

Essay contest winners



VFW's Patriot's Pen Essay contest winners, left to right: Ryan Nguyen, Anthony Davis, and Deja Nasta. PHOTO PROVIDED

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Each year students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest, expressing their views on patriotism. For the 25th consecutive year, Kurn Hattin students have swept the regional awards at the VFW Post 1034 Carl M. Dessaint and Auxiliary. This year's top finishers in the 2020 VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest were all eighth graders. The first place winner was Anthony Davis and tied for second place were Deja Nasta and Ryan Nguyen. Davis's essay will move into district level judging. Kurn Hattin thanks the Post and the Auxiliary for their continued support of our youth. Congratulations Anthony, Deja, and Ryan! For more information, go to www.kurnhattin.org.

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BY RON PATCH

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Let's go fishing

The photo with this article is in the 2021 Chester Historical Society calendar. It would date to about 1915. Tom Hildreth who scanned the photo and performed his magic in Photoshop commented, "It's very Norman Rockwell-like."

Two young boys sit in a homemade canoe. The boy on the left holds a stick for a fish pole. He has no reel. Line would have been cast and retrieved by hand. The other boy has a store bought fishing creel over his shoulder. An older boy is about to shove them off.

The canoe
If you look on the left end of the canoe, you can see a vertical seam where the canvas ends were joined. I don't see any ribs like a commercial canoe. The bottom would have had several wooden slats that made up the deck for your feet. You can see two oars. It must have been a lot of fun for the boys.

The millpond
Down in the Depot was the millpond. This millpond was the water supply for Waterman's gristmill. The dam was just below the concrete bridge we have today. This pond flooded back up the Williams River quite some distance. This is where the boys were when their photo was taken.

In the winter a large section of the pond was shoveled off for skating parties. Danny Clemons remembers clearing snow off the pond with his father Bill. Other adults and kids pitched in. Skaters built fires on the banks to keep warm. Danny says there could be four or five fires and as many as 40 skaters. Entire families showed up to skate. Lighting was provided with lanterns and four tall bridge lights.

Fishing
I grew up on the Chester village side of the tracks. I did fish here a few times when I was a kid but not often. I called Danny



The boys going fishing circa 1915. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Clemons for his memories. Danny grew up on this side of the tracks and is older than me. Danny can remember further back than I and has a clear memory of those days.

Danny told me a few feet below the dam there was a cable. This cable was overhead and indicated this was as close to the dam as you could fish.

From this cable all the way up to the Church Street Bridge, fishing was restricted. This "no fishing" section produced some giant brown trout. Danny tells about looking off the bridge one day and seeing a huge brown trout swim by with a spinner in its mouth. Danny said it was larger than the brown Jake Howe had mounted in his barbershop. Jake's brown went six pounds so the brown Danny saw was a monster.

Another thing Danny remembered was a red wooden box on a post. As you cross the bridge today, on the left at the end of the bridge was the red box. In the box was a guestbook. Guests would sign the book and walk out onto the concrete bridge. Here they would toss in pieces of stale bread and watch the browns surface to feed. The water would boil as they fed. Danny says people came from far and wide to feed the trout.

The dam
I vaguely remember the dam. In my day it was deteriorating. I seem to remember as I looked

up the river to the dam that the left side of the dam had given way. Danny told me it was made of logs and was six or eight feet in height.

The purpose of the dam was to hold back water to power the water wheel at the gristmill. Over time, without maintenance, the dam succumbed to the elements.

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Federal Unemployment to expire on or before Dec. 26 —

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Department of Labor is reminding individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits of the upcoming changes to a number of federal unemployment benefit programs, including Extended Benefits, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation. PUA and PEUC, funded through the CARES Act, are set to expire at the end of the calendar year with the last payable week being the week ending Dec. 26, 2020. Additionally, Vermont will likely trigger off its Extended Benefits program in the coming weeks, as the unemployment rate continues to drop. The loss of both PEUC and EB will significantly reduce the number of payable weeks under the regular UI program.

For the week ending Nov. 28, there were 10,082 individuals filing in the regular UI program, another 8,963 filing under the PEUC program, and 704 individuals filing under the Extended Benefits program. Additionally, the PUA program had 8,451 claimants filing for the same week. The department estimates that more than 70% of the filing population could be negatively impacted by the loss of these programs.

The department can and will continue to process claims and issue benefit payments from these programs even after the final week, as long as the eligible week occurred prior to the last week of the program.

