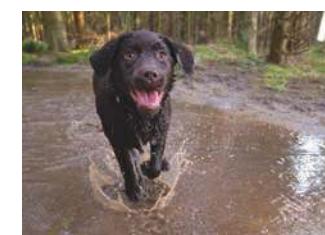


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Chester opts to use online-only publication for legal notices

BY KEITH WHITCOMB JR.

Rutland Herald

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Selectboard voted Wednesday to use an online-only publication for all of its legal notices, a move that's been debated in the past.

"Every year, we have to redesign our newspaper of record for public notices and legal notices and want ads and whatever else we do," said Selectboard Chairman Arne Jonyunas on Tuesday.

For the past several years, The Vermont Journal has been Chester's newspaper of record. Jonyunas said the Chester Telegraph, an online-only publication, has applied to be the paper of record before, and on March 17 the Selectboard voted to go with the Telegraph.

"We've usually hesitated on using the Chester Telegraph because there was a little bit of, not controversy, but non-clarity as far as what the state statute said as far as what you could use for a paper of record."

Secretary of State Jim Condos said Monday that his office doesn't issue legal opinions of its own and has no legal authority to tell a town what to do in cases like these. He said the attorney general might have authority if a law were broken, but it's not entirely clear if that's happened.

Condos noted a legal opinion the town attorney for Chester offered it in 2016. The opinion was written by attorney James Carroll, of the firm English, Carroll, and Boe P.C. In it, Carroll notes there is no specific definition for "newspaper" in state statute, however the Legislature has made distinctions between "newspaper," "paper," and "mass electronic or digital communications."

Carroll's ultimate recommendation for Chester was, "In short, until such time as the Legislature has specifically indicated an intent to change the historical practice of issuing public notices within the State of Vermont, it is my recommendation that the Town of Chester continue to publish its official notices through a newspaper with a printed circulation in the Chester area."

Carroll (now of the firm

Carroll, Boe and Pell P.C.) sent the town a letter earlier this month confirming that his opinion hasn't changed.

According to Condos, the

the publication.

"The town of Chester has a legal opinion in its hands, I don't know if they've gotten a new one since, but from this legal opinion five years ago they were told, in a more than three-page letter, they should stick with print newspapers and stay away from online-only," said Donoghue.

The pandemic and many things moving online is what helped spur this decision, said Jonyunas. Had the pandemic not occurred, he doesn't believe this would have happened. "What we've found over the last couple of years is that our local paper, the

Chester Telegraph, which is an in-town business, has had a real lot of readership," he said. "Almost everywhere I go in town I get people asking me about an article that was in the Chester Telegraph. They cover our local news, they cover our meetings, they do a good job. They do a professional, in-depth job, and it was hard to support them because of the law."

He said the town spent about \$10,000 in legal notices last year, and believes it would have spent half that had the Chester Telegraph been the paper of record.

Jonyunas claimed that Chester has excellent, high-speed internet service, but for those who don't have access, the town plans to work with them directly. "If there's anybody in town that would like to have hard copies, paper copies, of any of these notices or any of these warnings and whatever else there is out there, to please let us know," he said.

There are other reasons a print publication is preferable, he said. A town might find itself having to prove a legal notice was given, perhaps many years after the fact. With a printed newspaper, there will be physical copies in an archive somewhere, be it the newspaper itself or a local library. This might not be the case with a website.

Donoghue said newspapers do make money from the legal notices, as would any company providing a service, though how crucial this is to the paper's bottom line depends on

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Green Mountain wins program's first title

BY TOM HALEY

Rutland Herald

BARRE, Vt. - It was the perennial power against the team seeking its first boys basketball state championship. Green Mountain and Williamstown played every possession as though it meant everything because it did. Green Mountain rode back to Chester with the program's first title after a grinding 52-51 overtime victory on Sunday night at Barre Auditorium.

In every overtime game that comes down to the buzzer, you could make a case for dozens of plays being the turning point. One, in particular, stood out in the overtime.

There was 1:02 remaining in the overtime when Green Mountain coach Brian Rapanotti took a timeout with his Chieftains clinging to a 50-49 lead.

It appeared they might be taking the air out of the ball when Jack Boyle pivoted and took the ball hard to the hole. His layup cushioned the lead to three with 23 seconds remaining.

"I thought they might attack if they got the ball on the high post so it did not surprise me totally," Williamstown coach Jack Carrier said. "I am surprised we let him do it."

But people have had problems stopping GM's big man all season. He had 17 points and 12 rebounds but no bucket was bigger than the last one.

Williamstown's James DeForge scored on a put-back to account for the final score.

One baseball pass down the floor later, the final horn sounded and the Chieftains were in a pig pile at mid-court, wildly celebrating something no other boys basketball team had ever been able to celebrate at their school.

"I think that was a very good veteran move on Jack's part," Rapanotti said of his senior center.

"It was open to the basket so I took advantage of it," Boyle said.

Boyle's play was pivotal but everyone contributed for the Chieftains, late-season find Branden Rose as much as anyone.

Rose nailed a 3-point field goal to open the overtime and got the Chieftains to the extra session with his steal.

Boyle was injured in GM's only loss of the sea-



Green Mountain Division 3 championship.

PHOTO BY ADAM AUCOIN, RUTLAND HERALD

son to Bellows Falls and Rose got some time on the floor he might not have otherwise. He became an important cog in the machine through the playoffs.

Rapanotti, taking in the jubilation of his players on the Barre Aud floor Sunday night, reflected on that loss to Bellows Falls in the last regular season game and felt it might not have been a bad thing.

"I think it allowed us to refocus and we found Branden," he said.

Rose's overtime contributions were made all the more important by the fact that the Chieftains had to play it without starters Ty Merrill and Skyler Klezos who had fouled out.

The tone was set early with the Chieftains and Blue Devils both getting after it on defense during a 7-6 opening quarter won by Green Mountain.

The low scoring half ended 17-17.

"We talked about staying locked down," Boyle said of the halftime confab.

Green Mountain got off to a good start after the break. Sawyer Pippin scored off a pretty feed from Boyle and Merrill scored to give the Chieftains the first four points of the half, compelling Carrier to call a timeout.

A corner 3 by Everett Moshier gave Green Mountain a 27-23 lead but the Devils finished the third period with a flurry to take the lead.

A driving layup by Michael Murphy and a trey from Blake Clark sent Williamstown into the fourth quarter with a 28-27 advantage.

Merrill stepped up with a 3-pointer and a 15-foot jumper to get the lead back for Green Mountain, 32-28, but then he fouled out with 1:51 left in regulation time.

Thomas Parrott made three of four free throws in the final minute to help give the Blue Devils a 43-41 lead.

Then came a play for Green

Mountain that was at least as big as the one made by Boyle. Rose stole the ball, dished it to Klezos who converted the layup with 11 ticks left on the clock to send the game to overtime.

Klezos had one more major contribution before leaving. He scored on a putback to give the Chieftains a 50-48 lead with 1:20 left in the overtime. Parrott's free throw made it 50-49 with 1:09 to play. That set the stage for Boyle.

