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Jamaica Village School reopens for in-school learning

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

JAMAICA, Vt. – After a delay to the start of “in-school” learning at Jamaica Village School due to the assessment of air systems within the school building, the students returned to school Oct. 5 after having strictly conducted “remote learning” from students’ homes since Sept. 8.

Per the recommendation of the Windham Central Supervisory Union, the West River Education District Board chose to delay the opening of the school for in-person learning until the air systems were tested and confirmed to be safe for students and staff.

“We were made aware of the situation in late August, in consultation with the Director of Facilities and the Superintendent of Schools, and the decision to delay the opening of school was made by the West River Education District School Board of Directors,” Pamela Bernardo said. Bernardo is the principal of the Jamaica Village School.

After the testing, it was determined that the maintenance needed was minimal to meet the standards of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and



Jamaica Village School reopens.

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Air-Conditioning Engineers. Other area schools were also being tested to ensure the standards were being met.

Moving forward, the Jamaica Village School will be instituting a hybrid plan for students, with options for both in-person and remote learning from home. The teachers have been mostly conducting their remote classes from their classrooms in the school, giving students the opportunity to view their classrooms while learning remotely.

As in-school learning begins, students will have their temperatures taken before entering the school, cleaning will happen

each day during and after the students leave the building, and each Wednesday, only remote learning will take place so the building can be deep cleaned.

“The families, staff, and students of our school have all been wonderfully cooperative and patient as we navigate this most unusual and concerning situation,” Bernardo concluded. “We look forward to welcoming our learners back on-site and will continue to support those children for which families have decided to continue their learning remotely.”

BRAT celebrates 20 years of cleaning the Black River

REGION – Celebrating the group’s 20th anniversary, the Black River Action Team chalks up another successful year of cleaning trash from the bed and banks of our local waterways. Dozens of volunteers worked at various locations over the course of several months in targeted cleanups of specific sites.

Among the season’s “finds” were 90 tires, a pair of wading boots, a camp chair, an entire picnic camp including a charcoal grill, and dozens of bags of food wrappers, cigarette trash, bottles, cans, personal items, and face masks.

Volunteers in Springfield traversed the entire Toonerville Trail, removed a stash of tires from the water in two separate locations, tied up Hoyt’s Landing every weekend, and scoured the river banks for several miles throughout the summer.

Public school students and home learners in Cavendish and Ludlow organized into “quaran-teams” with teachers and adult volunteers to tackle several river sites in those communities. In addition to several bags of trash, these intrepid kids removed an enormous amount of the



Steve and Maura Anderson with a tub of trash they collected from the lowest mile of the Black River.

PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER

invasive plant Japanese knotweed, known to take over entire stream banks and crowd out all native vegetation as well as increase erosion.

On RiverSweep Day in Springfield, volunteers with the Calvary Baptist Church brought a grill and all the works to cook up hot dogs for the Springfield cleanup volunteers. The hot dogs were purchased with a generous donation from Heritage Engineering, along with chips from Deep River Snacks. The student volunteers enjoyed pizza donated by Goodman’s

American Pie of Ludlow. BRAT Director Kelly Stettner thanks each and every donor – all are listed alphabetically on this year’s super red tee shirts – for their generous support of the RiverSweep and all the BRAT’s programs. Stettner especially thanks the cleanup crews who really got “down ‘n’ dirty” this year to help keep the Black River clean and healthy.

Learn more about BRAT at www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org or by sending a message to Kelly at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or 802-738-0456.

Jessie Haas presents another youth book involving horses

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Prolific Westminister author and native Jessie Haas has released a new youth novel, “The Hungry Place.” Sadly, due to the current pandemic, it will not have a live reading event at Village Square Bookstore in Bellows Falls, but it will have a virtual event Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. instead.

Her last reading at the bookstore about two years ago was for “Rescue,” a story that deals with conflict among two sixth graders as a new girl moves in with ideas about animal treatment that opposes the strong farm traditions of rural Vermont. “The Hungry Place” presents Princess, an unusual pony with an enchanting quality, and a protagonist who lives with her father, an artist who drives a garbage truck, and her

grandmother who knows she needs a pony to make her life complete.

Haas says, “One of the strong themes is persistence.” Persistence is also a trait Haas employed to bring this book about. She says she started trying to sell it to publishers in 2008, and it had a number of rejections while other books were published in the meantime. Then the publisher of “Rescue” suggested changes, and now Haas says her story has had “a sort of fairy tale ending,” just as her horse goes “from a palace to a little backyard.”

Haas, who grew up on her parents’ farm in Westminister West, says, “My life was about animals... you have pets and you have farm animals, some of which you eat.” Her mother was the “pound keeper” for the town, and their farm was filled



Jessie Haas and friend in Westminister West.

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with stray animals, and “a lot of them just stayed... In that process you learn which animals to get attached to.”

Haas attended Westminister

Central School and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School. Then she went off to Wellesley College. There Haas and her now husband, Michael J. Daley, who is a writer of science fiction, found a mentor in English teacher Linda Flech. Through a contact provided by her mentor, Haas was able to sell her first story, “Keeping Barney” just before she graduated in 1981. Since then Haas has published more than 40 books.

Haas says, “Horses have been a life long passion.” She started writing poems about horses in the fifth grade. She says, “Those books you loved as

a kid mean a lot.”

After college, she and her husband returned to Westminister West. They built a small house and have lived there “off the grid” ever since. Haas first went to work at Allen Brothers store and farm stand. She says as a writer, “either you have a good day job or you learn to live cheap.” She and her husband also worked for some years at the Green Mountain Spinnery. She says that when she goes in the store now, she is struck by the fact that all the wool “still smells the same.”

Haas has received a number of awards and far flung notoriety. “Rescue” was a Junior Literary Guild Selection. Locally, she is on Vermont’s Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Master List, and her 2013 book “Sage,” about a girl who has a horse and lives in Albuquerque, N.M., was in the American Girl series. The se-

ries involves the production of a doll version of the protagonist and a national book tour for the author. It has been Haas’s only national tour. One of her three non-children’s books is about horses.

Haas is very engaged in her community. She is currently a board member of the Westminister Historical Society. Her other two nonfiction books, “Revolutionary Westminister” and “Township No. One,” are about the colonial and Revolutionary era of her hometown. She makes school visits for her children’s books and speaks as a historian on the Westminister Massacre of 1775. She has also been a longtime member of a local Scottish dancing group.

For more information about the coming virtual reading event, contact Village Square Books at 802-463-9404 or info@villagesquarebooks.com.

Election Day and voting in Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The town of Rockingham Town Clerk’s office looks forward to a successful 2020 Election Day by urging voters to cast their ballots early. Absentee ballots were sent from the Secretary of State’s office and are two-sided

with local Justice of the Peace candidates on the back. Town Clerk Kathleen Neathawk advises voters to look over ballots carefully and get them in on time.

