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FM Scholarship Fund furthers your education

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. – Established in 1969, the Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund is one of the longest-running high school scholarship funds in the region. Serving the Fall Mountain Regional High School district, the organization has grown and adapted through several changes over the years with various affiliations, ultimately awarding over \$3 million in funds to 1,500-plus deserving students over a 52-year span.

Originally, the organization operated as a chapter of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of the Fall Mountain Regional School District, and some area residents may recall students and parents collecting funds door-to-door under the moniker “Dollars for Scholars.” Initially, funds were raised to help build what is now the FMRHS school building in Langdon, N.H., before transitioning into raising funds to help FMRHS students continue their education after graduation.

“It will not be surprising to many in our community that the original driving force in funds came from the always generous and humble, extended Hubbard family,” Garrison Macri, himself a Fall Mountain graduate and now a FMSF board member, said in a recent interview. Garrison’s late father, Greg Macri, was also a key figure in the ongoing efforts and development of the FMSF for many years.

“Oliver and Austin Hubbard established endowment funds, as well as an endowment with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, that are administered by the FMSF. Every year, several individuals and groups request that the scholarship fund administer scholarships on their behalf.”

The FMSF also recently became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, now operating under an authorized governing board with the mission to provide important scholarships to those students who are looking to continue their education.

Two important members of



The Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund is one of the longest-running high school scholarship funds in the region. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

the board include Rich Nalevankois and Randy Rhoades. Nalevankois is the board’s longest serving member and Rhoades is a key figure in reviewing, managing, and selecting scholarship recipients. The all-volunteer board continues to expand and the “awards committee” remains a vital aspect of the organization, which works closely with the FMRHS counseling department, including Nate Bisson and former counseling department leader, Lisa Ranauro.

“FMSF is an exceptional contributor to the post-secondary success of our graduates,” Bisson said. “Their efforts create a lasting impact on so many students and we are grateful for all they do.”

The group currently manages awarding the Hubbard funds administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Funds, which are funds raised in part by FMSF. A group of FMRHS alumni are also organizing the school alumni database and will be launching the Fall Mountain Alumni Association in order to promote knowledge, fundraising, internships, mentoring, and networking.

“We need to digitalize our efforts and communications for today’s world,” Macri added. “We want to inspire students of all ages to keep learning and growing through education, and are hoping these efforts may lead to

other platforms such as blogs, e-newsletters, educational podcasts, and more. While of course, still holding on to our core values, we need to also adjust with these fast-moving and challenging times.”

The bottom line is that the FMSF wants to inspire those students and graduates of any age, to envision and believe that they can do anything they aspire to, and then go and achieve it! With this vision in the forefront, helping FMRHS students and alumni to access further education will lead to more successful lives and thriving communities.

“We want to remind students and parents that so many special young people have graduated from FMRHS and gone on to make incredible contributions to their communities, both locally and abroad,” Macri concluded. “FMSF can play an important part in helping our communities through advanced education, for it is a key way to help navigate the challenges ahead.”

Scholarship applicants should contact the FMRHS counseling department, and donations can be made to The Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund, Inc., C/O Fall Mountain Regional High School, 134 FMRHS Road, Langdon, NH 03602.

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Rockingham discussed the Depot Street Bridge

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, May 18 the Rockingham Selectboard discussed the Depot Street Bridge.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup explained some of the cost updates for the off-alignment steel bridge option, including \$597,000 for a new pedestrian bridge and \$230,000 for relocation of utilities.

The town is considering four options for Depot Street Bridge replacement, which span in price from approximately \$400,000 to upwards of \$1.4 million, each with different timeframes for canal shutdown. Only option two, the off-alignment bridge, would include a separate pedestrian bridge.

Pickup said there were competitive annual state grants for pedestrian improvements and this would be eligible in-

frastructure that might help offset costs for the new pedestrian bridge.

Rick Cowan asked if they were “rolling the dice” on the extended scarcity events. In a previous meeting, Scott Burbank, project manager of Vanasse Hangen Bruslin, explained that if ISO New England needed Great River Hydro to make more power due to a scarcity event, charges of \$120,000 per hour would be added to the project cost.

Pickup said contract language was important, “As a municipality we can’t have an unlimited exposure” to the risks for the fines associated with a scarcity event.

Susan Hammond wondered which option would offer the lowest impact on the canal walls.

Casey Cota of Cota & Cota spoke that commerce and good common sense would lead the town to an off-alignment bridge, which was his original design. Five years ago, Cota had spoken to Chip Stearns, the manager at that time, about the constraints

on tractor trailers getting on and off the island. He said if the island was being designed for more commercial business, the road was not big enough for the 53-foot trailers to make the turning radius to the right.

Cota said, “My hope for the board... keep in mind what traffic is going to be sixty years from now.”

He said currently Cota & Cota has 103 employees with over fifty driving the bridges every day. They get 10-12 truckloads daily and also supply fuel for both the town and village.

