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Westminster Fire & Rescue raises funds for community member

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster Fire & Rescue and the local community came together recently for the Jake Lober Chicken Barbecue, a fundraiser for a local, well-loved young man. Many in the community came together to support the cause by purchasing tickets and giving donations of supplies, food, beverages, and funds. All the money raised during the fundraiser will go to medical expenses and bills for Jake's treatment.

Westminster Fire and Rescue chicken barbecue fundraiser.
PHOTO PROVIDED

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the day started early with fire department members and volunteers coming together to work the charcoal pits alongside the fire station while others bagged chips and prepared the drive thru option.

Tickets sold out quickly and the event was a huge success. Dozens of cars arrived right at 4 p.m. to go through the drive thru or visit the fire station for their meal.

The pink fire engine from Pink Heals Windham County also showed their support for Jake. Pink Heals is a nationwide organization that utilizes emergency vehicles and first responders to spread the word of breast cancer awareness, as well as all cancers that affect our lives.

It would not have been possible to make the day run so smoothly without the help of the members and volunteers. We would like to thank J.D. Allbee, Katie Dearborn, Diane Stack, Best Septic, Lisai's Market in Bellows Falls, Mascoma Savings Bank in Walpole, Mr. G's in North Walpole, Brookside Timber Harvesting, and J.P. Trucking & Excavating. Thank you to all who participated, donated, and supported the cause. You truly have shown that #communitystrong is alive in our neighborhoods and towns.

Resource Management Inc. presents solid waste system with Village Trustees

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees and the Wastewater Department discussed an alternative to transporting sludge with a presentation by Resource Management Inc on the Shincci-USA.

RMI of Holderness, N.H. presented the Shincci, a system that transforms wet sludge into 90% or more solids to create a Class A fertilizer. Developed in Guangzhou, China in 2003, RMI is the exclusive representative of Shincci-USA east of the Mississippi.

Sales manager Steve Nurme explained the process as "a dehumidification where the cake goes through a slitter box creating a noodle shape" that increases the surface drying area.

RMI is offering Bellows Falls Wastewater Department their pilot program to use the system for eight months. After the program, BFWWD can purchase the system for a discount.

Wastewater Department Chief Operator Rob Wheeler said, "It's a cost-savings for us."

The Shincci achieves the Class A biosolid with both pasteurization and vector attraction reduction making it compliant with EPA rule 503 while leaving an end product fertilizer as a long-term solution for the village of Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls Trustees hear about new solid waste system.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Village President Deborah Wright said they were concerned about current spending and wanted to see cost comparisons.

Nurme said Bellows Falls is "averaging 26% solids…you are hauling an excess of $70,000 [per year] ... If you dried it, and stayed under your same model, you could take $50,000 off." Nurme explained that "Hooksett went from a 30-ton container per week to a 7.5-ton container every two weeks."

Other benefits of the Shincci system were lowered tipping and trucking fees along with odor management. The cost for the system in July 2021, if BFWWD joined the eight-month pilot program, would be $299,900.

RMI President Shelagh Connelly said, "The payback is under five years, probably closer to 3.5" due to the sludge that is hauled currently to Coventry. She said, "It is so important for communities to stop hauling water." RMI explained the removal of water from sludge is critical for reducing the volume of material, truck traffic, carbon footprint, and costs.

Wright said that no decisions would be made, but "I'm very happy to see us moving forward with other ways to deal with our solid waste."

Trustee meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

HCRS provides significant support to food shelves

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental health agency, announced that they provided over $8,000 in support to local food shelves this summer.

In response to learning that many of their clients were struggling with food insecurity and that the shelves of local food centers were running low as a result of the pandemic, the agency undertook a successful campaign to raise needed funding to support the food needs in southeastern Vermont.

According to George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, "We wanted to do what we could to support our food shelves so that our clients, and other community members in need, have a place to go for food. In addition, we were hearing from many staff who wanted to help out."

Through payroll deduction and other donations, HCRS staff generously donated over $4,000 toward this fundraising campaign.

HCRS was also contacted by one of their vendors, CDH Technology Solutions in Albany, N.Y., to see how they could support this effort. According to the Director of CDH, Frank Therrien, "We're proud to support the hunger relief agencies that service HCRS clients and the local community and are grateful to our customers who made it possible."

With the $1,000 donation from CDH, and a $3,000 match from HCRS, a total of over $8,000 was provided to these food shelves.

One hundred percent of these donations were provided to the following food shelves: Upper Valley Food Haven in White River Junction, the Family Center in Springfield, Groundworks Collaborative in Brattleboro, and Our Place Drop In Center in Bellows Falls.

Laura Gillespie, director of Development and Communications at Upper Valley Haven said, "The Haven was thrilled to receive the cash contribution from HCRS directed towards our Food Shelf. With increased rates of food insecurity in families across the region due to the pandemic and the economic dislocation which followed, we were able to use this gift to support the purchase of nutritious food to meet these emerging and pervasive needs."

Karabakakis states, "I am so proud of our staff for stepping up to help our communities during this difficult time. We understand how challenging it is for some families to put food on the table during this pandemic, and we're so pleased to be able to support this need."

For more information about HCRS, visit www.hcrs.org.

Citizens object to Springfield School Board's proposed policy

BY JO ROBBINS
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield School Board held a televised, remote meeting Sept. 9 where it voted 4 to 1 to accept the resignation of Derek Johnson, a newly hired literacy coordinator in grades K-5 and a person of color. More than 70 citizens weighed in online to discuss this and to object to a new Controversial Issues Policy proposed by the board that would determine lesson content and allow an in-advance "opt out" option to parents for their kids.

In his resignation letter, Johnson alleged the school district questioned his level of professionalism and said he experienced racism within the district. Johnson also took issue with the board's new policy borne out of parents' complaint that said their child was forced to participate in a remote third grade class on June 1 where a book entitled "Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice," that deals with racism and police violence, was read.

Superintendent Zach McLaughin opened up the floor to public comment after the board voted unanimously to table the policy for now and said there are not policies about every way a teacher might address a lesson, but there is a misconduct policy to deal with poor delivery of instruction.

Bindy Hathorn, high school principal, said she felt the June 1 lesson plan may not have been implemented correctly. She said instead of following in-place processes, it was an extreme jump to propose this policy.

Becca Polk, a seventh grade teacher, is a member of the District Equity Committee and read a letter by the committee. "Even with our best attempts, the Springfield Schools are a place that replicate and reproduce inequities of our society… Unfortunately, what students have seen and watched throughout their lifetimes, are people of color throughout the world facing violence and bigotry." And, she said, they see their district not taking a firm enough stance against the racial threats and intimidation.

Charis Boke, adjunct professor at Saint Michael's College, read a letter from the Springfield Community for Change and questioned the timing of the new policy in response to a white parent's concern that their child was exposed to an uncomfortable issue. "If we don't talk about these things, we end up with situations where folks are not able to have the conversations that, though they are uncomfortable, are central to American democracy."

Nicole Awaad, high school teacher and advisor for students of color, said she recalled a moment last year when a student of color ran away from school over an incident. Although the student was found safe, it prompted questions by white students about what the student was feeling and whether he was okay. She told the board, "If I followed your policy, I would not have witnessed the growth of that conversation."

High school students Payton Kingsbury, Makaila Dorcely, Maya Owens, and Zoe Avent had powerful words for the board.

Kingsbury said, "I don't want to know that my education is in the hands of people who are uncomfortable and, faced with controversy, they attempt to stay neutral and my education is now very limited."

Dorcely described an instance last year when a couple of students were threatened and had to be escorted to cars at release. "If you pass this policy, it will take the burden off the white people in the community and it will fall back on the people of color who are already dealing with racism… Promises and apologies without change is manipulation and we don't deserve to be manipulated back into these racist societies."

Avent said going to school without having a teacher to talk to is scary. "If you put the policy in place, it is ensuring that people who are uncomfortable win…It ensures that us being scared is okay…and it ensures racism in our school and community."

Owens said she is affected by racism at school which students have been taught to cover up. The policy will just whitewash it and they will not learn anything.

The superintendent said he was affected by the quality of the dialogue, the quality of passion of the commentary, and the thoughtfulness gave him as much hope as any other meeting he had been a part of and said, "It shows we have the capability to do better."