There are multiple ways to submit ballots prior to Elec-

tion Day, Nov. 3. A secured ballot box will be located in the downstairs lobby of the Bellows Falls Opera House and Town Hall and sealed ballots may be dropped there by friends or family members. Voters may mail their ballots to the Rock-

ingham Town Clerk, P.O. Box 339, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 and must be received no later than 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. The clerk advises postmarks 7 to 10 days prior; your vote will not count after Nov. 3.

After Oct. 10, voters may cast

their vote in person in the Town Clerk’s Office, which is located on the second floor of the Town Hall, where voters may deposit ballots directly into the secured ballot box in the vault.

On Nov. 3, the election will be held again at the Masonic

Temple on 61 Westminister St. for in-person voting between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Neathawk wants voters to know that if they plan to come to the polls to vote to please bring the ballot

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Seeking residents' input on local conservation

WALPOLE, N.H. – What aspects of local conservation are most important to you? Let your voice be heard! Join the Cheshire and Sullivan counties conservation districts as they co-host a virtual Local Work Group Meeting Oct. 14, 2020, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., via Zoom. This meeting is open to the public; those encouraged to attend include land owners and operators of farm and forest land as well as experts in the field of soil, water, agriculture, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with the agricultural and natural resource issues of our communities.

A Local Work Group is comprised of area agencies and organizations working with

natural resources and interested farm and forest landowners. Local Work Groups set local priorities based on public input and needs assessments. They identify locally important natural resource concerns and make recommendations to the State Technical Committee and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist on such items as priorities, conservation practices, and policies.

This meeting is an opportunity to voice any concerns related to any of these programs so that your thoughts may be taken forward to the State Technical Committee. Registration is required – you must register to receive the Zoom

link to join the meeting. For more information regarding this meeting and to register, visit www.lwgmeeting2020.eventbrite.com.

Prior to the meeting, we ask that anyone in the public with input on these issues please complete a short online questionnaire at www.bit.ly/34rRktJ. Thank you for taking the time to share your knowledge of natural resource concerns in your community with us. Additional questions can be directed to Amanda Littleton, Cheshire County Conservation District, at 603-756-2988 x4 or by email at aman-da@cheshireconservation.org.

HCRS offers same day mental health support

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield, Bellows Falls, and Brattleboro. Health Care and Rehabilitation Services has implemented an open access model for new clients, allowing the agency to offer same day access.

Community mental health has historically been challenged by wait times for client services. Individuals seeking mental health treatment often wait weeks for an assessment appointment and even longer to actually receive clinical services. This open access model will allow HCRS to improve the client experience by being able to offer same day assessment services at its clinical office locations in Hartford,

Bellows Falls, and Brattleboro.

As a certified Center of Excellence, HCRS has been focused on improving client access to services as part of its strategic plan.

According to HCRS CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., "We have implemented other systems in order to improve access, but the Open Access model has allowed us to provide same day assessments of new clients. No longer will new clients even need an appointment."

In the client's first meeting with an HCRS clinician, an initial assessment will be completed as part of the new Open Access model. Clients will then

continue to be seen and supported, in most cases, by the same professionally trained clinician they met with for the assessment. This will enhance continuity of care and strengthen the clinical relationship between the provider and the client.

Karabakakis stated, "We're excited to be at a point where we can significantly improve access to our services for residents of our communities. During this unprecedented pandemic, we know that our services are even more needed than ever as people deal with the added uncertainty and anxiety of the coronavirus. Feel free to reach out to us today for support. We want to help."

CSB VP graduates for Financial Studies

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Claremont Savings Bank is proud to announce the graduation of Tausha Shute, vice president of retail services, from the New England School for Financial Studies.

"This program has allowed Tausha the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills necessary in banking leadership today," said Carol Vivian, Claremont Savings Bank SVP, retail banking. "We are very fortunate to have Tausha lead-

ing the Retail team at CSB, and we are very proud of her accomplishment," continued Vivian.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association announced that 71 students from banks and financial services firms completed the graduation requirements for the New England School for Financial Studies. This year's senior class was the first in the history of the school to complete its senior year in a virtual environment.



Tasha Shute.

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MBA established the School for Financial Studies in 1960 to provide opportunities for professional growth to employees of member banks and others in the industry. Over the years, it has grown to meet the needs of banks throughout New England with a focus on financial management, technology, lending, marketing, and other strategic industry issues. The school is sponsored by the Maine Bankers Association, Massachusetts Bankers Association, New Hampshire Bankers Association, Rhode Island Bankers Association, and Vermont Bankers Association.

"This was a terrific group, and they adapted to the virtual format extremely well," said Meghan McCarthy, director, education at MBA. "I'm confident that this year's graduates will go on to serve as the senior bank officers and financial leaders of tomorrow, helping to shape an industry that is one of New England's largest employers."

"Attending New England School for Financial Studies has vastly expanded my knowledge, and better prepared me for my role in bank management," said Shute. "The program covers a well-rounded curriculum, where you will learn aspects outside your day to day comfort zone...I am grateful to Claremont Savings Bank for the opportunity to learn and grow within the organization."

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ELECTION

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that they were mailed. She has a very limited supply, and voters will also be required to fill out an affidavit form to acquire another ballot.

For in-person and drive-through voting, they ask that vehicles enter Henry Street from Atkinson Street, keeping heavy traffic off of Westminster Street as much as possible. Free parking is always available at TD Bank, the Hetty Green Parking Lot, and on School and Henry streets for walk-in voters.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For questions, call 802-463-4336.

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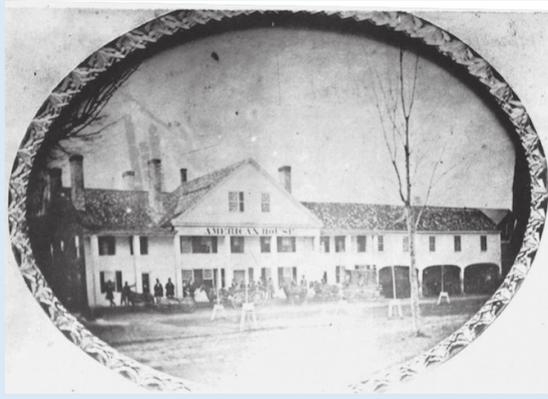
BY RON PATCH

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A forgotten fire

I've been president of the Chester Historical Society for about 15 years now. In my first year, I found the photo you see with this article. You can see the American House sign. It's a poor quality Xerox copy but it's what we have. The American House stood where the Fullerton is today.