Cota reminded the board that if the dam went down and either turbines or large transformers needed to be replaced, the island needed truck access. He noted the town would have to build a temporary bridge to divert tractor trailer traffic, costing a half million to a million dollars. He said by choosing the off-alignment bridge, it might save money long term for the town on the

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JC’s Market grand opening Memorial Day Weekend

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Shopper

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – JC’s Market and Deli, located on Main Street in North Springfield, will host their grand opening Friday, May 28. A month earlier, the new owners, the Clafin Family, announced the purchase of the former Morse’s Market property on Facebook and the community buzz was instant. John Clafin, his wife Joey, and their two daughters Taylor, 15, and Gracie, 12, are excited to bring this family business into town.

John Clafin, a firefighter with Springfield Fire Department for 19 years, has always loved community relations. He used to work at his uncle’s convenience store as well as operating Jackson’s Dream food stand with his father at Wellwood Orchards and regional fairs. While he will continue both at the fire department and Jackson’s Dream, he felt this year was the perfect opportunity to pursue one of his dreams to open his own market.

Joey has run a registered home-based childcare center for the last 16 years, and started the pre-K program this school year. At the end of her day with the children at Happy Feet, she will help with the odds and ends tasks that need to be done in the store. “She’s excited to see the potential this store has to offer,” John said. Joey is also excited to work with the people coming on board; “They will become our community family.”

The location in North Springfield was perfect because it had potential to expand, but it was also well

situated in the community, especially being so close to the industrial park. Clafin aspires to make the market a destination as well as a community hub where customers will feel more like family.

Many members of the Clafin family have been involved over the past year with opening the market. His parents have helped behind the scenes with shuttling Taylor and Gracie – both high-achieving students and dedicated dancers – to their extra-curricular activities. His father has also helped with cleaning the store while his mother helped to set up the kitchen and deli. His sister and her family have also pitched in. In all, John says that at least 10 family members have been fully involved in the market.

“My job is to shoot for the sky,” says John. “Their job is to rein me back in.”

Family, like community, is an extremely important value to the Clafins, which is why they invite customers to share their suggestions. It’s also why they will be closing earlier on Sundays so they can spend time together.

JC’s Market and Deli will offer a full meat case, a full deli with meats and cheese sold by the pound, as well as made-to-order grinders – made with cabbage instead of lettuce for a little crunch. There will also



Gracie, Taylor, Joey, and John Clafin.

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be a cooler with easy to-go options of sandwiches and wraps, salads, burgers, hot dogs, pastas, and more. For those looking to grab a quick breakfast, they will have breakfast sandwiches as well as bacon and eggs and other standard breakfast fare. The market will also have standard convenience store offerings including a selection of wine and beer, milk, eggs, bread, and other staple groceries.

A unique offering not to be missed is their fresh-squeezed lemonade, which will be made in-person for customers to see.

JC’s Market & Deli will be open Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Masks will still be required for the time being and curbside pickup can be arranged by calling 802-886-5500. The market is handicap accessible at the School Street entrance. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/JCs-Market-Deli-100143205569206.

Main Street Arts planning come back

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Since 1988, Main Street Arts has been a mainstay on Main Street in Saxtons River. They opened in the building housing the former Odd Fellows Hall and have expanded over the years. First primarily a youth program, they offered art and dance classes under long-time Director Mary Hepburn. They added adult classes, concerts, and other events in their 100-seat theater.

Starting with the musical “Two Gentlemen from Verona” in 1998, they began producing a musical every year. Featuring Gilbert and Sullivan operettas,

they eventually presented them all. In 2014, David Stern became artistic director in anticipation of Hepburn’s retirement. Stern became known for his production of big scale Broadway musicals. He started with “Les Miz” in their own theater. Then he moved to the Bellows Falls Opera House in 2016 with “Sweeney Todd,” which returned community theater to the Opera House after a long hiatus. “Jesus Christ Superstar” followed the next year and “Chicago” the following year.

While continuing mostly adult classes and presenting art exhibits in recent years, MSA became known mostly for its big Broadway productions. “Caba-

ret” was scheduled to open at the Opera House March 13, 2020. The Covid pandemic caused it to be “postponed” on March 11. MSA ran a few online programs, but on July 7, 2020 they were forced to “go dormant,” laying off their three employees, including Artistic Director Stern.

As of April 1 this year, MSA has reemerged with a number of new board members, including new co-chairs Gina Cote and Susan Still. Still says, “A lot has changed in 31 years.” She points out that, “We don’t have as many children, and kids have a lot

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Bellows Falls passes budget at annual meeting

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Monday, May 17, roughly 30 people, including village staff, attended the Bellows Falls village annual meeting held in the Lower Theater of the Opera House and via Zoom.

Moderator Paul Obuchowski outlined Robert's Rules and quoted longtime moderator, Michael Harty, "We arrived as neighbors and friends, and we will leave as such."

Village President Deborah Wright announced the 2021 report was dedicated to Geraldine "Gerry" Harty, born Nov. 21, 1918, and who has lived for 103 years on the same block. Gerry married Norman in 1943 and raised three sons, Michael, Dennis, and Thomas. Gerry has survived two pandemics, witnessed the building of the dam, and "is one special lady."

