

Happy to be back to school at Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Sept. 8 marked the end of a successful summer session and the beginning of a new school year for Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Following strict safety protocols, campus re-opened for a shortened summer program in mid-July. The summer session included fun activities such as field games, woodworking, horseback riding, and swimming.

The first day of school Sept. 8 was celebrated with a Welcome Back to School parade. The event lineup included Kurn Hattin's beautifully restored 1942 H. Farmall Tractor, costumed staff and students all wearing face masks, hay wagon, and led by the Windham County Sheriff and Westminster Fire Department. The parade concluded with an eighth grader cutting a red ribbon to the stairs leading up to the school in the Mayo Memorial Center



Executive Assistant Sonja Carey driving Kurn Hattin's restored 1942 Farmall tractor, Executive Director Steve Harrison and Assistant Executive Director Sue Kessler holding Kurn Hattin banner; School Principal Sergio Simunovic and Director of Residential Life Ellen Wood holding Welcome Back banner; and Santa holding the American flag.

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welcoming everyone back to school.

"It's so wonderful to have the children back in their classrooms again and even though

things look different, that same wonderful 'back to school' feeling is here. It's extra terrific coming on the heels of summer rec, a time like no other

that we've ever experienced in 125 years at KHH and topped off by yesterday's wonderful Fun Day, which was incredibly fun all the way around. A huge shout out to everyone who worked so hard to make every one of the days during the past several weeks so special for the kids and helped smooth their transitions back to our campus. Watching the smiles on the faces of both the children and the adults and seeing everyone working together to figure out the logistics of how we can be here safely as a full community while complying with the mask, physical dis-

tancing, and other protocols is truly heartening, thank you," remarked Assistant Executive Director Sue Kessler.

Since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children has helped thousands of children and their

families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment. Its mission: Kurn Hattin transforms the lives of children and their families forever. Follow their journey: www.kurnhattin.org.



Kurn Hattin's welcome back to school parade.

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Trustees hear pump track and public safety citizen committee proposals

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the Bellows Falls Police Department and a pump track proposal by the Development Office.

Development Director Gary Fox asked the Trustees to authorize a written consent for construction of a pump track behind the Recreation Department's ballfield on the Oak Hill trails.

Fox explained the proposal started two years ago with the Windham County Trails Alliance requesting an agreement with the town to maintain and

expand trails developed by the Youth Conservation Corp over a decade before. WCoTA is working on the expansion in collaboration with Bald Hill Trails, Bellows Falls Riverfront Scenic Park Trails, Bellows Falls Community Bike Project, Rockingham Recreation Department, and the Development Office.

They plan to develop a trail system to produce economic development for the town and village while offering the opportunity to teach mountain biking skills. Fox said pump track was like a "mini version of dirt bike racing" and the program has begun with school groups and the recreation department at Central El-

ementary School with physical education teacher Peter Lawton. The trails will be utilized by CES with radio-powered cars, at Bellows Falls Middle School with BMX bicycles, and at BFUHS with mountain bike training.

Fox mentioned a youth behavioral assessment survey and described the benefits of outdoor activities, especially mountain biking for those at risk for drugs and alcohol.

Resident Alex Stradling proposed the development of a citizen committee for public safety and policing. James McAuliffe said it was important first to "establish some goals or priorities" with the new manager and Police Chief and suggested

more social media presence.

Jeff Dunbar thanked Stradling for bringing this forward. He said it was "a great idea and having a collective voice from the community is a desirable thing."

Wade Masure agreed, "Only something positive can come from [this]," and suggested the board establish clear expectations with newly appointed Chief David Bemis.

McAuliffe agreed, "This is an opportunity for us to get a better understanding."

Village President Deborah Wright also agreed. "They need a voice. Our police department hasn't really changed... Citizens have every right to form a committee."



Proposed location of the pump track near Oak Hill trails.

PHOTO BY BETSY THURSTON

Stradling explained he wanted to see the police chief form "proactive steps" instead of "responding to complaints" and suggested the BFPD "offer a vision with budget and the future."

Stradling said they should

"foster less us versus them" and suggested a community hearing.

The search for a new municipal manager was down to two candidates. The next Joint Board meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate reading with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Stop by the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten meet-up Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Commons on Summer Hill. Catch up outside!

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youth services librarian Michelle Stinson will be at the park to register new families, catch up with current participants, and celebrate all of your reading milestones.

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success. Any child from birth to 5 years can participate. Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brainpower? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge – all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

The Springfield Town Library 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program offers incentives along your way to reading 1,000 books. Stop by the Commons Sept. 26 to sign up or check in. Rain or shine. Face masks and social distancing are required.

Improving genealogy results in online databases

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The next meeting of the Windham County Genealogical Interest Group will be held via Zoom Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The topic for the meeting will be getting the best results possible when searching the Ancestry and Family Search genealogical databases.

The genealogy websites www.Ancestry.com and www.FamilySearch.org contain millions of documents that are necessary for creating a family genealogy. While it is easy to get started, sometimes finding the right source is tricky.

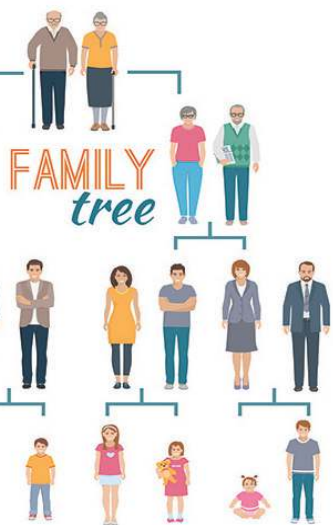
The websites are like the super-sized big box stores: all sorts of documents are contained in hundreds of databases. Looking for cereal in the auto parts section is not helpful, but sometimes you can find the same information in more than one place. Bananas are usually in the produce section but they

might also be found in the cereal aisle. By focusing on some of the tools built into these websites such as Ancestry's card catalog and Family Search's wiki, we'll discuss ways to improve the results. We encourage those to join the meeting to share their tips for doing searches as well.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but will be limited to the first 30 people to register at www.bit.ly/windhamgen3.

Genealogists Jerry Carbone of Whetstone Brook Genealogy and Wayne Blanchard, a genealogy volunteer at Rockingham Public Library, will facilitate the event sponsored by Rockingham Public Library and Brooks Memorial Library. Part of the session will be devoted to sharing our genealogical research questions and planning topics for the next meeting. In the future, the group will meet bi-monthly alternating between Brooks and Rockingham libraries when we are able to meet physically. Dates and times to be announced.

For more information, please email windhamcountygig@gmail.com.



Search genealogical databases.

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Sign up or check in with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten meet-up at the Commons.