The American House, circa 1850. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I had never heard of the American House before. Sometime later I found a handwritten note that it had burned in 1858. We are compiling photos and written histories for our upcoming book, "History of Chester Fire Departments." We wanted to include this fire in the book but had no history until now.

The Rockingham Library has many of the Bellows Falls Times online. I searched the year 1858 but found nothing. Recently Peter Farrar checked the vault at Chester Town Hall. Peter found mention of the American House being there in 1860.

I checked the Bellows Falls Times for 1860 and found the account below. It is copied as it was printed.

Bellows Falls Times, August 31, 1860, Fire in Chester - Chester House in Ashes

"A destructive fire broke out in Chester, yesterday morning about half past one o'clock - and before the flames could be stayed the Chester House and other buildings connected therewith, including the barn and livery stable, J.N. Moore's drug store, and N. Nourse's tailoring establishment, were a mass of smouldering ruins. Most of the contents of these buildings were saved, but of course more or less damaged.

"The fire is said to have started in the kitchen of the hotel, and was doubtless accidental. The hotel was kept by G.J. Francis Esq., whose loss must be considerable. It was owned by Mr. Whitcomb of Providence, Rhode Island, and was insured by some stock company, we have not learned where, for \$3,000. We have no estimate of the loss of Dr. Moore or Mr. Nourse. The former, we understand, sent an application for insurance to the Vermont Mutual at Montpelier, last Monday. He has not heard from it, and therefore does not know, this Thursday morning, whether he is insured or not. The total loss by this fire must be from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

"Soon after the alarm

was given, it was perceived that the buildings on either side of the Chester House would be in the most imminent danger, and messengers were despatched to Springfield and Bellows Falls, and in an hour from the time the alarm was given in this village, our fireman with their engine landed at Chester, and Springfield Torrent Company No. 3, were also there very soon after, but by the great exertions of the Chester people they had prevented the extension of the fire, and their services were not required. They were however treated with the utmost liberality by the Chester people, who opened their private houses and gave them a nice breakfast before coming home.

"Before starting from the village, the Chester people cheered the firemen from abroad, which was heartedly returned. Our company went up on a special train, and returned by the regular train in the morning."

It wasn't until the early 1870s that Chester had their first fire department. We will include the formation of Chester's two fire departments in our upcoming book. When the American House burned, it would have been fought by a local bucket brigade.

In the days before fire departments, you would insure

your property with a local bucket brigade or insurance company. You would be provided with a cast iron fire mark that you affixed to your building. This fire mark indicated to your local bucket brigade that you had prepaid for protection.

Today, where Bargain Corner is opposite the Whiting Library, once stood the Eagle Hotel. We have an old photo of the Eagle Hotel where you can see a belfry and large bell. This bell was the alarm of fire. This photo and relevant information will be included in our book.

Over the years, business names have changed as is evidenced here by changing American House to Chester House. This is still true today. Look at Lisai's, now Smitty's, as an example.

For me the major question is how many other fires of long ago are unknown today. Frank Bidwell is searching local newspapers from the early 1800s on into the 1950s. As Frank discovers these long forgotten fires, they will be copied and included in our book.

This week's old saying is from Dudley Do-Right: "It must be true. I read it in the paper."

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Small pox to Covid-19: the impact of pandemics

CAVENDISH, Vt. - In 1492, when Columbus arrived in the Caribbean, 100% of north and south American were populated by native peoples. Today, only 1% of the United States is occupied by native peoples while 8% account for Latin America's population and 4.9% of Canada's.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Cavendish Historical Society will host a talk on the role pandemics and epidemics, including

smallpox, malaria, cholera, and other diseases, played in the depopulation of the Americas.

While the Americas primarily dealt with chronic disease and were unprepared for the pandemics and epidemics brought by colonizers, disease in and of itself could be and was used as a weapon. However, disease alone was not the only factor in the colonizing of the Americas. As with most aspects of history, it is complex showing the range

of human capabilities from extreme violence to compassion.

This event will be held at the Cavendish Stone Church on Main Street at 2 p.m. Parking is available across the street at the Cavendish Baptist Church. Due to the indoor location, this program is limited to 25 people. Social distancing and wearing a mask is required. The talk is free and open to the public but is not recommended for young children.

VINE hosts virtual 20th anniversary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Have you ever seen a cow walk the red carpet? Or a goat break it down on the dance floor? Or a chicken pull raffle tickets? You can see that and more at the VINE Sanctuary digital 20th Anniversary Gala Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

To celebrate two decades of working towards the liberation for all, VINE will offer both a ticketed digital gala event and interactive events across our social media platforms. Join us in the morning for a virtual tractor ride-along and a yoga class taught by Alexandra Hanley from Grace Through Gravity. We'll have a "Cake for Cows" cooking demonstration, a sanctuary tour, and Barnyard Buddies, VINE's humane education program for children.

After a day packed with digital events free and open to the public, the gala begins at 4 p.m. The final event of the day is ticketed to help raise funds for our winter animal care costs. But because we do things a little differently at VINE - the community isn't buying tickets for themselves. Instead, they're sending a chicken, duck, sheep, goat, or cow to the party!

Tickets range in price and are tied to monthly animal care costs. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase and will feature items from local artist Joanna Alix, coffee from The Flying Crow, VINE swag created by Clever Cow Designs, a three-month subscription

to Kinder Beauty Box, a box of custom vegan cheese from VINE's own Cheryl, a Vegan Veins gift box, and a self-care bundle from Magic Meadow Skincare.

Tickets are available via the

VINE Sanctuary Facebook page or through Eventbrite. You can find the ticket link at www.facebook.com/VINE-sanctuary. For questions or more information, email Anna at anna@bravebirds.org.



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obituaries

Harriet H. Ryan, 1926-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Harriet H. Ryan, 94, formerly of Mariaville, Maine and Chester, Vt., passed away Friday, Aug. 28 at Cedar Hill in Windsor. Harriet was born March 27, 1926 in Tenafly, N.J., daughter of George Huyler and Dorothy Westervelt Huyler. She graduated from Woodbury High School in Woodbury, Conn. in 1944 and from Larson Junior College in New Haven, Conn. in 1945. She was employed at Connecticut Light and Power in Waterbury, Conn., from 1945 to 1951. She moved to Massachusetts in 1951 and married Donald G. Brennan June 5, 1951; they later divorced. She was employed at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. from 1951 to 1969. She worked at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass., from 1969 to 1979, when she retired.



Harriet H. Ryan, 1926-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

She married William J. Ryan June 7, 1967. They lived in Carlisle, Mass., until they moved to Mariaville, Maine in 1979 to retire. They stayed active gardening, raising sheep and goats, and Harriet spun her own yarn. She was a charter member of Friday Spinners, a group of local women devoted to working with natural fibers.