Dennis Harty thanked the Trustees on behalf of his entire family for the dedication to his mother. He also commented, "This book should have the actual [numbers] in here... I don't know how you can create or ask us to vote on a budget without knowing what we spent last year." He expressed his hopes that it would be different next year.

Doug McPhee asked what projects were scheduled for the \$40,000 in Public Safety Build-

ing repairs. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup explained they had scheduled a three-year program of projects: refinishing and repainting the front entranceway, parking lot improvements with the possible addition of a Sally port or area for impounded vehicles, and the third phase included elevator repairs.

Laurel Green, resident and chair of Sustainable Rockingham, applauded the sludge drying process at the wastewater plant and said that will help with costs. She wondered if the budget addressed the increase in population.

Pickup explained that primary concerns were the protection of their facilities that might be impacted by flood events, basically elevating sensitive equipment, but said this was not included in the current budget.

Pickup thanked everyone for following the latest Covid guidelines, explaining they just received their 16th amended guideline since March 2020. He highlighted the budget explaining that \$1.654 million was raised by taxes in 2011 and this year's proposal was \$1.618 million. He mentioned in the last 10 years that the inflation rate averaged 18.84% and health insurance premium rates raised 5.22% per year. Pickup said workers compensation has reduced, building maintenance schedules have been set, and a tax sale this fall was discussed.

He commended the board and employees for their discipline and hard work to increase the fund balance. Pickup said this was important because it impacts the village's ability to receive bonds, ultimately saving taxpayer money.

Village Auditor Pat Fowler said neither herself nor Tim Powers had a chance to review the audit and might have questions for Finance Director Shannon Burbela later.

Wright agreed she was discouraged by the lack of actual numbers. She anticipated that at the 2022 meeting they would provide the numbers needed for voters to "make logical decisions."

She thanked everyone for their "blind understanding that we are doing the best we can to take care of this and corrections will be made for the following year."

James McAuliffe commended the new municipal manager, saying, "We've enjoyed working with Scott and want to welcome him officially and thank him for the great effort he has made."

On Tuesday's vote at the Masonic Temple, 79 village voters passed the budget 55-24 of \$1,618,500 with the amount of \$1,593,500 to be raised by taxes.

SBW Scholarship for Working Moms recipients

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce that Kristen Landau and Maygan Figueroa have been chosen as this year's recipients of The Julie Tewksbury Scholarship for Working Moms. Each of them received a \$1,000 scholarship.

This was the inaugural year for the bank-sponsored scholarship, which was created to help support the efforts of working moms who want to grow professionally and personally, as well as become great leaders in their fields and in the community. The scholarship pays homage to longtime bank employee and working mom, Julie Tewksbury, who served as senior vice president of operations for Savings Bank of Walpole before retiring in 2020.

Kristen Landau, 36, who has two young daughters, is a certified early childhood teacher and currently works for UNH Cooperative Extension on the Youth and Family Team. She recently became Teen Mental Health First Aid Certified through the National Council for Behavioral Health. In her role, she supports local school districts and other youth-serving organizations – an opportunity that sprung from working with a group of teenagers who asked if there was a training program available that would educate them on how to be better equipped to help peers with substance abuse issues.

Kristen plans to use her scholarship money to attend

the annual National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals conference. "I feel so grateful for this opportunity – it's not every day that a scholarship is awarded specifically for working mothers and it will facilitate my professional growth in a way that is currently not possible," says Landau. She adds that attending the conference will provide her with the opportunity to learn more about what other 4-H Extension professionals from around the country are doing in their counties in terms of youth development programs and will allow her to attend meetings that discuss the latest research in her field. "Ultimately, attending the conference will help bring me to the next level as an Extension educator."

A lifelong animal lover, Maygan Figueroa, 32, has worked at Walpole Veterinary Hospital since October 2019 where she assists Dr. Charles Shaw. The Westmoreland resident has spent the past four years study-

ing to become a certified veterinary technician while also caring for her daughter, who is now 10, and helping her husband on the Windyhurst Dairy Farm where the family currently lives. Maygan says she has always wanted to be a large animal veterinarian, specifically a food animal veterinarian, and is determined to get her degree.

As she is paying out-of-pocket for her education to avoid incurring school loan debt, she plans to use her scholarship money to go toward tuition as she studies for her animal science degree. "My ultimate goal is to go to veterinary school and come back and work right here in the community that I love," says Figueroa. "I am thankful that there is a scholarship specific to working moms. It has been a struggle to balance everything, and this scholarship will help with my school bill tremendously."

For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com or call 603-352-1822.

It's "May Madness" at Kurn Hattin. During this month, the children have a weekly Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support challenge to reach a goal and earn prizes by showcasing Kurn Hattin Home's expectations: we are kind, we are proud, and we keep trying. The recent weekly goal of earning 100 demonstrations of Kurn Hattin's expectations was more than exceeded and the prize was a pizza lunch with Mr. Gardner, Dean of Students, and Mr. Simunovic, School Principal, followed by a refreshing ice bucket challenge shower.



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Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Drug Awareness awards

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge annually holds a Drug Awareness Essay Contest for all 5th graders at Union Street School. This year's theme/subject was titled, "Drug Abuse No Excuse."

