

Hunter, along with local residents Sean Long and Marty Gallagher, have a plan in motion to create the nonprofit; but because of the current pandemic situation, the nonprofit would probably not be ready to assume operations of the theater until the spring of 2021.

"I joined the endeavor about a month ago, as Charlie was in the early stages of developing the business plan," said Sean Long,

who is a commercial lender at Claremont Savings Bank. "He had asked me to review the financial projections and as a result, I expressed my interest in joining the board. My role is to support the mission and help fine-tune the business model."

"I've had the pleasure of working with Charlie in various capacities over the last 20 years and I enjoy his passion and energy for both the arts and the town of Rockingham. Charlie has everyone's best interests in mind."

In the nonprofit proposal, which would include offering first-run movies, and various

theatrical productions and music concerts, the entity could project an \$18,000 profit by the year 2024. "The Selectboard received our proposal and budget to review and were supportive during the presentation," Long added. "The obvious challenge is how to factor in the unknowns due to Covid-19. We have good information on the past financial performance of the Opera House, but we are not operating in normal times."

"The single screen, small town movie theaters are under assault; film studios want

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Women's Fellowship to raffle quilt at plant sale

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church in Westminster will be holding a plant sale on the church lawn Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, from 9-11:30 a.m. We are holding the "second half" of our annual plant sale with perennials from several gardens. Wear your mask and come and find just the right plant for your garden as you ready your gardens for the fall and winter seasons. We will also be selling raffle tickets to the "Tube Top" Twin Quilt started by Regina Cote, finished by Ann Ashcroft, and quilted by Julie Patrick in January 2020. Come buy your tickets for the raffle that will be chosen soon.



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Savings Bank of Walpole introduces online financial learning center

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce they're making financial learning opportunities more accessible to customers and the community by offering access to an online financial learning center in partnership with Banzai, an online financial education program.

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an extensive library of short articles on practical financial topics for every age. Adult-level resources even tackle complex subjects like insurance and mortgage interest, with embedded links for further research.

"The bank is excited to offer this valuable financial learning resource to our customers, our nonprofit community, and the greater community," says Mark Bodin, president for Sav-

ings Bank of Walpole. "We were impressed with the way Banzai's clear, in-depth financial lessons are specifically designed to target different age groups – from children and teens to adults. Moreover, the information is not only informative and educational, it's fun and interactive so it will engage all ages."

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and those who are disabled. We assist with applications for 3SquaresVT and the new short-term version for people who only have Social Security income. We encourage 3Squares recipients to participate in the Crop Cash program at local farmers markets.

The free Home Meds Program is an amazing program for anyone 60 or older in Windham and Windsor counties. No charge – just call the help Line at 802-885-2669 and request an assessment. Home Meds is a truly lifesaving evaluation of your medications and how they may be interacting in an adverse way, affecting your health. National Council on Aging benefits can help you maximize your budget so just call and ask. The next free

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We are now training additional PEARLS counselors to help with mild depression issues, which many of us are suffering from due to the prolonged pandemic. Give us a call if you want to receive this free training. Also, call us and request a one-on-one consultation with the registered dietitian if you are a Meals on Wheels recipient. Our website offers BCTV videos on many topics, plus a long list of associate organizations that help with food insecurity, wellness activities, and more. Go to www.seniorsolutionsvt.org and investigate all the news, resources, and helpful information. See our Facebook and Twitter posts.

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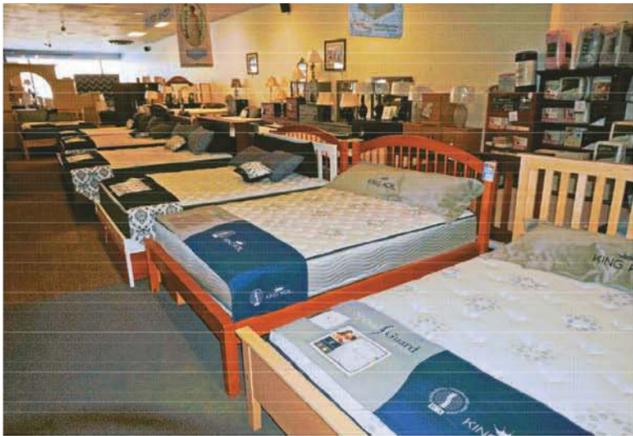
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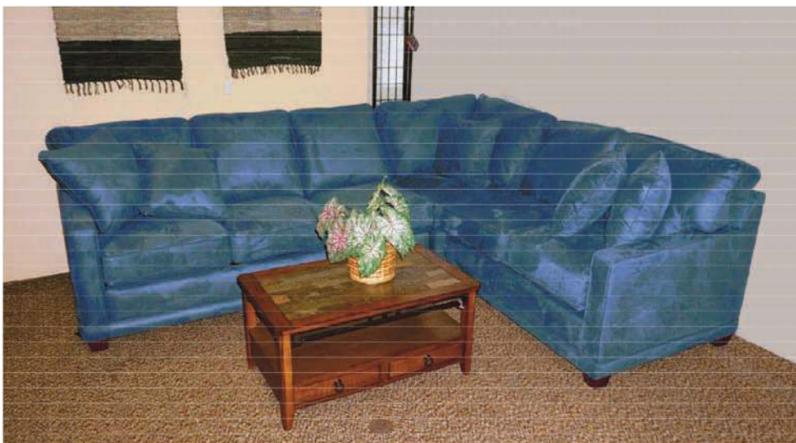
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Grafton & Women's Suffrage

Below are two November 1911 Bellows Falls Times newspaper clippings I found pasted in a scrapbook kept by Mary Harris. Mary lived in the home that today is Bill Dakin's law office.

Many will know of the women's suffrage movement. I was surprised with its local connection. For those wanting to know more about Miss Daniels, you should search online: "L.J.C. Daniels suffrage." Lucy was arrested and jailed when protesting at the White House.

"Miss Daniels's letter"
"Miss Daniels would like her townspeople to understand that when her taxes had been delinquent 10 months the constable went to Bellows Falls October 31, and attached National bank stock and went again November 4, to advertise it.

