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Ludlow Selectboard directs manager to work toward 2021 flat budget

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Selectboard meeting Monday, Nov. 2 marked the first discussion about next year's budget as well as covering infrastructure.

The Selectboard and town review of next year's budget began with the whole budget in rough form expected in approximately two weeks. As the board began to go over some of the budget numbers in this meeting, Board Chairman Bruce Schmidt made a point to direct Ludlow's Municipal Manager Scott Murphy to be mindful of the "little things that add up," and to be sure that figures in the budget reflected the amounts that were spent the year before.

After some additional discussion, the board agreed to direct Murphy to try to level fund the budget as much as possible or with very little increase. "I'm

concerned with what we're going to be facing this winter, heading into next year... We just have to look at what's going on in the world to see that things are not the same," Schmidt said.

Murphy agreed to approach the budget with that in mind and said he could do that with the "every day, mundane line items" for the town. He did warn the board that there were going to be one or two major ticket items that the board will have to make hard decisions on.

Discussion turned to high EMS overtime numbers for the ambulance service leading to a short discussion about thwarted attempts to pursue a regionalized ambulance service in the past, a topic that may be discussed during the upcoming budget meetings. The next budget meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23 at 5 p.m.

Murphy confirmed that tax revenue has been strong, with delinquencies not any higher than in past years.

The Ludlow Selectboard approved a per diem lease for Okemo Mountain Resort to use Stern's gravel pit area for parking during the 2020/21 season. The lease would allow the resort to pay for daily usage of the additional parking lot only when necessary. If the season should prove to be robust, the per diem costs would not go beyond their usual lease amount. Schmidt, who is the general manager of Okemo Mountain Resort, recused himself from the vote.

The board awarded Daniels Construction with an emergency bridge repair needed on Vail Bridge in downtown Ludlow, to the decking only, which is currently coned off. The amount of \$7,700 was approved with the town providing some in-kind

work. The work will begin as soon as Daniels Construction can schedule the repair. The state has confirmed the bridge structure itself is safe. Full refurbishment of the bridge is slated for the summer of 2022.

An engineering report on Miele's property on Commonwealth Avenue was provided to the town and board with four options suggested to help deal with ongoing flooding the property owners have dealt with for years. Property owners were not present at the meeting as expected so the Town Manager Scott Murphy will discuss the options with the Miele's and put the topic on next month's agenda. Schmidt suggested Scott also research the timeline for a permit that would be required for one of the options.

The board agreed to have Murphy apply for Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid funding to be used for upgrades

that were made to Old Weston Road, which will be finished in the spring. The grant is run through the Regional Planning Commission to help bring road segments into compliance with municipal road standards. Grant money received comes with a 20% match from the town, but that amount can be accomplished through in-kind services, meaning there is no financial outlay for the town.

The board has agreed to amend the town of Ludlow's purchasing policy, mirroring a recent change made by the Village Trustees. The changes impact the bid process, warning for opening bid timing and results, and including those details in the minutes of the meetings.

Murphy has submitted an application, with help from the Regional Planning Commission, for a grant for a micro-transit feasibility study to look

at adding supplemental shuttle transit service in the evening.

The town will receive \$26,500 in lieu any Class 2 Roadway Grants from the state, which were suspended due to financial impacts of Covid-19.

The Veterans Day parade has been canceled this year as well as the fly over.

The town is continuing to move forward with the town charter. Murphy has been in discussion with a charter attorney to get information on options. The Selectboard was seeking a charter to have the authority to determine whether any particular topic could be voted on through Australian ballot. Schmidt asked Murphy to continue pursuing more information including final costs.

The next Ludlow Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium, on the second floor of the town offices.

Ludlow Rotary awards checks to two service groups

LUDLOW, Vt. – As part of Rotary International District 7870, including all of southern Vermont and New Hampshire, the Ludlow Rotary Club secured funds for area groups that offer important services to address the Covid-19 outbreak in our area. The grants are for

food for Black River Good Neighbor Services and personal protective equipment needed by local organizations.

Black River Good Neighbor Services received \$2,100 through the Vermont Food Bank from the Rotary grants. An additional \$2,100 was given



From left to right are January Reichert, director of Nursing at Gill Home, Theresa Southworth, administrator, and Kevin Barnes, LRC. PHOTO PROVIDED

for equipment and supplies for two entities in our service area who are on the front lines of this pandemic. Rotary donated \$1,650 to the Ludlow Ambulance Service and \$450 to the Gill Odd Fellows Home. Ludlow Ambulance Service will use the funds toward buying two Powered Air Purifying Respirators and the Gill Home funds will be used to buy 10 cases

of face masks. Both purchases are to protect staff members against infection. The Ludlow Ambulance Service generated the balance of funding needed for the PAPRs through generous community fundraising.

In making the awards, LRC President Kevin Barnes noted the importance both groups are to the health and welfare of the surrounding communities.



Squadron 36 donates locally

TOP - Ludlow American Legion Squadron 36 Commander Andrew Taylor donates \$700 to Jill Toffrey of Fletcher Memorial Library.

BOTTOM - Commander Andrew Taylor donating to Audrey Bridge, director of Black River Good Neighbor Services, \$500 for fuel assistance and \$500 for the food shelf. PHOTO PROVIDED



From left to right are Scott Murphy, Ludlow Town Manager; David Norton, LAS; Kevin Barnes, LRC; and John Mazurek, LAS. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mentor Connector 100 mentors in 100 days

REGION – The Mentor Connector strives to make Rutland County the best community for youth, but we can't do it alone! Over 65 youth are waiting for a mentor so throughout the next three months, the Mentor Connector is conducting a dynamic mentor recruitment campaign, "100 Mentors in 100 Days," to raise awareness for the need of community mentors in Rutland, Vt.

This year, thousands of youth across Rutland County lost their sense of security as they were confined at home with

rising stress and anxiety. They watched the adults in their lives lose jobs, get sick, and struggle with food as grocery stores were laid bare. Our youth pressed on! Even in "ordinary times," the autumn brings anxieties; starting in a new class, school, or location, struggling to make new friends, handle family drama, and balance fluctuating workloads. Yet these are not ordinary times. The Covid-19 pandemic has added dimensions of stress unimaginable nine months ago. Uncertain futures, food security, job loss,

safety, and social isolation have added to the already daunting challenge of being a young person in today's world.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Mentor Connector has seen a 200% increase in youth referrals. These youth have pressed through unbelievable circumstances throughout the past eight months and they know they need community support, your support, to continue to thrive.

James, 11 years old, is one of our youth waiting for a mentor. With his mom in rehab and his

dad in jail, he came to the Mentor Connector hoping to find a mentor who loves science, building, and jokes as much as he does. When asked what his ideal day would look like he simply said, "I would go to Walmart to look at toys, eat at Taco Bell, and walk cute fluffy dogs."