Elks Drug Awareness chairman Jim Kirkwood awarded six prizes to the following students from Union Street School. Third place winners were



Left to right: Union Street School Principal David Cohn, Camryn Jarvis, Carmen Cawvey, Brielle Pelletier, Austin Payton, Marrow Logan, Madison Streeter, followed by Elks Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie, and chairman Jim Kirkwood.

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Camryn Jarvis and Carmen Cawvey, who received a prize of \$10 each. Second place winners were Brielle Pelletier and Austin Payton, awarded \$15 each. First place was Logan Marrow and Madison Streeter, who received a 20-inch mountain bike and \$25 each.

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Bridge Street Bridge and future closure.

Cota said, "I have hope they will fix the Vilas Bridge someday, before my kids are my age." He said if our mission was to grow and increase visitors, eliminating the amount of trucks going through downtown was valuable.

Cota said, "I want us to remember having the foresight of being sixty years ahead of where we are today."

He reminded everyone, "we spent ten million on a middle school... we felt it was

a worthwhile investment for our children. I think a worthwhile investment for our children is creating more industry, better jobs... by putting in the infrastructure now to be able to incorporate all of those changes."

Cota said he looked forward to hearing how the town would move forward.

Hammond asked for a general sense of how the town would pay for the bridge, requesting an estimate of the increase in taxes.

Everett Hammond, past director of public works, voiced his concerns about the potential collapse of the existing concrete bridge which could cause a rippling effect of canal wall damage, extremely high power bills, po-

tential bankruptcy of the town, and loss of life.

He suggested another option for the town; purchasing the land on the west side of the canal to offer tractor trailer trucks the proper turning radius and choosing the steel truss on-alignment.

VTrans and VHB will provide answers at next month's meeting Wednesday, June 2. The Selectboard voted to begin their summer schedule with meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. for June, July, and August in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. The fall meeting, which is held annually at the Rockingham Meeting House, will be scheduled at a future date.

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more things to do." She says Hepburn saw pretty much everything as art, which re-

sulted in their becoming very inclusive. In that they found that "theater was one of the things that really worked." While she admits it will be awhile before they will be able to mount another musical at the Opera House, they are looking at bringing back productions to their own theater.

This summer they will start with a series of outdoor Sunday evening events, running July 11 through Aug. 8 in Saxtons River. They will include instrumental Eugene Friesen, Sandglass Theater puppets, and Mary Cay Brass and Friends singers. Attendees can picnic or buy from a food truck.

With fewer employees, their two buildings are now their biggest expense. The board is looking at a business plan to make the buildings more sustainable. Still suggests they could become a "community center." They are looking at partners among hu-

man services, small business, and civic organizations. Still suggests, "Perhaps, even a café." She says they would like MSA to "become a place where all kinds of people can get to know each other and get needs met."

The all-inclusive arts programming will continue. They are planning a program called "We Make the Road by Walking." It involves community artists and facilitators in a series of community conversations. She named John Haddon, founder of Shakespeare and Co; Bronwyn Sims, improv dance theater clown and arts therapist; and Charles Norris Brown, writer and illustrator; as three of the artists involved.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the building or summer programs can contact the co-chairs Susan Still at susanstill7@gmail.com or Gina Cote at marcrph@vermontel.net.

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A great day

Saturday May 22 was Chester's fishing derby. It is sponsored by the Chester Rod & Gun Club and held at the Chester reservoir. As usual, Danny Clemons and I were there.

George Wilson was there and registered 37 kids for the event. By the end of the day 57 fish were caught. This year George had some great prizes including rod and reel combinations, tackle boxes, packs of lures, and fish nets. At 9 a.m. George blew the horn announcing the derby was open. It wasn't long before the first trout was caught. This prize went to Brooks Wilder. He went on to catch other trout.

I talked with some of the kids. As you might imagine many were rather shy. I managed to loosen them up some for a photo by saying something silly or absurd. Eight-year-old Addison Wilkins caught four trout. I sat down on the dam to talk with her. When she told me her name was Addison I remembered her from years before.

I said, "You were two years old when I first took your photo here." "Yes," her grandmother said. Me to Addison, "Well now that you're grown up and an old pro, what do you like most about fishing?" Addison, "Catching a fish when they are pulling on the line is real challenging."

Bug dope
George brought a can of bug dope for people to use. I watched as a mother sprayed her kid's arms and legs with bug dope. Then she sprayed the kid's face. I hesitated to intervene but felt compelled.

I said to mom, "Spray the dope in your hand and then rub your hands together. Then rub both hands on your forehead, cheeks, chin, and neck. This will keep the bugs away and keep the dope away from your mouth, nose, and eyes." Mom was appreciative.

Arne Jonynas showed up to take in his first derby. Arne wore a broad smile as he walked around. He was impressed with the turn-



The Chester Rod & Gun Club fishing derby was a great event. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

out. Arne said to me, "I had no idea how big this was." He loved it. I told him it was thanks to the Chester Rod & Gun Club, Vermont Fish & Wildlife for stocking the brook trout, and the Town of Chester for allowing use of the reservoir.