Claimants filing under the state's regular UI program receive up to 26 weeks of benefits. An additional 13 weeks were added with the creation of the PEUC program, and finally another 13 weeks were added when the Extended Benefits program became available, for a total of 52 weeks of benefits. The conclusion of these expanded benefit programs will reduce the total number of weeks available to a maximum of 26 weeks. The maximum number of payable weeks under the PUA

program is 39 weeks.

"I, and the department, are very disappointed to have to make this announcement, as it had been our hope that Congress would act to extend these benefits; however, with no relief in sight, we unfortunately need to shift our focus to ensuring claimants have a plan in place for transitioning off of benefits and back to work. For many, the loss of these benefits could amount to hundreds of dollars each week and will put claimants and their families at risk. With that, our staff is working hard to ensure that impacted individuals have other avenues of support made available to them. Additionally, we continue to work with our congressional delegation to ensure Congress acts accordingly to extend these essential programs," said Commissioner Michael Harrington.

Claimants who are able to look for work should do so voluntarily to ensure a minimal impact when these programs end. Additionally, claimants should also be prepared for the department to

reactivate the currently suspended work search requirements in the coming weeks as a proactive way to move individuals who are able to work back into the labor force.

For those interested in exploring other employment opportunities, the department also offers virtual reemployment services to Vermonters at no cost to the individual. These services include job search assistance, resume development, improving interviewing skills, and connecting Vermonters with training opportunities. Learn more at www.labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development.

Impacted claimants may find additional support services, such as housing assistance, fuel and heating assistance, and food assistance by contacting Vermont 2-1-1, www.vermont211.org, or www.navigateresources.net/211vermont.

More information about the Department of Labor and unemployment insurance can be found at www.labor.vermont.gov.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

In the previous issue of The Vermont Journal, there were two articles on the call for municipalities, businesses, and individuals from Gov. Phil Scott and the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce for people to decorate with holiday lights this year.

I can recall in the 1960s and 1970s when the village of Ludlow would decorate the utility poles along Main Street with lights. The Ludlow Electric Company would string lights and across the poles along with volunteers who would add wreaths, etc.

It is time for the Town Man-

ager and Selectmen and Selectwoman to take a little pride in Ludlow and bring back this long gone tradition. It shouldn't just be up to businesses to decorate with lights.

The Town Manager should look at towns like Springfield and others in Vermont who have done this for years. It would certainly brighten the appearance of Ludlow, especially during these trying times when people could use a little boost in spirit.

Sincerely,
Ed Kobak
Weston, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This is a letter that I read to the Selectboard. Please read and consider the support of this proposal for our town. Police accountability and transparency must be how we move forward and unite as a town. Thanks so much and stay safe!

Good evening, Selectboard and community members. My name is Leslie Thorsen, and I am here tonight to comment on a way to move forward with the Chester Police Policy and Procedures, and to make those available to the public. As was noted in the minutes of the last Selectboard meeting, the current Chester Police Policy and Procedures are being passed up to Trevor Whipple, a former Chief of Police, now employed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. I want to remind the citizens of our town that the VLCT is a member organization whose main focus is to prevent lawsuits against municipalities. The executive director of

VLCT is a lawyer, and there are many lawyers on the staff. This is not a citizen rights organization. Trevor Whipple has a long history of law enforcement.

This past year the governor of our state passed an executive order which states: "On or before December 1, 2020, the Commissioner of DPS, in consultation with the Office of Attorney General's Division of Human Rights, and community representatives, shall recommend to the Governor one or more models of civilian oversight of law enforcement and develop a statutory framework for the consideration of the Governor. Any such statutory framework shall include provisions designed to create a civilian oversight board."

Based on this executive order, and a state law I will refer to in a moment, I am coming to the Selectboard tonight to propose the creation of a police oversight advisory board. The purpose would be to review the policies and procedures, and to make sure that the citizens of our town have input and oversight. This

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is particularly important now as the new facility is going to have a holding cell. At the present time there are no state laws that pertain to a holding cell. There must be local policy and procedures for the use of this cell. Why and how long will a person be in there, what if there is a medical emergency, who will be available to monitor the cell? Will it be permissible to shove a person into the cell with handcuffs behind their back like in the disturbing video of the Rutland incident? The review of that incident was incomplete as there were not enough cameras or audio. This is a serious concern. Before this is built, has there been due diligence in the design of this holding cell? There are very particular state of the art designs that if not put in place here could result in a tragedy. An investigation would be impaired and inconclusive if there is not video footage from every angle, as well as audio.