She moved to Chester with her beloved cat Lily in 2015 and then to The Village at Cedar Hill in 2019.

She was predeceased by Bill in 2014 and her brother J. Richard

Huyler of Chester in 2002. She is survived by her nieces and nephews Betsy (Roger) Owen of Springfield; Susan (Henri de Marne) Donniss of Shelburne; J. Peter (Charlene) Huyler of Andover; Katharine (John) Tate of Ava, Mo.; John G. (Debra) Huyler of Bellvue, Colo.; Mark (Joanne) Huyler of Hatfield, Mass.; and Priscilla (Rod) Arnold of Springfield.

Her family wishes to thank the staff at Cedar Hill for their care and kindness to Harriet during her stay there. Due to the current pandemic, there will be no service at this time. Cards may be sent to Peter Huyler, 861 Weston-Andover Rd., Andover, VT 05143. Donations in Harriet's memory may be made to Chester Family Center, P.O. Box 302, Chester, VT 05143.

Lenore A. Irion, 1952-2020

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Lenore Adele Irion of Saxtons River, Vt. died peacefully before daybreak Sept. 11, 2020. She was in the care of her sister and medical hospice in Alstead, N.H. Her sister and two devoted friends were at her side as she took her last quiet breath that disappeared into the silence and stillness.

As her physical strength had diminished, her sense of wonder kept growing. The late summer weeks provided so much richness outdoors in the gardens that surrounded her. Friends brought her flowers, played live music, had meaningful conversation, and expressed gratitude and love.

Born in 1952 into a family of six, she spent her school years growing up in Wayne, Pa. She then settled on Martha's Vineyard where she enjoyed island life. It was there that she made her closest friends.

She returned to Pennsylvania and then Delaware to care for her aging parents, settling finally in New Hampshire and then Vermont.

Although a private person, Lenore touched many kinds of people with her warmth and kindness and pure heart. She was unaware of her innocent charm. Animals were her loves.



Lenore A. Irion, 1952-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

The 11 dogs that she rescued were her favorite companions. She received a lot of pleasure from her feline friends as well.

When asked in her last weeks what she felt good about accomplishing in her life, she answered first, among other things, "Certainly taking care of mom and dad in their last years. It was an honor. We were a threesome. I felt proud of them and people could see that we loved each other tremendously."

Again, among other things, when asked what she wanted those of us who love her to remember about her, her answer was, "Well, I really loved my childhood and I loved to laugh."



Albert J. Gonyea, 1932-2020

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – On Sept. 24, 2020, Albert J. Gonyea, of Saxtons River, Vt. and formally of Averill Park, N.Y., passed away while doing what any good Vermonter liked best – night fishing. Albert was born July 14, 1932 in Cavendish, Vt., the son of Wilfred Gonyea and Fern Thomas.

In 1953, he served during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1961. Albert worked as a laborer on a farm, Albany Felt Company, and other woolen mills. He was also a truck driver whose CB handle was Big Owl for Barber & Bennett Feed Company. He also worked for the state of Vermont. After retirement, he drove for The Current bus.

Albert taught a survival course in Avril Park, N.Y. and a hunter's safety course at his home in Saxtons River. He was on the Saxtons River Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Bellows Falls Legion and Bellows Falls Moose Club and enjoyed fishing and hunting in his spare time. Albert returned to Vermont in 1984 to take care of his father.

On March 19, 1955, he married Marie E. Mayo who died in August 1971. On Dec. 22, 1984, he married Barbara A.



Albert J. Gonyea, 1932-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Vaughn who died in February 2014. Albert is survived by his children Jean Anderson and Terry Shows, Lois Diak and Stefan, George Gonyea and Janine, Gilbert Gonyea and Lora, Edith Seifridsberger and Kevin, Evelyn Santoro and Shawn, Richard Gonyea and Andrew Gonyea; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and one niece Cyrilla H. Prescott. Albert was also predeceased by his sisters Bessie Hodgeman and Helen Bemis.

A graveside service was held in the Evergreen Cemetery Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Wynantskill, N.Y.

Charlotte Scanlon, 1935-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Charlotte "Chadie" (Welch) Scanlon passed away at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020. Born March 18, 1935 in Bellows Falls, she was the daughter of Robert M. and Catherine N. (Gee) Welch. She was a "Gageville Girl," and attended grade school in North Westminster. She was a graduate of the Bellows Falls High School, Class of 1954. Charlotte and her twin sister Shirley were designated "Class Giggles" by their classmates; we will miss Chadie's laugh.

Her first job after graduation was at Gay's Express/Holmes Systems Clearing as receptionist and switchboard operator. She later worked for many years in the OS&D department at St. Johnsbury Trucking, Bellows Falls and then at ABF Freight Systems in Putney before her retirement in 2000.

She was married to Walter Scanlon June 23, 1968 in Bellows Falls, and she enjoyed 39

years of marriage with him until his death Jan. 2, 2007. She was also predeceased by her parents.

She was an active member and volunteer at the Bellows Falls Senior Center and also a member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her six sisters Barbara Stickney and her husband Richard, Marion Hess and her husband Roland, her twin sister Shirley Scofield and her husband Paul, Marjorie Jankiewicz and her husband William, Eleanor Kay Stack and her husband James, and Catherine Welch and her husband Michael Davidson. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A mass will be held at St. Charles Church Friday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. with burial immediately following at St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt. Donations in Charlotte's memory can be made to the Bellows Falls Senior Center.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Services are also available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.

Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.

Public masses have resumed. Services at St. Joseph's include Saturday at 4 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. There are no live streams for these masses. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Sunday worship is outdoors on the back lawn at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masks are required at all times while on St. Luke's property. If it's raining, the Morning Prayer is canceled. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org for more information.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Sermons are available live Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on the streaming page at www.chesterbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

Sunday 10 a.m. in-person services have resumed. Please follow social distancing and wear masks. Services are still live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

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Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday services are streamed online at 10 a.m. For more information, go to Facebook @SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy has resumed at 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. Please note, the church is limited to 50 participants. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday service are at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and more information, go to www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

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FRIDAY, OCT. 9 – Boys Soccer

Green Mountain at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Mill River, 4 p.m.

Newport at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m.

Windsor at Green Mountain,

4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 – Boys Soccer

Green Mountain at Woodstock, 4 p.m.

Otter Valley at Bellows Falls,

11 a.m.

Cross Country

Bellows Falls at Rutland, 10 a.m.

Field Hockey

Brattleboro at Bellows Falls, 1

p.m.

Springfield at Burr & Burton, 12 p.m.

Football

Bellows Falls at Windsor, 1 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Newport, 1:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 12 – Boys Soccer

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

Girls Soccer

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

Long Trail at Springfield, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13 – Boys Soccer

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 7 p.m.

Twin Valley at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Field Hockey

Bellows Falls at Rutland, 4 p.m.