The raffle
As George registered the kids he gave each a raffle ticket. When the derby was over at 11 a.m., George held the raffle. For me this was the highlight of the day.

George was at his table surrounded by kids holding their tickets. George would reach into the hat to draw a ticket. The kids waited anxiously for George to read the winning number. I wish you could have seen how attentive these kids were. How excited they were when their number was called. Others waited in anticipation that their number would be next. George did a superb job entertaining these kids. It's a day many will long remember.

I spoke with several parents or grandparents I didn't know. Some knew me through this column. All were friendly and interested in the day. It was a good day to live in Vermont.

Other prizes
Benjamin Griswold was the first to catch his limit of five. The largest fish was a 15-inch bass caught by Isabella Neathawk. All

three prize winners won a rod and reel, a tackle box, or both.

Bass
In recent years, bass have become the dominant predator in the reservoir. Gary Parker was at the derby with his grandchildren. Gary told me he has seen huge bass in the upper end when he's out on the water. I think I'll try a jitterbug about 7:30 some evening. Bass love a jitterbug when it is slowly retrieved on top of the water. A little practice and you will perfect the proper wiggle.

Black works best. As a bass looks up to the surface the color black is more visible to them. It's most effective to work the black jitterbug along the shoreline. Stop reeling, and let it sit a few seconds, and then give it a twitch before you resume reeling. Wham! You got one on. How they do fight.

Instead of an old saying I offer this: On my way home I came down Elm Street. Two young girls were selling lemonade on their lawn when I drove by. Henry thought I should go back so I turned around. A cup of lemonade was a dollar and another \$4 for a dozen fresh eggs. I take my hat off to these young entrepreneurs. This is how it begins.

Rockingham Meeting House opens for 2021 season

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Meeting House will open for the 2021 season Saturday, May 29. Visitors are welcome daily through Indigenous People's Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Constructed between 1787 and 1801, the meetinghouse is a designated National Historic Landmark and the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state. It served as both a place of worship and the town hall until 1869 and was then abandoned for several decades. In 1906 the building was restored to its current state – one of the earliest historic preservation projects in Vermont – leaving intact its king-post timber framing, finely detailed woodwork and its "pig pen"



Rockingham Meeting House opens for the season. PHOTO PROVIDED

the architecture and history of the building. The adjacent cemetery, which continues in use today, contains more than 1,000 graves, and is a treasure trove of information about the lives and deaths of the town's early settlers as well as some of the finest gravestone art to be found in New England.

The meetinghouse is located just north of the village of Bellows Falls and Exit 6 of Interstate 91, just off Vermont Route 103.

For more information, contact Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission at clg@rockbf.org.

Friends of Rockingham Plant Sale and Woman's Club fundraiser

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Friends of the Rockingham Library will hold their annual Plant Sale Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. To ensure the safety of visitors and staff, masks will be required. Donations of houseplants, shrubs, bulbs, groundcover, perennials, flowering annuals, vegetables, fruits, and herbs are welcome. Any plant donation will be gladly accepted, as long as it is not invasive.

To donate, place plants in pots and label them with name and light preference. Then drop them off at the library June 3 or 4, between 2-5 p.m. If you

need plastic pots for your donations, contact Friends' board member Pat Fowler at rfpfplf@gmail.com.

This year, the Friends of the Library are welcoming the Woman's Club who will be holding a fundraiser at the plant sale. Who has been the wind beneath your wings this year? Origami paper cranes crafted

by Woman's Club members can be tagged with the name of your honoree, then set them in flight in the branches of trees in front of the library. Suggested donation. For more information about the plant sale, email rfpfplf@gmail.com, call 802-463-4270, visit the library at 65 Westminster St., or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Lloyd George Stillwell, 1929-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Lloyd died February 13, 2021 at Mount Ascutney Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Lloyd was born in Shrewsbury, Vt. April 13, 1929, son of Chester Briggs Stillwell and Bertha Emma Lawrence. He was predeceased by his wife, Vera Anna Stillwell, and two sons, Michael Sherer of Proctor, Vt. and James Sherer of Proctorsville. As well as his parents; brothers Gilbert, Harry, Kenneth, Raymond, Leroy, Clifford, Arthur, and Paul; and sisters Mary, Luella, and Ruth.

He is survived by his son, Gary Sherer and wife Marie, of Walpole, N.H.; daughter, Mary Springer and husband Jonathan, of Reading, Vt.; brother Arnold Stilwell and partner Bell, of Proctorsville; granddaughters Brittany Kelly and husband Rob of Monroe, N.Y.; Lisa Stapleton and husband Ray, of Perkinsville; Victoria Feenstra of Ashland, Mass.; Michelle Sherer of Burlington, Vt.; Tracey Sherer and partner James Schriber, of Proctorsville; Shannon Paul of Ludlow; Angie Davis of Hudson, N.Y.; grandsons Daniel Roberts and wife Ilona, of Proctorsville; Joseph Roberts of Windsor; David and Scott Sherer of Ludlow; Trevor and wife Allison, of Wallingford, Conn.; Derek Blake and wife Catie, of Aurora, Colo.; and Chris Sherer and wife Jenny, of Wilmington, N.C. He has numerous nieces and nephews.