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Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale canceled, hosting raffle

GRAFTON, Vt. – Like many other fall events this year, the popular Grafton Firefighters Fall Festival Tag Sale has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This would have been the 40th year for the tag sale. However, in order to keep the tradition alive the Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary has created a new event. A raffle will be held Oct. 10, which is the date originally planned for the tag sale. In addition to the raffle, a to-go hot dog lunch by donation will be available from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. as well as a coin drop and a last chance to buy raffle tickets before the drawing at 3 p.m. This scaled down fall festival will take place at the Firehouse, 711 Route 121, just east of Grafton Village. Winners need not be present and the now familiar Covid-19 safety precautions will be observed to keep everyone safe.

The cancellation of the tag sale this year will be felt by locals and visitors alike but also by



Tag sale canceled. PHOTO PROVIDED

the firefighters who will experience a 20% loss to their budget as a consequence. While the raffle won't yield the excitement of hundreds of shoppers scouring through the wide array of goods, it will help to keep alive the spirit of the event and make a contribution to overcoming the budget loss.

Items being raffled off feature a complete Husquavarna 525LK package valued at \$2,500 with weedwacker, leaf blower, power paddle, power broom, pruner, brush cutter, and roto-

tiller – even a shirt, hat, and fuel are included. Other raffle items are two one-night bed and breakfast stays at the well-known Grafton Inn, a Vermont Country Store gift basket, a fresh baked cookie each day for 60 days from the MKT Grafton Village Store, a gift basket from the Grafton Village Cheese Company, and a gift basket of colonial reproduction toys made by the Cooperman Fife and Drum Company. Raffle tickets are available at the Grafton Garage, MKT Village Store, from Grafton Firefighters, from Amber at 802-376-5646, and Oct. 10 at the Grafton Firehouse from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary and the Grafton Fire Department are counting on the goodwill and support of the public in helping them during this troubled time to keep the spirit of the Fall Festival alive and bring some budget relief until next year when the 40th Firefighters Tag Sale will take place in person.

Emerald ash borer walk in Weathersfield

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Weathersfield Conservation Commission is leading a walk on Goulden Ridge Road and Morningside Drive to raise awareness of the emerald ash borer. The emerald ash borer, an alien, invasive insect, has killed millions of ash trees across the U.S. and

is now in Vermont and in the nearby towns of Londonderry, Vt. and Plainfield, N.H. This insect will impact the ash trees of private forestland owners and also our town budget because it is a common tree in our town road ROWs.

Commission members Roy Burton and Ryan Gumbart, with backgrounds in forestry, will explain ash tree identifica-

tion, signs, and symptoms of EAB and the local, regional, and global impacts of the infestation.

Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask out of consideration for yourself and others. In case of inclement weather, please check the WCC webpage, www.weathersfieldvt.org/conservation_commission/index.php, for updates.

Fletcher Farm School announces campus closure until 2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has issued the following announcements.

Due to travel restrictions and low enrollment the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen Inc., the governing organization of the school, has reluctantly made the decision to close our campus until June 2021. We are hopeful that a successful vaccine will be available by then to deal with the Covid-19 virus.

The Fletcher Farm School has been an integral part of the Vermont arts landscape

the past 73 years now, but the future of our school is in jeopardy and we need your help. Because of this spring and summer's canceled classes and low enrollment for the classes that did run, we have issued an emergency appeal for donations so that we are able to keep the school running until next June and prepare for the summer 2021 term. To donate to our appeal, visit our website, www.fletcherfarm.org, and click on the link for "Donate," or send a check to our office at 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT, 05149. If you care about keeping this valuable resource in your community and you are able, please

consider making a contribution today. Our school is a vital part of the local area and a haven for artists and craftspeople. Please help us keep it alive.

As part of our fundraising activities, we will be holding a Fabric and Craft Supply sale over the Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10-11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., each day. We will also be featuring many holiday-themed items and handmade gifts. This would be a great time to start your holiday shopping.

Finally, you can still purchase tickets for this year's raffle on our website. The drawing will be held Dec. 1, so there's still time to enter.

Weston Playhouse discusses closure

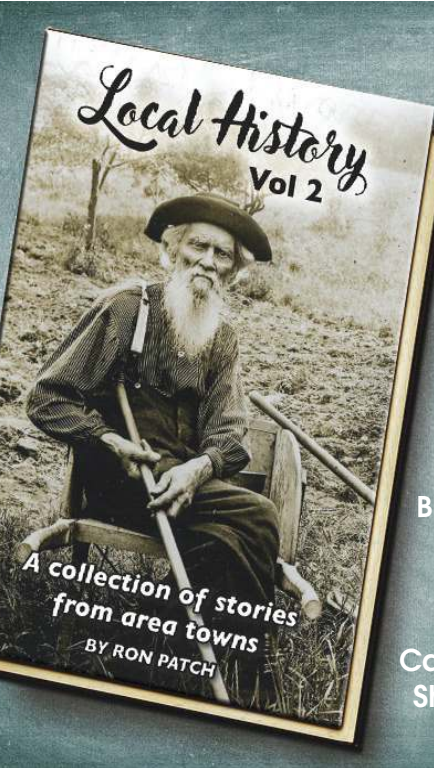
WESTON, Vt. – Susanna Gellert, executive artistic director of the Weston Playhouse, recently discussed the impact of Covid-19, and the decision to cancel the current season's production at the Weston Play-

house noting that it was difficult considering the many artists who would be affected by the decision.

One new project commissioned 14 well-known playwrights to write short plays

with a single actor. The resulting works, called "One Room," concentrated on the question of what makes a home. This series, along with several other projects, is available on the playhouse's YouTube page, www.youtube.com/user/WestonPlayhouseTC.

Gellert indicated that the playhouse was considering possible productions for the 2021 season. She cautioned that such a schedule, if the situation permitted, would probably be shorter than their normal season productions.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Oral history

Earlier this year, Ed Peck told me his son Pete wanted to listen to cassette tapes of an interview Gale Peck done in the 1980s for the Chester Historical Society. I wasn't aware of the tapes so I disguised my ignorance by saying, "I'll let you know." As we are archiving our collections, I've kept these tapes in mind.

Last week I found them. There were three tapes. Only one had any information written on it: "Gale Peck 1986." I asked Tom Hildreth if he would convert the tapes to CDs, which he did. I spent time over the weekend listening to the Peck interviews.

Two of the interviews the audio is pretty good. The others the microphone was too far away. Numerous disruptions, over talking or laughter, make them hard to cypher. I recognized Gale's voice. It was strange hearing his voice again. I also recognized Martha Bessey's voice.

There were two or three other older area residents interviewed at this time. One man's name was Richardson. He lived on Summer Street in Springfield I think. His father was a high-end horse trainer in Springfield. His recording, while noisy, is an excellent record of Springfield history.

This was a difficult process for me. I can't type so I listen for 10 seconds, pause the audio, and quickly type the 10 seconds into a word document. This I had to repeat many times. Below are a couple transcriptions you might find interesting.