"Miss Daniels leaves Grafton today, leaving the fate of the stock in the hands of the town. She has been notified six shares will be sold by auction Saturday, November 11, at 2 o'clock at the office of the town clerk. Deducing this stock used up in time for taxes or sold would reduce the tax list considerably and it bought by Mr. Williams, cashier of the National bank of Bellows Falls would simply transfer the taxes on the portion sold from Grafton to Bellows Falls.

"Miss Daniels removes her residence which would reduce the taxable list to less than half what it now is. The taxes which have been some \$200 a year will in course of time be less than \$100.

"Although Miss Daniels has lived away from Grafton on an average of 10 months each year for the past 10 years and more, she has preferred to give her depopulating native the town the advantage of her domicile knowing that it needed every cent possible to pay for its 30 weeks of school out of 52 weeks in the year, and to expend on its indifferent roads.

"As women are not voters it little matters to them where their residence is counted. The town evidently recognizing no such favor placed itself on record at Montpelier in 1910 as believing in taxation without representation. It was the little mossback towns of Grafton, Windham, Athens, and Somerset that helped defeat by three votes only the municipal suffrage



Suffragists picket the White House.

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bill. The large live towns of Rockingham, Brattleboro, Dummerston, Springfield, Rutland and Burlington went in favor of this bill.

"In spite of this possible outcome has a result of forcing taxes from non voters, the town officers will congratulate themselves that they have been able to enforce the man-made law. Miss Daniels understands that delinquent taxes of voters have been permitted to outlaw.

"Some friends think it would have been the better part of valor had the town allowed the taxes to run two years and accumulate at eight percent; then next fall through woman's influence, redeem itself at Montpelier, after which it would probably collect the whole, meantime attaching bank stock if desired, though not selling same, and keeping it intact to be taxed hereafter. Nov. 9, 1911. L.J.C. Daniels."

"Tax Fight at Grafton"

"Grafton was stirred on Saturday when the sale of four shares of Bellows Falls National Bank Stock took place at auction in the Town Hall, at 2 p.m. No open protest was made but a selectman claimed that one man had vigorously protested claiming the sale was high-handed and unnecessary. Several of the most influential citizens regretted the sale, but declared for the influence of other taxpayers it was

imperative that they collect the account.

"Last summer, Miss L.J.C. Daniels, a wealthy woman and a leading advocate of woman suffrage, sent a written notice to the town clerk, J.H. Stowell, that she refused to pay her taxes, giving as a reason that the representative from Grafton, A.M. Covey, voted against woman suffrage in the last Legislature and that she objected to taxation without representation at the ballot box. Ernest B. Stowell, collector of taxes, through Attorney W.A. Graham of Bellows Falls, distrained six shares of Bellows Falls Bank stock on October 31, three shares the property of Miss L.J.C. Daniels and three shares the property of Miss S.E. Daniels.

"Four shares were sold at auction, par value \$50, for \$70.50, \$70.25, \$70 and \$65.25, or enough to satisfy the demands for tax and costs. Cabot Daniels, nephew of Miss Daniels, bought all the shares and claimed they were for Hon. F.B. Daniels, attorney for the Pullman Parlor car company of Chicago, Ill. The total tax was \$107.15, cost \$16.76, of the L.J.C. Daniels estate was \$92.65 and cost of \$15.50."

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The immersion is designed to deliver broad-based skills to hone students' leadership abilities for the future across a wide range of applications, whether they're looking to lead projects, groups, businesses, or initiatives. Topics to be examined will include community, inclusivity and strategy, drawing from theoretical frameworks including adaptive and systemic leadership.

Much of the coursework will be conducted offline, with scheduled online classes and speaker presentations occurring one weekend a month through May. Students who complete the immersion will earn a certificate in Advanced

Leadership and may be eligible for high school credit at the discretion of their high school.

Prerequisites include a capacity for in-depth and independent learning. Participation in a previous Governor's Institute or Immersion is not required. Interested students facing technology limitations are encouraged to call GIV at 802-865-4448 to discuss how we may be able to help you participate.

GIV is proud to present this opportunity in partnership with 4-H and the Vermont Agency of Education. For more information, visit www.giv.org/institutes/leadership or email info@giv.org.

Backyard composting

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - As of July 1 of this year, Vermonters are no longer allowed to dispose of food waste in the trash. So what to do with your food scraps? On Thursday, Sept. 17 at 5 p.m., Esther Fishman, recycling coordinator for the Londonderry Solid Waste Group, will be at Neighborhood Con-

nections to discuss composting dos and don'ts. You can either room or Zoom this event. Please register to attend by calling 802-824-4343.

At this presentation, Fishman will also address dealing with "critters" attracted to your compost and offer various compost containers for sale including

countertop buckets, Soil Saver Backyard Compost Bins, and the new Green Cone Digester.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. The agency is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

Avoid moose on the highway

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Drivers need to be alert and cautious because moose are on the move, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Moose are more likely to be crossing roadways at this time of year, especially after dark or early in the morning because this is breeding season for moose.

Moose are a threat to motorists, but there are measures you can take to avoid hitting them. Moose cross the road randomly, as well as at their regular crossings. Increase your roadside awareness and reduce your speed when you see Moose Crossing signs along the highway. When on secondary roads, the recommended speed is 40 mph or less in these moose

crossing areas. Drive defensively and don't overdrive your headlights. Moose are more active at night and early morning,

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Anson R. Boudrieau Jr., 1973-2020



Anson R. Boudrieau Jr., 1973-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Anson R. Boudrieau Jr., 47, known as “AJ” and lovingly called “Unkie” by family, of Connecticut River Park in Charlestown, died suddenly at his home late Saturday night. Anson was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., July 24, 1973, the son of Anson and Dorothy Boudrieau. He attended schools in the Fall Mountain area. Anson was employed by the ADA Traffic Control and previously employed at Market Basket in Claremont. He also worked for Balla Lumber in Acworth and Hubbards in Walpole.

He leaves behind his mother Dorothy Boudrieau of Charlestown; two sons Chance Boudrieau of Charlestown and Nicholas Grace of Claremont; a brother James of Tollesboro, Ky.; a sister Zandra Boudrieau of Charlestown; and his granddaughter “Little Princess” Octavia Blake of Sunapee; his significant other Janeen Smith of Charlestown and her three daughters Crystal, Sarah, and Isabelle Smith. He leaves behind many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He

was predeceased by his father Anson R. Boudrieau Sr.