The other purpose of the police advisory board would be to review citizen concerns and complaints. The Vermont State Constitution Title 20 VSA 2401 states: "(E) Civilian review. Provides for review of officer discipline by civilians, which may be a selectboard or other elected or appointed body, at least for the conduct required to be reported to the Council under this subchapter A, B, C" which

are felony and misdemeanors. All other citizen concerns, not arising to the level of felony or misdemeanor, such as code of conduct during a traffic stop, or any other police contact that is not a felony or misdemeanor could be reviewed by the advisory board as well, with the findings going to the town manager and chief of police. Citizens may feel more comfortable coming to the advisory board with citizen concerns.

Additionally, the governor's executive order stated: "The process of investigating improper conduct allegations must be easily accessible and as transparent as possible, while protecting the privacy of both the accused and the complainant. Investigations must have swift and consistent outcomes and include community oversight."

So, to summarize, I am asking the town of Chester Selectboard members to place the topic of the formation of a citizen advisory board to the Chester Police Department on the agenda. This board will create transparency and citizen input for town policing, policies, and procedures as well as to be able to review citizen concerns and complaints in police encounters in the town of Chester.

Sincerely,
Leslie Thorsen
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by Linda Thistle

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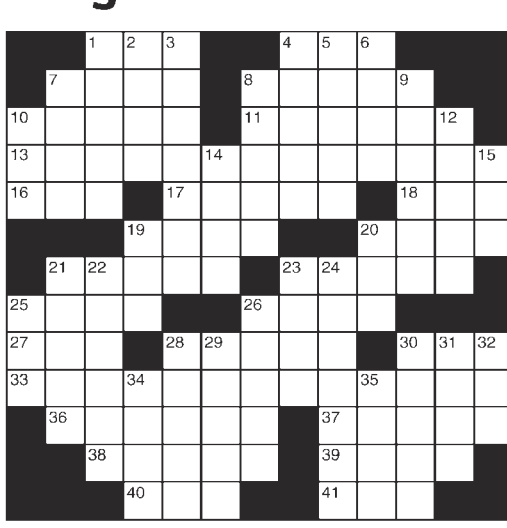
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John D. Durgin III, 1957-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – John Daniel Durgin III, 63, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away peacefully Nov. 29, 2020 after bravely battling colon cancer.

Jack, as most people knew him, was born Sept. 30, 1957 in Plymouth, N.H. His family later moved to Vermont, where he spent most of his childhood. After graduating from Black River High School, Jack served in the Army.

Jack was an avid skier and fly fisher – and he loved to share these passions with his children, Alisha Durgin and John “Johnny” Durgin IV. Jack also enjoyed slow pitch softball, working, Oreos, and spending time with his son’s dog, Cash. Jack will be remembered for his sense of humor, positivity, and knack for storytelling.

In addition to his children, Jack is survived by his mother Freda Durgin (née Avery); his siblings Casey Durgin, David Durgin, Todd Durgin, Saxonee Burgess,



John D. Durgin III, 1957-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Chrisanda DeBois, and their families; and his treasured friends Pete and Paula Pollender. He was predeceased by his father John Durgin Jr., sister Suzette Durgin, and nephew Adam Burgess.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ballard Hobart American Legion Post 36 so it can continue supporting veterans as it did Jack.

Ralph E. Stoddard, 1934-2020

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Ralph E. Stoddard, 86, died Nov. 25, 2020 at the Jack Byrnes Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born July 13, 1934, the oldest of four sons born to Harold A. and Gladys L. (Quinn) Stoddard. He was raised in Chester, Vt., attended schools in Chester, and graduated from Chester High School in 1952, where he served as his class president his junior and senior years. While in high school he was active in band and orchestra and served as manager of the basketball teams, also he worked at Jameson’s market after school, vacations, and in the summer.

Following high school, he attended Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., graduating in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

After college Ralph returned to Chester and went back to work at Jameson’s Market. A few months later he decided to fulfill his military obligation and joined the U.S. Army for two years where he served a year at Fort Dix in New Jersey and a second year in Korea with the 7th Infantry division.

Prior to entering the military Ralph married Carolyn McClary of Saxtons River, Vt. Together they had three children, the oldest of whom was born while he served in Korea and did not meet her until she was nine months old.

Following his military service, he returned to work at Jameson’s Market in Chester, a short time later the Jameson’s purchased a market in Charlestown, N.H., and made Ralph the manager. He then managed the market for 11 years, purchasing it in 1970. He was successful in this venture until 2002 when his younger son purchased it from him and continues to operate it with the

very capable assistance of his sister.