Gale's interview was done with a young lady. Her first question was "What's your name?" Answer: "Gale Peck." Next question: "When were your born?" Answer: "1887." Question: "Where were you born?" Answer: "Weston, VT."

The interview quickly becomes interesting. Gale says there were nine kids in his family, six boys and three girls. He describes living on the farm until he was 13, when his family moved off the farm to run a grocery store in Weston village.

Gale describes the store as two and a half stories. His father Philetus paid \$275 for the property. Gale also mentions his parents owned the farm where Gale lived until he was 13. This farm was 160 acres. His parents owned another farm, also 160 acres, for a total of 320 acres.



Weston baseball team circa 1902. Gale stands next to the man with straw hat.

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Gale mentions Philetus sold "the whole kit and caboodle for \$1,000."

Gale describes district schools and the village school. At 13, Gale was driving the horse-drawn delivery wagon, delivering groceries around town. Ed Peck, Gale's grandson, told me Gale also delivered groceries to loggers working in the National Forest.

They didn't have electricity or bathrooms in those days. Gale tells how he made a basketball from a cow's bladder his father had slaughtered.

Gale describes his days with the Weston Cornet Band. "I played the clarinet. We didn't have any clarinets in the band at the time. I ended up being the leader of the band. I bought two clarinets off Frank Lovejoy. He played tenor in the band there. His oldest son Robert afterwards worked for the Lovejoy Tool Company over in Springfield. He played the clarinet too. I played B flat. I think there were about 20 in the band then."

Question: "Did you travel around?"

Gale: "On the Fourth of July we'd go somewhere to play. One year we went to South Londonderry playing in the morning. Then we went from there up to Lowell Lake to play in

the afternoon. And then in the evening back to Weston to play in the bandstand and give a concert there." The interviewer giggles.

Gale describes the reservoir in Weston now called the Trout Club. "That was built by people who wanted to use the water power for mills. Below the reservoir about a half-mile was a shingle mill. Then down in the village there was at least a half-dozen mills running off the brook. There was a chair stock factory and a tannery where they tanned hides. And there was a grist mill and a butter print factory."

He mentions learning to drive a Model-T. He soon bought one for a taxi. The new Model-T chassis cost him \$425. He then bought a jitney body for a taxi. Gale moved to Chester in 1915.

Gale lived to 104. His son Howard lived to 103. Does anyone know who the young interviewer was or have memories of this program?

This week's old saying my mother used. When she was telling you something and forgot what she was going to say, she'd say, "Well, it must have been a lie."

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opinion

Dear Editor,

This year has been destructive to Vermont and the country. In particular Vermont's budget suffered a \$400 million shortfall. Businesses as well as individuals are still harmed financially.

The Vermont Legislature came back in session at the reported cost of \$2 million dollars. Now if I were in the Legislature, I would say to my colleagues: Let's figure out how to distribute the remaining federal relief funds, pass the budget, and stop the financial burden on the taxpayers. But these people don't think that way. They have figured that while they're milking the taxpayers they should pass more legislation at the same time.

David Zuckerman, who wants to be our chief executive officer, could show his leadership by telling the legislators to pass the budget, take care of the remaining relief aid, and recess. There is nothing that time sensitive in the legislation that can't wait four months when they are in session and not draining our

Dear Editor,

For all the struggles that went into reopening schools this summer, nature did smile on Vermont's teachers and learners this week as our kids returned to school – conditions have been perfect for outdoor activity. Going in circles around my hay fields, I had a lot of time to think and feel a surge of thankfulness for the people who have made our schools ready.

Thank you, bus drivers. Thank you, nurses. Thank you, teachers. Thank you, paraeducators. Thank you, custodians. Thank you, network administrators. Thank you, cooks. Thank you, principals. Thank

you, secretaries. Thank you, crossing guards. Thank you, financial managers. Thank you, superintendents. Thank you, PTA and volunteers. We are mindful of the extraordinary challenges you have faced to support teaching and learning in 2020.

I'm also thankful and feel respect for the moms and dads and grandparents who have been keeping our children alert and healthy during this long time of schools being closed. Whether you put your kids on the bus this week, or committed to teaching and learning at home, you have helped keep

pockets even more.

Ask yourself whether you agree with the legislation or not, why can't this wait just four short months so we aren't having to foot yet another unnecessary bill?

Or better yet, ask your legislators and David Zuckerman.

Sincerely,
Keith Stern
Independent candidate for Senate for Windsor County N. Springfield, Vt.

our communities strong and have made sacrifices along the way.

And kids, I'm grateful to you too. You're the reason why the adults are trying so hard. Your growth means the world to us. My own heart goes out to you most of all, for your resilience and joy. You're teaching all of us every day.

Thank you, everyone. Godspeed.

Sincerely,
Sean Whalen
Weathersfield School Board chair

Dear Editor,

There has been some confusion around the upcoming General Election Nov. 3, 2020 and I would like to provide clarification as to the voting process for Cavendish and Proctorsville voters.

The Secretary of State's Office is automatically mailing ballots to all residents who were registered voters as of Sept. 1, 2020. Mailing of ballots will take place beginning Sept. 21, 2020 with all ballots delivered by Oct. 5. These ballots will be mailed to the address on record in the election management system unless you requested a different mailing address. Anyone who registered to vote after Sept. 1 will automatically be mailed a ballot by the town clerk.

The Secretary of State's of-

fice will be posting a daily listing beginning Sept. 21 as to which towns have been mailed ballots. You can access their website at sos.vermont.gov. You can also track the status of your ballot here by registering on My Voter Page.

Your ballot can be returned by mail, delivered to the Town Office during office hours, or brought to the polls on Election Day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Anyone can return your ballot for you.

If you prefer to vote in person Nov. 3, you will be able to even if you do not bring the ballot that was mailed to you. You will be required to sign an "Affidavit of No Ballot Cast" so that you can receive a new ballot. Both the state of Vermont and the town of Cavendish have measures in place to prevent any person

from voting more than once.

If you are not currently registered to vote, you can do so at the town clerk's office, by mail, or online at the Secretary of State's website, sos.vermont.gov. We have same day registration in the state of Vermont so you can register to vote and vote on Election Day at the polling location.

If you have any questions or concerns about voting Nov. 3, 2020, please call the town clerk's office at 802-226-7292. This year, it is not "voting as we know it" and all of us here at the office are happy to answer your questions and assist you in making sure your vote is counted!

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obituaries

Evelyn A. Asonevich, 1927-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Evelyn A. Asonevich, 93, died peacefully at home Sept. 10, 2020. She was born June 5, 1927 in Chester to Lawrence and Grace (Todd) Bowers. She earned her GED at age 52. She married Joseph S. Asonevich Aug. 17, 1949 in Chester. He predeceased her Sept. 11, 2010.