Klezos followed Boyle in scoring with 12, Pippin added eight, and Merrill's seven points included the big trey.

Parrott led the Devils with 13 points, Murphy had 11, Brady Donahue added a couple of 3s on the way to eight points, and DeForge tossed in six.

Top-seeded Green Mountain finishes with a 12-1 record and No. 6 Williamstown at 8-4.

The Williamstown program is a fixture at The Aud. The Blue Devils were in eight straight state championship games (2012 through 2019) before making their return this season. But something a little different stamped this team, Carrier said.

"This being such a young team and so inexperienced, that made this special," Carrier said. Riley Cheney was the lone senior on the roster.

Carrier pointed to Murphy as someone who galvanized the team down the stretch. "He good stats but he brought us a lot of energy at a different level," Carrier said.

Green Mountain seniors Boyle, Klezos, Pippin, and Merrill leave the program by giving the school and community its first state championship.

The Chester High School Sentinels, the forerunner of Green Mountain, won a title in 1954, and now the Chieftains have earned a trophy to take its place with that one.

The ride back to Chester was a sweet one. Every one of the 92 miles filled with joy.

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Frank Dressler scholarships open to applicants

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Frank Dressler scholarships are given in memory of Frank Dressler, Black River High School's "ultimate fan" for many years.

In his retirement, Frank moved to Ludlow and began attending Black River's home games when he noticed the lights on at Dorsey Field. Frank was hooked on the Presidents. Soccer led to basketball, which led to baseball and softball. Home games led to away games, and to friendship and commitment. Frank loved the kids and the sports they played, and the athletes appreciated his ever-present support, honoring him with signed team photos and an honorary BR No. 1 Fan jacket. If Frank wasn't in his seat at half field, it was for a very good reason, which he was sure to share, just so we knew. He was an ultimate fan and supporter in winning seasons as well as those

that were not successful. Rain or shine, Frank was there to support his team.

Applicants are asked to share their thoughts on what makes an "ultimate fan" and how they have been an "ultimate fan" during their high school career. These scholarships will be awarded annually to up to two graduating high school seniors who have participated in at least two sports per year while in high school.

These awards are open to residents of Ludlow and Mount Holly for use in any post-secondary institution, including college, university, vocational, or trade school.

Applications and information for the Frank Dressler Scholarship are available by contacting Lisa Schmidt at 802-228-7690 or at noah@tds.net; or Sherri Geimer at 802-259-3800 or sgeimer@gmail.com. Application deadline is May 1 and winners will be announced in June.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Donations made to "BRAM" may be sent to Frank Dressler Scholarship Fund, c/o Black River Academy Museum, 14 High St., Ludlow, VT 05149.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it is now accepting grant applications for spring 2021 awards. The fund will consider applications filed anytime, but will only award spring grants to those who file by May 8. Applications can be made by letter that describes the organization that is applying, the project proposed, and the overall budget, including the amount requested. It must also describe how the project will benefit the people of Cavendish.

Applications, including instructions, can be obtained

by emailing CavendishCommunityFund@gmail.com or by mailing to the Cavendish Community Fund, P.O. Box 154, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

Projects, programs, or events for which funds are sought must directly benefit the Cavendish community in some way. A panel of local citizens reviews all applications and recommends grant awards based on the quality and feasibility of each proposal. Grants are not expected to exceed \$1,000 each and will depend primarily on the number of applications received and the amounts requested.

Past grants have benefitted

Cavendish Streetscapes, Cavendish Elementary School, Stepping Stones Preschool, Proctorsville Fire Department, Cavendish Fletcher Library, Fiber Arts in Vermont, Baptist Church, Community Theater, Episcopal Church, Historical Society, and many more. If you have a project to benefit Cavendish and need financing, you can contact the fund to discuss your idea.

For further information on applying, on eligibility, on any other aspect of the grant program, or for help completing an application, please call Douglas McBride at 802-226-7142 or Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

Join the all-organic 2021 community garden

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Area Community Garden is open

to all residents of Ludlow and neighboring towns. The fenced garden is located in the Fletcher Farm grounds on Route 103, at the border between Ludlow and Proctorsville. Individual 10-by-

10-foot plots are used to grow vegetables, flowers, and some fruits. Waist-high raised beds are available too. This is a "community" garden, and all members are expected to join in and take part

in the maintenance of their own plots as well as the common areas of this beautiful garden. Last year was a very successful growing season.

A separate enclosed area is dedicated to composting food scraps. This is an ongoing educational

project made possible through a Grow Grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund and support from Composting Association of Vermont, Vermont Community Garden Network, and the participation of UVM Extension Master Gardeners and Master Composters.

The plot fee includes the use of garden tools, hoses, tiller, carts, water, compost, and other materials. Again, due to Covid-19, we will not have a general information and registration meeting this year.

To sign up and reserve a plot, please send an email with your full name, address, and phone number to ludlowgarden@tds.net. A reply with instructions will be sent to all who contact us. Plots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, go to Facebook "Ludlow Area Community Garden" or call Gary MacIntyre at 802-228-7178, or Rosa Donohue at 802-228-7496.

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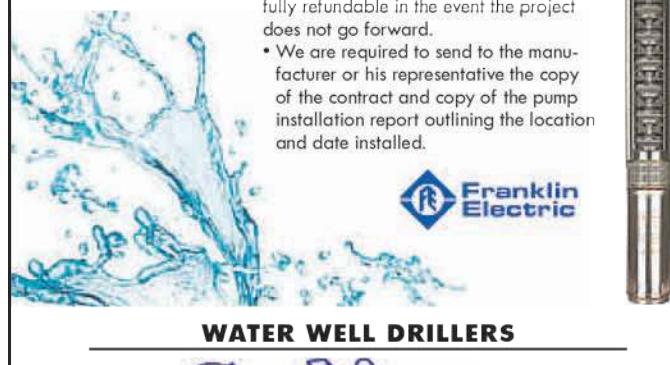
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Mr. Majestic

Kim Kendall is a classmate and friend of mine. This past January I paid him a visit. When I walked in, Kim said, "The eagles are out there today."

I got up to look. Sure enough there was a bald eagle in his field.

Two Vermont game wardens, Asa Sargent and Kyle Isherwood, bring Kim road-kill deer. They drag them out in Kim's field, maybe 200 feet from the house. Don't get excited; these are deer too mangled for human consumption. There are benefits in disposing the carcasses this way.

A deer lying off the side of the road will attract all species of animals that feed off the carcass — coyotes, foxes, crows and ravens, raccoons, and bald eagles. Here they can be hit by a car. By moving the carcass away from the road into the field, any threats from humans are eliminated. We can live our lives and the critters can live theirs.

Several times this winter when I've been at Kim's, I've tried to get photos of the eagles. These eagles have excellent eyesight. Even if I carefully sneak up to the kitchen window, the eagles would see me and fly away.

Scott Kendall, Kim's nephew, set up his game camera nearby. Scott got some great photos, which he emailed to me. The photo with this article is one of them. These are beautiful photos. Scott's game camera is much better than mine.