Lloyd lied about his age when he was 15 and joined the Merchant Marines. When he was age 18, he joined the Navy, leaving after three years to marry his wife, Vera, on July 20, 1950. He joined the National Guard of Ludlow upon leaving the Navy.

He was an entrepreneur partnering with Mayland Blanchard to start the L&M Restaurant in Proctorsville; partnering with his friend Zeke to run a Texaco station in Proctorsville; purchasing and selling a Texaco station in Springfield; investing in

Martins Garage in Proctorsville; as well as investing in Kenyon's Station at Downer's Corners; partnering with Phil Stratman, he started the Proctorsville Redemption Center, severing the partnership during the first year to move the Redemption Center to the Atlantic Station as sole owner; partnering with Gus Lambert he started a logging and junking business; for years he logged and sold firewood, delivered school busses to North Carolina, and acted as a milk tester for area dairy farms for the State. As his age progressed, he left his entrepreneurial ventures to do a stint at General Electric in Ludlow and the Gear Shaper in Springfield. Never retiring, Lloyd worked at his own business of lawn care and snow removal until his health deteriorated in 2020.

Lloyd was a long time Proctorsville fireman; he served as Cavendish's chief of police from 1972 – 1979; he contracted with the town for snow removal from sidewalks; as a member of the Proctorsville Community Drum Corps, he started weekly bingo games to purchase uniforms and instruments for Drum Corps. He supported the Cavendish School winter sports program. As a long time member of Wallace Hoyle Post 4 Legion Club, he distributed gifts at an annual Christmas party for the Cavendish School children. He recently closed Post 4, donating the remaining funds to Stepping Stones Pre-School for a sink required for handwashing due to the Covid pandemic. He was junior warden at Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Proctorsville, caring for the property for years.

Lloyd is known for his love of community, church, and children. He represents what kindness and volunteerism is all about, and will certainly be missed.

Services will be held at Gethsemane Episcopal Church May 29, 2021 at 1 p.m., followed by a burial at the Ludlow Cemetery.

Donald B. Richardson, 1939-2021

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Donald B. Richardson, 81, of Mount Holly, Vt., died peacefully Sunday, May 9, 2021 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born September 10, 1939 in Stamford, Conn., the son of Thomas F. and Anna (Bartley) Richardson.

Don graduated from the Stamford public school system, attended Rider College, and graduated from University of Connecticut concentrating in business management and marketing, and had taken several graduate courses at College of Saint Joseph in Rutland. He worked at Republic Steel, Sears Roebuck, Allstate Insurance, and Avon before starting his own business. His many business ventures in Connecticut and Vermont included landscaping, building and servicing swimming pools, and property management. His most recent venture promoted energy conservation and residential solar systems.

Don volunteered at Rutland Regional Medical Center, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Ludlow Auditorium, Okemo Valley TV, and Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsman. He was a member of National Ski Patrol for over 25 years, both in Connecticut (Mohawk) and Vermont (Okemo and Bear Creek). He was an EMT-I and served on Mount Holly Rescue, Ludlow Ambulance, and Brandon Area Rescue Squads. He represented the Town of Mount Holly at Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Council meetings.

As a member of Grace Congregational UCC of Rutland, he served on the Property and



Donald B. Richardson, 1939-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mission & Service Committees. Don was a long time friend of Bill's. An avid square dancer, he joined the Cast Off 8's of Rutland and attended local, regional, and national square dance events.

Don is survived by his long-time companion, Rhonda Rivers, of Mount Holly, Vt.; a son, Scott Richardson and his wife, Anne (Mossa) Richardson, of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Sherry Berdini and her husband, Jim, of Waretown, N.J.; a daughter, Kelley Clark and her husband, Frank, of Ridgefield, Conn.; along with four grandchildren, Michael and Nicole Richardson of Denver, Colo., Kylie Berdini of Waretown, N.J., and Iris Clark of Ridgefield, Conn.

The family would like to thank the Foley Cancer Center and the RRMC fifth floor staff for their compassionate care.

A celebration is being planned for a later date and time to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.

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- Met melody
- "CSI" settings
- Apply cream
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- Homer's neighbor
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- "Tiny Alice" playwright
- "Heavens!"
- Spud
- Green gem
- Church seat
- Ken or Barbie
- Glamorous Gardner
- Shoe width
- Jacob's twin
- Teeny
- Author Ferber
- "A mouse!"
- Peel
- Optimistic

DOWN

- Tosses in
- Harvest
- Not — many words
- Not on the road
- Novelist Anita
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- Nasser's suc-cessor
- "The Da Vinci Code" author
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- Started
- Pearly whites
- Dumbstruck
- Bread spread
- Bird (Pref.)
- Appointment tracker
- Hide
- Meadow
- Tiki bar neck-lace
- Eastern path
- Sweeney Todd, for one
- Actress
- Winona
- Female hare
- Theater award
- Aspiration
- Gulf War mis-sile
- Pedestal part
- Hostels
- Crucial time
- " — was say-ing ..."
- Indian bread

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CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
 Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, and keep your hands clean. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.
 Services at St. Joseph's include Saturday at 4 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. followed by coffee hour. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

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

Join us for our Sunday 10 a.m. outside service on the back lawn, or on Zoom. For information, visit www.stlukeseiscopalvt.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.
 Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Please wear a mask, maintain six-foot distance from those who are not in your household, and stay home if you're sick. Childcare is not being offered at this time. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
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MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
 Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
 Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovespringfield.com.