Anson enjoyed camping, fishing, kayaking, music in general, reading, and family time. He liked building things, refinishing furniture, putting together models, and was a big fan of horror movies, especially “The Walking Dead.”

AJ was one to see all points of view in any given situation, always open-minded. In his words, he would “play the devil’s advocate.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association. A celebration of life was held Aug. 22, 2020 in Charlestown, N.H.

Roger D. Neathawk, 1948-2020

LANGDON, N.H. – Roger D. Neathawk, 72, of Cold River Rd., Langdon, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at the Springfield Hospital. He was born Feb. 21, 1948 in Brattleboro, Vt., the son of Charles and Juanita (Karlson) Neathawk. He attended schools in Bellows Falls and was a 1966 Bellows Falls High School graduate. After high school, he served in the Army. Following his service in the Army, he worked at the Smith Harriman Construction Company in Antrim, N.H. Roger was a member of the Pierce-Lawton American Legion in Bellows Falls and the VFW. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing slots at the casinos, and spending time with his family.

On Sept. 7, 1968 in Grafton, Roger married Cindy Lloyd who survives. He is also survived by two daughters Darcy Matthews and son-in-law Corey of Charlestown, N.H. and Lisa Neathawk and son-in-law Dan Colburn of Langdon, N.H.; one brother William Neathawk of Newfane, Vt.; four grandchildren Katelyn and Cody Matthews, Hunter and Kelsey Colburn; three great-grandchildren Aaliyah, Camden, and Mason. He was predeceased by two brothers Charles Sr. and Edward Neathawk.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls with Father John Loughnane officiating. There will be a celebration of life following the service at the American Legion in Bellows Falls.

Sherwin Z. Davis, 1925-2020



Sherwin Z. Davis, 1925-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sherwin Z. Davis, 94, passed away at his home Wednesday morning, Sept. 2, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 26, 1925 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Harrie M. and Martha Alice (Freeman) Davis. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1943.

Sherwin served in the United States Navy during World War II. He married Janice R. Thayer in 1945; she predeceased him in 1990. He later married Doris Parmenter Macdonald in 1993; she predeceased him in 2011.

Sherwin was employed as a sales engineer with the Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company in Springfield for 47 years. After retirement, Sherwin owned and operated Rocky Acres Tree Farm for 20 years, growing and selling Christmas trees from the property he owned since 1948. He was a lifelong and very active member of the United Methodist Church in Springfield.

He is survived by his daughter Judith Fugate of St. Cloud, Fla.; stepdaughter Kathleen (Scott) Metcalf of Springfield; sister Sylvia Bryant of Springfield; four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his daughter Elizabeth “Betty” Dunn in 2010; two brothers Wendell Davis and Elbridge Davis; one sister Lizzie “Sis” Hurd Burdick; and two grandchild-

dren.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. Friends may call at the United Methodist Church from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Face masks and social distancing are required in the church.

To attend the services online via Zoom, please email SherwinDavisFuneral@gmail.com or call or text 802-546-1303 to request the Meeting ID and password.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Memorial Chapel.

John H. Laskevich, 1953-2020



John H. Laskevich, 1953-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John H. Laskevich, 67, formerly of Springfield, passed away at his home in Chittenden Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. He was born March 10, 1953 in Springfield, Vt., the son of John D. and Beverly (Chandler) Laskevich. He attended Springfield schools, graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1971, and attended Castleton State College. While in high school, John was a member of the football team and a member of the track team.

John worked as a machinist in the Springfield Machine Tool industry for many years. He later worked in construction and maintenance. He was known for his wit and sense of humor and always willing to lend a helping hand. He lived his entire life by the “Go big, or go home” motto. He will be missed by his.

He is survived by his mother Beverly Laskevich of Florida, daughter Caitlyn Laskevich of Maine, two sons Sean Laskevich and Anthony Laskevich of Springfield, two brothers Stevan (Shari) Laskevich of Ludlow and Jeffery (Sharron) Laskevich

of Springfield, sister Jane (Tom) Moyer of White River Junction, and by many beloved grandchildren and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father John, brother Michael, and daughter Kelsey.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt. Reverend Stephen Burch will officiate.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Sylvia H. Forbes, 1938-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sylvia H. Forbes, 82, of Arden, N.C., passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 at her daughter’s residence in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She was born Aug. 7, 1938 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Ralph and Madelene (Howard) Coolidge.

Sylvia was a simple lady. She enjoyed the outdoors, painting, playing games on her tablet, and was always looking for a good Yahtzee or card game. She liked going to the beach, but most important to her was the quality time she spent with her family. She was a devoted, loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her children Keven and wife Sandie Forbes of Westminster, Colo., Jaynie Carleton of Asheville, N.C., Kenneth and wife Renee Forbes Jr. of Elbert, Colo., Kimberly and hus-

band Dan Fox of Mount Vernon, and Robin Thomaston of Bellevue, Neb.; and 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter Karen Forbes; brothers Donald Coolidge, Wendell Coolidge, Wayne Coolidge, and Ralph Coolidge Jr.; and two sisters Arlene Forbes and Beatrice DeGrasse.

The family will observe a private burial in Vermont. The Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home of Mount Vernon is honored to serve the family of Sylvia H. Forbes. Memorial contributions in Sylvia’s name may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association. To share a memory or leave a condolence for the family, visit www.snyderfuneral-homes.com.

Ruth A. Haddow

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A celebration of life service for Ruth A. Haddow, 68, who passed away March 9, 2020, will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at

1 p.m. at her daughter Ami’s home at 55 Litchfield St., Springfield, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel assisted with arrangements.

Linda Kaszeta, 1945-2020

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Linda Kaszeta, 75, of Main Street, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2020 at her home. She was born April 20, 1945, the daughter of Joseph and Helen (Ausukaitis) Kaszeta in Detroit, Mich. Lindy spent her childhood in North Branford, Conn., and attended school at Hamden Hall in Hamden, and then Hospital of St. Raphael School of Nursing in New Haven.