Evelyn spent the majority of her life as a homemaker. She also worked as a cook for 13 years in the Riverside Middle School cafeteria. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church choir for 48 years and a candlepin bowler for 20 years. She enjoyed camping, reading, and made the best chocolate chip cookies. Her Polish bread that she made for the family every holiday won first prize at the Agricultural Fair.

Survivors include two sons Walter Asonevich (Kim) of Johnstown, Pa. and Bernard Asonevich of Springfield; three daughters Bonnie Hills (Jesse) of Hartland, Christine Greene of Springfield, and Catherine Bullock (Raymond) of Bellows Falls; a brother Hartwell Bowers of Covington, Pa.; a sister Alfa Bourey (Elwin) of Crystal Lake, Ill.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; and



Evelyn A. Asonevich, 1927-2020.
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several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Evelyn is predeceased by her husband Joseph Asonevich; a brother Lawrence Bowers; three sisters Alice Balch, Marilyn Shea, and Thais Matthews, and a daughter-in-law Valerie Asonevich.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel. Friends may call from 12-1 p.m. prior to the funeral. A graveside service will be held in St. Mary’s Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Evelyn’s name may be made to the Springfield Family Center Food Pantry, 365 Summer St. #333, Springfield, VT 05156.

Heidi L. Frost, 1969-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Heidi Frost passed away at her home with her family by her side Sept. 2, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 11, 1969 in Springfield, Vt., daughter of Ronald and Lynda (Bellville) Frost. She enjoyed riding her horse with her daughter and spending as much time as possible with her two grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending a lot of time at the family camp in the NEK. She enjoyed kayaking, exploring, being outdoors, and being with family and friends, as well as watching her number one grandson race motocross.



Heidi L. Frost, 1969-2020.
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She worked many years at Springfield Hospital after graduating from Springfield High School. She was currently employed at Twin State Psychological Services in Springfield, Vt. She was a breast cancer survivor in 2016.

She was predeceased by her mother Lynda (Bellville) Frost. She is survived by her father Ronald Frost and sister Pamela Howe; her fiancé Edward LaRocque; her son Zachary Muguira and his longtime partner Kimberly Marro and their two children Dylan and Autumn Muguira; her daughter

Sara Muguira and her longtime partner Tucker Westney; her two nieces Cassandra and Cierra Howe; and her cousin Doug Nelson as well as many other family, friends, and pets.

There will be no calling hours or funeral service per her request. However, there will be a celebration of her life – “one big party” as she called it – Sept. 19, 2020, from 2-6 p.m., at her home, 67 Bugbee Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your local animal shelter or the Susan G. Komen Horse Ride for the Cure in her name.

Ruth E. Kemp, 1939-2020

LANGDON, N.H. – Ruth Elizabeth (Miller) Kemp, 81, of Langdon, N.H., died surrounded by her children Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H. Ruth was born May 12, 1939 in Lowell, Mass., the daughter of Richard and Marjory (Slade) Miller. Ruth attended school in Lowell, Mass. and graduated as the valedictorian from Vilas High School in Alstead, N.H. She worked as a machine operator at Walpole Wire, Whitney Blake, and Mal-Tool.

Ruth was an active member of Post 57 American Legion Auxiliary in Alstead. She was a member of the Alstead Congregational Church, was the Langdon librarian, and performed with the Langdon Players. Ruth served as supervisor of the checklist for many years in the town of Langdon. She enjoyed reading, watching game shows, playing board games, and skunking many opponents in Cribbage. Her favorite times were decorating her house and celebrating holidays with her family. Everyone looked forward to tasting whatever she would whip up in the kitchen. She adored time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, proud to

be Great E visiting with her great-grandson, Winston, every Saturday.

On May 19, 1957, in Alstead, N.H., she married William Kemp, who died Dec. 4, 2008. She is survived by one son Scott Lyle Kemp and wife Frances of Charlestown, N.H.; two daughters Linda Ruth Fennessey and husband Joe of Walpole, N.H. and Beth Kemp Edson and husband Michael of Charlestown, N.H.; four brothers Richard Miller and wife Gail, Loring Miller, Ralph Miller and wife Deborah, and Ronald Miller and husband Scott; two sisters Joyce Burns and Diane Wootton and husband Patrick; grandchildren Heather Smith, Gwendolyn and James Edson, Sherrie LaBrie, Amanda and Stephen Anderson; and nine great-grandchildren. Ruth is predeceased by her husband, parents, and sister Nancy Jones.

A graveside service was held at the Lower Langdon Cemetery Sept. 12, 2020. Memorial contributions may be made to the Langdon Congregational Church, c/o Doug Beach, Route 12A, Langdon, NH 03602 or the Langdon Fire Department, Route 12A, Langdon, NH 03602.

Sherry L. Batchelder, 2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sherry L. Batchelder, 57, passed away unexpectedly at her home Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020. She was born in Claremont, N.H., the daughter of Ronald and Charlene. She attended Claremont schools, including St. Mary’s Catholic School, graduated from Stevens High School, and later graduated from the New England School of Hair Design in Lebanon, N.H.

On March 28, 1998, she married Bruce E. Batchelder in Charlestown, N.H. Sherry worked as a hairdresser in the area for many years and most recently was employed as a manager at Irving Truck Stops. She enjoyed auto racing, music, and attending concerts. She enjoyed trips to Mohegan Sun casino and the beaches of Maine. She loved her dogs and her family. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband Bruce of Springfield; mother Charlene Desjardins of Charlestown, N.H.; one son Brian Manning Jr. of Swanton; two daughters



Sherry L. Batchelder, 2020.
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Jennifer Spear of Springfield and Brittany Hankins of Chester; two brothers Ronald Bean Jr. of Keene, N.H. and Gene Desjardins of Sutton, N.H.; one sister Melinda Bean of Claremont, N.H.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She was predeceased by her father Ronald Bean.

A memorial service was held Sept. 11, 2020 at David Memorial Chapel.

Alfred L. Duquette, 1940-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Alfred Leo Duquette, longtime resident of both Springfield and Charlestown, Vt., passed away Aug. 22, 2020 after a short battle of cancer. Al was born and raised in Springfield June 4, 1940, the son of Leo and Eva Duquette. Al spent many years in the machine tool industry in Springfield, working in such well-known industries as Jones & Lamson and Fellows Gear Shaper. Al later moved north, settling in Charlestown, where he married Janet (Bowen) and worked at Tivoly Inc. in Derby Line. Al spent 10 years working at Tivoly before retiring.

Al and Janet spent many years creating and selling wooden crafts at their business A&J Woodcrafts. Their creations live on all across the U.S. and Canada as treasures of their owners.

Al also loved to hunt and to be in the woods. He hunted with family both in Vermont and in the west. Al harvested many trophies, some of which are recognized by the Vermont Big Game and Trophy Club. Al and Janet spent many years restoring antique cars and trucks and were longtime members of the Vermont Chapter of the Cars of Yesterday. Their cars and pick-up

won numerous trophies at shows across Vermont.