One hour a week can change the life of a young person like James! Both our virtual and in-person mentoring programs offer a fun way to build a

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Venissa White explains area Hub program on Spotlight

LUDLOW, Vt. – During a recent episode of Spotlight on Okemo Valley TV, Venissa White, after school program director for Twin Rivers Supervisory Union, explained the newly created Hub program.

The Hub program, initiated by Gov. Scott to help students and their parents with learning remotely, is currently being

held Wednesday in the Black River High School building. Areas covered by the program include Mount Holly, Ludlow, Chester, Cavendish, and Andover. The program is designed to enable students in the various TRSU schools who are involved in remote teaching situations to have a place where they can do some of

their school assignments, enjoy the company of others socially distanced, and have the opportunity to play. Transportation and snacks are provided for most students.

While the program began as a state initiative, once started it is totally managed by TRSU. Since the program is premised on school teaching poli-

cies, changes in those policies due to Covid-19 may require changes in the scheduled days for the Hub program. White indicated that the regular after school programs of TRSU are still active.

The entire Spotlight program may be viewed at Okemo Valley TV's website at www.okemovalley.tv/spotlight-hub.



Tri-Mountain Lions donate masks

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions have donated over 500 face masks to area schools, medical centers, veterans, seniors, and neighbors. We will continue to hold our weekly sewing bees through this winter. Interested in becoming a Lion and serving your community? Please call or email Pam Nichols at 802-384-0033 or vtlionpam@gmail.com.

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Birth Announcement

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Proud parents Katelynn Phelps and Taylor Fontaine of Cavendish announce the birth of their daughter, McKenzie Elizabeth Fontaine. McKenzie was born Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. Congratulations!

Simple Ayurveda for winter wellness

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Join Lini Mazumdar and Kate Logan for a series of six interactive monthly classes which will explore and share the wisdom of Ayurveda to keep us healthy and sane through the winter. The duo will guide you through simple lifestyle practices based on diet, rest, exercise, and med-

itation and support you in applying them daily.

Ayurveda is considered by many scholars to be the oldest healing science. Originating in India more than 5,000 years ago, Ayurveda is often called the "Mother of All Healing." The principles of many of the natural healing systems now

familiar in the West have their roots in Ayurveda, including homeopathy and polarity therapy.

The first class begins Friday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., at Neighborhood Connections and continues Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, and April 9. You can Room or Zoom these sessions. Call 802-824-4343 to register or visit www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

Lini Mazumdar is an Ayurvedic nutrition counselor, herbalist, and Indian cook. Kate Logan is a popular yoga teacher for 20 years.

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

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friendship and use teachable moments to instill skills. We provide a wealth of training, support, and activities to help you every step of the way.

With much of the world on pause, now is the perfect time for us to come together and build a stronger, more resilient community for our youth. Hundreds of Rutland County youth are growing up without role models to help guide and support them. These are our next community leaders, business partners, and doctors. Let's give them the best chance for success. One hour a week; one child's life forever impacted.

Ludlow Trunk or Treat draws over 350 kids

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Trunk or Treat event drew over 350 kids to the designated "haunted" parking lot behind the Community Center on Halloween. About 20 resident decorated vehicles, and Fire and Ambulance trucks, were there to welcome trick-or-treaters and distribute candy with Covid-19 safety and distancing in mind. Groups of 20 kids rotated through the route in 10-minute intervals throughout the bustling three-hour event.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Something to consider —

The photo with this article is a beauty. It was taken from the porch of the old Fullerton Hotel looking out to the green. This Fullerton burned in January 1920. The building on the right is Blair Books & More today. The white sign you see reads: "White Spot Cigar 5c."



View of the green from the Fullerton.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN LEON SPAULDING

Howard Peck told me when he was a boy in the mid-teens of the last century there was pool hall where the White Spot sign is. Howard went in to look around. He said it was full of cigar smoke, unsavory characters, spittoons, and two pool tables.

What I like most about the photo is seeing the trees on the green. The trees are placed around the perimeter of the green. Not down the middle of the green as they are today.

I think many will know of the green in Weston. For decades Weston has encouraged preserving its history. The Weston green has a beautiful iron railing around its perimeter. If you've seen it, you'll agree it's a beautiful scene.

Now look at the photo with this article and imagine a similar railing around our green. I've heard tell of Chester needing a brand. It's right there in front of us.

Last week I wrote about fire protection wells around town. One of the wells I mentioned was in front of the Fullerton and that the town filled it in a few years ago. Imagine if we hadn't done that but instead rebuilt the portion that was collapsing. I picture a wooden platform over the well. Now take an old-fashioned water pump and mount it on top of the platform.

I'm not talking about the small water pumps people used in their kitchen. Instead it would be a tall cast iron pump with a three-foot long pump handle. I can picture tourists walking by stopping to pump water just for the fun of it. Kids would have a blast pumping water as well as learning something. Visiting tourists would remember this experience and tell their friends, "You should see Chester, Vermont."

Some of the state parks

I visit have these pumps for campers to get their water. If primed, two or three pumps of the handle and the cold water gushes out the spout.

If it were up to me, I would plant disease resistant elm trees around the perimeter of the green. Leave the trees we have there for now. Within 15 years the elms would grow substantially. Once they are of sufficient height I would cut down the non-native trees currently on the green. This would open up the green as you see it in the old photo.

I talked with Ken Barrett about the trees we have on the green today. Ken told me they were planted in the mid-1960s to replace the then dying trees you see in the photo with this article. Ken says there are two non-native species on the green. One is the Norway maple. It's a fast growing tree now banned in Vermont. They are an invasive species.

A few years ago, the town cut the Norway maples next to our Civil War monument. Their root system is shallow, often visible on the surface. The Norway roots had grown under the cannon foundation. The roots were beginning to tip the cannon over. The other tree on the green is cut-leaf maple.

Weston realized the impor-

ance of preserving their history decades ago. Several Weston residents were instrumental making this happen. Today Weston is a beautiful and prosperous town. Chester is in a position to do the same.

I realize a few will object to this plan. There might be a few less spaces for the Chester Craft Fair weekend. But that's only one weekend out of the year. The highway crew would have to slow down as they plowed snow by the young trees. Not using any salt in this half-mile stretch would help. It would be a small price to pay to recreate the scene in this photo.

About 45 years ago, Alan Luks from NYC opened an antiques shop where Steve Copping lives today. Alan sold French provincial antiques. In the city there was a market for these French antiques but not here in the country. Alan told me when he closed his shop tourists didn't want to buy antiques here that they could buy at home. They wanted Vermont country antiques. Let's give them what they want, not what they already have.

This week's old saying: "It ain't help if it's not wanted."