Lindy was a creative artist, mushroom hunter, forest wanderer, truth seeker, and dog lover. When younger, she was actively involved in politics, fighting to not mine uranium in Vermont. She was involved in Button Up Vermont and many other grassroots political movements over the years. She invested herself fully in any and every activity her children and grandchildren were interested in including coaching softball, handing out candy as a witch on Halloween, wedding planning, finding fishing holes, river-walking, rock collecting, and participating in endless activities at their schools. Most recently, she spent time chasing trains with her two

youngest grandchildren. Mostly she just enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her dynamic and outgoing personality garnered her new friends regularly.

Lindy is survived by two sons James Decker of Middlesex and Gregory Decker of Mount Holly; two daughters Diane Massi of Hillborough, N.J. and Kadi Cook of Eatontown, N.J.; and seven grandchildren Julia Massi, Arianna Decker, Alyssa Massi, Philippe Decker, Jenna Massi, Cedar Rogers, and Opal Rogers. She has three surviving siblings Bill Kaszeta, Francie Durand, and Margie Brooks. She was predeceased by her siblings JulieAnn White and Joseph Kaszeta.

The family will hold a private memorial with a moment of reflection. Please join in by lighting a candle Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in remembrance of her life. A celebration of life will be held next summer. Please send an email to kadi.cook@gmail.com to be notified of the arrangements. The family will also be collecting memories on Facebook.

May Hewey, 2020

BALTIMORE, Vt. – May (Quelch) Hewey, 94, passed away Aug. 4, 2020 at her home in Baltimore surrounded by family and friends.

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.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 25 Charged bits
- 26 Lit into
- 30 Explosive letters
- 31 External
- 32 Eisenhower
- 33 Lent a hand
- 35 Appear
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- 26 Convert to computers
- 27 Told a tale
- 28 — out (supplemented)
- 29 Showroom
- 31 sample capital
- 34 “I wish”
- 35 Prolonged attacks
- 37 Japanese pond carp
- 38 Caraway, for one
- 39 Loathe
- 40 Cereal choice
- 41 Despot
- 44 Vast expanse
- 45 Sister
- 46 Mound stat
- 47 Pooch

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Dorothy Martens, 1928-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Dorothy transitioned from her earthly life to her heavenly home Aug. 31, 2020. She was born Feb. 1, 1928 to W. Henry and Ida Swartley of Gardenville, Pa. At an early age, she came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior and from that day forward she was active in serving her heavenly Father.

She married John F. Martens of Inman, Kan. in 1950. In 1954, they heard a call from God to move to Vermont to support the leadership of a small Mennonite church in Andover. Dorothy served the Andover church and surrounding community in many different capacities for the rest of her life. She impacted many people by her involvement in Bible schools, Sunday school, church youth group, leading 4-H, and sewing circles for both children and ladies.

She spent much of her spare time sewing numerous quilts, which blessed family, residents at local nursing homes, and the MCC relief organization. She also had a gift for hospitality and was known for serving guests home-cooked meals, as well as for making many batches of glazed doughnuts and cinnamon buns to give away. Dorothy will be remembered for her generosity in reaching out to anyone in need, and her steadfast commitment to praying for others.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years John Martens of Chester; her daughter Joanie



Dorothy Martens, 1928-2020.
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Parker (Bruce) of Bloomington, Ill.; her daughter Kathy Martens of Andover; her son John Loren Martens (Martha) of Middlebury, Ind.; her son Daryl Martens (Kathy Jo) of Chester; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Andover Community Church, c/o Patti Gordon, 2625 Simonsville Rd., Andover, VT 05143. Calling hours will be held Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, from 4-6 p.m., at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. An outdoor celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Andover Community Church in Andover. Please bring lawn chairs.

Out of consideration for all those present, the Martens family requests that those who attend either of the services follow Vermont's social distancing guidelines.

Susan E. Pugh, 1951-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Susan E. Pugh, 68, passed away Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Oct. 24, 1951 in Stafford Springs, Conn., daughter of Roger and Helen (Dunay) Cartier, and was a graduate of Stafford Springs High School. She received her associate's degree from Bay State College in Boston.

Susan was employed as a teaching assistant for many years with the Springfield School System in Springfield, Vt. She was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She served as a lector, was an active member of the Catholic Daughters, and taught art at the Catholic school. Susan also did private tutoring. Susan was an avid reader and as part of her duties with the Springfield schools and St. Mary's School would read to the children and was instrumental in helping establish the children's library at Union Street School.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years John D. Pugh; four sons Tyler Pugh, Corey Pugh, Max Pugh, and Alex Pugh, all of Springfield; two grandsons Lucas and Jared Pugh; one granddaughter Kamala Cussen and her husband Callum; two sisters Mary Cartier of Florida and Karen Lunt of Connecticut; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Roger and Helen Cartier and her eldest son Kelby Pugh.

Friends may call at the Nolan-Murray Center at St. Mary's Church Sunday evening, Sept. 13, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

Jean C. Maly, 1940-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Jean C. (Otfinoski) Maly passed away May 11, 2020 at Genesis Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt. Jean was born March 28, 1940 in Middletown, Conn., the daughter of the late John F. and Margaret (Wisgo) Otfinoski, and was raised there.

In 1962 she married Lawrence C. Maly in Middletown, Conn. In 1972 they moved from their farm in Connecticut to a farm they purchased in Highgate, Vt. Jean had learned to milk cows and enjoyed farm life. In 1976 they moved to Chester. Jean held various cleaning and seasonal jobs in the area and was the bookkeeper for her husband's business, West Chester Excavating. She was well known for her expertly crafted Christmas wreaths, which adorned local businesses and were given away to neighbors. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking, knitting, and crocheting, recently making little girls' cradle purses for Operation Christmas Child.

In her later years, Jean became a member of Andover Community Church. She received believer's baptism Sept. 10, 2017.

She is survived by her son John Maly of Chester; her daughter Audra; grandchildren Nathan, Zachary, Michael, Falisha, Kylah, and Emily. She was predeceased by her husband



Jean C. Maly, 1940-2020.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Lawrence Maly Sr. in 2009 and her son Lawrence Maly Jr. in 2017.

A private burial was held May 24, 2020 at the East Hill Cemetery in Andover, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel assisted with arrangements.

A celebration of life will be held Sept. 13, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall in Andover, Vt. The family asks that those attending refrain from wearing black.