He became active in other aspects of the grocery industry and was elected to the board of directors of the New Hampshire Grocers Association and eventually served as chairman of the board. In 1984 he was named New Hampshire Grocer of the Year, a very distinctive honor. He also served on the board of directors of the Associated Grocers of New England for many years, serving several years as the vice-chairman.

Ralph was active in the Bellows Falls Elks Club where he was the Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1984 and 1985. He and his officers won the Vermont State Ritual contest in 1985 and then competed at the national level at the Grand Lodge competition in 1985.

He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, his parents, a brother Richard Stoddard, a half-brother, and a great-granddaughter. He is survived by his children Brenda Thomson and her husband Steven of Charlestown, N.H.; his sons Steven of Manchester, N.H. and Gary and his wife Jennie of Charlestown, N.H.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers Arnold Stoddard and his wife Myla of Charlestown and Francis Stoddard of Enfield, N.H.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A private funeral service will be held at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt., at the convenience of the family with a public graveside burial service to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Hampshire Grocers Scholarship Fund, 110 Stark St., Manchester, NH, 03101 or the Elks National Foundation, P.O. Box 367, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Edward J. Deloch, 1952-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Edward J. Deloch passed away unexpectedly at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital Sept. 11, 2020. He was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., June 20, 1952 to Anthony Deloch and Elizabeth (Anna) Klapa Deloch. He attended schools in Walpole, N.H., graduating in 1970 and joined the U.S. Navy. He spent four years in Long Beach, Calif. He earned a certified diesel mechanic degree.

After leaving the Navy, he returned to the Bellows Falls area and worked as a mechanic for the state of Vermont for

23 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycling, and his many friends and family.

He was predeceased by his dad and mom and one brother Kashmir Deloch. He is survived by three sisters Rosita Deloch of Keene, N.H., Monica Howe of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Helen Howard of Bellows Falls, Vt.; his daughter Heather Deloch of North Walpole, N.H.; and his two beloved grandchildren Josiah Evan Phillips and Runa Anna Phillips. He was a dedicated dad and grandfather.

Services will be held at a later date.

Josephine F. Keefe, 1923-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Josephine F. Keefe, 97, passed away Nov. 26, 2020. She was born Sept. 4, 1923 to Earl and Mary (Tollerton) Fuller in Walpole, N.H. She was a graduate of Walpole High School, Class of 1943. Josephine proudly served as a Navy Wave during WWII, stationed in Washington, D.C. as a decoder. After the war ended, she married Daniel Keefe Jan. 26, 1946. It was a marriage lasting more than 73 years. Jo, as she liked to be called, worked at Immanuel Church in Bellows Falls before going to work for and retiring from H.A. Manning Co.

Jo enjoyed bingo, crossword puzzles, and family gatherings. She was known for her beautiful crocheting, knitting, and needlework.

She was predeceased by her parents and three sisters Agnes Bates, Mary Beam, and Geraldine Claflin. Surviving are her three sons Eric (Molly) of North Carolina, Terrence (Ruth) of Bellows Falls, and Kevin (Corrinne) of Bellows Falls. Also surviving are grandchildren Kelly and Katy Keefe, Michael



Josephine F. Keefe, 1923-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

(Wendy) and Marianne Keefe, Amanda (Jason) Breakstone, and Jennifer (Ryan) Pelletier and great-grandchildren Erin, Lauren, and Daniel Keefe, Laila and Juliette Breakstone, and Jaxon and Reece Pelletier, all of whom she loved dearly.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at the Vermont Veterans’ Home for the excellent care she received while there. There will be a graveside service at the Vermont Veterans’ Cemetery at a later date.

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.

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org. Our Christmas Eve service will follow occupancy guidelines for both services at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Please RSVP for the service you would like to attend on our website.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOfNorthCharlestown for daily prayers and more information.

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.

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.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. online only. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

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.calvarylovesspringfield.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.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday morning services are in-person and live streamed starting at 10 a.m. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

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.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

CALENDAR

DEC. 12 –

WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage has partnered with Vermont Public Radio to present a free one-time-only broadcast of “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play” Saturday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. Also available to stream on demand from Dec. 8-Jan. 3 as part of Northern Stage’s 2020-21 season. For tickets and information, call 802-296-7000 or visit www.northernstage.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be having a cookie and candy sale at the church on the Common Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Come get your holiday sweets. Masks and social distancing required.