I don't remember Vermont having bald eagles in residence when I was a kid. It was in the 1980s, as I recall, when this majestic bird was reintroduced, at least in our area. I remember seeing my first eagle on Route 5, north of the toll bridge in Springfield. In years since, their numbers have increased.

You'll notice their heads and tails are not pure white. The head is white but has mottled brown feathers inter-



Two bald eagles feeding on a carcass.

PHOTO BY SCOTT KENDALL

mixed. It takes up to five years for an eagle to reach maturity, at which time their head and tail turn pure white. The eagles feeding at Kim's are mostly immature birds — although he has seen a couple adults. One day Kim had five eagles present.

The female eagle is larger than her male counterpart with a wingspan of six to seven feet. They are said to mate for life. The female will weigh about 12 pounds and the male about nine pounds. It is not uncommon for an eagle to live 20 years in the wild.

Along with the eagles, crows and ravens are regular diners. At night coyotes and foxes come in to feed. They drag off large bones to dine in privacy.

Kim and I often talk about the natural world and life's cycle. Kim told me that a deer carcass will completely disappear in a week or so — bones and all. So far this winter the game wardens have brought in three deer carcasses.

The cycle

When the birds and animals have eaten their fill, they return to the woods where they download in the woods. This benefits plants and trees providing a natural fertilizer. Bones too large to be eaten are scattered throughout the woods. These bones are eaten by insects. Nothing is wasted. Hard to be any greener or more natural, I say.

Kim is from a long line of

farmers and an old hippie. Sometimes I ask Kim a question why this or that works. Kim will shrug his shoulders and say in his Vermont drawl, "Weeell, I don't know, but it does." He doesn't need to know why it works. What he knows has been passed down from one generation to the next.

I was at Kim's this past weekend. I looked out the kitchen window. Nothing was left of the carcasses, but I noticed a new bluebird house on a post. Kim told me a bluebird won't move into a dirty house so you have to clean out the old nest every year, and that can be problematic.

Mark Dutton made the new birdhouse. Mark made it to easily open with hinges for cleaning. Kim says the bluebirds are back. Kim has also seen a phoebe. They like to build mud nests in his barn. Nature is welcome as long as they follow Kim's rules.

To see more of these photos, you can go online to www.VermontJournal.com. If you look online, you'll see an excellent photo showing the talons.

*This week's old saying:
"If the farmer fails, all will starve."*

Federal income tax return deadline postponed to May 17

REGION — Due to the unusual conditions related to the coronavirus pandemic, the IRS has postponed the due date for individuals to file 2020 federal income tax returns and make tax payments from Thursday, April 15 to Monday, May 17, 2021. Taxpayers will incur no interest, penalties, or additions to tax during this approximately one month relief period for any return or payment postponed under this relief provision.

The relief applies automatically to all taxpayers and no additional forms need to be filed to qualify for the relief. The new deadline applies to federal income tax payments for taxable year 2020, including payments of tax on self-employment income. It does not apply to estimated tax payments for 2021 that are due on April 15, 2021. There is no limit on the amount of tax that can be deferred.

Note that under this relief provision, no extension is provided for the payment or deposit of any other type of federal tax, or for the filing of any federal information return. The IRS urges taxpayers to check with their state tax agencies regarding state tax filing and payment deadlines.

Need more time? If you're not able to file your federal income tax return by the May due date, you can file for an extension by the May due date using IRS Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S.

Individual Income Tax Return. Filing this extension gives you an additional five months, until Oct. 15, 2021, to file your federal income tax return. You can also file for an automatic five-month extension electronically — details on how to do so can be found in the Form 4868 instructions. There may be penalties for failing to file or for filing late.

Filing for an extension using Form 4868 does not provide any additional time to pay your tax. When you file for an extension, you have to estimate the amount of tax you will owe and pay this amount by the May filing due date. If you don't pay the amount you've estimated, you may owe interest and penalties. In fact, if the IRS believes that your estimate was not reasonable, it may void your extension.

Tax refunds The IRS encourages taxpay-

ers seeking a tax refund to file their tax return as soon as possible, and to file electronically with direct deposit. The IRS issues most tax refunds within 21 days of the IRS receiving a tax return. However, the IRS has experienced delays in processing paper tax returns due to limited staffing during the coronavirus pandemic.

IRA contributions

Contributions to an individual retirement account (IRA) for 2020 can be made up to the due date, without regard to extensions, for filing the 2020 federal income tax return. The postponement of the 2020 tax filing due date by the IRS also generally extends the time to make IRA contributions for 2020 to May 17, 2021.

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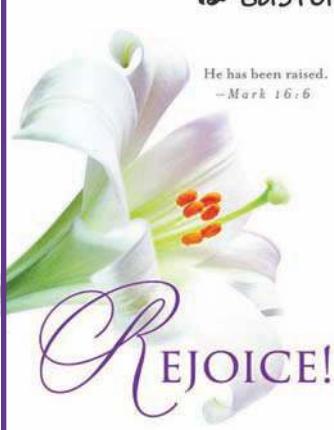
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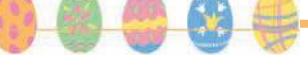
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Dear Editor,

Senior Solutions salutes our Vietnam veterans. As we celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day March 29, Senior Solutions would like to take the opportunity to recognize their service to our country and to their communities.

Veterans have a long and deep commitment to service. Through connecting with the American Legion and other veteran groups and individu-

als in the Vet-to-Vet Visitor Program, we can appreciate their strength of purpose, caring, and selfless contributions. These are men and women who continue far into retirement to exhibit the ideal of making the lives of others better. We are grateful to be allowed to work together with our veterans on the visitor programs. These volunteers are the most important part of

the projects.

So, if you are a Vietnam veteran and would like to continue to serve, please call our Help Line at 802-885-2669 and ask how you can join. In Windsor and Windham counties, the "Buddy System" is alive and well!

Sincerely,
Joann Erenhouse
Senior Solutions

Dear Editor,

I urge our state government not to support the current proposal, which would put the burden of the retirement shortfall on our teachers and state employees. The current teachers and state employees should not be responsible for the mismanagement of the retirement fund by prior state administrations.

Asking teachers and state employees to delay retirement for fewer benefits would create

a shortage of openings for new teachers and state employees, which would encourage young families to leave Vermont in order to find work.

Asking teachers and state employees to delay retirement for fewer benefits would leave older, higher-paid teachers and state employees in the classroom adding to the already skyrocketing costs of educating Vermont children and funding state programs.

Asking teachers and state employees to delay retirement for fewer benefits creates an atmosphere of resentment, which is not constructive for our children or our communities.

I hope our state government can use other funding sources to bridge the funding gap, and then act to protect the retirement system to avoid this funding shortfall in the future.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Leak
Cavendish, Vt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication.

Dear Chairman Biebel,

I am writing on behalf of the Vermont chapter of Native Fish Coalition to provide comments about simplifying Vermont's fishing regulations and protecting wild native brook trout.