Donations in her memory may be sent to the Chester-Andover Family Center, P.O. Box 302, Chester, VT 05143; or to the Andover Community Church, c/o Patti Gordon, 2625 Simonsville Rd., Andover, VT 05143.

Robert E. Morrill, 1947-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – With heavy hearts we announce the death of Robert Edward Morrill, 73, of Naples, Fla., who passed away June 27, 2020. He was born in Springfield, Vt., March 12, 1947, the son of Edward G. Morrill and Judith M. (Rash) Morrill. He grew up in Ludlow, Vt., and attended Black River High School and Mount St. Joseph Academy in Rutland, Vt., from which he graduated in 1965. He attended Bentley College in Boston. He enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1967.

In August 1974, he married Patty Line in Rindge, N.H.; and together, they owned and operated All Natural Selections Food Market and Deli in Concord, N.H. He moved to Naples, Fla., where he spent some time as a private chef. Over the next 35-plus years, he developed and operated a successful landscape and property management business. He enjoyed spending time with his dog Rosie, cooking and entertaining friends, music and traveling, but his true love was gardening; he especially favored his beautiful orchids.

Robert is survived by his mother Judith (Morrill) Billings of Ludlow, Vt.; one sister Susan Gagnon with husband Norman of Ludlow; one brother Kevin Morrill of Ludlow; two nephews Norman Gagnon II with his two children of Stoney Creek, Canada, and Sean Gagnon with wife Bonnie and their family of



Robert E. Morrill, 1947-2020.
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11 children of Chester, Vt.; and David Gagnon with wife Laura stationed at USAF Base in England and Christopher Gagnon with wife Casey and daughter Harper stationed at USAF Base in Nevada. He also leaves an aunt, uncle, many cousins, and a circle of close friends and colleagues.

He was predeceased by his father Edward George Morrill in 1980; a brother David Alex Morrill in 1990; and a sister Patricia Ann Morrill in 2015. Graveside services and interment with military honors will take place at a later date in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

Alice S. Lohutko, 1952-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Alice S. (Blanchard) Lohutko, 68, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Feb. 3, 1952 in Springfield, Vt., daughter of Paul W. and Charlotte M. (Gillies) Blanchard. She graduated from Stamford High School in Stamford, Conn. and received her bachelor's degree from Norwich University.

Alice had been employed as an ombudsman for Vermont Legal Aid Inc. in Springfield. Prior to that, she was a librarian at the Whiting Library in Chester, Vt. and was a volunteer coordinator at New Beginnings in Springfield.

A devout lover of cats, she considered herself the ultimate cat lady. She enjoyed reading, performing mental math calculations to the amazement of everyone present, loved knickknacks and was a collector of all things, especially tea pots and cat-themed items. She loved a good mystery and relished true crime stories and TV shows. Alice had her own unique brand of retail therapy and would often walk around a store picking out items to enjoy for several moments before placing them back for someone else to find. Alice was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who lived for her husband, children, and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years Gary J. Lohut-



Alice S. Lohutko, 1952-2020.
PHOTO PROVIDED

ko; daughter Kate E. Lohutko and her husband Tyler Dion of Essex; and son Matthew Lohutko and his wife Jennifer of Claremont, N.H.; her grandson Carter; a brother Ken Blanchard of Poultney, Vt.; and a sister Nancy Blanchard of Saint Clair Shores, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews, a grand puppy, and grand kitties.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, from 4-6 p.m. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Davis Memorial Chapel is limited to 50% capacity and masks are required. Alice's family asks that if you're able to please wear blue, as this was Alice's favorite color. Accessorizing with cats is also welcomed as Alice had many cat-themed accessories of her own.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

George S. Norfleet III, 1947-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – George S. Norfleet III, 73, passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020. He died with a smile, knowing he had lived his life well. He was born July 31, 1947 in Bridgeport, Conn., the son of George S. Norfleet Jr. and Elizabeth (Betty) Rose (Hanf) Norfleet. In 1965 George graduated from Monson Academy in Monson, Mass. and the University of Richmond, Va. in 1969.

George was the chief financial officer for ImageTek Manufacturing in Springfield for 15 years, retiring Sept. 8, 2017. He was a member of the Springfield Lions Club for 35 years, from 1985 to 2020, served as treasurer for 10 years, as president in 2015-2016, and the District 45 secretary and treasurer in 2016-2017, and the Board of Directors from 2017 to the present. He served as president and board member of the Springfield Humane Society and on the board of Springfield Medical Center for a time.

Survivors include his wife Louisa (Thompson) Nufield; his son Andrew H. Norfleet of Fort Mill, S.C.; Andrew's wife Bethany; three granddaughters Chloe Elizabeth, DeAnna Rae,

and Emaleigh Rose; two brothers Philip S. Norfleet of St. Helena, Calif. and John R. Norfleet of New Bedford, Mass.; his sister Elizabeth S. Norfleet of La Jolla, Calif.; and nephews Chase and Johnny Norfleet.

George was passionate about his family, baseball, politics, pets, and theater arts. He was gifted with a skill in creating financial systems designed to organize and manage cash flow, and he used these skills and passions to serve his family, people he knew, and organizations he loved. He spent many years helping people afford eyeglasses through the Lions Club and worked as part of the Visioneers team of the Lions Club, a service that helps children find out if they have visual challenges at early ages.

There are no services planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vermont Lions Charities at www.vermontlions.org or to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. In lieu of services, condolences to the family may be expressed by visiting www.davismemorialchapel.net and clicking on the link to the Facebook page.

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 or call 802-843-2346.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

In-person Sunday services are at 11 a.m. Mid-week prayer will continue over Zoom. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

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, call 802-522-8249, or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

On Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. Rev. Mellen Kennedy will the annual Water Communion service via Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

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Okemo Valley Chamber Golf Tournament at Crown Point Country Club

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 11th Annual Golf Tournament at a new location this year, the Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. Join us for a chance to win the \$10,000 cash hole-in-one prize! Thank you to this year's hole-in-one sponsor, Imery's.



Okemo Valley Chamber Golf Tournament approaches. PHOTO PROVIDED

Registration is scheduled from 12-12:45 p.m. and tee-off starts at 1 p.m. The event is organized as a shotgun scramble format and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, contests, prizes, goodie bags, and the \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. Teams and individual golfers are all welcome.