Al was predeceased by his father Leo Duquette, mother Eva Duquette, brother George Duquette, and sisters Anna Egan and Marie Weldon. Al is survived by his loving wife and life partner Janet; brothers Raymond Duquette, Wayne Duquette, Roger Duquette, David Duquette; sisters Leona Blodgett, Lena Stocker, Helen Berquin, Eileen Duquette, Linda Usle, Sandra Holt, and Nancy Duquette; children Juanita Frizzell and her husband Bruce, Robert Duquette and his partner Jen, and Wanda Clement and her husband Jon; Janet’s children Diane Whipple and her husband Dan, Gary Bowen and his partner Danielle, and Emily Blake and her husband Kevin; and by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Al was greatly loved and will be missed. Graveside services will be held in Charleston at the discretion of the family. Donations may be made to Dartmouth Hitchcock Oncology Department, 1080 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Online condolences may be made at www.curtis-britch.com.

Leonard A. Stillings, 1937-2020

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Leonard Almon Stillings, 83, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Cornerstone Hospice Center in The Villages, Fla. He was born April 12, 1937 in Lisbon, N.H., he was the son of Chester and Leona (Croft) Stillings.

Leonard had three very different careers in his work life: produce manager for First National Supermarkets, a life insurance agent for NYLife, and a supervisor for John A. Russell Construction Company. Leonard moved to Vermont in the late 1950s. He married Carmen Johnson in 1958. He remained in the Plymouth, Ludlow, Andover area for 60 years.

In retirement, he and Carmen enjoyed traveling with their camper and later became snowbirds, living in Leesburg during the winter and living in Plymouth and their camp on Forest Lake in Whitefield, N.H. summers. He moved permanently to Leesburg two years ago.

Some of his many accomplishments were building a unique home in Andover and remodeling his camp on the Forest Lake. His hobbies were repairing and collecting antique clocks, rebuilding automobiles, playing golf, riding his bicycle, and doing puzzles.

Survivors include his son Samuel Stillings and his wife Jane; daughters Melissa Moore and her husband Tony and Lenora Wilkins and her husband Scott; nine grandchildren Amanda (Stillings) Hershberger and her husband Colby, Nathan Stillings, Jonathon Gibbs and Vanessa, Jay



Leonard A. Stillings, 1937-2020.
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Gibbs, Jennifer (Moore) Rogers and husband Bryce, Megan Moore, Travis Moore and wife Shelby, Dylan Wilkins, Seth Wilkins and wife Brianna; three great-grandchildren Elias Gibbs, Elliott May, and Kinsley Rogers; two brothers Carlton Stillings and his wife Marsha and Alston Stillings and his wife Leona; a sister Meredith (Stillings) Langevin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Carmen (Johnson) Stillings, his loving wife of 56 years; his daughter Julie Gibbs; and his brothers Kenneth and Rockford Stillings.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. in Plymouth Notch Cemetery, Plymouth, officiated by Pastor Margo Marrone. Face masks and social distancing will be required during the service. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude’s Research at www.stjude.org.

An online guest book can be found at www.cabotfh.com.

Judith C. Becker, 1942-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Judith Coates Becker (Palmer), 78, passed away unexpectedly Aug. 26, 2020. Born Feb. 27, 1942, in Weymouth, Mass., to Lilian and Fred Palmer, Judi had a younger brother, Richard. She graduated from Tufts University in 1963.

She married Donald Bernier in 1964 with whom she had two children, Michele and Alan. They lived in St. Johnsbury for a short time and then moved to Burlington. There, Judi began her decades-long career in hospital development administration at the University of Vermont Medical Center and later at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

In 1990, Judi married Edward Becker and relocated to Springfield, Vt.

Judi, or Gaga as she is affectionately called by her seven grandchildren, was a doting grandmother who trekked across the country to catch their soccer and baseball games, dance recitals, musical performances, birthdays, and graduations. When Gaga arrived, you could count on her to bring treats like Champlain Chocolate and jugs of Vermont maple syrup. She delighted in seeing her young grandchildren “eating their fruits and vegetables” but also loved spoiling them with her famous chocolate chip cookies. Her family describes Judi as supportive, unwaveringly consistent, accepting of people as they are, go with the flow, sweet, generous, and Vermont tough.

In retirement, Judi embraced this new phase of her life by pursuing her many interests and continuing to lead her healthy lifestyle while taking classes at Dartmouth.

She was an early board member of the Springfield Food Co-op and volunteered at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She traveled the world too, visiting Africa, China, Europe, South America, Alaska, and more.

Judi is survived by her husband Ed, daughter Michele Vitali, son Alan Bernier (Sydney), and grandchildren Lily Vitali, Leo Vitali, Lucy Vitali, Cyrus Bernier and Rowan Bernier, stepson Michael Becker (Megan) and their children Maxwell and Miles. She is predeceased by her parents and brother.

The family requests donations in Judi’s name go to the Springfield Food Co-op, 335 River St., Springfield, VT 05156 and Vermont Public Radio by going to www.donate.vpr.org. Please put Judi’s name in the comment box.

Keith W. Illingworth, 1942-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Keith W. Illingworth, 77, died unexpectedly Sept. 4, 2020 in Hudson, Fla.

Keith is survived by his wife Debbie Day-Illingworth of Hudson; son Randy Illingworth (Stacie) of Westminster, and daughter Tracie Illingworth-Harris of Bellows Falls. He is also survived by his three granddaughters Keigan Illingworth of Westminster and Alexandra (Springfield College) and Bradie Harris (Nazareth College) of Bellows Falls. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Sue Illingworth and nephews Geoff and Chad Illingworth and their families. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Nancie (Ober) Illingworth, his brothers Bobby and Gary, and his niece Lindsey.

He was born Oct. 16, 1942 in Bellows Falls, Vt. He graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1960 and went to Cambridge School of Business in Boston. He then served his country in the United States Air Force. After being honorably discharged,

he came back home and worked for the Bellows Falls Trust Company and then the United States Post Office in Bellows Falls until his retirement. He was also a member of the Bellows Falls Fire Department, the American Legion Post 37, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 527, and the Elks BPOE 1619.

He loved to travel and was the “taxi service to and from the airport” for many people in the area. The neighborhood could expect to see him out and about daily, walking or riding his bike, checking in, and saying a quick hello.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no services. The family wishes for you to gather together in safer times and raise a glass in his honor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made out to the Keith Illingworth Fund, c/o the Savings Bank of Walpole, P.O. Box 517, Walpole, N.H. 03608. The family will disperse the funds at a later date to the Lindsey K.J. Illingworth Scholarship and/or the Comtois Family Scholarship.