The policy will be revisited after an investigation, which McLaughlin suggested it be an external rather than internal process, and recommended the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity in Brattleboro for that purpose.

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Is your apartment ready for winter?

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Windham Windsor Housing Trust has two grant funding opportunities for apartment repair. The Holt Fund awarded $300,000 to the Housing Trust to run the Rockingham Rental Rehabilitation Program. This three-year program is designed to help property owners improve the quality of their rental homes by providing dry, ventilated, lead-safe, and well-maintained apartments to keep residents warm, safe, and healthy.

Prepare your rental properties for winter using grant funding.
PHOTO PROVIDED

These funds are available for property owners to easily access today. An overview for this program is at www.homemattershere.org/windham-windsor-housing-trust-awarded-300000-for-rockingham-rental-rehabilitation-program.

In addition, the state of Vermont is funding apartment repairs for up to $30,000 per unit through the Rehousing Recovery Program. The funds are part of the Covid-19 relief package and will be available only to the end of the year. For more information, go to www.homemattershere.org/vt-state-rental-rehab-program.

If you are a tenant, please inform your landlord. If you are a landlord, we look forward to helping you improve your property and the health, comfort, and safety of the people who live there.

For information on both of these programs, contact Jeremy Paquette at the Windham Windsor Housing Trust at jpaquette@homemattershere.org.

Mara Rivera, HR Professional of the Year

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Mara Neufeld Rivera, M.S., SHRM-SCP, has been named the 2020 Human Resources Professional of the Year by the Vermont State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management. The award, sponsored by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, was announced Sept. 15 at the joint conference of the Vermont and New Hampshire 2020 Twin State Virtual HR Summit. This prestigious award recognizes a human resources professional each year who inspires innovation, creativity, development, and organizational excellence that has significantly impacted business success in Vermont.

Mara currently serves as vice president, head of People & Culture at Chroma Technology Corp., a high-tech manufacturer for the scientific, biomedical, and photonics imaging industries located in Bellows Falls, Vt. Rebecca Greenough, director of the Vermont State Council, said, "It was a unanimous recommendation by the committee for this year's awardee. Mara earned this through her hard work, diligence, ingenuity, and empathy – all the right elements for a great HR person!"

Newell Lessell, CEO for Chroma Technology, agreed. "A strong workplace culture is so important to a company's success. Mara's leadership as a human resources strategist and her deep passion for building best-in-class workplace cultures is a tremendous asset to Chroma."

Prior to her role at Chroma Technology, Mara served as chief administrative officer of PC Construction, vice president of Human Resources and Communications for Simon Pearce, and principal at Mara Rae Consulting. She holds a Master of Science in human resources management from Milano Graduate School of International Affairs at The New School and a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Queens College, City University of New York.

Mara is a SHRM senior-certified professional and a member of the national and several local SHRM chapters. She has served on the Industry Advisory Board of the City University of New York's Fashion Institute of Technology, as an employer champion for the Working Bridges Employer Collaborative of Granite United Way, and as a member of the Corporate Workforce Development Committee of Vital Communities.

A 100% employee-owned company, Chroma Technology produces optical filters for the scientific, biomedical, photonics, and imaging and detection industries. The filters and mirrors that Chroma manufactures are used in microscopes, DNA sequencers, and clinical diagnostic devices, among other applications.

One Credit Union CEO named board chairman of Make-A-Wish Vermont

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – One Credit Union's CEO Brett Smith was recently named Chairman of the Board for Make-A-Wish Vermont.

Brett Smith, president and CEO.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Brett, a lifelong resident of Vermont, grew up in Hartford and now lives in Thetford with his wife Kati and two dogs, Chance and Millie. Brett has served on the Make-A-Wish Board for three years, during which time he has encouraged and supported fundraising campaigns across all One Credit Union locations, raising over $20,000 for the nonprofit with contributions from employees and members.

As Board Chair, Brett hopes to continue to broaden awareness of Make-A-Wish across all of Vermont in order to help as many children as possible and to deliver on the nonprofit's mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. "One Credit Union is proud to support Make-A-Wish. As Board Chair, I look forward to inspiring others to experience how rewarding it is to make a difference in the lives of these kids. I am humbled by their strength and fortitude."

Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 newest members

From left to right, Richard Lucius, sponsor Jeff Laskevich, Brett Novak, Scott Devine, Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras, Jeff Heath, and Krista Sherburne.
PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge continues to grow even during the Covid-19 pandemic. The lodge has been open for the past three months since Gov. Scott allowed them to be open, and the lodge has followed instructions on social distancing.

On Sept. 14, the lodge held their second initiation class of the Elk year with five new members being initiated: Brett Novak, Jeff Heath, Scott Devine, Krista Sherburne, and Richard Lucius. In August, the lodge initiated 12 new members. Springfield's Elks Lodge won the 2019/2020 trophy for the most gained members during the past year against the other 11 Vermont Elks Lodges.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Whittlin' away

In the 1948 "Green Mountain Whittlin's," I found some interesting stories of old Vermont. These stories were submitted by people around the state. Below are a few I found interesting.

Keep in mind as you read each story that the story probably took place a hundred years before the publication date of 1948.

The statue of Motion.
UVM MORGAN HORSE FARM IN WEYBRIDGE.

Joe Battell's Horses

"To follow up the conversation relative to Joe Battell and his eccentricities, here is a little more about his horses.

"This bit of lore is in regard to the names which he chose for his pets. The affection that he had for his horses amounted to practically an obsession with him.

"He was called a genius for picking the names as the following may prove. One pair was Julius Ceasar and Julia. These were Julius and Julie for short. Another pair were known as Richard and Lester. Their full names were Richard the Lion Hearted and Earl of Leicester. Some times he drove a span of four, and he used a lead horse called Squirrel.

"He also had Charming whose real name was Charmian. Charmian was said to be a handmaid of Cleopatra and also the daughter of Thought. Sweet Maria was a mare whose disposition was not in accordance with her name, any more than Charming lived up to hers.

"Two other horses worthy of mention were Motion and Afterthought. Motion was a beautiful Morgan whose beauty was comparable with Justin Morgan himself and he was the model used for the statue now at the Horse Farm in Weybridge. The other horse was Thought, whose driving mate was a son of Afterthought. The horses were famous for their track records."

"From: 'Writings of Mary Pollard.' And a conversation with Arthur Fitzpatrick of Ripton, Vt."

The Happy Adolescent

"This is a true story of nearly one hundred years ago. One morning a boy of sixteen came hustling down Clay Hill in Montpelier singing and laughing to himself. One of the older residents halted him and said, 'David, you seem to be happy this morning.' His answer was. 'I am, Mr. Cummings, I am happy, my father is dead, and I've got his watch.'"

Thetford Forget-me-nots

"In Thetford, approximately one hundred years ago, lived a country doctor named William Worcester. Dr. Worcester was very fond of the flower known as the forget-me-not. He gathered the seeds from his garden and as he drove over any of the bridges throughout the countryside in his horse and buggy he would toss the seeds into the brooks. Today along many small streams in Thetford and the surrounding towns one will find in June a colorful border of forget-me-nots. This is a lasting memorial to one of our country doctors. Contributed by Cecilia Murphy, Bradford."

Foot-Print of a Pre-Historic Bird

"Until about the beginning of the nineteenth century, a natural curiosity in a rock at Bellows Falls excited interest in scientific circles of the country. Near the end of the canal, upon a point of rock extending into the Connecticut River, there was the clearly defined foot-print of a huge bird of some unknown species. It was described as an exact reproduction of an exaggerated hen's track and measured five feet in length. It had an appearance likened to that of a bird, of that size, stepping into a plastic substance, as of the rock when in its formative stage. It was a particularly hard specimen of gneiss rock which was in layers of about one foot thick.

"For many years this curiosity attracted the interest of visitors, travelers, and scientists. It was described in different publications, and strangers frequently requested to be guided to its location as one of the attractions of that place.

"About the year 1800, the faculty of Dartmouth College arranged to secure the curiosity for their museum. A time was set for the removal to Hanover, of the section of stone in which it was embedded. Some unappreciative and jealous persons, learning of the plan to remove it, blew the interesting specimen into fragments, with powder, rather to have it taken from this vicinity. Contributed by R. Talbert, Bellows Falls From the History of Rockingham, Vt."

The last few pages are epitaphs found in Vermont cemeteries.