DEC. 12-13 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Fire Department will host a Stuff the Fire Truck Food Drive at Shaw’s Supermarket the weekend of Dec. 12-13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., to benefit the Black River Good Neighbors Food Shelf.

DEC. 13 –

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – Enjoy “The Christmas Story - Live Nativity” drive thru event Sunday, Dec. 13, from 4:30-6 p.m., at Brownsville Community Church. Enjoy a drive-thru recorded narration of the Christmas story complete with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, angels, wise men, and shepherds while circling the church driveway. As you enter the drive, you will be handed a pre-recorded CD by masked and gloved ushers. The story will coincide with what you see, and will be interspersed with Christmas music.

DEC. 17 –

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Hospital will host the Vermont Foodbank’s “VeggieVanGo” free food distribution Thursday, Dec. 17, from 12-1 p.m. in the lower parking lot of Leland & Gray High School. The purpose of the program is to help people obtain fresh fruits and vegetables to sustain a healthy lifestyle. All are welcome and no proof of eligibility is required. Sometimes a second food distribution in a month is organized with little advance notice, so check the Grace Cottage website or call 802-365-9109 for information.

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Patricia A. Peltier, 1933-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Patricia A. Peltier, 87, died peacefully at home Nov. 27, 2020. She was born Sept. 29, 1933 in Bellows Falls, Vt., to Theodore and Ina (Bartley) Simino.

She attended Springfield public schools and graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1952.

In April of 1955 she married Richard N. Peltier. They moved to Chester, Vt., where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Pat worked at the Shop on The Green for many years and then at Furman’s Department Store in Springfield until her retirement. In her free time, she was an avid card player.

She is survived by her two children Suzanne Peltier and Richard R. Peltier; a sister Sylvia Ripley; grandchildren Abigale and Shelby Peltier and great-grandson Nathan Justice; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Richard N. Peltier (1998) and a grandchild Saunya Zwally.

A special thanks and deep appreciation for the amazing caregivers who not only gave great



Patricia A. Peltier, 1933-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

care over the last nine years, they gave their hearts, their humor, gentle touch, and added so much to Mom’s quality of life. Bonny Hudson, Sharon Jony-nas, Steffanie Baker, Karen Or-chitt, Kathy Estep – Thank You!

Donations may be made to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Rd., Brattleboro, VT 05301.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

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

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outdoor news

Fish & Wildlife has online license gift certificates

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Finding a gift that will continue to give for a full year is a challenge, but the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has a solution on their website – a license gift certificate for hunting and fishing licenses. “It’s the perfect gift for a friend or family member who hunts or fishes,” said Fish & Wildlife Com-

missioner Louis Porter. “You can go to our website, fill out the gift certificate, and pay for it online, and then print the certificate to present to your recipient.” The gift certificate has a link in the license section of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com. The person who receives the certi-

cate must go to the website to redeem their certificate and purchase their licenses. “If you have a friend or relative who hunts or fishes, this is an easy gift-giving solution,” said Porter. “The gift certificate will cover licenses for 2021 or for licenses in future years.”

Hammond Cove & West Mountain Ranges closing

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says its public shoot-

ing ranges in Hartland and the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area will be closed for

the winter after Dec. 14. “We want to thank all of the people who have supported the operation of the two ranges in Windsor and Essex counties which are essential to hunter skill development and the safe use of firearms,” said Alison Thomas, Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s education coordinator. “Both ranges will close for the winter and reopen next spring.” Information about Vermont shooting ranges is available on www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

2020 Komen’s Virtual More Than Pink Walk successful

REGION – Susan G. Komen has exciting news to announce! The 2020 Komen Vermont Virtual More Than Pink Walk raised \$81,359.86, surpassing its event goal of \$80,000. The original Vermont More Than Pink Walk was scheduled for July as an in-person event. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of participants, many of whom are breast cancer survivors and therefore immune-compromised, Komen leadership opted to host the event virtually, delayed the event to October and asked all to **#walkwhereyouare**.

Catie Fauvelle, state executive director, New England Susan G. Komen, said, “I am blown away by the tremendous support of our participants and donors this year. The strength and resilience of the New England region, our multi-state community, is remarkable and despite the event looking very different from previous years, the generosity and passion for our mission remained steady.”

Vermont’s top overall fundraiser, as of event day Oct. 24, was Christina Pujdak of Weston, raising over \$4,500. Pujdak was also the 2019 top-fundraiser. Longtime Komen event supporter, and 20-year breast cancer survivor, Pat Loller of Williston closed out the event season as a \$5,000-plus fundraiser. Rounding out the top-three individual fundraisers is Cindy Marshall of Manchester Center, raising over \$4,600.