After the tournament, there will be a barbecue, cash bar, raffle, and awards beginning at approximately 5 p.m. Those who are not golfers are also invited to attend for the "dinner-only" portion of the event and join in on the raffle fun too.

Companies are invited to showcase their business in

front of this target audience as Title sponsors, Hole "Pop-Up" sponsors, regular hole sponsors, raffle prize donors, and goodies bag item donors. All sponsors and donors will be listed in the event program.

Hole Pop-Up sponsors are invited to pitch a tent, set up a table, and engage with this captive audience. Pop-Up sponsors can also pick their select hole location on a first come, first serve basis. Pop-Ups must be

staffed during the duration of the tournament.

The golf club and chamber will be following all state guidelines regarding health and safety during the Covid-19 pandemic including face coverings, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.

To learn more or register, go to the Chamber's website at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/11th-annual-okemo-valley-chamber-golf-tournament-9-25-20.

Okemo outlines Covid-19 changes for ski season

LUDLOW, Vt. – "Safety is our prime concern." This was a phrase emphasized frequently by Bruce Schmidt, vice president and general manager of Okemo Mountain Resort, during an interview Spotlight aired on Okemo Valley TV.

The discussion centered on changes that Okemo has introduced to deal with the impact of Covid-19. Schmidt indicated that the mountain planned to open for the ski season just prior to Thanksgiving.

Among the many changes instituted by the resort to comply with state restrictions and guidelines, he described the following:

All skiers and boarders will need to reserve dates they wish to ski. Season passholders will be given preference over day skiers if the number of requests for a specific day exceeds the guidelines for people on the mountain. Masks will also be required by all skiers and boarders while on the mountain or in its various facilities.

Use of the lift, depending on the width of the lift seat, will be reduced to comply with social distancing. How-

ever, family or friend groups will be permitted to use a single lift chair where feasible.

Okemo will still offer instruction and training classes. Group size of such classes will be reduced to comply with state requirements and social distancing. Additionally, certain types of classes may not be offered.

Mountain facilities, such as restaurants, lodges, and the Ice House will be restricted to the number permitted by state regulations. The same will apply to the swimming pools and exercise facilities at the resort. The latter will also require advanced reservations.

The courtesy buses that Okemo uses to pickup skiers and boarders will continue to operate in the Ludlow area. They will, however, be restricted as to the number of people they carry by state regulations.

With respect to housing rentals for people using the mountain, Schmidt indicated that would continue but that certain out-of-state areas may be excluded due to high Covid-19 rates.

In response to questions by Ralph Pace, Spotlight moderator, Schmidt commented on the various programs that the mountain had run in the past.

He indicated that there had been no discussions with area public schools as to the use of the mountain by students. The ski patrol would continue to function as usual. The firework displays would be canceled to avoid large gatherings. He also noted that the early morning skiing prior to the mountain's scheduled opening time would not be supported.

One of the problem areas the mountain is dealing with is the loss of seasonal staff from outside the country. Due to the various visas being canceled, all staff will be from this country. Currently, all Okemo employees are being tested daily before starting work following the resort's Covid-19 protocol.

When questioned about future surges or similar developments of Covid-19, Schmidt noted that the mountain would evaluate such situations to determine the appropriate action to be taken.

More information on Okemo's response to Covid-19 is available at www.okemo.com. The entire Spotlight interview is available at the Okemo Valley TV at www.okemovalley.tv/videos, or its YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/okemovalleytv.

Purple traps for emerald ash borer removed in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – In keeping with the flight habits of the emerald ash borer, the ash tree predator that has destroyed millions of ash trees in the country, Bob Brandt removes one of the "purple traps" used to capture adult EAB beetles. EAB was first located in Vermont in early 2018 in Orange.

As of now, 11 different locations in Vermont host infestations by EAB. The latest

locations detected are in Londonderry, Springfield, and Rockingham areas. It is principally carried by firewood distribution. While the four purple traps set up in Ludlow have shown no signs of EAB, it is only a matter of time before they infest Ludlow's many ash trees. Brandt is heading a

team that is conducting an inventory of Ludlow ash trees. He indicated that he could use additional help in conducting the inventory of the ash trees in all public places in Ludlow, especially right-of-way areas. He may be reached through Ludlow Town Hall at 802-228-2841.



Bob Brandt removes an EAB trap. PHOTO PROVIDED

Fall sports schedule, Sept. 11-19

REGION – Fall sports are back. Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 –

Boys Soccer
Springfield at Randolph, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 –

Football
Brattleboro at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.

Springfield at Windsor, 2 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Theford at Leland & Gray, 11

a.m.
Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14 –

Field Hockey
Springfield at Burr & Burton, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15 –

Boys Soccer
Stratton Mountain at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Leland & Gray at Rivendell, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 –

Boys Soccer
Springfield at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Field Hockey
Springfield at Hartford, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 –

Football
Bellows Falls at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.

Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Sunapee at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 –

Boys Soccer
Fall Mountain at Sunapee, 12 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Hartford at Springfield, 11 a.m.

Volleyball
Fall Mountain at Sunapee, 3:15 p.m.

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Contact Shannon Burbela, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1111 or it can be obtained on line at rockinghamvt.org under the "Bids/Request for Proposals" tab. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "HEATING FUEL AND PROPANE RFP", no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2020.

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Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for 2020-21 plowing and sanding at the Londonderry Transfer Station. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

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Falls Area Community Television (FACT TV) is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2020 at 5:30pm.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held virtually via zoom. For the link and information to participate in the meeting, visit FACT TV's website (www.fact8.com) or email FACT TV at alex@fact8.com. Anyone wishing to serve on the FACT TV board of Directors should submit a letter of intent no later than Oct 2nd, 2020. For more information, please call FACT TV at 802-463-1613.

Town of Westminster

The Town of Westminster, Vermont is seeking applicants for the position of Town Clerk. This position is interim until the next election in March of 2021. At that point he/she may run for election. Applicants should have excellent organizational, communication, and administrative skills. The position requires 37.5 hours per week of time and the wage rate will be determined on qualifications and experience.

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.