Windsor 1822

"Here lies my wife – and she is dead

"Her clack is stop'd – her breath is fled –

"Say, gentle reader, should it grieve us,

"When our worst tormentors leave us?"

This week's old saying my father said when something really stunk: "That's enough to knock a hyena off a gut wagon."

Protect yourself from imposter phone call scams –

REGION – The phone rings and Caller ID identifies a number in your area code and local calling prefix. But when you pick up the phone, it's someone with a foreign accent and the message is ominous: "Good afternoon. This is the Social Security Administration and my name is Agent Steve Jones. I am calling to report that your Social Security Number may have been compromised and used for criminal activity. I need to review some information with you."

Watch out for impersonation scam phone calls.
STOCK PHOTO

All "Steve" wants is verification – full legal name, postal address, date of birth, and Social Security Number. So – who is Steve? Most likely he is an imposter working from a telephone boiler room operation near Mubai, India. Steve is using a computer to mask his telephone number, displaying one that might be more familiar to you – spoofing. Steve is part of an international criminal effort to steal and either use or sell your identity.

These "impersonator" calls may be live or automated robocalls – generally illegal. The criminals often impersonate agents from Social Security, Medicare, and the IRS knowing that many Americans will comply with requests from government agencies. Other scams seek to extort money from you by impersonating computer support technicians from Apple or Microsoft, telling you that your password and ID have been stolen or your computer has a virus. Calls might also appear to come from utility companies threatening to cut services or from relatives who need immediate cash.

What should you do? In most cases, do not answer the phone. Let the call go to voice mail; legitimate callers will leave messages. If you answer the phone and discover an impersonator or a robocall, hang up. Federal and state government agencies will not make initial contact by phone or email. Computer companies do not monitor your devices, and utility companies cannot terminate service without following a legal process. If a relative is in trouble, ask for a callback number and then verify the crisis by contacting those who may be aware of problems. Never send money orders or relay gift card codes over the phone.

Finally, report scam attempts to the office of the Vermont Attorney General at 800-649-2424 or www.uvm.edu/consumer. Self-defense against scammer is usually quite simple – use common sense.

Elliott Greenblott is coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, Mr. Scammer, distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, Vt., www.gnat-tv.org.

Ostomies are lifesavers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ostomy surgery is a life-saving procedure that allows bodily waste to pass through a surgically created stoma on the abdomen into an odor proof prosthetic known as a "pouch" on the outside of the body or an internal surgically created pouch for continent diversion surgeries. An ostomy may be necessary due to birth defects, cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, diverticulitis, incontinence, and many other medical conditions. They are also necessary in cases of severe abdominal or pelvic trauma resulting from accidents or from injuries sustained during military service.

Ostomy or continent diversion surgery may be performed at any age and does not lower life expectancy but extends life and improves the quality of life of those needing the procedure. You may think you don't know anyone with an ostomy, but you do – they live next door, teach, preach, fight for their country, and swim in the Olympics. Some are not famous; some are and include Napoleon Bonaparte, Dwight Eisenhower, NFL star Rolf Benirschke, and actor Fred Astair to name a few.

There is a local support group in Bellows Falls. Although meetings are currently on hold due to Covid-19, support is still available from the ostomy nurse who runs the group. Margaret Heale has facilitated the Connecticut Valley Ostomy Support Group, COG, for 15 years and offers personal consults through Heale Wound Care. For more information, go to www.healewoundcare.com or email healewoc@gmail.com.

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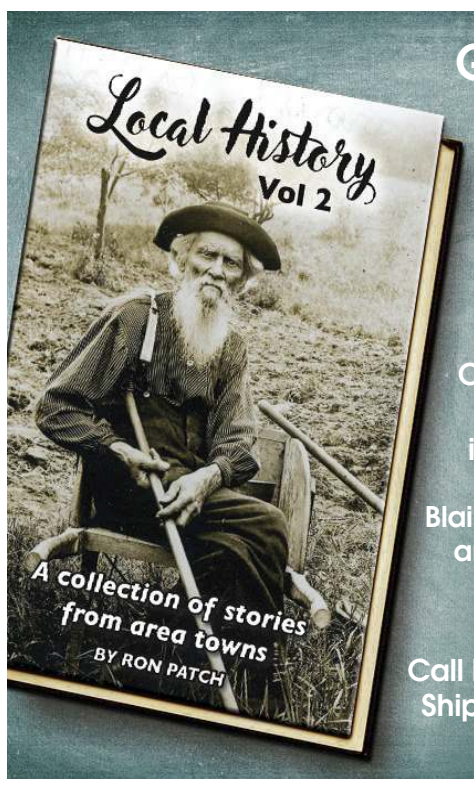

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opinion

Dear Editor,

As we enter another general election season, I encourage my fellow Vermonters to take a hard look at the local and statewide issues that affect our daily lives.

In 2015, the education bill Act 46 was passed with grand promises of efficiency, opportunity, and importantly, a decrease in our property taxes. But just the opposite has occurred over the last five years. This year, my property tax bill went up by $600. This increase was almost entirely for the statewide education portion of my tax bill. It was not for municipal spending or for fire and emergency protection services. For anyone who is working for a living or on a fixed retirement income, such increases imposed annually by the Vermont Legislature make our financial survival here almost impossible.

When I ran for the Legislature in 2014 and 2016, I was deeply concerned about the release of millions of gallons of untreated human sewage into Vermont's lakes and streams. Although our politicians in power claim to care about the environment, the release of these pollutants has continued unabated. Clean water is essential to public health and a civilized society. Vermont's congressional delegation – Patrick Leahy, Bernie Sanders, and Peter Welch – have been bringing home the bacon from the federal taxpayer for decades, but our wastewater management systems have seen little in the way of increase in capacity or modernization. Why there isn't more of an outcry from all these self-proclaimed environmentalists in power is beyond comprehension.

Since 2014, Vermont's unfunded liabilities including the teachers' pension debt have gone from $3.5 billion dollars to $4.5 billion dollars. This dire financial predicament has been ignored by the Supermajority in Montpelier. The response, or lack thereof, has been met by increased spending on ideologically driven projects and, of course, more taxes on Vermonters. This approach to managing the finances of state government is clearly unsustainable.

Locally in southern Windsor County, we have a number of new candidates that share these concerns. These candidates include Mike Kell of Cavendish and Weathersfield, Randy Gray of Springfield, Keith Stern of Springfield, Jack Williams of Weathersfield, Stuart Beam of Springfield, and Michael Jasinski of Springfield. A one-party system, regardless of the political party, never serves the average citizen. It would be to the great benefit of every Vermonter, regardless of his or her political affiliation, if our legislators brought intellectual and philosophical diversity, along with a wide range of life experiences, to the table. Robust debate, fresh new ideas, and fair representation of the interests of all Vermonters form the backbone of a healthy constitutional republic.

Indeed, the concerns I have mentioned above, and many others, are long overdue for healthy debate and bold, innovative action. Please join me in voting for these new candidates to revitalize our democracy. You can vote by mail or at the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My wife and I were at Fort Number 4 two Saturdays ago to watch a reenactment of a Revolutionary War battle; and while I was waiting for it to start, I started thinking about the major reason for the war which boiled down to taxation without representation. I thought these brave people were willing to sacrifice everything for a cause they believed, and here we are now letting these so-called leaders keep taking more and more from us and seldom actually representing us.

Cases in point are two very drastically different bills that have been passed without informing the voters what they really mean and the resulting effects of them. First is the tax and regulating of marijuana. The majority of Vermonters are in favor of it, but at least let people know what studies have found from states that have already legalized it. For instance, how many know that samples tested in the legalized states contain molds? People are inhaling mold without being aware of it, and that will be happening here. Should that be something our legislators should be publicizing? Or should they keep it secret because they don't want to decrease their revenue stream?

The Global Warming Solutions Act seems like such a worthy bill – after all, we all want clean air. But this will be detrimental to our economy and hurt many people struggling just to hold on here. Is this a case of the greater good outweighing the harm to many or is it that they just don't care about individuals?

And if the environment is so important to these people, then why are sewerage dumps into Lake Champlain still going on unabated?

Finally, why during such hard economic times for so many and the state was facing a massive deficit, did our legislators decide it was the right time to vote themselves a pay raise? Is it arrogance, or that they just don't care anymore?