Carl A. Mears Jr., 1944-2020

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Carl A. Mears Jr., 75, passed unexpectedly at his home Friday, Sept. 4, 2020. He was born Nov. 9, 1944 in Bethel, Vt., the son of Carl and Myrtie (Reynolds) Mears. He attended school in the Bethel area.

In 1968, he married Sheryl A. Graves. She predeceased him Jan. 1, 2016. He worked as an over the road truck driver for many years and for the past 20 years has worked as a truck driver with United Construction. Carl enjoyed cutting and splitting wood and fishing. He was a loving and caring father and grandfather.

He is survived by four daughters Sarah Riendeau (Larry) of Ascutney, Vt., Tracey Welch (Ryan) of Springfield, Vt., Carlene Streeter (Matt) of Springfield, Vt., and Robin Mears

Messier (Dan) of Sharon, Vt.; four grandchildren Brian and Christopher Riendeau and Kayla and Katrina Welch; five great-grandchildren; one brother Dick Mears (Louise) of Hancock, Vt.; six sisters Jeanie Lyman of Lebanon, N.H., June Swenor of Bethel, Vt., Betty McCrillis (Bucky) of Randolph, Vt., Lois Christie (Jerry) of Randolph, Vt., Peg Frary (Walt) of South Royalton, Vt., and Donna Mears (Craig Colsom) of Randolph, Vt.; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins and by his dog Goodyear and granddog Diesel. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Sheryl, and by three brothers George, Bruce, and Roger Mears.

A celebration of life was held Sept. 13, 2020 at his home in Weathersfield, Vt.

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MONTPELIER, Vt. – A youngster's first hunt can mark the beginning of a lifelong passion for the outdoors and a commitment to wildlife conservation. There is no finer time to begin this journey than during Vermont's upcoming youth waterfowl hunting weekend Sept. 26 and 27.

"Vermont's youth waterfowl hunting weekend helps ensure that young hunters get the quality training and experiences they need for lifelong participation," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "By design, the youth weekend hunt reinforces the route of initiation that

is critical in recruitment – learning from an experienced adult role model."

On Sept. 26 and 27, hunters 17 years of age or younger may hunt ducks and geese in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont waterfowl hunting zones. The age requirement is 15 and under in the Connecticut River zone.

The youth hunter must have a Vermont hunting license and must be accompanied by an un-armed adult, 18 years of age or older, who also has a Vermont hunting license. Youths 16 and 17 years of age must have state

and federal duck stamps. All youth hunters must also register with the Harvest Information Program in each state that they hunt. This can be done on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website or by calling toll-free 1-877-306-7091. The adult may not hunt waterfowl or carry a firearm while accompanying the youth when the youth is hunting waterfowl.

Ducks and geese may be taken by youth hunters Sept. 26 and 27 according to the bag limits set in the 2020-2021 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds in Vermont, available from Vermont post offices and as a downloadable file from www.vtfishandwildlife.com under Hunt – Waterfowl.

Age requirement set for online hunter education classes

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has set a minimum age requirement of 12 years for their online-only hunter education course, bowhunter education course, and trapper education correspondence course to begin Oct. 1.

"In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we began offering an online-only option for our hunter education and bowhunter education courses as well as a correspondence course for trapper education to reduce the health and safety risk to our instructors and students," said Education Manager Alison Thomas. "Online-only and correspondence education allow individuals interested in hunting and trapping to

obtain the necessary certifications to prepare for the upcoming fall hunting seasons."

"These three courses are completely remote with no in-person contact. We want to ensure that our program creates a proper system for instructing safe and responsible new hunters and trappers. We continue to offer a very limited number of traditional, in-person courses and home study programs with no age requirement."

"While our online-only courses meet all the standards and requirements established by the International Hunter Education Association," said Thomas, "we encourage everyone who takes an online course to also take an in-person course if available, for the added benefits of hands-on and in-person learning."

Requests for exemptions to

the age requirement for online classes should be made directly to the Hunter Education Program by calling 802-828-1193 or emailing HunterEducation@vermont.gov. Exemptions will be considered for those youth age 12 and under that are immunocompromised or are otherwise unable to attend in-person classes.

Anyone interested in taking hunter education classes should visit the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education Program webpage: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter-education for more information or to enroll in a course. More information is also available by calling the Hunter Education Program at 802-828-1193 or emailing HunterEducation@vermont.gov.

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Vermont's archery deer season starts Oct. 1

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says hunters are looking forward to Vermont's upcoming Oct. 1–Nov. 13 and Nov. 30–Dec. 15 archery deer hunting season.

A hunter may take up to four deer in Vermont's two-part archery season if they do not shoot any deer in the other deer seasons. The purchase of an archery deer license and tag is required for each deer. No more than one of the deer taken during archery season may be a legal buck if no buck is taken in the other deer seasons. Antlerless deer hunting is allowed during archery season statewide this year.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length.

In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

Hunters must have a standard hunting license in order to purchase an add-on archery deer hunting license, except that nonresidents may purchase an "archery-only deer license." Licenses may be quickly and easily purchased on Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Hunters planning a Vermont archery deer hunting trip will

find it helpful to download a copy of the 2019 White-tailed Deer Harvest Report from Fish & Wildlife's website with this link: www.tinyurl.com/v7kz477. It has the number of deer taken in each town in last year's deer hunting seasons.

For more information and a summary of regulations, download the 2020 Deer Season Guide from Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website, or pick up a free copy of the 2020 Hunting & Trapping Guide from any license agent.

Nonresident archery hunt-

ers are cautioned that Covid-19 travel restrictions can change prior to and during the fall archery deer hunting season. Nonresident archery deer hunters are encouraged to consider this before purchasing an archery deer license for 2020 as refunds for hunting license purchases will not be granted due to changing travel restrictions because of Covid. Additional information on Covid-19 travel restrictions can be found by going to www.accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel.

Fall sports schedule, Sept. 18-26

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.

Volleyball

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 21 – Boys Soccer
Springfield at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Field Hockey
Brattleboro at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Bellows Falls at Hartford, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Rivendell at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball
Fall Mountain at Hanover, 5:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 – Boys Soccer
Hanover at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Springfield at Arlington Memorial, 7 p.m.

Cross Country
Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 3:30 p.m.

Mount Anthony at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

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

Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 – Field Hockey
Otter Valley at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Brattleboro at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Springfield at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 – Boys Soccer
Springfield at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball
Hanover at Fall Mountain, 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 – Field Hockey
Windsor at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Football
Brattleboro at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Hanover at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Game schedules are subject to change. For more information, go to the schools' websites.

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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WESTON, Vt. – Tables for indoor tag sale Oct. 10th and 11th at Weston Rod & Gun Club. \$10 per table. 802-824-3418.

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PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

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IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

**Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.**

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.