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 Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person with masks, temperature checks, sign in, and no singing. Humming is encouraged. For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.
 Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. 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.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.
 Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to www.youtube.com and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
 Join us Sunday, May 30, at 10 a.m. for "Holding the Torch High" with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy and special guest, the Rev. Kitsy Winthrop. Our spiritual lives are all about being in right relationship with each other, with the natural world, ourselves, our ancestors, and with the Source. Church is not just the building, it's this shared sacred endeavor. We'll celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the construction of the Meetinghouse sanctuary and look ahead to how we can be channels of Love and Light in our beautiful and bruised world, in the next 30 years and beyond. All are welcome to join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853>.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.
 Sunday services are 10 a.m. in-person outside on the lawn. If it's raining, the services will be via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

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FUNERAL SERVICES

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Michael Gintof

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A funeral mass for Michael Gintof, 87, who passed away Nov. 26, 2020, will be held May 29, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. A burial in St. Mary's Cemetery will follow. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

Joan Heath

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Joan Heath, 88, who passed away April 23, 2021, will be held May 28, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt.

Marilyn Simonds Hicks, 1926-2021

WALPOLE, N.H. – Marilyn Simonds Hicks, 94, died May 13, 2021 at her home in Walpole, N.H. She was born in Saxtons River, Vt. July 24, 1926, daughter of Mary (LaClair) Simonds and Philip D. Simonds. She worked for many years as a secretary to the head master of Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt.

She married S. Trafford Hicks in June of 1971. They spent many summers at their home in Port Clyde, Maine and cruising in their boat along the Maine coast.

Survivors include her sister, Elizabeth Williams, and several nieces and nephews. Also

step-children, Samuel, Randall, Deborah, Philip, Alan and their spouses' children and grandchildren. Her husband and two brothers predeceased her. Also a step-daughter, Sally Hogan.

At her request, services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Hicks' memory to the Walpole Town Library, 48 Main St., Walpole, N.H.; Meals on Wheels; Hospice; or Walpole Ambulance.

Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., will be assisting with the arrangements.

Fred A. Perron Jr., 1938-2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Fred A. Perron Jr., 82, of Rockton, Ill., died at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 in River Bluff Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 1, 1938 in Stockbridge, Vt., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. and Bertha (Everett) Perron Sr. He graduated from Whitcomb High School Class of 1956. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during peacetime, earning the rank of A3. He was married to Diane Berglund Dec. 10, 1960 and then married Joan Marsh Feb. 1, 1975.

He was employed as a service engineer with Fellows Corporation. He and his family moved to Illinois in 1984. He owned and operated The Perron Company Tree Service from 1992 to 2017.

He is survived by daughter Heather Porter; son Greg (Wendy) Perron, Scott Perron, Michael (Greg Brown) Copping, Jonathon (Julie) Perron; grandchildren Jillian, Lauren,



Fred A. Perron Jr., 1938-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Lisa Porter, Patrick and Benjamin Shaw; Sarah, Adam, Ben, Ryan and Allie Hahn, Isaac and Reagan Perron; sister Louise Caron, Beverly Lenk; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by wife Joan and parents.

A burial ceremony will be held Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, 893 High St. in Chester, Vt.

Germaine B. Romano, 1942-2021

N. WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Germaine B. Romano died May 16, 2021 at home.

Germaine Esther Marie Brodeur was born March 9, 1942, in Cheshire, Conn. to Archille and Ida Marie Brodeur. She spent most of her childhood years on the family farm in Cheshire, Conn. before the family moved to Chester, Vt. She attended school in the Cheshire, Conn. area, and a boarding school in St. Jean, Quebec. She graduated from Chester, Vt. High School in 1960.

After high school and throughout her life, Germaine worked a number of jobs in the Rockingham area, which began 1961 when she became a medical records clerk for the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Bellows Falls, Vt. While employed by the hospital, Germaine met Romey J. Romano. A summer courtship was followed by marriage on September 2, 1961.

Germaine was fluent in French and translated letters for a number of people in the area. Her command of the language helped when she traveled to Italy with her husband Rom-

ey, where they were introduced to his long lost family in Con-tignano, Siena, Italy.

Germaine had a particular love of her home, her family, her yard and flowers, and care of stray animals in need of a home. She was a woman of faith, was adventurous in life, and had many artistic and creative talents including carpentry, cake decorating, painting, sewing, knitting, and playing the violin.

Germaine is survived by her son Romey J. Romagnoli, daughter Angèle Romano, sister Theresa Jackman, as well as several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She also had several close lifetime friends. She was predeceased by her husband Romey J. Romano, daughter Nicole E. Kidder, and brother Achille Brodeur.