So if the majority decide I would be the better choice to represent our state, I can promise you this: I will not vote for any bill that will negatively affect fellow Vermonters, and I will treat the money taxed from you responsibly. Even though you may disagree with my vote sometimes, you will always be told why I voted that way and I will keep you informed about every bill before it is passed and let you know the benefits and the negative consequences beforehand.

If our current legislators followed this, you wouldn't be facing a major shock and hardship unexpectedly in the very near future.

Sincerely,
Keith Stern
Springfield, Vt.

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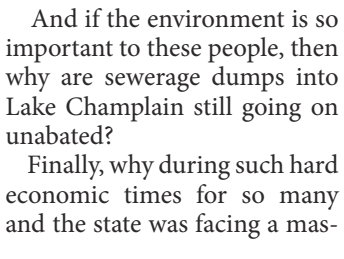
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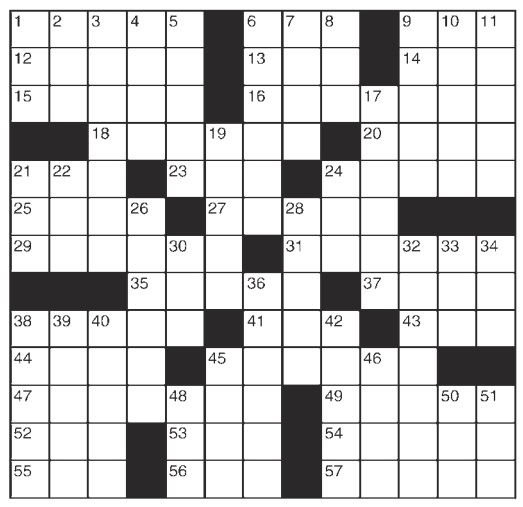

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obituaries

Richard H. Gabert, 1941-2020

WILLIMANTIC, Maine – Richard H. Gabert, 79, passed away Sept. 25, 2020 at his home in Willimantic, Maine. He was born March 25, 1941, son of Fred and Elna Gabert. Richard served two years in the U.S. Army.

He returned to Vermont and married the love of his life Barbara Jones Gabert. Over the years, they raised six children and built several houses. He worked many years in the sawmill in Weston, Mackenzie Construction, talc mines in Ludlow, and as truck driver. In 1997, Richard and Barbara moved to Maine to live out their golden years.

Richard H. Gabert, 1941-2020.
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Richard is survived by his children Fred Hale, Nancy Walsh, Betty Hodgin, Richard Hale, Rick Gabert; brother Howard Gabert; sisters Marion Bourn and Margret Stone; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Richard is predeceased by his wife of 55 years; Barbara passed Nov. 25, 2008. He is also predeceased by his daughter Victoria Gabert Ruggles, who passed Sept. 4, 2017.

There will be no services as Richard requested.

Stephen J. Centariczki, 1954-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Stephen Joseph Centariczki passed away at his residence Sept. 20, 2020. He was born Sept. 6, 1954 to Ann (Sabalewski) and Benny Centariczki in Claremont, N.H. At the age of 2, his family moved to Springfield, Vt. He attended the Springfield school system and graduated from Springfield High School in 1972. He then obtained an associate's degree from New Hampshire Technical College Claremont in 1974. After college, he was employed by Fellows Gear Shaper Co. and moved to Michigan where he later obtained a job with General Motors Buick Division. In 1995 he returned to Springfield where he lived until his death.

Steve had a deep love for cats and cared deeply for his beloved Napa and Queenie. While he was seen as a cantankerous old coot to most, he had a big heart and deep love for his family. He would call his niece and nephews weekly, leaving some of the most epic voicemails ever. He loved to join his weekly conference calls with his friends, often times repeating the entire conversation for anyone who would listen. He truly valued the time he spent with those he loved most.

Stephen is survived by his older brother Peter and sister in-law Lynn of Merrimac, Mass.; niece and goddaughter Rachel Centariczki and her husband Derek Bondurant of Portland, Ore.; nephews Michael Centariczki of Amesbury, Mass., Edgar Centariczki of Farmington, Maine, and Rafael Centariczki of Merrimac, Mass.; and grandnephew Benny Centariczki of Portland, Ore. Stephen was predeceased by his parents and older sister Katrina.

Stephen J. Centariczki, 1954-2020.
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In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Journey, baby, journey!

A memorial service will be held Monday, Oct. 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Reverend Arockia Antony will officiate. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Claremont, N.H.

Audrey A. Bashaw, 1959-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Audrey Ann Bashaw, 61, passed away Sept. 15, 2020 at Avow Georgeson Hospice House in Naples, Fla., with two of her closest friends by her side following a brief battle with cancer. She was born May 9, 1959 in Bellows Falls to Frederick and Marion (Wright) Crosby. She attended schools in Bellows Falls and studied at CCV. She married the love of her life, Brian Bashaw, June 22, 1974.

Audrey was employed at NewsBank for over 34 years at both the Chester and Naples, Fla. locations where she thrived professionally and developed many amazing friendships. She enjoyed golf and had memberships at the Bellows Falls Country Club and the Imperial Golf Club in Naples. Audrey was an excellent cook and enjoyed many creative pursuits such as sewing, painting, gardening, and interior design. Audrey was a warm, fun, generous friend who brought people together with her exceptional leadership skills. She had boundless optimism and her strength of character was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by her children Christine Spigel (Brian) of Springfield, David Bashaw (Becky) of Charlestown, N.H., and Isaac Crosby of Crossville, Tenn.; grandchildren Christopher Bashaw, Connor Swain, Tyler Swain, Chelsea Bashaw, Jayden Crosby, Joshua Spigel, and Benjamin Spigel; siblings Caroline Diglio, Henry Crosby, and Andrew Crosby. She also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who adored her. She is predeceased by her husband Brian Bashaw, parents Frederick and Marion Crosby, and brothers Herbert Crosby and Christopher Crosby.

Audrey A. Bashaw, 1959-2020.
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Celebrations of her inspirational life will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to the Gastric Cancer Foundation, www.gastriccancer.org.

Mary S. Grippo, 2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Mary S. Grippo of Bellows Falls, Vt., peacefully departed Sept. 13, 2020 at her home with her family by her side. Mary was born in Jersey City, N.J., the daughter of the Frank and Angelina Sibilia.

Educated in Italy in her early years, she returned to the United States in 1939 via Ellis Island. She attended the former New Jersey State Teacher's College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in education and nursing.

Mary was predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years, Dr. Enrico M. Grippo, in 2008.

After raising five children, she began her 20-year career as a real estate professional. In 1999, she was awarded Realtor of the Year by the Southeastern Vermont Board of Realtors.

She was an active and prominent member in the community, particularly with the Saint Charles Church and the Rotary Club where she was selected as the first woman Rotarian in the Bellows Falls area.

Mary's number one priority was her family; and she will be forever loved and remembered for her unique brand of constructive criticism, boundless energy, and strong religious belief.

Mary took special pride in her ability to prepare a variety of traditional Italian dishes passed on from her mother. She especially enjoyed cooking when her immediate and extended family gathered to celebrate the holidays. She often began weeks in advance preparing the Italian dishes that included the family favorite, Zeppole served at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Mary S. Grippo, 2020.
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No matter who said grace at these occasions, Mary would always get the last word in with her special phrase, which we will continue to say and always attributed to her: "Thank you [God] for letting us be together again. Amen."

Survivors include her five children Linda Shays of Webster, Mass., Carol Grippo of West Palm Beach, Fla., Gerard Grippo of Bellows Falls, Vt., Paul Grippo of Chelsea, Mich., Ann Grippo of Keene, N.H.; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at Saint Charles Church. The burial will follow in Saint Charles Cemetery.

Corinne T. Moore, 1928-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Corinne T. "Dolly" Moore, 92, passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born April 11, 1928 in Springfield, Mass., the daughter of Frank A. and Yvonne (Cote) Cutler.

Dolly was a resident of Chester for 70 years. As a young girl, she worked with her father in the diner business at the Bellows Falls Diner, Missing Link Diner, the Silver Link Diner, and a Canteen Diner traveling around to the fairs. She later was manager of the Country Girl Diner for 15 years, which was built on the site of the Silver Link Diner where she had worked with her father years before. She worked as a supervisor at the National Survey in Chester and was a sales representative with Electrolux for several years.