Martin Luther King Jr. contest for middle school students —

REGION – The Vermont Bar Association Diversity Section and Young Lawyers Division are co-sponsoring the 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. Poster-Essay Contest for Vermont middle school students, to celebrate the life and message of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Participating middle school students will create a poster and write a short essay interpret-

ing Dr. King's quote: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends." Awards will be presented at a statehouse ceremony at around the time of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday – statehouse safety rules permitting – and the winning posters and essays will be displayed at the Vermont Supreme Court Building and published

in the Vermont Bar Journal. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 18, 2020. A flyer, rules, and entry form were recently sent to all middle school principals for distribution. Please contact info@vtbar.org if you have any questions, or if you would like more information. Contest materials are also available on the www.vtbar.org website.

Springfield Art and Historical Society wants to know your story –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – February 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the flu pandemic. That year, the interns at the Springfield Art and Historical Society researched the society's collection and gathered items for a museum display that showed how area residents dealt with the pandemic. None of us ever imagined that we would be a part of a worldwide pandemic two years later.

The Covid-19 pandemic has presented each one of us with challenges we never envisioned. We all have shared in lockdowns, mask wearing, food shortages, etc. Some of us have been on the front lines of the

"battle." The Springfield Art and Historical Society Board of Trustees wants to hear your story so that it can be archived in the collection for future research and education. The pandemic isn't over yet; there are more experiences to come. But, we can keep records and notes so that when it is safe to gather again, we can share our challenges, heartbreaks, and hopes.

So, tell us your story, no matter how long or short, either now or when the pandemic is over. The stories will be treated as historical documents and stored in the museum's collection. Responses can be emailed to sahs@vermontel.net or mailed to SAHS, P.O. Box 336, North Springfield, VT 05150. Please include your name only if you are comfortable in doing so.



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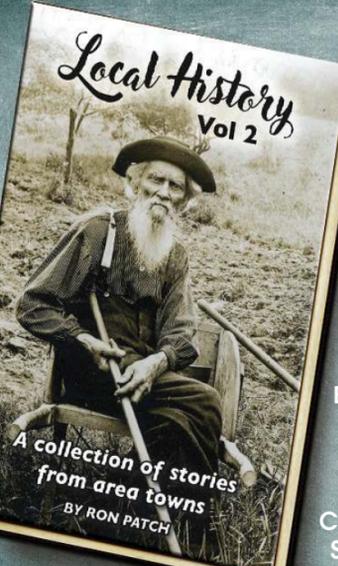
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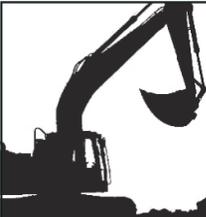


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Dear Editor,

Friends of Veterans would like to thank all our donors, sponsors, and players who made our annual golf fundraiser at the Baker Hill Golf Club a tremendous success. This fundraiser along with the many grants we receive will allow us the opportunity to make this challenging year the fourth consecutive year of providing over \$100,000 in financial assistance to veterans and their families who reside in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Our all-volunteer organiza-

tion has operated continuously through very difficult times. Friends of Veterans provides financial assistance when eviction or foreclosure is imminent, utility assistance if shutoffs are threatened, vehicle repairs if the vehicle is needed for employment or medical appointments. In addition, FOV assists with home repairs if it's a livability issue such as losing heat in the cold weather periods. We also assist veterans with PTSD acquire a service dog when prescribed. We continue to pro-

vide assistance throughout the two-state area.

Vermont and New Hampshire veterans may apply via our website at www.fovvtnh.org. Inquiries may be made by email to assistance@fovvtnh.org or by calling 802-296-8368.

Thank you, veterans, for serving our country.

Sincerely,
Patt Taylor, president
Friends of Veterans
White River Junction, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My grandmother, Constance H. Bixby, is turning 94 this year on Friday, Nov. 20. She has lived in Ludlow all of her life and was the head librarian at the Fletcher Memorial Library for 50-plus years. She started there as a teenager.

I would like to invite the community to send her birthday

cards by Nov. 20. It would absolutely make her day.

With Covid-19, she can only see visitors through the porch window. She tells stories constantly of the old Ludlow. Her husband, Francis Bixby of Ludlow, was a very well known, all-around great guy. Her memories of all the locals is strong so if

anybody who ever spent time with her could send cards, that would be cherished.

Please send cards to Constance Bixby, 732 Bixby Rd., Ludlow, VT 05149.

Sincerely,
Beth M.
Ludlow, Vt.

Coping with market volatility: avoid rash decisions

REGION – If you've been watching the market lately, perhaps the first question on your mind is, "Should I make a big change in my investments?" In reality, a volatile market isn't the best time to do a complete makeover of your portfolio, especially if you have long-term financial goals you're trying to address. Even if you feel that your portfolio needs adjusting, maintaining a firm grasp on your fundamental investment strategy can help you be more thoughtful about making any changes.

Think of each investment as a tool in your investing tool kit, and your asset allocation strategy as your blueprint. Some investments are generally designed to pursue long-term growth, others to provide in-

come, and still others to represent stability. Each is valuable in its own way, but it doesn't make sense to use a hammer to remake your portfolio if what you really need is a screwdriver to make minor adjustments. Don't randomly abandon one investment for another unless you know its intended role in your portfolio, whether that role is still appropriate, and the pros and cons of any replacement you're considering.

Remember that diversification can help offset the risks of certain holdings with those of others. When one type of investment is losing ground, another may be gaining or holding steady.

Diversification and asset allocation cannot ensure a profit or

guarantee against a loss, but they can help you understand and manage investment risk.

In these uncertain times, it's easy to let fear guide your decision-making. But when it comes to your investments, a more rational outlook may be your strongest ally. We're here to help and to answer questions.

Although there is no assurance that working with a financial professional will improve investment results, a professional can evaluate your objectives and available resources and help you consider appropriate long-term financial strategies.

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that any investment strategy will be successful.

Article written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

Embracing and maintaining your wellness this season

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join certified wellness coach Carol Jones from the comfort of home on exploring ways to embrace and maintain wellness during the fall and winter months on two consecutive Thursdays, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom or phone. Just as houses, vehicles, and gardens need help adapting to the colder, shorter days, so does one's body, mind, and spirit.

Carol Jean Jones is a graduate of the Wellness Coach Training Program at the Mayo Clinic. She has been working with clients around



Maintain your wellness this fall and winter. PHOTO PROVIDED

multiple aspects of their health since 2014. She collaborates with

individuals in transforming their values and desires into action and lasting change over time. She lives in Bellows Falls.

To sign up for a Zoom invitation, contact programming@rockingham-library.org or call the library at 802-463-4270 by Monday, Nov. 9. These discussions are sponsored by the Rockingham Library and are free and open to the public.

AARP Fraud Watch Network: Covid-19 scams on the rise

REGION – Several months have passed since I addressed scams related to Covid-19. Sadly, as the victim count climbs, so do the number of scams. Let's begin with a piece of good news tempered by a warning.