Football

Bellows Falls at Brattleboro, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 – Boys Soccer

Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.

Football

Springfield at Windsor, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Leland & Gray at Windsor, 4 p.m.

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15 – Boys Soccer

Rivendell at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Field Hockey

Bellows Falls at Keene, 4:30 p.m.



Green Mountain shut out Bellows Falls, 6-0. Chieftains' Chole Ayer (10) scored two goals, and Terriers' Jenna Dolloph (25) battled for possession of the ball. The Chieftains tallied three goals in each half, and goaltenders Alex Hutchins and Hailey Pierce shared the shutout, each playing a half. Kim Cummings scored two goals and Grace Tyrrel and Riley Paul each had one.

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This year, Vermont football is of the touch variety and is played without pads. Terrier Jack Burke pulled in a touchdown pass on this play, catching Grady Lockerby's pass in the season opening 37-20 loss at Hadley Field versus Hartford.

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Bellows Falls standout runner junior Abby Bradley put together another strong performance in capturing the annual Russ Pickering Invitational Cross Country meet. Bradley set a new female course record with her time of 18:12. Other Terrier runners included Steph Ager (4th), Lily Ware (14th), Molly Hodsdon (16th), and Shelby Stoodley (16th).

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Vermont's Operation Game Thief helps catch poachers

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont State Game wardens are asking Vermonters with information about fish and wildlife crimes to submit them through the Operation Game Thief program.

Operation Game Thief is a joint nonprofit program sponsored by the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and administered by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

The program provides a way for people to help protect the state's fish and wildlife by reporting law violators at 1-800-75ALERT (1-800-752-5378). The toll-free hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Rewards are paid for information leading to arrests.

Vermont is lucky to have dedicated wardens patrolling our fields, forests, and waterways, but their numbers are limited,"

said Col. Jason Batchelder. "Operation Game Thief is a great way for Vermonters to assist in reducing fish and wildlife violations by providing tips and information. We're asking people to call with details such as names and descriptions of perpetrators, and descriptions and plate numbers of vehicles whenever possible."

"Poachers steal the opportunity for others to legally hunt and fish and may create an unfairly negative impression of hunting and fishing with the general public," said Col. Batchelder. "They may also target threatened, endangered, or nongame species. We appreciate this partnership with the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs to help us catch and prosecute poachers through Operation Game Thief."

Public meetings on simplifying fishing regulations

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is proposing to simplify fishing regulations to make them easier to understand and would like your input at virtual public meetings Oct. 13 and 14.

"We want to have fishing regulations that are easier to comprehend for new anglers and those who would like to fish in unfamiliar lakes or streams," said Commissioner Louis Porter. "Vermont's fishing regulations have become increasingly complex in over the years, and we believe they can be simpler and still protect our fish populations while encouraging people to enjoy Vermont's wealth of fishing opportunities."

"Some regulations are proposed to be eliminated while others would be consolidated. In some cases, for example, length limits and daily creel

limits could be standardized for a species in most waters."

"Simplifying the regulations would also make it possible to improve the annual Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations we provide to anglers," Porter added.

The book currently has 11 different regulation tables, while a revised version is proposed to have only three. A reduction in the number of waters with special regulations would shorten the Index of Rivers and Streams and Index of Lakes and Ponds sections.

Anglers would also be able to fish most Vermont waters at any time of year with artificial lures or flies if they practice catch-and-release, while a few seasonally closed waters or areas with special regulations would remain closed.

The department will hold two online public informational meetings to introduce its proposed changes. A presentation will be given at each meeting followed by a question and answer period. The presentation and additional information will also be available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fishing-regulation-simplification for anglers to review if they

are unable to attend one of the meetings.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will hold its public meetings by Zoom Oct. 13 and 14, from 6:30-8 p.m. Join a meeting by computer or smartphone at www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87534865303. The Meeting ID: 875 3486 5303. Join a meeting by telephone by calling 929-436-2866. Meeting ID: 875 3486 5303.

The department will be collecting comments on the proposal through Nov. 18 by email, ANR.fwppubliccomment@vermont.gov, or through regular mail at Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Attn: Fishing Regulation Comments, 1 National Life Dr., Montpelier, VT 05620-3702.

These informational meetings are not part of the formal Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board rule making process and will help guide the creation of a formal regulation proposal, which will start the rule making process in 2021. Formal public hearings and additional opportunities for public input and comment will occur in 2021, giving residents and anglers a second opportunity to make their voices heard before any changes are made.



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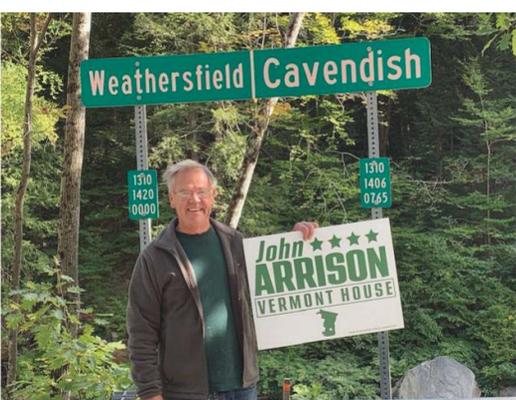
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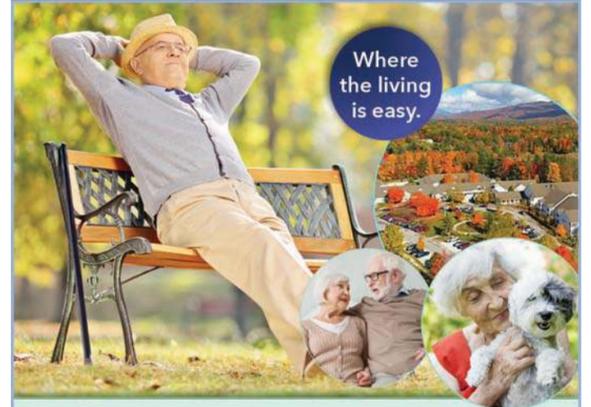
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The forum is one of a series hosted by the Local Support and Community Action Team of the governor's Economic Recovery Task Force.

The virtual forums will bring together residents from across the region to discuss challenges and ideas for community response and equitable economic recovery, connect to others working to respond and recover, and meet with a "Visiting Team" of state, federal, business, and nonprofit leaders who will share recovery strategies from across the state and ideas for resources and support.

Participants are all invited to join a brief opening session and then breakout into their choice of one of four discussion topics.

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arts & entertainment

Christmas Under the Tent -

CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Columbus Weekend, the Chester-Andover Family Center will hold their fifth annual Christmas Under the Tent sale. Holiday items for decorating, entertaining, and gift giving will be available. We will have toys, gifts, items for your holiday table, artificial trees, Christmas cards, and decorations galore.

then spend time under the tents to stock up on all your holiday needs at bargain prices.