On Dec. 24, 1947, she married Lyman Davidson. He predeceased her July 7, 1948. In November 1954, she married Donald A. Moore. He predeceased her May 13, 1976.

Dolly enjoyed riding motorcycles and taking cross-country trips. She enjoyed horseback riding, hunting, fishing, gardening, and attending barbecues and fundraisers in Windham. She also enjoyed country music and dancing. She loved her red house and loved to entertain her family and friends at her home. She also enjoyed animals and loved her little dogs.

Corinne T. Moore, 1928-2020.
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She is survived by one sister Carol Merritt of Windham and numerous nieces and nephews Suzanne and Paul Bunker, Thomas and Dorie Cutler, Annette and David Batchelor, John and Nichol Merritt, David and Petra Merritt, Mary Smith, Michael Merritt, Linda and Michael Ford, and their families. She was predeceased by her sister Yvette Warren in 1982 and brother Edmond Cutler in 1994.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in 2021. Memorial contributions may be made to the Windham Volunteer Fire Company, 290 White Rd., Chester, VT 05143; the Windham County Humane Society, 16 W. River Rd. #9089 Brattleboro, VT 05301; or to the charity of one's choice. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Peter D. Koson, 1941-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Peter D. Koson died peacefully Sept. 24, 2020. He was born May 14, 1941 in Walpole, N.H. to Jacob and Norma (Aldrich) Koson. A graduate of Walpole High School, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1959 and after serving four years returned home and attended Keene State College, graduating in 1967.

On Nov. 18, 1967, he married Michele Powers of Bellows Falls, Vt., and settled first in Keene, N.H. and finally in Alstead Center, N.H. Peter was the proprietor of the Koson Insurance Agency in Charlestown, N.H. where he served the community for 29 years. He was a past president of the Charlestown Rotary Club and of Dollars for Scholars, incorporator of Savings Bank of Walpole, member of the American Legion, Elks, and Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Peter was endlessly curious and enthusiastic about the world. When not in the office, you could find him outside, working on his property, or more likely in his woodlot in east Alstead, working side by side with his brothers-in-law. His exhaustive list of interests, talents, and adventures were sometimes daunting to his family but always made for lively conversation. He was an outgoing, gregarious, and generous person who always welcomed the company of old friends and new. He was guaranteed to make you laugh and make you learn. In his later years, he struggled with Parkinson's but always remained optimistic. He was much beloved and will be dearly missed.

Peter is survived by his wife Michele; son Peter and wife Angela Rutherford of Bozeman, Mont.; daughter Kathleen Koson and grandchildren Imogene and Arlo McKinney of Dover, N.H.; sister Sandra Crosby of North Walpole, N.H.; brother Robert Koson and wife Vicki of Ricevville, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his mother Norma and brother Jacob.

No immediate services will be held; however, those wishing to honor Peter may do so with a donation to either Charlestown Rotary Club, P.O. Box 581, Charlestown, NH 03603 or Alstead Conservation Commission Fund, P.O. Box 60, Alstead, NH 03602.

Anita M. Wilbur, 1932-2020

GRAFTON, Vt. – In fondest memory of a loving wife and mother, Anita M. Wilbur, 88, of Eastman Road, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 at the Springfield Health and Rehab. She was born Jan. 18, 1932 in Bellows Falls, the daughter of Theodore and Bertha (Meachum) Lockerby. She attended Saxtons River Elementary School and was a graduate of the Bellows Falls High School. Anita worked for the Grafton Elementary School as the cook, Whitney Blake, Vermont Medical, and worked as an at-home caretaker. She was a member of the Christian Community Church in Athens and enjoyed baking, birds, trips to Maine, and singing country music.

In 1958, Anita married Harry Wilbur in Grafton, Vt., who predeceased her. She is survived by two sons Corey and wife Donna of Grafton and Ladd and his wife Deanna of South Carolina; one daughter Julie and her husband Calvin Poland of Charlestown, N.H.; her grandchildren Cody and his wife Desirae Wilbur, Wyatt Wilbur and his fiancée Morgan Stevens, Abby and Andrew Wilbur, Benjamin and Kyle Poland; and her great-grandchildren Emma, Addisyn, Brooks, Autumn, Easton, and Damian; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Harry, Anita was predeceased by two sisters Betty Armstrong and Martha Motes and one nephew David Armstrong.

Anita M. Wilbur, 1932-2020.
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There will be a graveside service Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Houghtonville Cemetery. Reverend Harold Noyes will officiate.

Barbara M. Young, 1933-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Barbara M. Young, 87, passed away at the Springfield Health and Rehab Center Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020. She was born June 23, 1933 in Claremont, N.H., the daughter of Joseph and Mercedes (Coutermarsh) Landry. She attended schools in Claremont.

On Oct. 21, 1950, she married Clyde H. "Butch" Young in Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her Dec. 5, 2001.

Barbara was employed at Vermont Research, Springfield Super Dry Cleaners, and later at the Hanson Court Nursing Home in Springfield. She enjoyed helping and caring for others and was always willing to volunteer or lend a helping hand.

She enjoyed dancing, music, and quilting. She made quilts for all of her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons Ronald C. Young of Weathersfield and Richard F. Young of Barre; two daughters Deborah L. Daniels of Charlestown and Laurie J. Young of Springfield; two brothers Bruce Landry of Holyoke, Mass. and Robert Landry of Ascutney; one sister Carol Ann Landry of Turner Falls, Fla.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband Butch; three brothers Donald, Raymond, and Ralph Landry; and two sisters Norma Gagnon and Dorothy Shuto.

A graveside service was held Sept. 28, 2020 at the Weathersfield Bow Cemetery in Weathersfield. Reverend Malcolm Fowler officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Rd., Suite 107, Brattleboro, VT 05301. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Sandra L. St. Pierre, 1943-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Sandra L. St. Pierre, 77, of Homestead Road, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born May 1, 1943 in Brockton, Mass., the daughter of Joseph and Bernice (Bellevance) Brown. Sandra attended school in and was a graduate of the Norton High School in Norton, Mass.

Sandra worked as a secretary for the Fall Mountain Regional School District. She had very high standards when it came to her appearance. She was an avid card sender to her children and grandchildren. She loved camping, poodles, crocheting, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and in her home.

On March 16, 1963, Sandra married Richard St. Pierre in Norton, Mass., who survives her. Also surviving is her son David St. Pierre of Charlestown, N.H.; two daughters Beth Anne Howard of Torrington, Conn. and Laurie Anne Wuerth of Nelson, N.H.; seven grandchildren Malori Parsells, Melani Rudisill, Joseph, Sarah, and Rachel Howard, and Taylor and Virginia Chamberlain; and three great-grandchildren Jackson and Audrey Parsells and Parker Rudisill.

Sandra L. St. Pierre, 1943-2020.
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Services are at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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Springfield Lions Club annual fishing tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Springfield Lions Club held their seventh annual fishing tournament at Hoyt's Landing in Springfield. This year's event featured a live catch-and-release-style tournament with prizes awarded for bass, perch, and northern pike. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Lions' many philanthropic endeavors in the Springfield community and surrounding area. The Springfield Lions would like to acknowledge the over 50 anglers who participated in the tournament, marking a very successful day out on the Connecticut River.

Zack Tubbs at the Springfield Lions Club fishing tournament.
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Kien Priestley.
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Winners in the perch category included Jim Katrick in second place and Zack Tubbs taking home both third and first prize with 6- and 10-ounce catches respectively. Butch Deluca Jr. was the sole winner in the northern pike category, reeling in a 28.5-inch pike weighing in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces. In the bass competition, Ron Carleton Sr. took home first prize with his catch of 3 pounds, 9 ounces, followed by Dales Squires Jr. in second and Bob Brace close behind with the third prize catch.

The Springfield Lions Club would also like to thank the following generous local sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible: Chroma Technologies, Stanley Patch, Alva Waste Services, H.B. Energy Solutions, John Sprague, Cota & Cota, Hillside Auto, IVEK, Lawrence & Wheeler, Springfield Tool Supply, Mascoma Bank, Muse & Associates, Imagetek, ABC Paving, All Seasons Construction, Brady & Donahue, Dr. Brian Spigel DDS, Finn & Stone, Red House Press, River Valley Credit Union, Ultimate Auto Body, Beardsley Inc, Davis Memorial Chapel, Haircuts Just Around the Corner, Parker & Ankuda, Value Service Center, Willow Farm Pet Services, and Springfield Food Co-op.