Native Fish Coalition is a nonpartisan, grassroots, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and restoration of wild native fish. Founded in 2017, NFC has chapters in Alabama, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Wild native brook trout are a focal species for Vermont NFC.

Vermont's wild native brook trout are under stress from climate change and other factors. Streams and ponds that once held wild native brook trout are bereft of such. Other waters have been compromised by invasive species including baitfish, nonnative trout, and warm water gamefish. Additionally, fisheries biologists have noted shifts in land use, where riparian buffers are being removed to improve the landowner's view of a stream, removing critically important tree canopy. In short, habitat trends are challenging from the viewpoint of cold water fishery management. These and other trends suggest conservation of the fish themselves is a prudent course when considering this proposed rule.

Concerning the rule proposal: NFC's comments focus on an important feature of the rule change – reducing the daily limit. Twenty-two supported

it on brook trout in rivers and streams. We generally support the proposal to lower the daily limit on brook trout in rivers and streams, though the coalition raises two concerns.

First, NFC believes that a daily brook trout limit of six fish, consistent with the current six-fish limit for nonnative brown and rainbow trout, would be prudent. This has been VT NFC's consistent position over time; it supports conservation, is simple for anglers to understand, easily enforced, and easy to implement. And it comports with the department's goal of rule simplification.

Compared with other states, Vermont's current limit of 12 brook trout a day in rivers and streams is more than double that of the 15 of 22 states in the brook trout native range, and twice that of three others. The two highest states – Georgia and Massachusetts – have an eight fish limit, which is still 33% lower than Vermont. A better look at how Vermont compares to other states may be seen at www.nativefishcoalition.org/campaigns/2020/11/21/vermont-going-from-twelve-fish-to-eight-is-not-enough.

In late 2020, the Fish and Wildlife Department held "listening sessions" and collected public input. Twenty-six comments addressed the harvest limit. Twenty-two supported

reduced harvest, most of those recommending limiting harvest to six trout, not eight as is now being proposed.

Note that the department's proposal of eight fish a day for rivers and streams would still leave Vermont tied for the highest in the native range of brook trout.

NFC would also like to see the department begin discussions with stakeholders to produce a long-range plan specifically for Vermont's wild native brook trout. Such a plan would include policies for preserving or restoring habitat for Vermont's official cold water fish, brook trout, as well as other protective measures. Local conditions may warrant site-specific regulations in support of long-term conservation goals set forth in a plan, as district fishery biologists are well positioned to fine tune regulations for waters they know best via habitat assessment and frequent sampling of fish populations. VT NFC believes that a carefully formulated wild native brook trout plan would help optimize populations, protect habitat, and improve angler experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Chris Owen
Vermont State Chair, Native Fish Coalition

Fraud Watch Network: The numbers do not lie —

REGION – The numbers do not lie. While Covid-19 continues to cause financial and employment losses, scammers and con artists enjoy their most successful year on record. The number of scams reported, the number of victims, and the amount of money lost to fraud increased at a level higher and faster than during any other year for which records have been kept. This unprecedented success was witnessed in most areas of scamming: impersonation, online shopping, affinity scams, extortion, computer services – virtually every category of fraud identified by state and federal government as well as by nonprofit sources. There is no specific, single reason for this situation but all too frequently there is a connection to societal and individual responses to Covid-19. I have detailed many of the scams perpetrated and will offer some additional information today. At the risk of repetition, I offer the following suggestions:

It is impossible to stop identity theft. We need to admit that literally every piece of our personal information is available on the internet. From that admission, coupled with knowledge of the harm that can be done with that information, we must develop a viable self-defense plan.

Since personal information is readily available, our best proactive steps involve the establishment of credit freezes with the major credit bureaus, obtaining and reviewing credit reports, and examining bank, investment, credit card, and medical expense documents for accuracy.

The Federal Trade Commission recently announced the extension of unlimited free access to personal credit reports until April 2022. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com.

Remember the adage: "If it's too good to be true..." Use common sense and good judgement when dealing with anyone demanding an immediate commitment on the phone or online.

If you are a victim of a scam or a scam target, report it to state or federal agencies. Identity theft and scams are threats to everyone regardless of age, gender, education, or ethnicity. Scammers are truly equal opportunity criminals.

Current Covid-related scams

Scammers do not live in a vacuum. They are aware of stressful times and events in order to use them to their advantage. Most

Americans are likely aware of the recent legislation involving stimulus payments of up to \$1,400 per person, but most people do not know the details related to the payment. Con artists are taking advantage of this by impersonating government officials in calls, texts, and emails from a variety of agencies. They threaten loss of benefits, unpaid tax due, or simply want verification of personal information. Government agencies do not issue these alerts nor do they require personal information requested in an automated telephone call, or robocall.

A new series of Medicare scams developed calls on Medicare recipients to provide identification numbers, including Social Security numbers to the caller, or risk losing Covid-19 benefits. Again, government agencies do not use "cold call" or robocall techniques in this way.

Another recent adaptation to scams is the use of random, unsolicited telephone calls or text messages promoting financial assistance. Such calls may inform you that your automobile warranty is about to expire or that you are eligible for credit relief or consolidation. These offers carry messages that may be welcomed by those having financial difficulties due to Covid-19. Most frequently, these robocalls ask the recipient to "press 1 to speak to an agent."

Don't risk falling victim. These calls are illegal and the best action is to simply hang up. Any other behavior may be taken as your interest in random attempts to take money and personal information.

Another new tactic promotes opportunities to make money with investment opportunities. The offers promise guaranteed returns and no risk to investors. Such "opportunities" are illegal, prohibited by state and federal law. When solicited this way, your best approach is to immediately contact the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission or your state financial regulations department.

The world of scams and fraud exists in a constantly changing environment. Take time to educate yourself; it is your best defense.

Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, Mr. Scammer, distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, Vt. Contact egreenblott@aarp.org.

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by Linda Thistle

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CHURCH SERVICES

Harold J. Ramsey, 1932-2021

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Harold James Ramsey, 89, of Alstead, N.H., passed away peacefully March 26, 2021 at his home. Harold “Hass” was born March 7, 1932 in Walpole, N.H. to Perley and Josephine (Creamer) Ramsey.

Hass attended Walpole schools and worked in many different fields throughout his life. He often spoke with pride of his times working in the asphalt industry, water treatment facilities, and alongside his sons with Ramsey Mechanical. Hass also served in the United States Army as a shooting instructor.

Hass married Beatrice “Bette” (Harrington) Sept. 21, 1952. They were happily married for 66 years. This union proudly produced seven children Rhonda Ramsey of Maryland Heights, Mo., Rachael Ramsey of Saxtons River, Vt., Raymond Ramsey (Janice) of Plaistow, N.H., Russell Ramsey of Exeter, N.H., Rheta Ramsey Gray (Brian #3) of Spartanburg, S.C., Ross Ramsey of Alstead, N.H., and Robert Ramsey (Leigh) of Alstead, N.H. Hass had a nickname for each of his grandchildren: Trevor “TJ,” Trista “Millie,” Ross Michael “Perley,” Caitlin “Josie,” Jayson “Jake,” Kayden “Pinky,” Lauren “Ruby,” Jennah “Sadie.”