All thrift shop and tent sale shoppers are required to wear masks, sanitize, and respect social distancing.

The family center is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization. Proceeds from our thrift shop and this special sale support our food shelf and financial assistance program for Chester and Andover residents struggling to make ends meet. Shopping with us Oct. 10 will help us

raise funds to support CAFC programs that contribute to the wellbeing of our community.

Join us Saturday, Oct. 10 under the tents at the Chester-Andover Family Center for this special fundraiser and shopping event. The Chester-Andover Family Center is located at 908 Vermont Route 103 South in Chester, Vt. For more information, visit our website at www.chesterandoverfamilycenter.org or follow us on Facebook.

Drawing anatomy illustration basics

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT is offering an online Zoom anatomy drawing class with popular artist and instructor Christine Mix Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

This two-hour drawing class for teens and adults will include old and new anatomy drawing tips from the world of illustration, animation, and cartoons. Christine will share drawing

demons along with easy and fun drawing exercises where students will learn how to sketch gestures, contours, shapes, lines, and learn appropriate proportions for drawing children and adults. This workshop will keep you on your toes and help flex those drawing muscles - especially when it comes to drawing the human or animal figures.

Technical requirements are

that you should have a good up-to-date computer, Windows 7 and up or Mac OS X or later, internet connection, tablet or smart phone that can handle Zoom meetings or streaming for two hours or more. A week and the day before the class, a Zoom link will be sent to you via email. Please register by Oct. 14 so Chris can get things set up.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org, Facebook, or Instagram.

FOLA features Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace"

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., FOLA will present Aretha Franklin in her masterpiece concert, "Amazing Grace."

"Amazing Grace captivates," says the Smithsonian's Christopher Wilson from the National Museum of American History. It is 90 minutes of "living the genius of Aretha and the passion of the tradition she embraced and represented." In 1970s Detroit,

Aretha Franklin's masterpiece Amazing Grace, the best-selling gospel album of all time, chronicles the two-day, live-recording session at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles in January 1972.

In 1972, Aretha Franklin was at the top of the music world. She had recorded more than a dozen gold records, more than 20 albums, and had won five Grammys. She was already known as "The Queen of Soul"

But early in 1972, she returned to her roots and decided to record a live gospel album, singing the songs she grew up performing in her father's New Bethel Baptist Church.

This program is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. The United Church of Ludlow will provide water. Attendees are requested to wear masks and maintain social distancing. For information, call 802-228-3238.

Weston Playhouse presents a virtual evening with David E. Sanger

WESTON, Vt. - New York Times' national security correspondent David E. Sanger returns to Weston for a virtual fundraising event featuring a special lecture about his new HBO documentary "The Perfect Weapon," based on Sanger's 2018 book "The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age."

In his career, Sanger has been a member of three Times teams that won the Pulitzer Prize. He has also won the Weintal Prize for diplomatic reporting for his coverage of the Iraq and Korea crises, the Aldo Beckman prize for

coverage of the presidency, and, in two separate years, the Meriman Smith Memorial Award, for coverage of national security issues. "Nuclear Jihad," the documentary that Sanger reported for Discovery, won the DuPont Award for its explanation of the workings of the A.Q. Khan nuclear proliferation network. A regular contributor to CNN, he also teaches national security policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Weston's Executive Artistic Director Susanna Gellert says, "David Sanger's annual visit to Weston Playhouse Theatre is among our most anticipated events, and we are thrilled that he is joining us again this year to share his unique insight and unparalleled expertise. Sanger will be with us at an incredibly timely moment, weeks before the election, and days after the release of his new HBO documentary."

Tickets go on sale Oct. 7, 2020 and include Sanger's talk and a question-and-answer session

with the audience, moderated by Wayne Granquist.

Each ticket purchased provides vital income as we support our artists through the creation of new work, provide a variety of artistic programming free of charge to an expanding audience, and prepare to serve our community for seasons to come. This event is "pay what you will." Households sharing a Zoom screen need buy only one ticket to participate.

The first 200 ticket purchasers will receive a special code from HBO to view the documentary free of charge when it premieres Oct. 16. This event is presented on Zoom. Meeting information will be sent via email one hour before the event.

The Box Office at the Weston Playhouse remains closed, but staff will be returning voicemails left at 802-824-5288.

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fall home improvement

Weatherization makes more sense than ever during a pandemic

REGION – For the past six years, Efficiency Vermont has been honored to support the annual Button Up Vermont fall weatherization campaign. It's a natural fit for us, because it raises awareness about the importance of making our homes ready for winter – a time when we often use a lot of energy to stay warm.

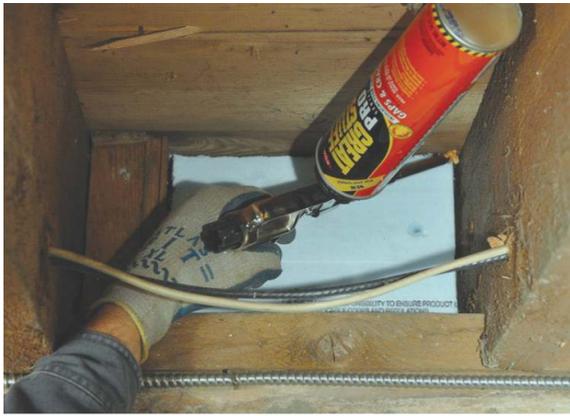
Unfortunately, some of that energy is wasted in a typical Vermont home. A home that isn't properly air-sealed and insulated is a home that is heating the outdoors. With Vermont, a lot of homes fall into this category. The average home has enough cracks and openings that when combined, is the same as having a two-foot-square hole in the wall. Leaving them unsealed is like leaving a window open all year long.

mont is so important. The campaign brings together resources, mobilizes communities to get the word out, and provides helpful tips and tools to empower us all to tackle weatherization projects that can help make our homes more comfortable. This year's campaign is focused on promoting Do-it-Yourself projects. Efficiency Vermont will once again provide a \$100 rebate to help cover the cost of DIY materials. These include weather stripping, air sealing materials, and insulation for your home.

2020 has been a year of uncertainty for us all. But one thing remains clear: Weatherizing our homes is an important investment that pays many dividends. There's a lot to be said for a comfortable home and lower energy bills

in a year like 2020. Find out more about the Button Up Vermont campaign and see if your home can become a little more resilient this year, www.buttonupvermont.org.

Written by Becca White, community engagement manager, Efficiency Vermont.