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Exercise caution when open burning during dry weather

REGION – Vermont is currently experiencing abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions, and the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation is reminding the public to exercise caution and follow all state laws and local ordinances with open burning. Open burning currently requires a permit from your town forest fire warden, and Vermonters should always check with their town forest fire warden before burning. A list of town forest fire wardens is available at www.fpr.vermont.gov/forest/wildland-fire/forest-fire-wardens.

The northeast has been drier than normal with many areas receiving little rain over the summer months. The North American Drought Monitor, a cooperative effort between drought experts to monitor conditions across the continent, classified 51% of Vermont as experiencing moderate drought conditions and the remainder of the state as abnormally dry. The weather forecast over the next few weeks does not indicate any signs of relief, with little to no precipitation forecasted. The dry conditions call for extra attention when open burning – particularly with campfires – to reduce the risk of wildland fires.

Under normal conditions, organic matter in and above the soil, leaves, and branches that fall to the ground and decay helps to maintain soil moisture. However, the recent abnormally dry weather has resulted in low soil moisture in many areas of the state, increasing the risk of ground fires. Ground fires are wildfires that occur in the subsurface and consume buried vegetation. This type of fire can be difficult and costly to extinguish and is often started by open burning such as burn piles, bonfires, and campfires. Already this year, several ground fires have occurred in remote areas of the state caused by campfires that were not properly extinguished.

Increased awareness can go a long way to limit the occurrence of wildland fires. Please do your part to help prevent wildfires by following these simple guidelines:

- Be aware of the current weather conditions before igniting a fire. Current conditions can be found at www.VTforest.com.
- Understand the open burning laws and obtain a permit from your Forest Fire Warden.
- Never leave an open fire unattended.
- Never build a campfire on top of duff; use a camp stove to prevent escaped fires.
- Extinguish fires completely before leaving. This can be done by dousing the fire in water including all embers. Use a live, green branch to mix and stir the embers.
- If water is not available, use soil or sand to mix into the embers to cool them down.
- Continue to mix water and soil with the embers until the material is cool.
- Before leaving, use the back of your hand to check for heat in the campfire.

For more information, please visit www.fpr.vermont.gov/prevent-forest-fires.

Fall sports schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 2 –

Boys Soccer
Mill River at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Field Hockey
Bellows Falls at Brattleboro, 6 p.m.

Football
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 7 p.m.

Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Oxbow at Springfield, 7 p.m.

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

Rivendell at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

Springfield at Woodstock, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3 –

Cross Country
Burr & Burton at Bellows Falls, 11 a.m.

Boys Soccer
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 10 a.m.

Field Hockey
Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 5 –

Boys Soccer
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Lebanon at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.

Field Hockey
Springfield at Woodstock, 4 p.m.

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

Mill River at Springfield, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6 –

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

Girls Soccer
Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

Cross Country
Leland & Gray at Springfield, 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 –

Boys Soccer
Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m.

Field Hockey
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Football
Windsor at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Green Mountain at Brattleboro, 6 p.m.

Newport at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8 –

Boys Soccer
Green Mountain at Windsor, 4 p.m.

Springfield at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

Field Hockey
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Springfield at Brattleboro, 6 p.m.

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NOTICE OF SALE TAX DEEDED PROPERTY BY SEALED BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 80:809 (II), the Town of Alstead, as owner of the following property acquired by Tax Collector's Deed hereby provides notice of sale by sealed bids on the Town's interest in the following real properties.

Map 9 Lot 2 Sublot A – 0.14 acres
Location: Griffin Hill Road
No Minimum Bid Required

Map 45 Lot 11 Sub 1 – 5 acres
Location: 303 Gilsum Mine Road
Minimum Bid $12,000

Persons interested in purchasing any of these parcels shall submit a sealed bid delivered or mailed to the Select Board's Office, PO Box 60, 15 Mechanic St., Alstead, NH 03602 by 12:00 noon, October 20, 2020. The bids will be opened in public on October 20, 2020 at the Select Boards meeting at or about 6:00 pm. The Town will deliver the deed and the successful bidder must pay the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening.

The property is to be conveyed by Quitclaim Deed by the Town of Alstead "AS IS". Payment will be by cash, certified check, bank check, or money order.

IN THE VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

In Re: Town of Chester, Vermont **Docket No._____**
Act 250 Case No.: 2S0214-9
Town of Chester
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOW COMES the Town of Chester, a Vermont municipal corporation and Permittee and Appellant in the captioned Act 250 Permit Proceeding (the "Town"), by and through its attorney, James P.W. Goss, Esq., Facey Goss & McPhee P.C., Rutland, Vermont, and pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8504(a) and V.R.E.C.P. 5 hereby appeals to the Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division, from the decision of the District 2 Environmental Commission and related Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated September 18, 2020 (the "Decision) which denied an Act 250 Permit Amendment to the Town for operation of a 5 acre municipal sand and gravel pit on 139.57 acres of land owned by the Town adjacent to Route 103 in Chester, Vermont (the "Project"). A copy of the Decision is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.** In the Decision, the Commission refused to consider the Town's Application for the Project on the merits (even though it actually convened and concluded a hearing on the merits in this matter) on the grounds that the Application was barred under the Successive Application Doctrine and Act 250 Rule 34(e). The Commission came to this conclusion even though:

1) the Project is substantially different and less intensive in terms of scale, location and operational parameters than any project previously proposed for the site;
2) prior Act 250 Permits issued for the Project site specifically contemplated an Amendment proceeding by the Town for a municipal sand and gravel pit;
3) the evidence submitted to the Commission demonstrated that all prior permit conditions for previous projects approved for the subject property could be satisfied by the Project or had become moot;
4) with respect to one prior permit condition regarding audible noise which was imposed to protect the Green Mountain Union High School, both the High School and the School Board appeared in this matter and indicated that that Condition, which was imposed for a much more intensive commercial sand and gravel operation on the same property, was no longer of concern to those parties given the nature of this Project, and;
5) in spite of the fact that the Coordinator noticed over 60 property owners in the vicinity of the Project, only one entity appeared and received party status at the hearing and that entity had no objection to the Project.

Appellant, Town of Chester, is the property owner and Applicant in this case. The Town is therefore a party by right pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §8502(5)(A)(B) and (C), as well as being a "Persons Aggrieved" pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8502(7), with a right to appeal pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §§ 8503(b)(1) and 8504(a).

V.R.E.C.P. 5(b)(3)(A) Notice to Interested Persons: You must enter an appearance in writing with the Court within 21 days of receiving the above notice of appeal or in such other time as may be provided in Vermont Rule of Environmental Procedure 5(c) if you wish to participate in this appeal.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

FACEY, GOSS & McPHEE P.C.
Attorneys for Town of Chester

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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

OCT. 1 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Even though we are still puttering in our garden, soon we can begin preparing the beds for the long winter. On Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m., garden author Cheryl Wilfong will give a Zoom talk about cleaning up now for a head start next spring. In this informative lecture, she will discuss various types of mulch, the benefits of liming the garden now, and feeding acid-loving plants. Check out her website at www.cherylwilfong.com. Participants can attend in person or via Zoom. Call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343 to register.

OCT. 3 –
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 websites contain millions of documents for creating a family genealogy. While it is easy to get started, sometimes finding the right source is tricky. 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. Jerry Carbone of Whetstone Brook Genealogy and Wayne Blanchard will facilitate the event sponsored by Rockingham Free Public and Brooks Memorial libraries. For more information, please email windhamcountygig@gmail.com.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 3, starting at 10 a.m., the New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club will be having its parade around Charlestown to collect for the Charlestown Food Shelf. The route goes down Old Claremont Road, down East Street to Paris Avenue, across Route 12, up West Street toward the senior center to the center of town. Please stop the tractors with your donations of nonperishable foods, personal care items, and paper goods.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum is hosting a fundraising event on Ludlow's green Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be serving hot homemade soup and pie made by the trustees of the museum. Come join us. There will also be a fun raffle.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present their sixth socially distanced, outdoor concert with roots, old-time, and Americana sextet The Mammals plus Billy Wylder Saturday, Oct. 3 at 3:30 p.m. at Cooper Field in Putney, Vt. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating in distanced pods on the ballfield and face masks to wear whenever you leave your pod. Rain date for the concert is Sunday, Oct. 4. Advance tickets are available online at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information, call 802-387-0102.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us Saturday, Oct. 3, from 3-5 p.m., for our second parking lot music event at the UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., in Springfield. The Milkhouse Heaters will perform. Park in the upper lot if you can walk down; a few spots available in the lower lot for those who need them. Seating will be arranged for social distancing and masks are required. This is a free event, but donations for musicians are welcome. Refreshments available with proceeds to benefit the Meetinghouse. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 4 at the same time.