Doris M. Turco, 1924-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Doris M. Turco, 96, died Thursday morning, March 25, 2021 at the home of Robert and Susan Turco after a brief illness. She was born at Springfield Hospital Sept. 3, 1924 to Lauren and Charlotte (Renaud) Clark. Doris and her twin sister Dorothy were the first twins born at Springfield Hospital.

Doris attended schools in Springfield, graduating from Springfield High School with the Class of 1942. She married Walter R. Turco at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Springfield Oct. 9, 1944.

Doris enjoyed cooking and was especially well known for her delicious spaghetti and her donuts. She also enjoyed reading and sewing. She was a wonderful seamstress. She was a member of St. Joseph Parish of Chester.

Doris is survived by her son W. Robert Turco and his wife Susie of Chester and by her daughter Jane Milnes of Clarendon. She is survived by her beloved twin sister Dotty Pease of Springfield, sister Eleanor Swanson of Farmington, Conn., and brother Roger Clark of Rutland. Doris is also survived by her grandson Justin Turco and his wife Tammy, granddaughters Sara Yake and her husband John, and Hannah Monier and her husband Russell. She leaves her most beloved great-grandchildren Bro-



Harold J. Ramsey, 1932-2021.
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Jerred “Bear Man,” Mackenzie “Gracie,” and Jordyn “Hazel.” Great-grandchildren: Bryson “Buzz,” Ezio “Ziggy,” Dylan “Dill-Pickle,” Colby “Buzzard,” Camden “Raftus,” and Jackson “J-Rob.” Hass is also survived by his brother John Ramsey (Ruth) “phenomenal golfer” of Walpole, N.H.

He was predeceased by his wife Bette in 2018, his parents, his sister Gertrude, baby brother Charlie, and beloved grandson Cameron “Cam-Shaft.”

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a small impromptu memorial service with flag raising and 21 gun salute was held at the family compound Saturday, March 27, 2021.



Doris M. Turco, 1924-2021.
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die and Shiloh Yake, Molly and Maggie Turco, and Kyle and Jeb Monier, and many nieces and nephews.

Doris was predeceased by her husband Walter in 2003, her son Michael in 1980, by her parents, and by her siblings, sisters Elizabeth (Betty) Babson and Evelyn Carley, and brothers Luther, Robert, and Norman Clark.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice; Springfield Hospital, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Springfield, VT 05156; or Grace Cottage Hospital, 185 Grafton Rd., Townshend, VT 05353.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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

On Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Maundy Thursday service. A Good Friday Stations of the Cross service will take place April 2 at 2:30 p.m. A Sunday Sunrise service April 4 will start at 8:30 a.m. at Ascutney Outdoors. The Easter Sunday service will follow at 9:30 a.m. at the Church. Attendance will be limited on first come, first service basis. Masks and social distancing are required. Or stream services online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillemethodistchurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd. Springfield, Vt.

Please join us online for a joint service with the Weathersfield Center Church Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. The live Zoom service will be “Resurrection is the Way of the World: An Easter

Celebration” with Mellen Kennedy and Will Hunter. You’re invited to stay for a virtual coffee hour after the service. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853>.



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Dottie Bergquist, 1930-2021

ANDOVER, Vt. – Dottie (Dorothy) Bergquist of Andover, Vt., passed away at home March 26, 2021. Dottie was born to Erwin and Edith Libbey Jan. 22, 1930, in Springfield, Mass. Her family moved to Vermont when she was a child, and she has lived in Vermont and New Hampshire since. She married Everett Thurston of Roxbury in 1949. In 1968, she married Reino Bergquist of Andover to whom she was married for nearly 53 years.

Dottie worked at various places, including Readex in Chester, the Vermont Country Store in Weston, several area restaurants, and as a private care companion for several families. She was a 4-H leader in both Randolph and Andover for many years, teaching cooking, and she was active in the Andover Community Church. Her accomplishments in the world may have been few, but her accomplishments in life were huge; she loved many and was loved by many more.

Dottie is survived by her husband Reino and their children Everett Thurston Jr. (Roxbury, Vt.), Gary Thurston (Belgrade, Mont.), Glenna Thurston (Westminster, Vt.), Laurie O’Connor (Chester, Vt.) and her husband Ken, and Nicole Kann (Pueblo, Colo.) and her husband Joshua. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-



Dottie Bergquist, 1930-2021.
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grandchild, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by close friends Phyllis Maxham of Roxbury and Alice Lindquist of Andover.

Dottie is predeceased by her parents, all eight of her siblings, an infant son William, and one grandchild Shoshanna Welch of Colorado.

A celebration of life will be held April 24, 2021 at the Andover Community Church, a time to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dottie’s name to the Andover Community Church, 2625 Simonsville Rd., Andover, VT 05143, or the Epilepsy Foundation of America, 8301 Professional Place, Landover, MD 20785.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Nancy M. Martel, 1934-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Nancy M. Martel, 86, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away March 22, 2021 with her daughters Terri and Conn by her side and Patti guiding her way to heaven.

Nancy was born June 20, 1934 in Rutland, Vt., daughter of Raymond W. and Marguerite (McCuin) Martel. She graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt., Class of 1952. She attended Becker Junior College in Holyoke, Mass. On Aug. 3, 1957, she married Robert G. Gilbert in Ludlow.

She worked at Deering High School and Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine; Readex Newsbank in Chester for over 11 years; Black River Produce Deli in Proctorsville; and finally



Nancy M. Martel, 1934-2021.
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Dunkin Donuts in Ludlow when she was in her 70s.

She is survived by her two daughters Terri Laskevich of Ludlow, Conn. Gilbert and Tom Emerson of Ludlow; two grandchildren Caitlyn Laskevich and Sean Laskevich; five great-grandchildren Damion, Jace, Lilly, Raelynn, and Piper; and 14 of 17 nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents; siblings Gerald R. Martel, Mary E. Barvoets, and Patricia A. Kirkbride; her daughter Patti Andrews; and granddaughter Kelsey Laskevich.

Services will be held at a later date after the snow is gone. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

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Dorothy L. Grover, 1932-2021

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Dorothy L. Grover, 88, passed away Thursday morning, March 25, 2021 at Covenant Place in Sumter, S.C. She was born Nov. 28, 1932 in New York City, N.Y., the daughter of Fritz and Alice (Sundgren) Lindgren. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1950.

On Aug. 23, 1952, she married Clarence N. “Sonny” Grover in Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her March 22, 2014.

Dorothy was employed at Jones and Lamson Machine Tool Co in the data processing department for 34 years. She was later employed with Vermont Precision Products and worked at the Regional Post Office in White River Jct., Vt.

She served on the Selectboard for the town of Weathersfield, Vt. She played a vital part in saving the Salmon Covered Bridge in Weathersfield and was a member of the West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department auxiliary. She lived most of her life in the Springfield, Weathersfield area, relocating to Sumter, S.C. in 2019.