For the first time, a home test for Covid-19 is available to the general public. The current, reliable, legitimate tests are available online and from a number of retailers including Costco. A full list of the available products can be found on the Food and Drug Administration website. As of Oct. 1, these tests cost between \$100-160 each. Beware – any test kits available from online merchants for significantly less money is likely a scam. Do your homework if you are serious about conducting home testing. Verify the identity and reliability of the manufacturer and the vendor using valid, neutral sources. Finally, check with local medical facilities as many offer testing that is free or covered by medical insurances.

As the pandemic grinds on, the intensity of the telephone and online scams increases.

Most households are facing financial difficulties and seek any relief available. Here are some of the most dangerous financial scams:

Work at home scam

In this scam a lucrative offer is made for a job that involves only a few hours of work in return for significant pay; all you need to do is pay \$200 for the employment kit.

Unless you are hiring an employment agency to job hunt, there should be no fees for applying for or obtaining a job. In the case of agencies, the fee is often obtained from the pay received by the worker. Also, be hesitant to provide a detailed resume. These are easy to use in identity theft.

Clinical trials

Thousands of Americans have volunteered to participate in Covid-related clinical trials. The call or email asks for the test subject to pay registration fees or forward personal information such as Social Security or Medicare number. No – participants in clinical tests are recruited by pharmaceutical companies and paid, albeit a small amount, for participation. If you are serious about participation, conduct an online search of the clinical trial and its contact information. Connect with your state health department for any unbiased information.

Social media scams

As more Americans turn to social media to communicate with others, these platforms

such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter as well as dating websites become great opportunities for those seeking to harvest personal data and steal money.

With social media, review your privacy settings and limit what is shared publicly. Before making any purchases, do some research into the company making the offer to determine legitimacy. Take the slow road with online friendships or romance.

Gift card scams

In this scam the caller notifies you of a refund you have earned. All you need to do is purchase a \$100 Visa debit card and the refund will be deposited on the card. No – businesses issuing refunds will refund the amount to an account, write a check, or send you a gift card.

I've described the "tip of the iceberg" and will cover other Covid-related scams going forward. Think this is not a big deal? The Federal Trade Commission reported \$134 million in consumer losses in 2019. In just the first six months of 2020 the amount was \$117 million and that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Questions, concerns, comments? Contact me at egreenblott@aarp.org.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Allen G. Cushman Jr., 1939-2020

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Allen Guy Cushman Jr., 81, of Town Farm Road, died Oct. 30, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born Feb. 19, 1939, in Proctorsville, Vt., to Allen and Edith (Kendall) Cushman. He attended schools in Proctorsville and Ludlow, Vt. Following school, he worked at several jobs, then making his career as a meat cutter in several local stores. He worked many years for the Bellows Falls Police Department. He enjoyed crime shows and old westerns on television. Allen loved his family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Allen G. Cushman Jr., 1939-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Aug. 17, 1956, in Westminster West, Vt., Allen married Marion Frink who survives. He is also survived by his son Allen Cushman III and his wife Pat of Walpole, N.H.; daughters Debra Femiak and her husband Jim of Newburgh, N.Y., Linda Wright and her husband Charlie of North Walpole, N.H., Rose Noyes of Springfield, Vt., Kitty Kmiec and her husband Bradley of Alstead, N.H., and Marianne

Cushman of Dickson, Tenn.; brothers Ernest, Arnold, and Royal Cushman; and siblings Audrey, Nancy, Sandra, Timmy, and Rodney. He was predeceased by his half brother Calvin. Allen has 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A graveside burial service will be held at the Rockingham Meeting House Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. There will be no reception due to the Covid-19 virus.

Betty S. Bushey, 1936-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Betty S. Bushey, 84, of 45 Rockingham St., died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 at her home. She was born March 22, 1936 in Boone, N.C., the daughter of William Francis and Loy (Presnell) Tester. Following school, she worked as a waitress and a nurse's assistant.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Lynn Robert Bushey in 1988. She is survived by her three sons Richard Thomasson of Georgia, Robert Nick Bushey of New Hampshire, and Walter Bushey of Texas; two daughters Sherri Edwards of North Carolina and Rhonda Gilman of North Carolina; and one sister Clara Peck.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.



Betty S. Bushey, 1936-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

John G. Mackenzie, 1927-2020

ALSTEAD, N.H. – John G. MacKenzie of Alstead, N.H., died peacefully at home attended by his family and his cat, Messin, Sept. 12, 2020.

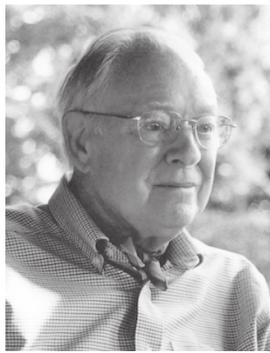
John was born March 16, 1927 in Millbrook, N.Y. to Dr. E. Gordon and Alice Caine MacKenzie. He is survived by his older brother Gordon C. MacKenzie.

John attended the Millbrook School for Boys where his love for all things outdoors flourished. He worked at the Trevor Zoo and had a strong connection to animals throughout his life. He was a gifted athlete, lettering in football, baseball, and hockey. He played hockey into his 50s and mentored countless players of all ages. Millbrook's annual Alumni Hockey Game is named in his honor.

John served in the Navy in World War II as a medical corpsman in San Francisco. He graduated from Cobleskill Agricultural College. He was the manager of J.D. Johnson Company Inc., a wholesaler of plumbing and heating supplies, for 35 years.

John married Margaret "Marla" Orr Sept. 2, 1961. He lived to see their 59th anniversary. They had two children in not rapid succession, Sarah "Kinter" in 1962 and Jesse Orr in 1970. He made it to his son's 50th birthday as well, a week after he told us that would be the day he "dropped dead." Kinter married Richard Lennon and lives in Walpole, N.H. Jesse married Jessica Moore and lives in Manhattan.

After retiring, John and Marla moved to North Carolina. The Hound Ears Club became John's



John G. Mackenzie, 1927-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

new playground, with days spent happily playing golf and improving on nature. He created a rock garden sanctuary on the mountainside above his home and freed the Wautauga River of dead trees with his chainsaw into his 70s.

John was a quiet and unassuming person, except in dress where he was very dapper. He embraced his blessed life. He was a graceful skier and dancer. John loved to fly fish and collect shells and lost golf balls. In his later years, his lifelong passion for watching birds was the only one he could still enjoy.

He will be missed, but Marla, Messin, and the birds are in good hands thanks to their wonderful caregivers.

The Foley Funeral Home of Keene, N.H. is assisting the family with the arrangements. To offer online condolences or to share special memories of John, please visit www.foleyfuneralhome.com.

Stanley T. Burke, 1949-2020

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Stanley Thomas "Tom" Burke, 71, passed away Oct. 25, 2020 at the Hanover Terrace Nursing Home in Hanover, N.H. He was born Oct. 22, 1949 in Windsor, Vt., the son of Stanley and Linda (Lemery) Burke. Tom attended school in Bellows Falls.