Another 13 Vermont MTPWalk registrants each topped \$1,000 in fundraising, four of them topping \$2,500.

The two top fundraising teams each raised over \$7,000: Neighborhood Connections, captained by Chris Pujdak of Weston, and Mettawee Milers Return, captained by Linda Maness of Pawlet.

Other top fundraising teams for 2020 include PerSisters, raising over \$6,000, captained by Jean Andersson-Swayze of Charlotte. The following teams each raising over \$5,000: Taryn’s Team, captain Taryn Cocheo of Manchester; Rack Pack for a Reason, captain Jennifer Brodeur of Ashby, Mass.; and Life is good, captain Pat Loller of Williston.

Registrants posted their **#walkwhereyouare** photos showing selfies and groups taking their More Than Pink walk of any distance along paved and dirt roads, along lakesides, and even mountain tops.

Two other New England virtual More Than Pink Walks, Connecticut and Massachu-



Cindy with her daughter and grandkids. PHOTO PROVIDED

setts, took place Oct. 24. Both of these virtual MTPWalks also surpassed their event goals, Connecticut raising over \$200,000 and Massachusetts surpassing \$170,000.

These three New England region More Than Pink Walk events are part of Susan G. Komen’s signature fundraising series supported by National Presenting Sponsor Bank of America and National Series Sponsor Walgreens.

On the local level, valued support came from these Vermont Virtual More Than Pink Walk sponsors: EQX 102.7 FM, WCAX-TV3, Greenhaven Financial Management LLC, Nanci Gordon Media Services, Foley Cancer Center – a department of Rutland Regional Medical Center, McWayne Jewelers, Manchester Journal, Rutland Herald, Vermont Country Store, Berkshire Bank, and Old Mill Road Media.

Fish & Wildlife invites deer hunters to complete survey

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is offering hunters the opportunity to participate in its annual deer hunter effort and sighting survey.

The survey asks hunters to record how many hours they hunted and how many deer, moose, bears, or other wildlife they saw on each day of the November rifle season. Hunters are asked to complete the survey as soon as possible after the rifle deer season even if they did not hunt or did not harvest a deer. This information helps the department evaluate how hunting pressure and the number of these animals varies throughout the season and around the state.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife has mailed survey cards to several thousand randomly selected hunters each year since 1999. The survey is now available for all licensed deer hunters at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter-effort-survey.

“The information we get from this survey is critically important for the management of deer and other wildlife in Vermont,” said Nick Fortin, Fish & Wildlife’s deer and moose project leader. “If we hear from more hunters, our population estimates will be more reliable, and our management will be more effective.”

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2020-2021 Child Find Notice

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Services for eligible children ages’ birth through 3 years are provided through the Children’s Integrated Services-Early Intervention program. Services for eligible children ages 3 to 21 are provided by your local supervisory union.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union serves the towns of Mount Holly, Ludlow, Cavendish, Baltimore, Andover and Chester.

If you know a child residing in the towns within the TRSU that you believe may have such needs and are not currently receiving services, please contact the Director of Student Support Services at Two Rivers Supervisory Union, 609 VT Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149 or call the Special Education Office at 802-875-3365.

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, place of birth, disability, age, marital status, and gender identity. Information obtained during Child Find remains confidential as required by Vermont Special Education Regulations and the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act.

Students with a disability who live in one of the towns listed above and who attend an approved private school or attend an approved private school in one of the towns listed above may be eligible for limited special education services. Contact Mary Barton, Director of Student Support Services for TRSU at 802-875-3365 for more information.



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

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Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday, January 4, 2021** to consider the following:

Application # 21-35

Application #21-35 (Murray Krugman) – property located at 26 Cox Road. The Applicant is requesting an extension on house, external earport, and deck on north side of house. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review, and Section 445 Village District Zone; and Article IX Historic Preservation Overlay** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 21-36

Application #21-36 (Burteo, Inc.) – property located at 5656 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a minor subdivision. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 446 Residential District Zone; Article VIII Subdivision of Land; and Article X Agricultural Land Overlay** 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Springfield

Selectboard

96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont

This is a Public Notice that the Town of Springfield intends to sell property located at 396 Massey Road, Springfield, Vermont to the highest bidder. Property will be sold “as is”. The property consists of 6.5 acres with an older mobile home and 36 x 20 barn (Parcel 010/1/45).