WINDSOR, Vt. – October is National Manufacturing Month. To celebrate, join American Precision Museum Oct. 3, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., for Full Circle. The American Precision Museum will highlight ingenuity in manufacturing in the past and in the present, thanks to an exhibit partnership with Mastercam and HFO Trident. This event will feature the unveiling of a new working model waterwheel display, manufacturing career information, and live demonstrations. The new wheel will be live-streamed via Facebook from 11-11:30 a.m.

OCT. 6 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., Springfield Town Library will virtually host Professor William Edelglass on "A History of the Concept of Race." Edelglass will trace the intellectual history of the concept of race in the West, from its prehistory to today. For information on how to join this event, contact Tracey Craft at stlvtprogram@gmail.com or 802-885-3108. This program is free and open to the public. Sign up for the Zoom presentation at www.bit.ly/39xWVAP.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for weekly cleaning of the Londonderry Town Office. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2020.

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Town Offices Lower Theater to review two subdivision applications. The 1st proposed subdivision is located on Osgood Road, the Applicant is the James E. Mullen Trust who proposes to subdivide a 187.67-acre parcel into three lots. The 2nd proposed subdivision is located on Gaskill Road, the Applicant is James and Sharon Wood who proposes to subdivide a 6.8 acre parcel into two lots.

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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.

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a qualified mechanic, preferably with a CDL Class B but not required. The Town of Charlestown is also seeking a Highway Maintainer, preferably with a CDL Class B. These positions are full time, year round reporting directly to the Highway Superintendent.

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Riverside Middle School in said Town on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article:

ARTICLE: Shall the Town vote to propose to the General Assembly of the State of Vermont an Amendment to the Town Charter as set forth in 24 V.S.A. Appendix Chapter 149 by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the comprehensive revision and amendment to the Town Charter signed by the Selectboard on July 20, 2020; the text of said Amendment to be as is filed with the town clerk and as presented at the Public Hearings warned and held by the Selectboard on August 24, 2020 and September 14, 2020, all as required pursuant to the provisions of 17 V.S.A. Chapter 55 and the Town Charter; said text subject to revision as made by the Selectboard as a result of the Public Hearings consistent with 17 V.S.A. 2645 (complete text of amendment is posted in voting booths and is available upon request from the town clerk or on the town's website at www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Park Street School auditorium for the purpose of discussing the presented article. The public hearing will be via Zoom and in-person attendance will be limited and allowed to those wearing a mask and completing a Covid-19 screening at the door.

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The Town of Springfield is seeking sealed competitive quotes from printing firms for the printing of the Annual Report for the 2020 fiscal year. Sealed competitive quotes will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, 05156, on or before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 30, 2020. Quotes shall include the price per page and a guarantee that a stringent deadline will be met. Specifications and quote forms for the printing of the Annual Report can be obtained by contacting Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, at 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, or by calling 802-885-2104. Sealed quotes should be clearly labeled "Annual Report Printing Quote." The Town of Springfield reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to accept the quote most acceptable to the Town of Springfield, and to waive any informality.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield Development Review Board will meet both remotely on Zoom (to begin at 7:00 p.m.) and in-person at the Town Hall Selectboard Conference Room (3rd floor - 96 Main Street) on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to hear the following applications:

1. Application 202053 Springfield On The Move for a Downtown Design Control Overlay District Review (Section 5.4) to install 2 multi-color, remote controlled LED lights to light Comtu Falls at the Park Street Bridge.

2. Application 202054 (Parcel 009-3-36) Wild Trails Farm, LLC for a Conditional Use (Section 5.2) and Site Plan Review (Section 5.3) to establish a seasonal retreat & outdoor center offering lodging, trail access, personal retreats and 3-5 day programs. The property is zoned RA-2 and is located at 174 Ruusunen Road.

3. Application 202057 – Town of Springfield for Site Plan Review of steep slopes over 20% (Section 4.19) to repair slope on Lincoln Street.

***If attending in person, please plan to arrive by 6:30 p.m. COVID-19 processing is required before entering the building. Masks are recommended and social distancing is required.**

To access the Zoom remote meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81050584290 - Use **Meeting ID: 810 5058 4290.** For One tap mobile, dial: **+1 646 558 8656, 81050584290# US (New York)** and from home phone, dial **+1 (646) 558-8656 (long distance charges will apply)**

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The Green Mountain Unified School Board (GMUSD) seeks a Cavendish Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 2nd 2021. The Board meets regularly, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

GMUSD Board
c/o Lauren Fierman
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment,
City/Town of North Walpole, NH

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at:
7pm October 15, 2020 at North Walpole Village Hall
(time) (date) (location)
concerning a request by Gregory Gay, Ideal Location, LLC
(applicant's name)
for Variance request
(type of appeal)
concerning article VI section B of the zoning ordinance.
Applicant proposes to Build an office building
on the property located at 8 Lenter Lane, North Walpole, NH
in the Industrial zone.

Signed _____
Chairperson, Zoning Board of Adjustment

arts & entertainment

Westminster West Community Fair online fundraiser

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. – The Westminster West Community Fair is a fun and festive annual event that attracts people throughout the region. It also is the largest fundraiser annually for the Congregational Church of Westminster West, a sanctuary and gathering place for people of all ages from many communities, in times of joy and sorrow, celebration and contemplation, rest and renewal. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, there will be no in-person community fair in Westminster West this year.

However, you can participate in the community's online auction. There are great items and wonderful values. Find holiday gifts, birthday presents, or something special for yourself. You may bid whatever amount you want, as high as you want to go. The funds generated from the auction will help support the community church as a gathering place, welcoming presence, and calm voice during challenging times.

Handmade ceramic birdhouse by Virginia Wyoming.
PHOTO PROVIDED

You can view all auction items at www.westminsterwest.org.

Bidding opens Friday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. and closes Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. Email your bid to Cheryl Charles at cherylcharles01@gmail.com for the item or items of your choice. The highest bid for each item will be the winner. Once all the bids are in, the winners will be notified via email and arrangements will be made for delivery. Winners will be notified within 24 hours. For additional information, contact Cheryl Charles at 802-376-8093 or cherylcharles01@gmail.com.

Scarecrows on Main contest in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Parks and Recreation is holding a scarecrow-making contest to be displayed on Main Street. Families and businesses can register their scarecrow at the Recreation Department or online at www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com. You will receive an entry number to place near your scarecrow in a visible spot.

Scarecrows will be put in place beginning Saturday, Oct. 3 and must be removed no later than Monday, Nov. 2. All scarecrows must be self-supporting, weather proof, and non-political.

Judging will take place Columbus Day weekend and winners will be announced on the Ludlow Parks and Recreation website Oct. 13. Categories include scariest, most creative, best use of recycled materials, and Best on Main for businesses.

Sign up to participate in the scarecrow contest.
STOCK PHOTO

Quilt raffle to benefit 2020 Komen Vermont virtual ride

Honorary Ride for the Cure Chair Lois Whidden (right) and volunteer Alice Rogers (left) show off this year's Ride Quilt, donated by Ann M. Ashcroft, of Bellows Falls.
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MANCHESTER, Vt. – A horse-themed 60-by-60-inch quilt, handmade by Ann M. Ashcroft of Bellows Falls, Vt., is being raffled off in support of the 2020 Komen Vermont Virtual Ride for the Cure and the winner will be drawn, "live" online, Monday, Oct. 12, 2020.

Ashcroft has donated her quilt-making skills to the Ride for the Cure in Vermont. Over the past 11 years, Ann has now made nine quilts for the ride, each one different, but with some kind of horse theme. This component of the Susan G. Komen horseback ride fall fundraiser has become a constituent, and community, favorite.