After school, he served in the United States Army, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his bravery. After serving his country, Tom returned to Bellows Falls and worked as a logger.

Tom is survived by one son Shawn Burke; two daughters Angela Burke and Brandy Douglas; three brothers Danny, James, and Jeffrey Burke; four sisters Carol Wright, Bonnie Manley, Michele Brown, and Dawn Colburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, there will be a private burial at the convenience of the family at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vt.

Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls.

Janet L. Gould, 1942-2020

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Janet L. (Colby) Gould, of Weathersfield, Vt., passed away peacefully Oct. 30, 2020 at her home in Weathersfield. She was born Nov. 21, 1942 in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Ronald Colby and Myrtle Hewett Colby. Janet was a graduate of Woodstock High School, Class of 1960. She married Howard "Topy" Gould in 1967. In 1988, she reconnected with the love of her life, Brad Stanley. They have been together ever since. She worked in the insurance industry for 45 years in Vermont and New Hampshire with 28 years at the Hanover Agency as vice president, retiring in 2004. She had a love of helping out those in need and was part of a group that started the Weathersfield Food Shelf.

Having no children of her own, she felt blessed to have been welcomed by Brad's son Michael, his wife Tiffany, and children Emma and Owen as well as Brad's daughter Amy, her husband Marshall Walker, and their children Quinn and Petula. She looked forward to the many trips to Winter Garden, Fla. and Charleston, S.C. In the spring it was Bar Harbor, Maine with Brad's road and mountain bike group, the Clumpers. No longer a full-time career woman, she be-



Janet L. Gould, 1942-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

came a homemaker and found the time to pursue her passion for sewing, a skill she inherited from her beloved grandmother.

Janet leaves behind her partner of 32 years, Brad Stanley; her brother Ken Colby and partner Suzanne Nothnagle; niece Jenn Colby, her husband Chris Sargent, and their son Connor Sargent; and many very dear friends.

Per her request, there will be no service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Weathersfield Food Shelf, P.O. Box 69, Acutney, VT 05030.

The Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock is assisting the family. An online guest book can be found at www.cabotfh.com.

Robert R. Nilan, 1932-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert R. "Bob" Nilan, 88, died Sept. 23, 2020 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital after a brief illness. Bob was born Aug. 23, 1932 in Greenwich Village, the son of Charles and Dorothy Nilan.

He studied engineering at Syracuse University and began his working life at Albany Design, Albany, N.Y. He married Ida Mae "Miki" McGuire in 1956. He worked for 28 years at Pratt & Whitney and United Technologies living in Wallingford and Glastonbury, Conn. He moved to Springfield, Vt. in 1985 when he retired.

In Springfield he worked the

breakfast shift at the Go Go Mart for eight years, where he was known as "Bob the Coffee Guy." Bob had many hobbies including creating colorful oil paintings and collecting vintage cameras. He is survived by Miki, his wife of 63 years; his daughters Heather Post (Randy) and Kathleen Nilan (David Severski); his grandchildren Emma (Adam Sainz) and Brandon (Becca); and his great-grandchild Dax. Bob donated his body to medical research.

Contributions may be made to the Anatomical Gifts Program at the Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth.

Barbara Trottier, 2020

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Barbara Ross Trottier, 93, died Oct. 30, 2020 in Londonderry, Vt. Services will be private. Condolences may be expressed in an online guestbook found at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

PLEASE NOTE

The staff at The Vermont Journal recently came to the difficult decision that as of December 1, 2020, we will be charging for our obituary submissions. The decision also allows us to remove the 350-word limit on submissions as of December 1.

In an endeavor to make the transition to a paid listing fair to our readership, we have come up with the following procedures:

- A 200-word submission will be a base price of \$50 with a charge of \$0.20 per word after
- A black and white photo is an additional \$10 charge
- Check or credit card prepayment is mandatory, but please note that our credit card terminal charges a 3.5% fee for processing
- Any funeral service or thank you notices under 50 words will continue to be free

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CHURCH SERVICES: We are currently running Social Distancing Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www.VermontJournal.com.

CHURCH SERVICES

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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.

Weekday services are available online Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. If you plan on attending Sunday's 9:30 a.m. service, please email the church ahead of time as there is limited attendance. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

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.

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.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

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

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online. Please be safe and care for each other. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Live streaming of Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. will continue at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovespringfield.com.

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.

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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & Shopper

Last Saturday was Championship Saturday for the Bellows Falls Terriers' field hockey and girls' cross country teams. It's a date both these teams circle on their calendars every year. Shortly before everyone turns the clocks back, they compete and contend and usually win their competition that day.

In a year when most people wondered if there would even be a champion crowned, both teams arrived, competed, conquered, and arrived home to a parade salute.

Bethany Coursen's field hockey team moved up to Division I three seasons ago and the "Little Engine That Could" has appeared in the title game every year since. This year's stickers made it two titles in three years with a 2-0 victory over Champlain Valley Union at Burr & Burtons Turf Field.

Word coming out of Manchester at halftime on Saturday said the Terriers had been outplayed in the first half. CVU had outshot them and Goliath was likely to triumph. When the Terriers elevated themselves to Division I a few years back, it was a gamble, but David has shot the slingshot well. For those who may be wondering, CVU is listed with 1,308 students in the most recent copy of the Vermont Education

Directory, while Bellows Falls has just 331. How do the Terriers make it work?

"I have amazing athletes who are willing to work. We know they have more to choose from, but we work to our potential. I don't know what other people were thinking at the half, but the girls felt they were better conditioned. They brought that up. We also talked about what we had to do and we did it," said Coursen, looking back at the contest.

Grace Bazin was the only one of the Bellows Falls' three captains to not have been in uniform for a previous state title experience, and she tallied both of the game's goals. Bazin attended Vermont Academy her first two years of high school and enjoyed her own championship experience. "They don't offer field hockey," Bazin said, "so I played soccer. We won the NEPSC Championship and I enjoyed playing, but, I played field hockey from third grade through eighth grade and I missed it. So I came to school here this year."

Maya Waryas was the leading scorer on the team for the past two years and one of the captains. She didn't like how the game played out in the first half and was determined not to lose. When asked what she was thinking at intermission, she said, "CVU showed they wanted it more in the first half.



The Division I Terriers field hockey team: (front row, from left) Ashlynn Boucher, Ashlin Maxfield, Ella Clark, Emma Hillock, Maya Waryas, Grace Wilkinson, Grace Bazin, and Sadie Scott; (back row) Coach Bethany Coursen, Mary Wallace, Eryn Ross, Anna McGrath, Ariana Wunderle, Kayleigh Illingworth, Ava Laross, Madi Haskell, Tela Harty, Jaia Caron, Coaches Kim Wilkinson, and Mel Laross.

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At the half we talked about how we needed to come out and bring that fire. Our town cares about sports and us, and we needed to pick it up."