Dorothy enjoyed maintaining her flowerbeds, gardening, and keeping up with her large extended family. She was a member of the Bow Baptist Church from 2008-2019.

She is survived by two sons Richard G. Grover of Memphis, Tenn. and Mathew J. Grover of Bentonville, Ariz.; one daughter Mary M. Hankins and her husband Dale of Sumter, S.C.;



Dorothy L. Grover, 1932-2021.
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one sister Donna White and her husband Tom of Danvers, Mass.; four grandsons Austin Grover, Reese Hankins, Dylan Grover, and Drew Hankins; sister-in-laws Florence Lindgren, Rachel Brown, and Esther Ballou; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by four sisters Margery Molesky, Erma Haley, Lois Leary, and Roberta Griswold.

A graveside service will be held June 7, 2021 at 1 p.m. in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bow Baptist Church, 1102 VT Route 5, Springfield, VT 05156, or to Dublin Christian Academy, 106 Page Rd., Dublin, NH 03444.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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Any old Vermont sugarhouses out there?

REGION – Vermont sugarhouses are a vanishing landmark and with them their history is at risk of being permanently lost.

A statewide network of sugar-making enthusiasts have organized a project to create a comprehensive and descriptive list of all sugarhouses in Vermont with a focus on the oldest

sugarhouses.

Once the list is complete, the project team will interview sugar-making families and photograph Vermont sugarhouses. This visual and documented history will be made available for future review and use. The final outcome will be the creation of a photo book to showcase these architectural legacies and landmarks.

The Vermont Division for Historical Preservation makes available barn

preservation grants. If you own a historical agricultural building, and sugarhouses have qualified in the past, you may be eligible to apply for a barn grant to assist with the cost of repairing and maintaining the structure.

For more information about the project, and to add to the lists of active, inactive, and abandoned sugarhouses, go to www.sugarhousevermont.com.

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A great parcel of land consisting of 17.8+/- acres facing west offers views with clearing. Located on a quiet country road in an area of fine homes (they call the road Skyline Drive for a reason). Current access off a shared driveway (ROW) or develop your own. Utilities on the road. Great access to the Upper Valley or any points off I-91. \$159,900

Beautiful 3 acre parcel in Weathersfield with easy access to the Golf course, hiking, trails and much more. This surveyed parcel has state Water & Wastewater permits filed with the town of Weathersfield. Electrical service availability is at the road. Lovely location awaits your house plans. \$80,000

This 3+/- acre parcel is located towards North Springfield with frontage on the Black River and Spoonerville Brook. A large portion of the property is cleared with some wooded area for buffer. A nice sunny location. \$35,000



Rural Living with all the extras. This three bedroom contemporary offers two floors of living space with walk-in first floor entry with 2+ car garage, mudroom, family room with wood-burning stove, den and 3/4 bath. The upgraded main floor offers a bright, functional kitchen with island and wine fridge, open concept to the dining/living area, master bedroom with walk-in closet and bath, office, two more bedrooms and a laundry/bath. Outside offers a new deck, patio, screened porch with hot tub, 4+/- acres with woods, garden space, mini apple grove and a shed for storage. \$329,000



Bright and Pleasant. This two bedroom home offers a large open concept living area with post & beam and pellet stove. The kitchen has been remodeled to include extra cabinets and workspace, bathroom with bathfitter tub, sliders to the deck. Daylight basement offers laundry area. Detached garage for added storage. Located near the end of an established neighborhood. \$129,900



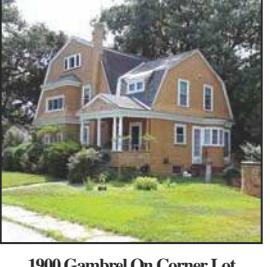
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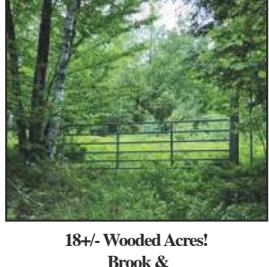
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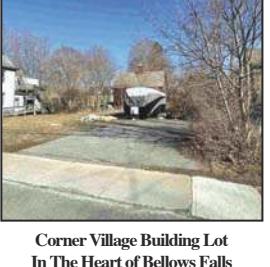
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CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library celebrates National Library Week from April 4-10, 2021. This important week highlights the essential role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to Your Library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use them.

As a thank you to all our patrons, Whiting Library will be handing out a coupon for a free book from our book sale for every checkout request for Front Porch Pick Up this week.

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There are two special days during National Library Week we want to highlight. First is April 6, which is Library Workers Day. On Library Workers Day, the staff of Whiting will put our feet up and take a spa day – just kidding, we'll be doing the work we love in the library as usual! You can celebrate Library Worker Day by telling us your stories about helpful, informative, or fun interactions you have had with Whiting staff. We would love to hear how the library staff has helped you out in whatever small way.

You can fill out a form on our front porch or website, or just send us an email – or letter – with your story. The second special day is Library Giving Day on April 7. Library Giving Day is a one-day online fundraising push to help the library reach our annual \$18,000 fundraising goal. This is essential money we use to purchase books and resources, subscribe to online services, offer engaging programs, feed the fish, and so much more. We are deeply grateful for all of the community members who make the library run with your donations each year. Consider making Library Giving Day your chance to honor the library by using the yellow donation button on our homepage at www.whitinglibrary.org. We are looking forward to celebrating this special week with you!

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8	6	5	4	3	9	2	7	1
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2	5	8	7	1	3	9	6	4
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King Crossword

Answers

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Free webinar on Creating Quests for Waterways

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — The Springfield Town Library will presents a free webinar on how to write a waterway "quest" in the style of the 160-plus Valley Quests compiled by Vital Communities, a White River Junction-based nonprofit.

"Learn to Write a Waterway Quest," a hands-on webinar with Vital Communities' Sandy Gmur, takes place Thursday, April 8, from 7-8 p.m., sponsored by the library and the Black River Action Team. Participants can bring ideas for a waterway quest of their own and will work with Gmur and their fellow participants to create quests that could be added to Vital Communities' quest directory. All ages are welcome. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/learn-to-write-a-waterway-quest-tickets-141475469939.

Valley Quests are treasure hunts set in special locations around the Upper Valley. Each quest follows a unique set of clues that teach you about a place's ecology, wildlife, and history while leading to a "treasure box" with a special stamp and log book for you to sign. But they're not restricted to dry land! Wetlands, streams, and lakes are also among the special 160-plus Upper Valley places that quests explore.

Having moved to the Upper Valley two years ago, Gmur said she has found quests invaluable activities to help her get to know her new communities. With so many beautiful bodies of wa-

ter throughout the Connecticut River watershed, using a canoe or kayak is a great way to introduce people to these special places, she said.

Quests can help people appreciate a precious natural asset, said Kelly Stettner, director of the Black River Action Team. "Our wa-



Create a waterway quest.