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Full job descriptions are available at the Municipal Manager's Office or Town web site at www.rockbf.org. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. Apply to: Shannon Burbela, Finance Director Town of Rockingham. PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 or email finance@rockbf.org. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Dear Editor,

As the Representative Teachers' Association, we Council of the Springfield are writing to share with

your concern about the safety of our schools. Safety is always the priority of every educator, and as of our submission of this letter, we cannot be sure that our classrooms are safe for our students. In a time when uncertainty can

mean community spread of a deadly disease, our conscience and the standards of our professional ethics require that we report what we do and do not know about the safety of our schools.

School in the time of pandemic poses new challenges to educators, students, and families. All summer, the Springfield School District has been involving school workers in a variety of reopening committees and discussions. We have been working hard with administrators to redesign education

for our students, and, like so many of the students and families in our community, we are doing our best in the face of frightening instability. We miss our students. We want to go back to teaching and learning with them as we did before: in schools that are challenging, nurturing, and, above all, safe.

Our district has made a significant effort to comply with the Agency of Education's guidelines for reopening schools. These guidelines suggest, among other things, making improvements to the ventilation systems of some buildings. Scientific consensus is growing that aerosol transmission is one way Covid-19 spreads, and these improvements to filtration and ventilation will help protect our community from an outbreak.

For us to say our buildings and classrooms are safe for adults and children, we need concrete, measurable evidence that these changes will work. The district has told us, and we have seen firsthand, that they are making improvements to ventilation and filtration systems. We continue to ask for data to indicate these repairs are sufficient to keep our school community safe. We hope that they are enough, but we currently have no way of knowing

how effective those improvements will be.

Without knowing air exchange rates in our rooms, we are leaning on uncertain measures like using box fans to circulate air out windows. Some teachers already have fans in their rooms; others don't. With budgets frozen, this leaves educators responsible for buying air safety equipment, which leads to greater variation and uncertainty about which classrooms are or are not safely outfitted, and puts the solution to a statewide problem on individual teachers.

Many teachers have strong reservations about returning to school without being certain that doing so is safe for students and staff. Circumstances leave us with little choice, and in spite of these reservations we will continue to show up every day to care for our students and provide them the best education and protection we can. We always, like you, want what is best for our students and community. We look forward to joining with all of you to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our schools and community.

Respectfully,
Springfield Teachers' Association Representative
Council

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
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**The first installment of the 2020-2021 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable
September 15, 2020**

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

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**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
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Tele-Conferencing for Public Participation
Westminster, Vermont
Legal Notice**

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020 to consider the following:

Application #21-14 (Tammy Kissell) – property located at 62 Daigel Road. The Applicant is requesting a minor subdivision with a Waiver of Dimensional Requirement for the District that the land is located. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 312 Waivers of Dimensional Requirements, Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone, and Article VIII Subdivision of Land of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #21-16 (Dennis Madore) – property located at 48 Kane Lane owned by James Kamel. The Applicant is requesting a Home Car Repair Business in the Commercial/Industrial Zoning District. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone, Section 611 Automobile Repair, and Section 940 Change of Use of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

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

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Notification of Management Plan Availability

Date: September 3, 2020

To: Parents, teachers, employees, other personnel or their guardians

From: Two Rivers Supervisory Union (LEA/Supervisory Union)
Todd Parah (Designated Person)
716 VT Route 103 S (Address)
Chester, VT 05143 (City & State)
802-875-2146 (Phone number)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR 763.93 [g] [4] requires that written notification be given that the following schools/buildings have Asbestos Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

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2. Chester-Andover Elementary School	Chester, VT	802-875-2801
3. Cavendish Town Elementary School	Cavendish, VT	802-226-7758

Todd Parah
Signature of the Designated Person

Dear Editor,

Lisa earned her high school diploma at age 59 this past June. Born in Vermont, her education was interrupted due to an unplanned pregnancy. Lisa spent 20 years working as a nurse's aide and raising her two children before being sidelined by a career-ending back injury. "I was sitting at home. I knew I needed to do something," Lisa said. "I decided to check out Ver-

mont Adult Learning. It was hard at first. I was the oldest student in the classes. Today, I can read things in my mail. I can understand a bill, something my kids used to help me with."

Sept. 19 to 26 is National Adult Education and Family Literacy week. Lisa's story reminds us there are many talented and capable individuals among us who, for myriad reasons, lack a high school credential. An estimated 42,000 Vermonters do not have a high school diploma or GED. These folks face more limited job opportunities and access to training programs or the ability to continue one's studies at the college level; they are also the most likely to lose employment during an economic downturn. The Covid-19 pandemic reinforces the enhanced health vulnerabilities of folks of limited education and income.

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Lisa recognized that it's never too late to learn. Our passion to help students succeed drives our work. We are here to help, one aspiring student at a time. To find a program near you, please visit www.education.vermont.gov/student-learning/adult-education/local-services.

Sincerely,
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Carol Cole, REALTOR

Location, Location. This 4.76+- acre parcel is located on the back side of a well regarded neighborhood offering sunny exposure, partially cleared land, proximity to VAST trail system and designed septic system. Well worth looking into for those looking to be a step above. **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$39,900**

This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location. Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$249,000**

This home has seen many upgrades including siding, windows, decking/stairs/railings, paved driveway and much more. Designed originally to be a home with in-law apartment, the property is currently being utilized as a single family. First floor includes a full/functional kitchen, newer 3/4 bath, 2 bedrooms, laundry/storage room, living/dining combination. Upstairs offers family room, four more bedrooms, pantry area and full bath. Both levels offer access to a covered porch with views overlooking the town and storage rooms. Detached shed for added storage. Situated on close to a half acre within walking distance to amenities. **\$110,000**

This modified cape has ample living space with 4-6 bedrooms (or den, offices, music rooms...), three baths, expanded living room, upgraded kitchen and a formal dining room. Master bedroom is privately situated upstairs with it's own separate access, bathroom and private deck that looks out onto the private back yard (and undeveloped acreage beyond). Outside offers beautiful perennial gardens, patio, front deck. All situated at the end of a development. Get ready to be pleasantly surprised! **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$159,900**

Nestled in the woods, with a big clearing around the house, this property is everything one would want for easy living with lots of storage/garage space. The house is an easy keeper; ranch style with large mudroom/entry, open concept living/dining/modern kitchen, master suite with large walk-in closet and designer master bath, another main floor bedroom/den & bath. Finished basement with family room, summer kitchen, bathroom, craft room/bedroom, laundry room and impressive utility room. Heated attached garage is three plus bays wide (one drive through bay) with oversized doors, high ceilings and overhead storage. Multiple extras include: Deck, outdoor furnace, solar, mini-splits, radiant heat, fire pit, shed and so much more... **\$299,900**



entertainment & events

Walpole Players “The Importance of Being Earnest”

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players are back! We hope you will come out to see our staged reading of Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest,” Saturday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m., on the Walpole Town Common.