The Button Up Vermont campaign encourages DIY weatherization projects to prepare your homes for winter this year. PHOTO PROVIDED

Anyone who pays a heating bill knows this is an expensive problem – often hundreds of dollars a year. But fixing that problem can feel overwhelming. Where do I start? How will I afford it? Button Up Vermont is all about helping Vermonters find answers to those questions. Once you have answers you can take your next step on a journey to a warmer, healthier, and more affordable home.

Those benefits feel more important this year, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many people have shifted to working and learning from home, spending more time in home offices or at our kitchen tables. We are becoming acutely aware of our indoor environments and the impact they have on our overall wellbeing and resilience.

The cost of heating an inefficient home is also more critical as so many Vermonters are out of work. Thousands of our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet, and winter heating bills have never seemed so daunting.

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Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume and required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: www.londonderryvt.org. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155

This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. Position opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

TOWN OF CHESTER ZONING ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

The Town of Chester is advertising for the position of a part time Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator is responsible for the issuance of building permits, guiding applicants through the DRB permitting process and enforcement of Zoning Violations. This person must be able to work with the Planning Commission and Development Review Board on a regular basis and is required to attend all meetings of these Boards. Applicants must have a general knowledge of the community; the purpose, theory and practice of zoning; The Vermont Planning and Development Act; the municipal bylaws; Basic understanding of state statutes and regulations related to land use and land development. This position requires an individual who is a leader, courteous, tactful, objective, and fair. The ability to communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing is an essential.

If interested, please submit your resume and letter of interest to Julie Hance, Town Manager, at 556 Elm Street, Chester, Vermont no later than Friday, October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (VIA ZOOM)

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:45 PM on Monday October 26, 2020 at 482 Mattson Road and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Town Hall (via Zoom) for a Boundary Adjustment application (#558)

PROPERTY OWNERS Christopher and Beth Morley
APPLICANT: Christopher and Beth Morley
LOCATION: 482 Mattson Road
DISTRICT Residential 120 (R120)

ACTION REQUESTED: Parcel 26-20-47.100 before adjustment is 12.7 acres. After adjustment it will be 22.5 acres. Parcel 26-20-47.300 before adjustment is 12.8 acres. After adjustment it will be 3.0 acres.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the Town of Chester home page: www.chestervt.gov.

For the Development Review Board
Catherine A. Hasbrouck
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
cathy.hasbrouck@chestervt.gov

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (VIA ZOOM)

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:30 PM at 814 Dodge Road and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Town Hall (via Zoom) for a Final Plat of a Minor Sub-Division application (#557)

PROPERTY OWNERS: William & Cindy Cole
APPLICANT: William & Cindy Cole
LOCATION: 814 Dodge Rd
DISTRICT: Residential 120 (R120)

ACTION REQUESTED: Subdivide one parcel (12.4 +- acres) into two lots (#1 = 4+- acres and #2 = 8 +- acres)

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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OCT. 10 –
PUTNEY – Next Stage Arts Project presents Bread & Puppet Theater's "The Insurrection-Resurrection Service Circus" Saturday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. on the Hickory Ridge Road soccer field in Putney. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating in distanced pods and face masks. Rain date is Wednesday, Oct. 14. For more information or tickets, visit www.nextstagearts.org or call 802-387-0102.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market will hold their last regular season market Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. -

2 p.m., at their location on lower Clinton Street. This market follows the Vermont Guidance for Farmers Markets by using face masks and social distancing. Face masks, sanitizers, and gloves are available for those who do not have them.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Grafton Firefighters will hold a drive-thru hot dog lunch by donation and a last chance to buy raffle tickets Saturday, Oct. 10, from

11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Firehouse, 711 Route 121, just east of Grafton Village. The drawing will be later in the day and winners need not be present. Tickets also sold at the Grafton Garage and MKT Village Store.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Westminster will host a bake sale and soup to go sale Saturday, Oct. 10 on the front lawn of the

church, 3470 US Route 5, Westminster from 9-11:30 a.m. There will be one more chance to buy tickets for the quilt. Drawing will happen at 11 a.m. Please wear your masks and practice social distancing while at the sale.

OCT. 13 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Southern Vermont Astronomy Group's meeting, "You can almost touch the stars," will be held online Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. The discussion will concern the most common method to study the stars called spectroscopy. Guest speaker Tom Field has been a contributing editor at Sky & Telescope Magazine for the past seven years. For more information, please visit www.sovera.org.

OCT. 16 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Oct. 16, enjoy the last outdoor concert on the hillside at Arrowhead listening to the Claremont Opera House Orchestra. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m. Music director Gerry Grimo will lead a five-piece orchestra in polkas and Oktoberfest classics. Traditional food favorites provided by Epic Food Truck, and beer and wine service provided by Sweet Fire BBQ. Don't forget lawn chairs and a fall blanket. Tickets can be purchased at www.claremontoperahouse.org or 603-542-4433.

OCT. 17 –
WALPOLE, N.H. – Congregational Church of Walpole is hosting a curbside delivery chicken barbecue Saturday, Oct. 17 with pick up between 4-5:30 p.m. Tickets at Galloway's or call 603-313-4801.

WEEKENDS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Artisans Alley Indoor Market every Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the green in Chester. Held through Columbus Day Weekend. Email sharons@vermontel.net for more vendor information.

DAILY –
LUDLOW, Vt. – OMS Ski & Snowboard Swap is virtual this year. Donations can be dropped off from now until Oct. 19 by appointment only. Accepting skis and snowboards within five years of age and competition specific gear for donation only. If you have items to donate, fill out the online form on our website, www.okemomountainsschool.org/skiswap. Upon receipt, OMS staff will confirm the donation and set up a drop-off time at OMS with you via email.



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL Westminster, Vermont Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 2, 2020 to consider the following:

Application #21-25 (Annette Spaulding) – property located at 5111 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a "Change of Use" from an occasional usage of basement living quarters to a full-fledged apartment. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, and Section 445 Village District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #21-26 (Phillip Marriott) – property located at 6586 Westminster West Road. The Applicant is requesting a "Waiver of Dimensional Requirement" to build a Two Car Garage/Garden Shed closer to the property line than typically permitted. The location is needed for solar purposes. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 312 Waiver of Dimensional Requirements; and Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 21-23 APPEAL of Permit (Peter Shumlin) issued by ZA for Two Temporary Buses to be parked off Old Coddington Road and used as campers. Permit was to expire in 1 year. This Appeal will be reviewed under Section 217 Appeals; Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone; and Section 530 Temporary Uses & Structures of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

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

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

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Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 471-21-ACT250
APPLICANT: Okemo Village Owners Association
PROPERTY LOCATION: Upper Crossroad
PARCEL NUMBER: 030552-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local ACT250 Review for Okemo Village Condominiums construction of a uranium treatment system consisting of an anion exchange for uranium removal a calcite filters for pH adjustment; proposed treatment located within the existing water pump station bunker. The proposed filter will be backwashed using water originating from the water system's booster pump station that supplies treated water to distribution.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website www.ludlow.vt.us when the agenda is posted on October 20, 2020.