Grace Wilkinson is the third captain and mentioned, "Ever since I was a little girl, I had waited to play on this team. There has been a lot of winning while I was growing up, and now it's our turn. Last year, we lost the state game, but we had a really great year, and no one expected us to even be in the state game and now we have proven we can be a comeback team. This game was one of the best moments of my life."

The cross country team made it three state titles in a row. Coach Josh Ferenc pointed out that no one should be surprised

about either team winning. "It's easy to figure out how both teams win. It matters how you perform today, but it all circles back to the youth programs. Both cross country and field hockey has athletes starting at a young age, and they have been involved for a number of years before they get to high school."

Ferenc is just like those athletes. He has been waiting in the wings for years and now is in his first year as the cross country varsity coach. Ferenc has taught and coached at the middle school for years and has sought out and groomed numerous cross country and track performers. The numbers in those sports have been high most years, and Ferenc has piqued their interest.



Bellows Falls Cross Country team (from left) Coach Josh Ferenc, Capt. Molly Hodsdon, Victoria Bassett, Birgess Schemm, Capt. Abby Dearborn, Stephanie Ager, Shelby Stoodley, Abby Broadley, and Lilly Ware.

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This fall, Bellows Falls did not have a great deal of cross country success during the regular season. "We lost all our dual meets, except one, and on that day Thetford was without their number two runner. How anyone looked at our team depended on your perspective. Most people looked at us as the underdog today, but everybody was given a role today, and everyone did their job on state day whether they scored for us or not," Ferenc said.

Bellows Falls' tally of 27 points was six in front of Thetford's 33. No one else was in the running. The two were followed by Northfield 78, Rice 89, Otter Valley 109, Lake Region 120, Danville 121, and Bellows Free Academy of Fair-

fax 124. For the third year in a row, junior Abby Broadley captured the individual state title in Division III. Ferenc said, "Abby wasn't challenged all year long. She just missed her PR today and won easily." The Terriers placed seven runners in the first 26 Division III runners. Behind Broadley were Stephanie Ager (4th), Victoria Bassette (5th), Birgess Schemm (17th), Molly Hodsdon (23rd), Lilly Ware (24th), and Abby Dearborn (26th).

Will either team be strong next year? Well, field hockey only loses one senior and cross country returns three runners, who just happened to place in the top five, and a promising freshman who ran well in the state meet.

Vermont's regular deer season starts Nov. 14

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day regular deer season that begins Saturday, Nov. 14 and ends Sunday, Nov. 29.

A hunter may take one legal

buck during this season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit. A map of the WMUs is on pages 22 and 23 of the 2020 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide available from license agents statewide.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length. In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in the southwestern and northwestern regions of the state," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's deer biologist Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer more of a big woods experience with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season

and a late season bear tag for Nov. 14-22. Licenses are available on Fish & Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide.

Fish and Wildlife urges hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record.

A 2020 Vermont Deer Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units, season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Hunters who get a deer Nov. 14 or 15 can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations that will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from deer to help estimate population size, growth rate, health, and mortality rates, and to evaluate

regional differences in ages of bucks. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish & Wildlife website next spring.

Hunters who do not go to a biological reporting station are also asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent.

Hunters are reminded to follow all guidelines and restrictions currently in place for mitigating and preventing the spread of Covid-19 at this time. This includes quarantine and travel restrictions for out-of-state hunters who wish to hunt in Vermont as well as wearing face masks and practicing proper social distancing for successful hunters checking in deer at big game reporting stations.

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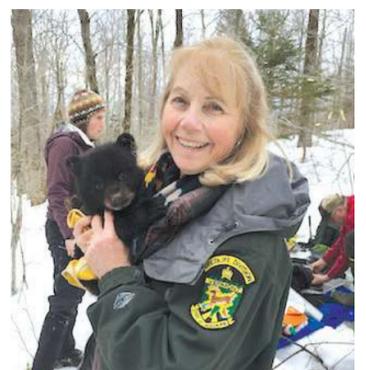
Kim Royar presents "Vermont Wildlife Populations"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., the Londonderry Conservation Commission presents Kim Royar, wildlife biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, on "Vermont Wildlife Populations: Changes Through Time," which will be presented on Zoom.

Join Kim as she discusses the changing history of wildlife populations in Vermont. She will relate beaver, otter, bobcat, coyote, fisher, and wolf popu-

lation fluctuations to landscape and habitat changes that have occurred throughout the centuries. She will discuss how these species have been influenced by human alterations to the landscape and how this might relate to future challenges.

Kim has worked for Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for 35 years, during which



Kim Royar of Vermont Fish & Wildlife with a bear cub.

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she has served as district wildlife biologist, working to protect wildlife habitat and to conserve a wide range of species from beavers to bobcats. She was also instrumental in reintroducing a native weasel species, the American marten, to Vermont.

To get the Zoom login information visit www.tinyurl.com/Zoom-LCC. This is a free program sponsored by the Londonderry Conservation Commission.

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Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

NOV. 8 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Family Center Stuff the Bus holiday food drive is Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Shaw's Plaza in Springfield. We have the turkeys but need your help with the "fixins." Needed items include in date non-perishable food items such as stuffing, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, yams, etc.), gravy, boxed potatoes, etc. Drive up to our bus and hand your donation to a volunteer. No need to leave your vehicle. Volunteers will also be on hand to accept gift cards and monetary donations. Together, we can make sure no one goes hungry this Thanksgiving!

NOV. 10 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield Town Library for virtual Mother Goose Story Time Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. We will read stories and rhymes, sing songs, and do an activity. This is a great program for families with

children under 3 years old. This is a virtual event via Zoom. Sign up at www.bit.ly/34w3y4. We will share information, skills, and ideas developed by The Vermont Center for the Book. For more information, please call the library at 802-885-3108 or email stlys@vermontel.net.

CHESTER, Vt. – Southern Vermont Astronomy Group's November meeting will be presented via Zoom Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. "Getting Started in Astronomy" is the topic with advice on telescopes and night sky viewing. Details for the Zoom link can be found at the SoVerA website in the calendar section at www.sovera.org.

NOV. 11 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Gallery at the VAULT Nov. 11, from 2-4 p.m., at the Springfield Community Center, 139 Main St., for Afternoon Art at Parks & Rec. This event is free and stop by any time during

the afternoon. Please remember your face mask. There will be lots of room to spread out. For more information, go to www.galleryvault.org.

NOV. 12 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi, offers a six-week course for beginners starting Thursday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and continuing through Dec. 17 at Neighborhood Connections. The agency offers a safe, spacious environment for all participants. Space is limited to 10, so please register by calling 802-824-4343 or visiting www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

NOV. 14 – WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having a curbside drop off of Thanksgiving dinner items for the Fall Mountain

Food Shelf on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will be filling boxes with pie crust mix, pie filling, stuffing, canned vegetables, fresh potatoes or money contributions. The Fall Mountain Food Shelf services New Hampshire and Vermont customers.