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MAINTENANCE WORKER I Full-Time – Permanent Position
The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill a full-time position within the Public Works Department. Desired candidate must have the ability to perform heavy manual labor and tasks requiring physical strength, coordination and dexterity. Strenuous physical effort is demanded in walking, bending, standing and lifting of heavy tools and materials. Often requires repetitive activities requiring limited skill and training. Use of equipment used on streets, water & sewer utilities when necessary, cemeteries and other Town properties. The Maintenance Worker I position is supervised by the Public Works Director or the Highway Superintendent, or their designee and may be required to work independently on occasion. Requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator's license is required. Grade 11 A at \$14.64 per hour – union position with benefits and retirement.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Temporary Part-Time – Position
The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a temporary part-time Code Enforcement Officer to provide a safe and healthy environment for citizens by ensuring that buildings and land within the municipality are in accordance with housing and zoning ordinances. Knowledge of the Town's Zoning and Land Use Ordinances is preferred. Working knowledge of general office equipment, a computer, windows software and attention to detail while preparing correspondence, tickets and reports is a must. Chosen candidate should work harmoniously with public, public agencies and their staff, the media, town departments and private organizations. In addition, candidate must be willing to attend court proceedings when necessary and be willing to work flexible hours, such as evenings and weekends. A high school diploma or equivalent may be acceptable. Starting pay is \$21.00 per hour. Working Hours will vary weekly; 15 – 20 Hours. This is a temporary position until June 30, 2021. Potential for position to become permanent after July 1, 2021. This is a non-exempt position without benefits.

Mail cover letter, resume and applications to the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, or email to: toshrr@vermontel.net. Applications may be downloaded from the Town's website <https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/> or picked up Mondays – Thursdays, 8:30 AM to 12:45 PM. All applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. E.O.E.

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SEPT. 19 – 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.

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.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –

Neal's Concert Productions presents the Jake Kulak and the LowDown Sept. 19 at Neal's Restaurant & Bar in Proctorsville, Vt. Doors open at 5 p.m. and show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are extremely limited. Show is for 21 and older only. Tickets are available at the restaurant. Jake Kulak and the LowDown bring their blend of modern and traditional guitar-driven blues and blues-rock to music lovers everywhere. Neal's is located at 2588 Route 103, Proctorsville. For more information or updates, go to www.facebook.com/nealsrestaurant or give owner Neal Baron a call at the restaurant at 802-226-7251.

REGION – Harpoon's

Flannel 5k is going virtual for the first time! Participants of the annual race 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.

SEPT. 20 – GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts

Grange and Green Mountain Express are going to hold another outdoor non-open-mic Jamboree, Sunday, Sept. 20, from 1-4 p.m., if it doesn't rain. We have three canopies to protect some from the sun. Donations will be asked. There will be no refreshments, but there will be soda and water for sale. Please bring your own chairs. Social distancing and masks are required. Sign-in is required by law. If it rains, we will have to cancel. For questions, call 802-591-4290 anytime before 9 a.m. that morning.

SEPT. 21 – LUDLOW, Vt. – On Sept. 21, from 12:30-5:30 p.m., the American Legion, 133 West Main St., in Ludlow will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Please

call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

SEPT. 22 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – How do we know if we are sharing "Fake News?" On Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m., Springfield Town Library Director Sue Dowdell will discuss the reasons misinformation is spread and what you should do before you share anything you read or see. This online Zoom class will discuss media literacy and how to stop the spread of fake news. Dowdell is a former teacher of 31 years who taught various grade levels, computer applications, and was a school media specialist before becoming a public librarian. To register, go to www.bit.ly/3kMlM9a. Contact Sue Dowdell at 802-885-3108 with any questions.

SEPT. 26 – GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is renting 10-by-10-foot outdoor areas for a flea market at the grange for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You must bring your own tables, chairs, and canopies. Social distancing and masks are required. To make a reservation, call Donna at 802-591-4290. If it rains, it could be canceled.


WALPOLE, N.H. – On Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Walpole, 15 Washington St., will hold a yard and food sale. Household items only. No clothing. The food sale will feature, but not be limited to, apple specialties. Social distancing and masks are required. Rain date will be Oct. 3.

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Weathersfield Conservation Commission is leading a walk to raise awareness of the Emerald Ash Borer. Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask out of consideration for yourself and others. In case of inclement weather, please check www.weathersfieldvt.org/conservation_commission/index.php.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. Mask is required. 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? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

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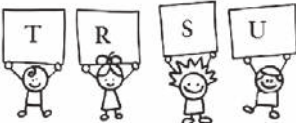
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Qualifications: 18 years old, ability to plan and implement activities with students in grades K-6. Description: Staff will be assigned a group of no more than 10 students. Staff will be responsible for planning activities, supervising, and supporting online learning with students. During the fall months students and staff will be outside the majority of the day.

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Reminiscent of the Victorian era, this home has a rich interior with a very practical layout. The first floor offers a formal dining room, den with floor to ceiling bookshelves, comfortable living room, kitchen with walk-in pantry offering additional work space, and a center hall with a beautifully refinished staircase. Upstairs offers a spacious master bedroom, two additional bedrooms and a classy full bath. Inviting wraparound enclosed porch for three seasons of living and taking in the manicured gardens that give the home a historical feel. Located close to town within walking distance to amenities, this home is a rare find. **\$125,000**




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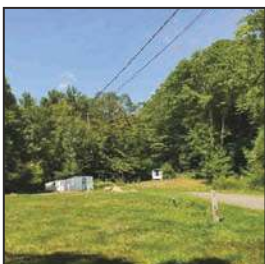
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Creating a pet portrait with Neighborhood Connections —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Do you want an enduring and endearing keepsake of your furry family member? On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m., artist and creativity coach Beth Whitaker from Artmaker Farm will present a Zoom workshop on how to create an attractive and unique portrait of your pet.

Neighborhood Connections is sponsoring this event. Whitaker will discuss how to create good reference photos of your pet; what to include and eliminate from the photo; how to create a dynamic image using photo-editing tools; and how to plan and prepare your artwork. No instruction in

media technique is included in this workshop. A Q&A immediately follows. Call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving the area mountain towns of south central Vermont.

A World Suspended in Color at Canal Street Art Gallery —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The third annual fine art glass show, “A World Suspended in Color” returns to Canal Street Art Gallery, featuring members of the Vermont Glass Guild and the League of New Hampshire Craftsman, Sept. 18 to Nov. 14.

On Sept. 18, join the virtual gallery event during Bellows Falls Third Friday Gallery Night live on Facebook at 6 p.m.

In the midst of the pandemic, Clare Adams of Cambridgeport felt compelled to reach back centuries to classic religious glass painting as well her own high school experiments in stained glass. This new series of stained glass work is also inspired by American quilts.

Lucy Bergamini of Brattleboro is strongly influenced by forms in nature, the human body, cell structure, and DNA. She developed a line of glass beads using a similar process of pulling cane. The canes are cut into beads and then assembled with sterling silver or gold to create the jewelry.