(Note: You must first sign up for a free Zoom account by going to: <https://zoom.us/signup>)

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

NOTICE OF SALE TAX DEEDED PROPERTY BY SEALED BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 80:89 (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 either 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.

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The Town of Westminster is seeking a qualified "Lawn Care Provider" for the mowing, pruning, and grounds clearing of the Town owned Cemeteries (3), the Town Hall, North Westminster Community House, remote Wilderness Cemeteries (5). The work will include: 15 mowing's each facility and 2 trimmings for the Wilderness Cemeteries. This contract will be for three years starting April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2024.

Proposals are due by noon on November 6th, 2020 at the Town Hall or by mail (PO Box 147 Westminster, Vt. 05158). Proposals are to include a complete description of the work to be performed and should include any yearly price increases for the second and third years. This bid for services, once accepted, will not deviate any year in price or service unless approved by the Town 30 days prior to the yearly commencement. The contractor is to be a qualified contractor in good standing with the State of Vermont and will have to supply proof of insurance at the time of the bid. Any and all bids not supplying the proof of insurance will not be considered. Your proposal should be sealed and marked "Lawn Care -2020-04". It is recommended to call the Town Manager and set up an appointment at (802) 722-4255 for additional information and/or a site visit. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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High extended unemployment benefits to conclude

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Labor has announced that the state is set to trigger off of the High Extended Benefits program, as of Oct. 10, 2020. This determination by the U.S. Department of Labor follows the recent announcement of Vermont's unemployment rate decreasing from 8.3% in July to 4.8% in August.

A state's unemployment rate is what drives its extended benefits program, and depending on how extreme the unemployment rate becomes, states can trigger on or off of what is called "State Extended Benefits," which offers an additional 13 weeks of benefits, or "High Extended Benefits," where the original 13 weeks are expanded to 20 weeks.

Vermont initially triggered onto "Extended Benefits" May 3, 2020, which provided an additional 13 weeks of benefits to claimants who had already exhausted their 26 weeks

of traditional UI benefits and 13 weeks of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation. As Vermont's unemployment rate grew through the months of April, May, and June, the state triggered onto "High Extended Benefits" July 5, 2020, extending the benefit to 20 weeks.

With a steady decline in the state's unemployment rate since June, Vermont no longer meets the threshold to offer High Extended Benefits of 20 weeks and was informed by the U.S. Department of Labor that it would be downgraded to Extended Benefits of 13 weeks. Eventually, Vermont will trigger off of extended benefits altogether as the published unemployment rate continues to decline.

"This change in benefit eligibility comes at a very difficult time for many Vermonters," said Commissioner Michael Harrington. "The data reported, which is a compilation of a household survey administered

by the U.S. Census Bureau, does not take into consideration the flexibility in UI eligibility or actions taken by Vermonters to protect themselves and their loved ones. We know there are more people receiving unemployment benefits than what is reported as part of the household survey, and unfortunately, this continues to highlight the disconnect between the federal government and what is happening on the ground in each state. Because of this calculation method,

critical benefits will be cut short for many Vermonters."

The department has notified those claimants who are impacted by this change and will continue to provide information to claimants regularly as benefits are exhausted.

Claimants who have exhausted their benefits and need assistance with reemployment services are encouraged to contact the Department of Labor's Workforce Development Division at labor.vtjobs@

vermont.gov or by contacting their local career resource center. More information can be found at www.labor.vermont.gov/

workforce-development.

Individuals in need of additional support services such as housing or heating assistance, food assistance, or other emergency resources, are encouraged to contact Vermont211 at www.vermont211.org or by dialing 2-1-1.

Deadline to file for property tax credit

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermonters may claim a Property Tax Credit or receive a Renter Rebate to help offset the cost of housing, but those claims must be filed by Oct. 15, 2020.

The Vermont Property Tax Credit and Renter Rebate programs help make housing more affordable for thousands of Vermonters, and the Department of Taxes has seen a marked decrease in the number of claims filed this year.

"The Covid-19 public health emergency has created challenges in our daily lives, and we believe it has led to fewer Vermonters filing these very important forms. But we know many Vermonters are hurting right now, and thousands may miss out on relief available to help pay property taxes or rent if they do not act before Oct. 15, 2020," said Commissioner Craig Bolio.

Earlier this year, the due date for both these programs was moved from April 15 to July 15 due to the public health emergency. If you missed the July 15 deadline you may still file, but there are two things that you need to know: Any Property Tax Credit Claim filed between July 15 and the Oct. 15 deadline is subject to a \$15 late filing penalty assessed by your town; and, by law, the department is prohibited from accepting either claims filed after Oct. 15 or claims that are incomplete.

A Homestead Declaration is required to complete a Property Tax Credit Claim. All Vermont homestead owners must file a Homestead Declaration using Vermont Form HS-122 every year, even if they are not seeking an income-based property tax credit. In 2020, the deadline for filing Homestead Declarations was extended to July 15. Homestead Declarations filed after Oct. 15 will result in reclassification of the property to non-homestead and could result in higher property taxes as well as interest and penalties.

If homeowners are unsure if they correctly filed their Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit claim they should review their current property tax bill. If the department received your Homestead

Declaration, your bill will show a Homestead Education Tax Rate. Any property tax credit will show as a reduction in the total tax, labeled "State Payments." Claimants for the Property Tax Credit or the Renter Rebate program may check the status of their filing on department's website at www.mytax.vermont.gov. If you are expecting a Property Tax Credit, please be sure the status reads that both your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim were received by the department.

More information about Property Tax Credit Claims and Renter Rebate Claims can be found on our website, www.tax.vermont.gov.

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Long range valley views. This 1994 home offers great quality throughout in addition to a beautiful setting. First floor includes spacious kitchen with cherry cabinets and breakfast room, expansive living room with field stone fireplace and lots of windows, den/office, formal dining room, mudroom, full bath with laundry. Second floor with oversized master bedroom with walk-in closet and full bathroom, two additional bedrooms and full bath (one being family room sized with private staircase for potential in-law space). Two car attached garage with potting benches, expansive basement with workshop area and potential living space. Situated on 104 +/- acres of pasture and woods (enrolled in Current Use), 36X46 horse barn with rubber mat flooring, multiple stalls, hot/cold water, tack room and storage room for approx. 600 bales of hay. **JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$424,900**

This two story home offers country living without the land to upkeep. Comfortable in design and offering lots of possibilities, this three bedroom cape has a first floor kitchen, living, dining, bath, enclosed front porch. Open daylight basement offers added room for shop space/storage. **\$115,900**

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

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