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My first memory of Rob Weltz was of the young kid who would dribble his basketball everywhere he went. You might see him anywhere around town. He would dribble the ball from his house up in the vicinity of Minards Pond all the way to the Bellows Falls playgrounds over a mile away. He would dribble and then he would dribble. More on that later.

Tennis and basketball were Rob's sports. Tennis began first as his family would go to the play-

ground courts for a family day of fun. He would play three years of high school tennis under Tim Allen whom he enjoyed playing for very much.

Basketball became a love at about the same time. Once again, the playground is where he would develop his game. Long hours spent both having fun and learning the game from others.

He developed a close relationship with John Eno, a one time Terriers' standout, who went on to become one of the best players at the college level to ever go through Bellows Falls. Eno went on to forge

a successful college career at Castleton State College under the tutelage of Stan Van Gundy, presently coaching the New Orleans Pelicans in his 12th year as an NBA head coach.

Weltz met Eno, who is several years older, when working on his game at the Bellows Falls courts while Eno was advancing his individual skills in the summer while at Castleton. Weltz said, "John took me under his wing and helped me develop my skills. I also was helped by many adults in the community when I would go to the playgrounds at night to get better."

Weltz, as I said, would dribble and then he would dribble. He would dribble all the way home after a playground session, but then in intermittent bursts he would explode into the special drills Eno would stress he should work on.

Weltz became a high school varsity starter in the middle of his sophomore year. He helped lead his team to its first Final Four since the days of Eno. He was determined to be the best he could be. Most importantly, he was willing to work for it. In a glamour, well-attended game shortly after becoming the starting point guard versus rival Fall Mountain, Weltz had the ball in his hand and drove to his left and lost the handle with the game on the line. He stayed in the gym for more than an hour that night working solely on the move. He continued to try to perfect that move over the next week before the return game with Fall

Mountain.

When the time came a few days later at Fall Mountain, before a sell-out crowd and the seconds ticking down in overtime in a classic thriller, Weltz again drove to his left, went down the lane making a strong move and laying the ball off the glass with the difference maker.

The former Terrier standout, who graduated high school in 1990, went on to UVM, where the dream came late in his days there, to lead an athletic program some day. After graduating, he went on to Springfield College to get his master's degree in athletic administration. He says, "It was important to me to have the opportunity to watch people grow and develop and to enjoy making connections the job allows you to form."

While Weltz was getting things in order following the acquisition of his master's degree, he came home to Bellows Falls, taught

for a year at Windsor High School, coached basketball at Fall Mountain and track at Bellows Falls, and then he spent a year grooming at the Dean's Office at Lehigh University. The next year he took his first athletic director job at a small private school, Brandon Hall with 150 students in Dunwoody, Ga. in 1998. Then two years later, he took the challenge of a much bigger program at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, in Sandy Springs, Ga. with 1,300 students, where he spent 10 years and was recently inducted to their Wall of Fame. Weltz presently is the athletic director at Saint Mary's School in Raleigh, N.C.



Rob Weltz was recently honored into the Wall of Fame at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School for his stellar performance as athletic director for ten years.

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a community builder and helped make sure that our student-athletes in the younger grades remained at the school to wear varsity uniforms in all of our athletic programs.

"Weltz was also instrumental in adding boys' and girls' lacrosse as well as providing opportunities for our sixth graders to start earlier in the athletic program. He helped lead a capital campaign program that enhanced playing fields on the South Campus; built a baseball/softball complex; and a state of the art Wellness Center, athletic training room, and gymnasium.

"Current Director of Athletics Tony Watkins states, 'Rob left a great legacy at Holy Innocents' by introducing football and lacrosse and implementing many administrative systems that are still in place today. He is respected by his peers and the colleagues that had the opportunity to work with him. We are excited that he has been inducted into the Holy Innocents' Wall of Fame. It is well deserved."

Current Head Wrestling Coach Stacey Davis at HI states, 'Rob was instrumental during his tenure of creating a culture of excellence while focusing on the success of the student-athlete first in the classroom. Rob always said take care of the student as a coach and the athlete will take care of the coach. I will forever be grateful of his guidance and leadership.'

"Weltz states, "It was truly an honor to be recognized at a school that I admire and love. Holy Innocents' was my home for 10 years. My hope is that my contributions to the school will live on and the motto of 'Doing what is in the best interests of the student-athletes' will live for generations."