NOV. 17 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield Town Library for virtual Mother Goose Story Time Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. We will read stories and rhymes, sing songs, and do an activity. This is a great program for families with children under 3 years old. This is a virtual event via Zoom. Sign up at www.bit.ly/34w3y4. We will share information, skills, and ideas developed by The Vermont Center for the Book. For more information, please call the library at 802-885-3108

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

WEDNESDAYS – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family

about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

FRIDAYS – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – KJ's Gathering Place, 3 Main St. in North Springfield, is hosting Bingo every Friday evening, from 6:30-9 p.m. Proceeds benefit Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. Covid-19 CDC guidelines observed.

SUNDAYS – N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – KJ's Gathering Place, 3 Main St. in North Springfield, is hosting Bingo every Sunday afternoon, from

1:30-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Doors open at noon. Covid-19 CDC guidelines observed.

DAILY – LUDLOW, Vt. – OMS Ski & Snowboard Swap is virtual this year. The online sale continues through Nov. 27 with pickup by appointment only. Check our website, www.okemomountainschool.org/skiswap to view and purchase inventory. All items will be prepaid through the online store and received by pickup with an appointment only. All sales benefit the Okemo Mountain School.

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

Call for entries for the Vermont Writers' Prize

COLCHESTER, Vt. – and Vermont Magazine Green Mountain Power are encouraging writers to

enter to win the Vermont Writers' Prize, which celebrates writing about Vermont. There are two categories – one for poetry and one for prose. Each win-

ner receives \$1,250 and your work is published in Vermont Magazine's summer issue. The deadline to enter is Jan. 1, 2021.

Your work could be

an essay, short story, or poem on the themes of "Vermont – Its People, Its Places, Its History or Its Values." Entries must be unpublished and fewer than 1,500 words long. The winning entry in each category will be selected by an independent panel of judges.

The Vermont Writers' Prize is a collaboration between GMP and Vermont Magazine and was created as a way to honor Ralph Nading Hill Jr. who was a Vermont historian, author, and longtime GMP Board member. The contest is open to all Vermont residents, including seasonal residents and students enrolled in Vermont colleges. You can be a professional or amateur writer. Employees and subcontractors of Vermont Magazine or Green Mountain Power and previous winners are ineligible.

The winners of the 2020 Writers Prize were Erica Walch of Newfane and Mark Creaven of West Glover – Walch for her short story, "The Key Word," and Creaven for his poem, "Time in Vermont." You can read the 2020 winners in Vermont Magazine's summer issue at www.vtmag.com/post/2020vermontwritersprize.

You can submit your work until Jan. 1, 2021 at www.vermontwriter-sprize.submittable.com/submit/86155/vermont-writers-prize. It is free to enter, and winners will be announced in the spring of 2021.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

The first installment of the 2020-2021 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable

November 15, 2020

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

Due to COVID-19 the Town Office is open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (face covering required). Payments encouraged to be made through the mail or dropped into our secure mail slot located in the brown door at the top of the second floor outside stairs. If a receipt is desired, please provide a stamped and addressed return envelope.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2019-2020 tax year remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Casey Hodge by Warranty Deed of Dola Holland and John Holland, dated September 3, 2013 and recorded on September 9, 2013 in Book 84 at Page 322 of the Mount Holly Land Records. (E911 address: 49 Belmont Road; Parcel ID #06F5133.00.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 7th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 29th day of October, 2020.

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Thomas C. Bivona, Jr. and Diana M. Bivona by Warranty Deed of Andrew Minicucci and Jenifer Minicucci, dated June 5, 2015 and recorded on June 10, 2015 in Book 87 at page 303 of the Mount Holly Land Records. (E911 address: 509 Steward Road N; Parcel ID #07G1167.01)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 7th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for 2020-21 plowing and sanding at both Pingree Park and the Town Hall. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

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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 4:30 PM on Monday November 23, 2020 at 548 Main Street and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Town Hall (via Zoom) for a Boundary Adjustment application (#559)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Van L. and Donna M. Matthews Donald J. Strohmeier
APPLICANT: Van L. and Donna M. Matthews
LOCATION: 548 Main Street
DISTRICT: Village Center

ACTION REQUESTED: Parcel 56-50-26, owned by Donald Strohmeier, before adjustment is 1.46 acres, after adjustment will be 1.43 acres. Parcel 56-50-27, owned by Van L. and Donna M. Matthews, before adjustment is 0.329 acres, after adjustment will be 0.359 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

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The Development Review Board will be holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Town Hall (via Zoom) for a Final Plat of a Minor Sub-Division application (#551).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Laurie and Palmer Goodrich
APPLICANT: Laurie and Palmer Goodrich
LOCATION: 2106 Vermont Route 103 North
DISTRICT: Residential 120 (R120)

ACTION REQUESTED: Subdivide a 47± acre parcel into 2 lots, Lot 1A to be 14.88 acres and Lot 1B to be 32.12 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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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY, VT JOB OPENINGS

Zoning Administrator/Floodplain Administrator
This position is responsible for administration of the Londonderry Zoning Bylaw and local flood hazard requirements, assisting applicants with local land use review processes, and works closely with and supports the Development Review Board. A full job description can be found on the Town website: www.londonderryvt.org. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume, and required Employment Application. This is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours/week, without benefits. Town is open to hiring an individual that serves other communities in the same or similar role.

Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator
Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume, and required Employment Application. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

Employment Applications can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town website: www.londonderryvt.org. Submit documents via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or US Mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

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Register early for Holiday Wreath Decorating workshops

CHESTER, Vt. – Bring on some joyous holiday spirit by decorating a premade evergreen wreath. The number of holiday wreath workshops, which will take place Nov. 19-21, has been increased this year, but the number of participants in each session has been decreased to enable safe social distancing. Masks will be required.

At the workshops, participants may choose from an impressive array of especially collected greens, berries, nuts and other natural materials, bows, and different embellishments that they would like to add to their premade evergreen wreath. Wire, glue guns, and other supplied equipment make

the decorating easy. Open to the public, the workshops will take place in Willard Hall at St. Luke's Church, 313 Main Street, in Chester and will again benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee's youth environmental camp scholarships. Space is limited to six people per session this year, so participants should pre-register early to be assured of a wreath and their preferred session. There are seven different workshops:

- Thursday, Nov. 19, 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 20, 9-10:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., or 6:30-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 21, 9-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

Each session will offer all the essentials to create a very personal, one-of-a-kind wreath. Participants are encouraged to bring clippers and glue guns if they have them.

An early bird discount on the fee per wreath will apply to those who preregister and pay by Friday, Nov. 6. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Church, designated in the memo line for the wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis at P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information and registration, please contact Lillian Willis, 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

Creative storytelling on Covid-19

REGION – ACES in Action is responding to the collective hardships of the Covid-19 pandemic by reaching out to the public to gather your stories and share them with the community in digital and physical publication. The Voices of Resilience project will use creativity to celebrate the moments of strength and hope we've found together while we're apart. Submissions are due Nov. 29.