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area, you can help visitors as well as residents responsibly explore and come to appreciate these fascinating and sometimes overlooked gems. Awareness of a river or lake is a first step toward appreciation and a desire to help keep it clean and healthy, fully functional for humans as well as for wildlife."

For more information on how to make your own quest, go to www.vitalcommunities.org/valleyquest/make-a-quest.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Duke Enterprises, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown dated October 14, 1970 and recorded on October 21, 1970 in Book 31 at Page 148 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102023; 2242 North Main Street.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Barton Coburn by Warranty Deed of Milton Thomas Coburn, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded on June 2, 2017 in Book 79 at Pages 766-767 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019009-502; 911 address: 61 Coburn Way.)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Shaun G. Zaro and Kelly Ann Zaro by Warranty Deed of Roy C. Zaro, dated October 18, 1990 and recorded in Book 48 at Page 252 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019001; Approximately 1.1 +/- acres of land on west side of Lowell Lake Road.)

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LEGAL NOTICES

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association trail closures —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. — The Holden Trail and parking lot are closed from Friday, March 26 through Saturday, April 10 to limit trail damage and reduce mud season damage to Windmill

Hill Road North. The Cascade and Radford-Smith Trails remain closed to hikers and bikers until April 15 as part of the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association's habitat management plan. Most other trails on Pin-

nacle lands are open for visitors – please wear masks and observe social distancing. The Pinnacle cabin and outhouse are closed due to Covid-19 concerns. WHPA thanks hikers and bikers for their understanding.

Vermont trout season to open

MONTPELIER, Vt. —

Vermont's traditional trout fishing season opens Saturday, April 10, and despite lingering snow cover, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season while following Covid-19 safety precautions.

"Just like any other time of year, anglers fishing early in the spring should adjust their tactics based on conditions," said State Fisheries Biologist Shawn Good. "Trout will become more active with warmer water temperatures, and despite an

early spring, most streams and rivers are still quite cold. But if you can find a good location and present your bait or lure without spooking the trout, you can enjoy getting outside and you have a good chance of catching a few fish."

"Finding a small to medium low-elevation river or stream that is not too murky from spring runoff can be key. Trout are cold-blooded and may be slow to bite especially with low water temperatures, so it's important that they can also see your bait, lure, or fly."

Larger baits can often be more effective for enticing early-season trout into biting. Trout will often hold close to the bottom in the deeper areas of streams during high flow conditions to conserve energy. Choose locations and tactics that allow you to fish using a slow retrieval right along the bottom. Focus on deep holes behind current breaks created by big boulders, downed trees or logjams where trout may be resting. Approach the hole from downstream as trout will often orient themselves facing the current.

While Vermont offers excellent and diverse fishing opportunities for wild trout, stocking also occurs in many streams and rivers where wild trout populations are low or absent. This generally happens between May and June each year following spring runoff.

"Early in the season, like on opening weekend, you'll probably have more success if you focus on waters known to hold wild trout," said Good. "Despite unpredictable weather during early spring, each year anglers report catching impressive trout during opening weekend."

Anglers who like to fish and release their catch don't need to wait for opening day. There are year-round catch-and-release fishing opportunities for trout and bass in Vermont. See page 31 of the 2021 Vermont Fishing Guide and Regulations for a list of rivers open to year-round trout fishing. The guide is available from license agents and it is at www.eregulations.com/vermont/fishing.

The guide is a helpful tool for planning a fishing trip as it includes maps showing rivers and lakes, as well as fishing access areas and public lands for fishing and hunting. It also lists the fish species found in each body of water.

The Fish & Wildlife Department urges anglers to use good judgment to keep everyone safe and reduce the spread of the coronavirus:

- Drive to your fishing spots only with your immediate family members and only if everyone is feeling well.
- When fishing from shore, keep a distance of at least six feet between you and your companions. A good way to measure this is with your fishing pole!
- Don't share fishing gear with others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean your gear well after using it.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water after fishing.

For information about staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/covid-19-related-information.

LEGAL NOTICES

APRIL 3 –

WALPOLE, N.H. – Easter Pie Sale in front of the Walpole, N.H. Post Office, Saturday, April 3, from 9 a.m. until gone. Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Walpole. Whole pies and other baked goods available.

APRIL 3-4 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Easter Bake Sale Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Holy Name of Mary, Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot St. in Ludlow.

APRIL 7 –

REGION – AARP Vermont is offering a series of free virtual presentations on consumer fraud. On April 7 is "Operation Protect Veterans: Defending Against an Invasion of Scammers," a program similar to "Weapons of

Fraud" but with a focus on scams directed against veterans and their benefits.

This presentation provides resource information, describes how to recognize the crimes, and explains techniques to avoid victimization. Two presentations are offered at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Contact Elliott Greenblott, AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Coordinator, at egreenblott@aarp.org.

APRIL 13 –

CHESTER, Vt. – Southern Vermont Astronomy Groups April monthly meeting is Tuesday,

April 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Peter Mulhall will be presenting on the measurement controversy of the Hubble constant and its relationship to dark energy. Visit their website for Zoom information.

MONDAYS –

REGION – "Nurturing

Skills for Families in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy? It's probably the toughest job you will ever have, and sometimes it can be pretty overwhelming. You are not alone! Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

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 don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

THURSDAYS –

REGION – "Circle of Parents in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy? It's probably the toughest job you will ever have, and sometimes it can be

pretty overwhelming. You are not alone! Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

REGION – "Circle of Parents for Grandparents" is an online mutual self-help support group aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

Share your event with us!

calendar@vermontjournal.com

**TOWN HIGHWAY CREW
CAVENDISH, VERMONT**

The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a full-time Highway Department crew member. This position has a competitive wage and excellent benefits package.

Applicants are required to have current CDL, good driving and work records and must be in good physical health. Solid experience in construction and heavy equipment operation, including dump truck operation, is essential. This is a permanent position with retirement plan. A comprehensive job description is available to serious applicants.

Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:

**Brendan McNamara, Town Manager
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building
37 High Street, P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, Vermont 05142
(802) 226-7291**

Cavendish is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**Town of Springfield, Vermont
Massey Road Box Culvert RFP**

The Town of Springfield is requesting construction proposals for the replacement of an existing drainage structure located on Massey Road in Springfield, VT. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals clearly marked "Massey Road Box Culvert RFP", no later than 2:15 p.m., Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Contact Lois Smith, Office Manager or Jeff Strong, Public Works Director, Town of Springfield for a copy of the RFP at 802-886-2208 or it can be obtained by emailing dpwjeff@vermontel.net.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
INVITATION TO BID
2021 SIDEWALKS**

The Town of Springfield Vermont is accepting sealed bids from qualified contractors for the above referenced work.

Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Jeffery F. Strong, Public Works Director at dpwjeff@vermontel.net or 802-886-2059. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "2021 Sidewalk Bid".

Bid Submission: Bids can be mailed:

Town Manager
"2021 Sidewalk Bid"
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Bid Deadline: Thursday April 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Bid Opening: via zoom, immediately following deadline. All who received bid documents will be provided a zoom link the day before the opening deadline.