The 2020 Komen Vermont Virtual Ride for the Cure Honorary Chair, Lois Whidden said, "Ann has made many quilts for family, friends, and other organizations. She has an eye for putting materials together that look fantastic. I am very grateful for her support of the Vermont ride through her making and donation of her beautiful quilts."

Vermont Ride Quilt entry is open to ride registrants and the community at-large. To purchase raffle tickets with a credit card, please contact Linda Maness, Susan G. Komen Development manager for Vermont and New Hampshire, at LManess@komen.org or 802-779-4486. Please leave name and contact number.

To purchase raffle tickets by mail, please indicate quantity of tickets and provide complete contact information: name, address, phone number, and an email address, and send check or money order payable to "Komen New England," with memo "VT Ride Quilt" to Komen New England, 1009A Depot Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255. Entries by mail accepted through Saturday, Oct. 10. Online entries will be accepted through Monday, Oct. 12 at 12 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Komen New England decided, for the safety of all, to hold the annual Ride for the Cure as a virtual #RideWhereYouAre event. Registered riders will ride wherever they so choose at any time Monday, Oct. 12 – or even the day before or day after as needed.

World renowned circus artists create performance about place

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On Oct. 3-4, join the international award-winning circus company Nimble Arts in collaboration with Circus Minimus for "Circus in Place." This performance for all ages brings together community, artists, and the land that sustains us in a time of challenge and uncertainty.

The lands that we call home in West Brattleboro, Vt. will be set up with multiple stages for audiences to enjoy the woods and nature alongside presentations of circus theater. Be welcomed by an Abenaki singer-songwriter sharing history of Ndakina place, marvel at an aerialist dancing in the trees alongside the story of the woods, and enjoy traditional and contemporary circus that blends the arts of aerials, acrobatics, balancing, and juggling with storytelling, laughter, and entertainment. Bring your own blankets for socially distanced seating and walking shoes for the woods path between stages. The event will happen rain or shine and the event is out of doors so dress accordingly.

Show times will be 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. daily. There will be a sign language interpreter at the Sunday 12 p.m. performance. Tickets are limited and masks are required. Children under 2 are free. For more information and tickets, go to www.nimblearts.org.

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BRIC scholarship program enrollment for rural residents

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Black River Innovation Campus announces its involvement in the Future is Digital Challenge, an initiative focused on upskilling rural Americans interested in learning new digital skills to help them participate in the nation's growing tech economy. BRIC is partnering with the Center On Rural Innovation, a national nonprofit action tank working to advance economic prosperity in small towns across the country, and Udacity, a worldwide digital career advancement education platform, to make Udacity Nanodegree Program scholarships available for residents living in one of CORI's Rural Innovation Network areas.

"This initiative is about equipping people who have little previous experience in these areas with technical knowledge and skills," said Mark Rembert, director of the Rural Innovation Network at CORI. "Especially during this uncertain time, we hope to reach learners from all backgrounds, whether they are young adults looking to build technical skills or established workers exploring a potential career change. The digital tech economy is the fastest growing industry in this country, and rural workers are underrepresented – we want to change that."

In the first phase of the challenge, participants will learn the fundamentals of either digital marketing, business analytics, or front-end development through a self-paced foundational course, sponsored by Udacity. Once the course has been completed, participants can be certified after completing an assessment that tests their knowledge in their corresponding track. Participants will then qualify for a Udacity Nanodegree Program scholarship in one of the aforementioned programs by taking a final assessment to test their knowledge, which will set them up for success with a scholarship.

CORI and Udacity will sponsor 3,000-plus seats for the foundational courses and 300 scholarships in the corresponding Nanodegree Programs, based on foundational course performance. Scholarships, each valued roughly between $1,200-$1,600, will be distributed across CORI's entire RIN network.

"We know how hard Covid-19 has impacted our community, and we're glad to be offering this program to those who are interested in gaining new knowledge," said Chris Maggiolo, BRIC campus manager. "At BRIC, we believe that rural towns and their economies are more likely to thrive when residents have greater access to economic opportunity. We are proud to be part of the Rural Innovation Network and offer this opportunity to our friends and neighbors."

To learn more about the scholarship program and sign up for a foundational course, visit www.ruralinnovation.us/the-future-is-digital-challenge.

Virtual seminars on Covid-related stress with Dr. Matthew Friedman

WINDSOR, Vt. – Families, caregivers, and health professionals are seeing the devastating mental health impact that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on youth. The isolation, worry, and uncertainty of the past six months, coupled with anxiety over the challenges of a new school year, are causing changes in behavior among children that raise concerns about their wellbeing.

Windsor County Mentors, the youth mentoring organization that serves all of Windsor County, will host two virtual seminars with renowned guest speaker Matthew Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., a leader in the fields of psychiatry and PTSD research. These seminars will be geared to two audiences, one for parents and caregivers and one for health and human services professionals:

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m., "Coping Through the Covid-19 Crisis," a talk for parents and caregivers about normal and excessive reactions to pandemic-related stress and isolation
- Thursday, Oct. 29, 7-8:30 p.m., "Coping Through the Covid-19 Crisis," a discussion for professionals about normal and excessive reactions to pandemic-related stress and isolation.

For both audiences, Dr. Friedman will discuss how we react to prolonged isolation and will frame what are considered normal reactions to stress as compared to excessive reactions, up to and including PTSD. He will also discuss helpful supports and interventions. In each seminar there will be time for audience participation and general discussion.

Matthew Friedman, M.D., Pd.D., is professor and vice-chair for Research in the Department of Psychiatry at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He served for 24 years as executive director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for PTSD, stepping down in 2014 to become a Senior Advisor to the Center.

Dr. Friedman has over 45 years of experience as a clinician and researcher with approximately 350 publications, including 28 books. He is a Distinguished Lifetime Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, past-president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, past-chair of the APA's DSM-5 and DSM-5-TR PTSD Work Groups, and past-chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America.

There is a registration fee for each session. To register, please visit Windsor County Mentors' event page at www.wcmentors.org/event.html. For further information, contact Windsor County Mentors at 802-674-5101 or email Executive Director Matthew Garcia at matthew@wcmentors.org.

Senior Solutions offers Medicare counselor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 2020 open enrollment period is Oct. 15-Dec. 7 this year. Save money and get the best coverage; it is worth taking time to compare. A local Medicare counselor can help you compare your current health or drug plan with other plan choices; help you sign up for a new Medicare plan; and help you avoid high-pressure sales tactic. For more information, please call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2669.

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Weathersfield Land. This 10.85+/- acre parcel has been partially cleared exposing views of Ascutney Mountain and the hills surrounding the area. Located in the country with access to I91 makes it ideal for commuting. Easy access to recreation sites, including ski-mountains,golfing, river activities and so much more. **JUST REDUCED TO $51,900**

A fantastic business location on a well traveled road, easily located with ample parking. These 5 condos are currently occupied by one business. Space currently includes retail space on the first floor and office space upstairs. Put it back into the 5 condos with common space/stairs with two potential retail spaces on the first floor and three condos/potential office space on the second floor. Definitely worth consideration **$169,900**

Located near Route 11 West in Windham, This Saltbox Style home is situated on 2.34+/- acres with long road frontage and Williams River Branch tothe rear one gets the sense of accessible privacy. The home has been well cared for inside and out, bright interior includes a heated mudroom/entry, spacious functional country kitchen, formal dining room, Large living room, first floor office/bedroom and a full bath. Upstairs offers two large bedrooms, full bath and a walk-in hall closet. Large useable full basement, attached garage with overhead storage. A nice level yard with beautiful stone fireplace/sitting area with close proximity to outdoor activities and points of interest. **$299,900**

It's all in the details. This village home offers old style features with updates. Comfortable living room with access to the front porch, formal dining room with deck/back yard access. Updated kitchen with beautiful pantry, 2 bedrooms up with an oversized refinished bath and a family room in the basement. Detached garage for additional storage. Accessibly situated within walking distance to hospital, schools and other amenities **$109,900**

A perfectly situated retreat! Situated on the outskirts of town, surrounded by larger parcels, this unfinished camp is situated on 1.8+/- acres with fantastic views (potentially 160 degrees with additional clearing). The camp has a newer septic system, spring fed well, power, refinished bath, bedroom and a start in the expanded living space/kitchen area. A detached shed offers additional space/workshop, perfect for finishing the project. **$115,000**

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