Rob Weltz is the son of Phyllis Weltz of Bellows Falls and the late Hans Weltz. Rob credits his parents with his moral fabric saying, 'They always stuck with me and I am so grateful for the job they did to instill values and community service to others in me.' In these pandemic times he misses his mother greatly and worries she is so far away and living alone. He says, 'She is a gift from God. An absolute angel.'

"The recipient also felt that his time in the basketball program helped shape many of the ideals he carries forward today. He noted, 'The coaches helped develop my skills as a person with communication with older people and a work ethic. That lives with me today and is the foundation of my skills and attributes as an AD and coach. It taught me to lead others to reach further than what they think they are capable of.'"

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holiday happenings

Craft kits and books for holiday gifts

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Give the gift of a hands-on craft project kit this holiday season. Gallery at the VAULT has several kinds of kits that contain directions and all the materials needed to do each project at home. Most of these kits can be mailed and are great for family or friends of all ages and experience to do together, either remotely or in person. See www.galleryvault.org for the selection of projects or stop in to select the perfect creative gift.

Sue Carey has assembled the materials for adults and children 8 years and older to make a felted squirrel, barn owl, polar bear, or Santa. Also available is a “pound sampler” of

wool roving in different colors for hours of needle felting enjoyment.

Learn the traditional craft of vinegar graining, a type of faux finishing originally used to reproduce the look of exotic wood grain patterns. Choose a picture frame or wooden tray. Corky Bond has written out detailed instructions and included the materials to get you started. Corky has also assembled kits with all materials and instructions to make colorful leaf ornaments out of felt or decorated felt hearts.

Also available are kits of colorful paste papers, letter stencils, and ribbon to make celebratory banners. Make a

message that can be sent in an envelope and unfolds to wish someone a Happy Birthday or other sentiment.

VAULT also stocks several books that inspire artistic ideas with creative instruction, such as Chris Gluck’s “Art From Nature ABC’s,” Jeanne Carbonetti’s “Zen of Creative Painting,” and “Tao of Watercolor” books and DVDs, and “Swirled Nature Coloring Book” by Stacy Harshman.

Gallery at the VAULT is located on 68 Main Street in Springfield and is open on Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Brownsville Community Church hosts live nativity—

Art and Historical Society calendars —

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – On Sunday, Dec. 13, the community will have the opportunity to enjoy a recorded narration of the Christmas story complete with Mary, Joseph, the crèche with baby Jesus, angels, wise men, and shepherds while circling the church driveway. As you enter the drive, you will be handed a pre-recorded CD by masked and gloved “ushers.” The story on the CD will coincide with what you see, will be interspersed with beautiful Christmas music, and is something you can take home and enjoy year after year.

Thank you to Brownsville Community Church volunteers for making possible one more free to the public Christmas event for all to enjoy.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, there will be a Christmas Eve service outside the Brownsville Community Church at 7 p.m. The service will include special music from guest Ben Fuller and more. The service will also be live-streamed on the church’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch.

The Brownsville Community Church is located on the 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd., between Albert Bridge School and the West Windsor Town Hall. For more information, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com or visit www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Cavendish 2021 community calendars are here

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Community has never been so important. To underscore that point, the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association has produced its 2021 Cavendish Community Calendar, which is now on sale, just in time for the holidays. You can purchase them at Crows Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville, or if you prefer not to visit the bakery, you can order them through the mail. Our address is P.O. Box 605, Cavendish, VT 05142.

This year the calendar celebrates the CCCA Streetscapes Committee by highlighting

the people and showcasing the work that this dynamic group has undertaken to care for and beautify our villages. Since its inception in 2018 the committee has raised flags, maintained school flower gardens, planted and upgraded gardens in the greens and parks, and strung holiday lights on the gazebo and trees. To learn more about their activity, go to the Cavendish Streetscapes page on Facebook.

Proceeds from the calendar help keep the CCCA going so please consider purchasing one for yourself and for your

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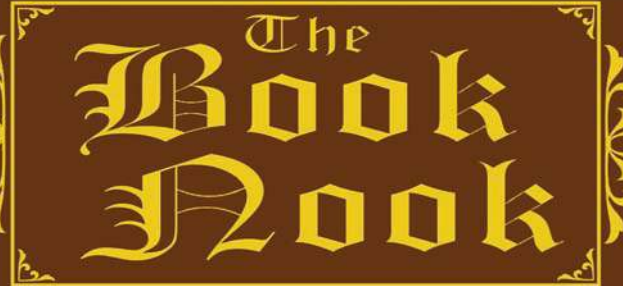
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