The Town of Springfield, Vermont reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed in the best interest to the Town of Springfield. The Town of Springfield also reserves the right to make any modifications in any bid if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Springfield as well as the right to waive any formality.

**HELP WANTED
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking two (2) highly motivated individuals

MAINTENANCE WORKER I
(1) Full-Time – Permanent Position

Desired candidate must have the ability to perform heavy manual labor and tasks requiring physical strength, coordination and dexterity. Strenuous physical effort is demanded in walking, bending, standing and lifting of heavy tools and materials. Often requires repetitive activities requiring limited skill and training. Use of equipment used on streets, water & sewer utilities when necessary, cemeteries and other town properties. The Maintenance Worker I position is supervised by the Public Works Director or the Highway Superintendent, or their designee and may be required to work independently on occasion. Requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator's license is required. Grade 11 A – 11 D at \$14.64 to \$16.43 per hour depending upon experience and union position with healthcare and retirement benefits.

Transfer – Recycling Attendant
(1) Part-Time – Position

Town of Springfield, VT has an opening for a Part-Time Transfer – Recycling Attendant at the Transfer – Recycling Center. This is a 20-hour per week position, Mondays for 4 hours, Wednesdays and Saturdays for 8 hours per days. Starting pay is \$11.75 per hour with no benefits. Candidate must be able lift 25 to 50 Lbs. while working with the Trash Compactor and "Team Lifting" of more than 50 Lbs., Candidate will be walking 10%, bending 25%, standing 40% and lifting 25% of the day. This is an outside, all year around position. In addition, candidate should have established good work habits including punctuality, dependability, and be able to follow directions. Position also requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator's license is desired and the ability to interact positively with the public.

Send cover letter, resume and applications to the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, or email to: tosh@vermontel.net. Applications and complete job descriptions may be picked up at the Town Office Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM by calling the Human Resources Department ahead at (802) 885-2104 or downloaded and viewed from the Town's website https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/. All applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. E.O.E.

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GMUSD School Board

Has an Immediate Opening

The Green Mountain Unified School Board (GMUSD) seeks two Cavendish Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 1st 2022. The Board meets regularly, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

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

**BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, April, 5, 2021 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021.

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

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

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

NOTICE

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 961(a), the Selectboard of the Town of Plymouth hereby gives notice of a vacancy created in the office of a Lister.

The Selectboard is placing this advertisement requesting interested individuals to be interviewed to fill this vacancy. The person appointed will serve until a Town election is held for said position.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit your resume to the Town Clerk, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056 or by emailing same to clerk@plymouthvt.org at your earliest convenience. Applications are due by Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Additional information pertaining to this Notice and its contents may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, 802-672-3655 during normal office hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dated: March 24, 2021

WARNING
**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021 ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Ludlow Independent School (formerly Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District#39), Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

FLOOR VOTE OF ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are warned to meet in the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
Lyza Gardner
Jeanice Garfield
Paul Orzechowski
Lois Perliah

David Clark, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Board Clerk
James Rumrill
Sarah Vogel
Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

**Mount Holly Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
April 21, 2021**

The Mount Holly Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on April 21, 2021 via Zoom to consider an Application for a Minor Subdivision, #2021-01.

Property Owner: Andrzej and Teresa Bolalek

Property Location: 4623 Route 155

Application for: Minor Subdivision of 23.19 Acre lot into two lots (21.14 acres, 2.04 acres)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82190711208?pwd=SzMyQWRROHp6d3IwOWFib24zZmVDdz09>

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 821 9071 1208

Passcode: 646559

Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the web site: <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/>

Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) in advance of the hearing to Mount Holly Planning Commission at planningcomm@mounthollyvt.org or mail to Mount Holly Planning Commission at P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758.

Get Thrifty



Spring is officially here, and now is the time when everyone starts to clean house.

This is a great opportunity to DONATE to your local thrift stores and food shelves. And if you're looking for something NEW TO YOU, check out some GREAT FINDS at your local nonprofit.

"We are here to help"

37B Main St, Ludlow, VT 05149
Hours: Monday-Friday,
10 AM-3 PM
Phone: 802-228-3663
www.brgn.org



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BRGNS, your community food shelf

LUDLOW, Vt. — As a long-standing local, nonprofit organization, Black River Good Neighbor Services is all about serving community. If you live in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville, or Plymouth we are your community's resource for food and more.

The food shelf provides in-

dividuals and families with an abundance of fresh produce, vegetables, meat, bread, frozen foods and more, and can be used twice a month. Sign up is quick and easy – all can be done confidentially over the phone. Pickup is offered safely outside.

Several food programs are available through BRGNS

food shelf. As a USDA Program provider, folks can pick up full bags of food including fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs, twice a month. A network member of the Vermont Food Bank, the food shelf participates in the federal nutrition program entitled "Commodities Supplemental Food Program" that offers

free monthly boxes of food filled with canned fruits and vegetables, juice, cereal, pasta, cheese, shelf-stable milk, and canned meats.

A relatively new food program, "Everyone Eats" is now being offered. Local restaurants prepare meals to go that are handed out from the food shelf every Wednesday from

10 a.m. – noon. This program has been a huge success and continues to grow. It is available for all of our community members – Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville, and Plymouth.

ties, and heating and disaster relief assistance are all included. Your community supports these services. Please help spread the word to those who may need a helping hand, an extra meal, or ongoing assistance with weekly groceries. The food shelf may be reached at 802-228-3663.

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2021 Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships open to applicants

REGION — The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students in recognition of volunteered time and talent. These scholarships are open to students in communities served by the Crown Point Board of Realtors – Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester,

Clarendon, Grafton, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Weston, and West Windsor.

The Crown Point Board of Realtors awards \$1,000 to two deserving students. The students may be 2021 high school

graduates, homeschoolers, returning college students, previous recipients returning to upper classes, or adult students continuing their education in a two- or four-year college program. While the course of study is not restricted in any way, applicants must have a strong history of volunteer

community service.

Applications and information for the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are available at your local high school or by contacting Helen Wachtel at 802-275-3902. The deadline to submit applications for these scholarships is Monday, May 3, 2021. Selections will be

announced in June.

The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are given in honor of Sammy Pierce, who is remembered as one of the most generous, thoughtful realtors in Windsor County. His generous character and the impact he made on his community are honored by this annual schol-

arship. Those wishing to make a contribution to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund are encouraged. Donations may be sent to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund, Crown Point Board of Realtors, c/o Rachael Hyjek, Treasurer, Engel & Volkers, 126 Main Street, Suite 1A, Ludlow, VT 05149.



**Get the facts
about the
COVID-19 vaccine.
AARP has the
latest information.**



AARP is working to protect Americans 50+ by making sure you have the latest information you need about the COVID-19 vaccines and the distribution plans in Vermont.

Find out who's eligible for the vaccine, when and where vaccines will be available and what you need to discuss with your doctor before you decide.

Just visit our website to get the most up-to-date information available about your vaccine options.

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccine availability and distribution in Vermont at aarp.org/VTvaccine