This witty comedy about the trivialities of late Victorian society is sure to be a lot of fun. The performance is free and open to the public. Please remember to bring your choice of seating. In the case of inclement weather, the performance will take place the following Saturday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.

Please email WalpolePlayers@gmail.com for further information, or check our website: www.TheWalpolePlayers.org. The website will announce a rain postponement by 2 p.m. on the day of the show.

Please note that all social distancing requirements and guidelines will apply. Family and



Cecily (Jenny Plante) and Gwendolen (Juliana Stevens) have an earnest discussion over tea.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY WALPOLE PLAYERS

friend groups should seat themselves at least six feet from other groups. If it is not possible to maintain a six-foot separation while seated, masks must be worn if attendance reaches 100 people or more, per New Hampshire govern-

nor’s Emergency Order 63.

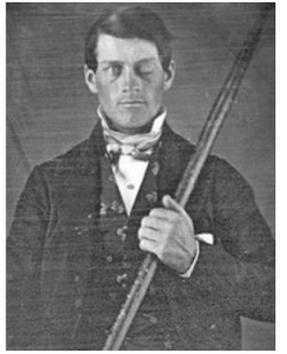
Annual Phineas Gage Walk & Talk

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Each year the Cavendish Historical Society holds a “walk and talk” on the famous accident in Cavendish that ushered in the field of neuroscience and a clearer understanding of how the brain functions. This year’s emphasis will be on the “walk” portion, as the program will be held entirely outside.

On the 172nd date of the accident, Sunday, Sept. 13, meet at 2 p.m. at the CHS Museum, 1958 Main Street. Included in the walk will be the boarding house where Gage stayed, the site of the accident, Dr. Harlow’s surgery, and more.

While blasting for the new railroad, Phineas Gage had a tamping rod blow through his head, yet lived for 12 more years. Thanks to the painstaking work of Dr. John Harlow, the Cavendish physician that treated him, the accident and Gage’s injuries and recovery continue to be studied.

The site of the accident is approximately three quarters of a mile from the museum and by the time other sites of interest are visited and we return to the museum, you will have walked for close to two miles. Participants can stop at any time. It’s recommended to wear comfortable walking shoes.



Phineas Gage. PUBLIC DOMAIN

This event is free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required.

For more information, contact Margo Caulfield at 802-226-7807.

Adventures in Pareidolia at Gallery at the Vault

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is excited to present a new show of works by Rick Hearn, “Adventures in Pareidolia,” an imaginary land wherein faces are there and hidden, from Aug. 26 through Oct. 21.

This is an opportunity to get away from the constraints of the pandemic and spend some time finding faces, animals, birds, people, all kinds of things in these incredible, intricate graphite drawings. This is art that you just have to see in person.

Pareidolia is how the mind will naturally look for and find faces in random shapes and patterns. It is an imaginary land hidden behind the

whisper woods of the north in the recesses of the mind. Patterns found in everything from the bark on a tree, lichens, spirals of nature from fingerprints to shells and the universe. Find intricate detail and dance with it.

Rick has been drawing for 55 years. As a young teen, he worked for Phillip Grausman and later William Talbot. He attended The Gunn School, Wykeham Rise School, and the Maryland Institute College of Art. He has painted with High Street Painters for eight years.

These drawings are about preparing the surface with graphite powder dusted on the surface using surrealist techniques. Then finding discov-

ering natural shapes, patterns, fractals, evolving into an ever-expanding path to honor and give credence to the imagination.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is

open Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org or Facebook.

CALENDAR

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 or 603-542-4433. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

SEPT. 12 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – UU Springfield Coffeehouse presents “Six-foot Serenade,” featuring music by Bill Brink. Come join us for our first parking lot music event Saturday, Sept. 12, from 3-5 p.m., at 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. Seating will be arranged for social distancing and masks are required. This event is free, but donations for musician are welcome. Refreshments will be available with proceeds benefitting the meetinghouse. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 13. Check www.uspringfieldvt.org or Facebook page for information.

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/Neal’srestaurant 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.

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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Tired of those annoying pop-ups? Is your computer running slow? Are you getting a lot of error codes? Is your computer screen freezing or your computer suddenly shutting down? On Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Matt Sydorowich from SydsCompufix will be at Neighborhood Connections to individually address these and other concerns you are having with your laptop computer. Bring your laptop and power cord. Space is limited, so sign up by calling 802-824-4343.

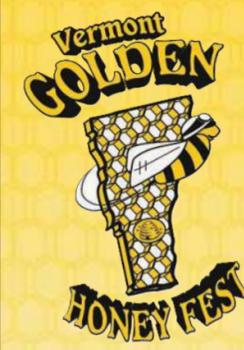


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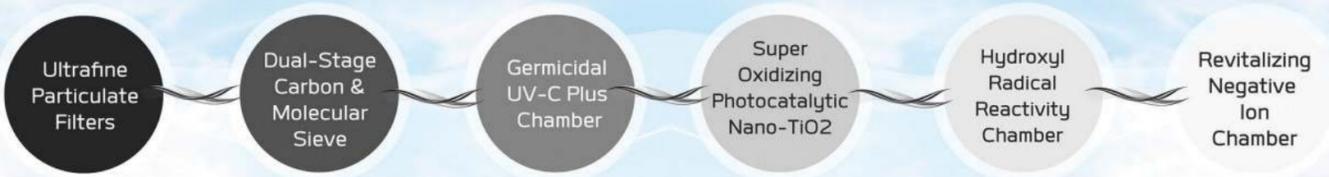
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