Covid-19 has impacted us all. We have experienced fear, joy, and uncertainty. Throughout this time, we have also seen and shown great resilience. Each of us has a story related to this pandemic. Stories have the ability to break down barriers, connect one another, heal, and provide hope. Voices of Resilience brings light to our unique stories and forms of expression and serves as a reminder

that we are all in this together. We create a safe space to share and to learn from each other as we connect similar experiences through creative exploration.

ACES in Action, a community collaborative, is composed of a variety of organizations including restorative justice, schools, family services, substance misuse prevention, libraries, mental health, early childhood, and more.

We are collecting artworks, songs, videos, and written stories through our website. After submissions have been gathered and formatted, we will publish them on the website, and written or visual pieces will be put into a physical magazine-style book that we will distribute at participating organizations throughout the community. The first submission deadline is Nov. 29, 2020 and the first pub-

lication will be out in mid-December. This project will be ongoing throughout 2021 with quarterly publications, and we will potentially hold an open wall gallery exhibition of selected works later on in the season.

For more information, check out our website at www.vtvoicesofresilience.org.

Book your own gallery open house

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Even though Gallery at the VAULT will not be able to hold its traditional Holiday Open House this year, you and your small group – up to five total – are invited to make an appointment to have the beautiful gallery all to yourselves for an hour. Appointments will be Sundays, from 12-4 p.m., from Nov. 8 until Dec. 13. We'll open the gallery just for you! After you shop, you can enjoy a meal at the Copper Fox Restaurant, right next

door.

You'll find a wide variety of beautiful handmade creations from our 125 craftspeople and artists such as jewelry, wood-ware, glass, scarves, mittens, hats, gifts for babies and children, prints, photographs, pottery, hummingbird feeders, clay wren houses, quilted runners and potholders, holiday ornaments, as well as craft kits.

To make an appointment, please email dkemble@vermontel.net and include your preferred Sunday and time and contact

information. There is no charge for this "concierge" service but of course donations to VAULT, a nonprofit community arts center and Vermont State Craft Center, are always appreciated.

VAULT is located on 68 Main Street in Springfield's historic downtown in a 1909 bank with a real vault. Gallery at the VAULT is open on Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See www.galleryvault.org for more information on workshops and current exhibits.

Yvonne Daley discusses her book "Going Up the Country"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Author Yvonne Daley will be Zooming in at Neighborhood Connections Friday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. to discuss her book "Going Up the Country: When the Hippies, Dreamers, Freaks and Radicals Moved to Vermont." The book is part oral history, part nostalgia-tinged narrative, and part clear-eyed analysis

of the counterculture movement in Vermont, which forever changed the state's complexion.

As one of those hippies who moved to Vermont during that time, Daley offers an inside look at the movement and discusses the result of how these back-to-landers, political radicals, sexual libertines, and utopians changed our previously conservative state and led us to farm-

to-table, Bernie Sanders, and the progressive politics of today.

To register, visit www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org or call 802-824-4343.

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Springfield Garden Club cancels Great Hall decorations fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This year has presented many significant and unique challenges for all of us. With the onset of the Covid-19 virus, the Garden Club has made many program changes as we have acknowledged the uncertain and evolving situation created by the pandemic. Our primary concern throughout these past months is the safety of members and that of the community.

The annual Festival of Trees fundraiser was canceled in September, yet the club had planned to decorate the Great

Hall as a gift to the community. Today, the FOT Committee is disappointed to report that, in spite of best intentions, plans for decorating the Great Hall this year have been canceled. This decision was made for several reasons. First of all, Springfield Medical Care Systems has seen an uptick in virus cases and has therefore implemented stricter regulations regarding who can enter their offices through the Great Hall. A safe, compatible time could not be found for decorating and the planning became a bit complicated.

Secondly, because of

these new regulations, it's likely the number of visitors to the Great Hall will be significantly reduced and therefore the "audience" will be reduced as well. The FOT Committee felt that the time and effort required for decorating wouldn't have the community impact they had hoped for.

Lastly, because the number of virus cases is currently increasing, the committee decided that now was not a good time to encourage a gathering with several members. "As we head into the holidays, we don't want to risk any members becoming ill," stated Club President Cheryl Pierce.

The board is currently working on plans to ensure the club is financially prepared for a successful 2021. As you know, the Springfield Garden Club is devoted to community service. Over the past 27 years of producing the festival extravaganza, the club

has given back more than \$200,000 to Springfield and surrounding communities through scholarships, programs, and activities. These have been difficult times for everyone and we are acutely aware that much of the fundraising is beyond our control. We thank you for your generous support in the past.

Today the Garden Club asks you to consider a small donation to help the club rise to the challenges presented by Covid-19. No matter the size of the gift, your support will make a difference as we navigate these challenging times. On behalf of all Garden Club members, we thank you in advance for your generosity. It will go a long way toward helping us fund our important civic beautification and scholarship programs. Please mail your check to Springfield Garden Club, c/o Lynn Likus, 2163 Goulden Ridge Rd., Weathersfield, VT 05156.

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River Valley Animal Protection League bi-level cage drive

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The River Valley Animal Protection League's Bi-Level Cage Drive is off and running with two exciting grant donations. We thank

Mascoma Bank for its generous grant of \$2,000 and Claremont Savings Bank Foundation's generosity with its \$500 grant.

River Valley Animal Protection League is a volunteer nonprofit dedicated to providing a shelter for homeless cats with the objective of finding each one a forever home; improving the quality of life in our community through trap, neuter, and return programs; supporting low-cost spay and neuter clinics; distribution of donated pet food to community members who might be struggling and to the local food pantry; encouraging the humane treatment of all animals; and supporting the enforcement of animal laws.

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Quarantine can last from 10 days to 4 months depending on the circumstances. We have successfully adopted out many otherwise healthy cats that, without this process, would have been euthanized. The initial goal is to purchase 10 new cages. It is expensive with each cage costing approximately \$1,200.

Donations would be much appreciated and can be sent to River Valley Animal Protection League, P.O. Box 860, Charlestown, N.H. 03603 or at www.rivervalleyapl.wordpress.com through PayPal.

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

Homes like these are a rare find with big, spacious rooms, high ceilings and lots of details. The first floor of this home offers formal dining room, formal and informal living room (with woodstove) newer kitchen with walk-in pantry, laundry room, master suite with full bathroom, a large front/center hall. Upstairs offers a second master bedroom with bath, sitting room, additional bedrooms, bath and in-law kitchen for configuration as one pleases. Outside offers wrap around porches, attached garage, deck area and a large Barn. The grounds consisting of 1+/- acres is a delightful walk including gardens, fire pit, former water feature. Well cared for and worth a look! **\$349,900**

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