Robert Burch is a master glass blower working in his Putney studio for over 40 years. “Most of my inspiration comes from my natural surroundings, and is further enhanced by the beauty of the glass in its molten state,” says Burch.

Tsuga Studios in Rockingham turned an industrial mill space into a glass shop. Owner Nicholas Kekics is a third gen-

eration glass worker.

Chris Sherwin established Sherwin Art Glass in Bellows Falls. Sherwin’s furnace and equipment are powered by the hydroelectricity generated by the dam. Sherwin says, “It feels good to be green glassblowing in the Green Mountain state.”

Canal Street Art Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetart-gallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

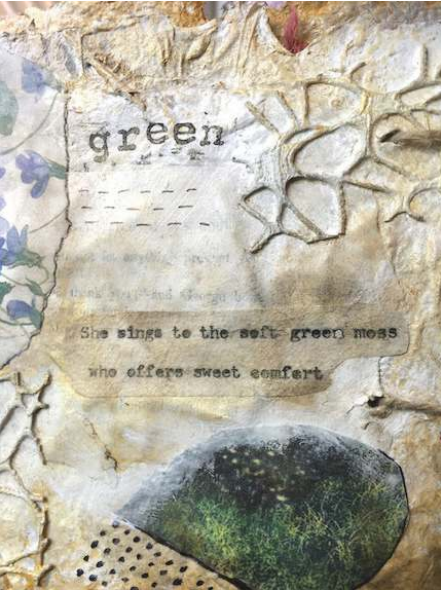
Journey Collage online at Gallery at the VAULT —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Anyone can do collage! Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to offer this fun collage workshop with Angie Follensbee-Hall via Zoom Sunday, Sept. 20, from 1-4 p.m., with a 15-minute break.

Create a simple collage and mixed media picture that tells a story about someone or something that has meaning in your life. This collage can help us to envision our direction or journey. It includes meditation, journaling, simple collage instruction, and final reflection. Learn how to layer design images, use different glue, and add words to create meaning in your art.

This class is for beginners and experienced artists ages 7 and up. Children under 7 will need a parent helping. A materials list will be provided at the gallery or via email. Angie is providing links on the list for ease of purchase of materials. Many items can be found at home or your local hardware store.

Please call, email, or come into VAULT to register. Reg-



Art collage by Angie Follensbee-Hall. PHOTO PROVIDED

inspiration comes from the world of nature, spirit, and myth. Angie holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Arts in the Education of Creative Practice. She has won several awards, including the Bjorvard Drawing Award, and New Hampshire League of Craftsman Best in 2D design. She is also a certified yoga teacher, E-RYT 500, an energy worker, a traditional herbalist, and has taught and designed art courses at Granite State College and area art centers.

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, please call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

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Ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters —

DMV launches new online vehicle registration system —

**MONTPELIER, Vt. –** Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos issued a reminder to active, registered Vermont voters that they will be automatically receiving a ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election in the mail, sent to the mailing address on file with their voter registration or pending ballot request.

“Voting by mail is simple, safe, and secure,” said Condos. “Our office has taken the proactive steps to mail a ballot to all active, registered voters so that we can preserve the voting rights of all eligible Vermonters during a pandemic, while protecting the public health by reducing high traffic in-person voting on Election Day.”

Ballots will be mailed to voters starting Monday, Sept. 21. Voters should expect to receive their ballots sometime through early October. Any voter who does not receive their ballot by Oct. 1 should contact their town clerk to get a ballot.

A recent nationwide postcard

mailing by the United States Postal Service suggested that Vermont voters would need to request November General Election ballots to receive an early absentee ballot, which is not true. Any active, registered Vermont voter will be automatically mailed a ballot, including new registrants.

Voters who newly register before Nov. 3 will receive a ballot automatically from their town or city clerks but are still encouraged to contact their clerk and ensure the information they have provided is complete.

Ballots can be returned by mail, hand-delivered early to the voter’s clerk which may offer a drop-box return option, or bring their ballot to the polls on Election Day. Polling places will be operating as usual, under proper social distancing and sanitization guidance.

Voted ballots must be in the possession of the town clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3, to be counted. If a voter chooses

to return their ballot by mail, Condos is encouraging them to place the ballot in the mail no less than 10 days before Nov. 3 for their ballot to be received in time.

“The more time you leave to ensure your voted ballot is delivered in time, the better,” said Condos. “How you vote and return your ballot is up to you, but we are asking Vermonters to help lower the absentee ballot curve by returning their ballots as early as they feel comfortable doing so. Remember, your vote is your voice!”

Vermont \$3.8 million grant for suicide prevention

**MONTPELIER, Vt. –** Gov. Phil Scott announced that Vermont has received \$3.8 million in federal funding for suicide prevention. The five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will support the implementation and evaluation of the state’s comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention. The announcement coincided with observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10.

“This grant is timely as these are exceedingly stressful times. To any Vermonter who is experiencing crisis or feels helpless:

Please know you matter to a lot of people, and help is available,” said Gov. Scott.

“Suicide does not only impact those experiencing mental health challenges, and we owe it to each person to have in place the systems to meet them where they are – and in a way that is appropriate to their individual needs and circumstances,” said Department of Mental Health Commissioner Sarah Squirrel.

The Vermont Addressing Suicide Together project will use the federal grant to build on existing partnerships and programs to implement and evaluate a data-

driven public health approach to suicide prevention in Vermont. The project will bolster collective efforts on the integration between healthcare and mental health, and work to ensure all Vermonters have access to the supports they need.

The VAST project will develop a more coordinated statewide prevention effort with state partners and communities; utilize data analysis to identify vulnerable populations and to better characterize risk and protective factors impacting suicide; expand the delivery and provision of suicide prevention and care for at risk and underserved populations with a focus on health equity and improved access; expand Zero Suicide activities to rural Vermont counties and engage Community Health Teams in this initiative; facilitate gatekeeper trainings with sexual minority advocates and social services agencies; and expand recovery and peer support groups including groups for first responders.

For more information, resources, and data about suicide

prevention in Vermont, please visit [www.healthvermont.gov/suicide](http://www.healthvermont.gov/suicide).

Asking someone about suicide – or talking about it – does not increase the risk of suicide. I is important to talk with children, teens, and young adults early and offer help when someone is struggling or comes to you. This connection can give them a chance to discuss it again in the future.

If you or someone you know is thinking about or planning to take their own life, there is help 24/7:

- Call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255
- Text the Crisis Text Line: Text “VT” to 741741 anywhere in the U.S. about any type of crisis.
- Call the Trevor Lifeline, LG-BTQ Crisis Lifeline, at 1-866-488-7368
- Call the Veteran’s Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

Suicide is preventable. Know the Warning Signs at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/how-we-can-all-prevent-suicide](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/how-we-can-all-prevent-suicide).

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