Due to Covid-19 and other considerations, there will be no calling hours. A private service will be held Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m. for family members only, with burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to her local vet, Westminster Animal Hospital, Westminster, Vt.

Kirk Hemelberg, 1956-2021

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kirk Hemelberg, 65, died in May 2021 at his home. He was born April 19, 1956 in Royal Oak, Mich., the son of Lorne L. and Melva J. (Mann) Hemelberg.

Kirk obtained his associates degree from Keene State College. He worked as a master mechanic in Bellows Falls and as the computer resource manager at Kurn Hattin Homes in

Westminster, Vt.

Kirk is survived by his sister, Lisa Ealey and her husband, Mark; his brother, Hans; and his nephews and niece, Luke, Nick, and Haley.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at the Westminster Fire Station field, across from the station, at 103 Grout Ave., Westminster, VT 05158.

Roderick Hewitt, 2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Roderick (Rod) Hewitt, 81, of Bellows Falls, Vt., embraced his eternal home May 19, 2021. Rod was born in Torrington, Conn. during the Great Depression. From his first job scooping ice cream at the Torrington Creamery, to creating and running a small engineering firm for 30 years, Rod poured himself into building a different life and following his heart. Although he was a successful entrepreneur, carpenter, engineer, craftsman, poet, farmer, church leader, and veteran of the National Guard, he most cherished his title of man of faith, husband, dad, and grandpa.

During his lifetime, Rod pursued his dream of building a home in the nearby Green Mountain state. With his wife Marilyn, he purchased a 150-acre tract of land in the picturesque hills of Rockingham, Vt. Over the years, his Yankee ingenuity and talent for planning, designing, building, and farming transformed the land into Day-spring Farm. The challenges of a farming life perfectly matched his avid interest in solving problems. From the array of barns, buildings, cultivated gardens, and fenced fields to the modest chalet he shared with his wife, Dayspring Farm was a singular achievement. Over the years, the farm was an outlet for his many creative pursuits, which turned into side businesses selling Christmas trees, cattle, sheep, eggs, and honey. It also became a source of shared family memories. Rod took pleasure in showing the farm and its many hidden treasures to visitors, wearing his farmer's overalls with his Australian shepherd dog at his heels. He invited people into his own deep connection with the land, his projects, and his livestock. No visit with Rod would end without a stop to toss some fish food to the trout in the pond.

Among Rod's favorite things were taking his wife out to dinner, annual Thanksgiving weekends with family, jamming with friends playing the banjo or mandolin, the Boston Red Sox, UConn women's basketball, fishing, boats, and old trucks. He was an avid reader and was especially drawn to true stories about inspiring missionaries, men of God, and adventurers. He spent countless hours in his shop handcrafting signs, bowls, furniture, and other unique treasures from many kinds of wood. His family and close friends knew that Rod's creations were special, not only for their beauty and functionality, but because they were a one-of-a-kind expression



Roderick Hewitt, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

of his creativity and love.

When asked once why he continued to stand by the losing sports team rather than going for a winner, he said, "I prefer to root for the underdog." This became true beyond his support of an underperforming team. Over the years, Rod found many people in need to support and was ever ready to invest generously in helping family, friends, and even complete strangers.

Rod's encounter with the love of Jesus Christ in his 40s deeply impacted the course of his life. Following Christ was a daily walk for Rod, and he enthusiastically initiated conversations about the new life that was possible through faith in Christ with anyone who would listen.

Rod took an unconventional medical path in his long struggle with cancer and outlived the prognosis of the disease by numerous years. A sense of humor, faith, optimism, and love of life marked those years. The quote he passed down from his mother to his own children was to "keep your eye upon the donut and not upon the hole."

In his last winter season, he compiled a book of original poems, prose, and cartoons. A picture of his beloved Dayspring Farm is on the cover with the title "There is a Way that Leads to Life."

Rod found that way and his life was a gift to many. He will be especially missed by his surviving spouse of 56 years, Marilyn Kalber Hewitt, his four children, their spouses, his seven grandchildren, and his extended family, church family, and friends.

A memorial service in celebration of Rod's life will be held Saturday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the United Church of Bellows Falls, 8 School St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. It will be followed by a reception at their residence at 5 Edgebrook Park, Bellows Falls, Vt. at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Place Drop-In Center or at www.ourplacevermont.org.

Richard T. Bonner, 1939-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Richard T. Bonner, 81, went to his Lord Dec. 27, 2020. He was born in Burlington, Vt., to the late John P. and Georgette (Perras) Bonner Dec. 22, 1939. He graduated from Milford High School in Milford, Conn., in 1957. He served in the U.S. Air Force for several years from 1957.

On July 19, 1958, he married Ruth A (Pine) Bonner in Milford, Conn. Together they raised two sons. He was employed for many years as a tool and die maker, working at several government facilities in Connecticut.

In 1988 he moved to Springfield, Vt. and opened Heritage Furniture Restorations where he restored antiques and did other things with wood. He loved doing this kind of work and interacting with many people.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Springfield for many years. He also was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Sullivan Council where he was Grand Knight and also District Deputy and held other positions as well.

For several years, he wintered in Grand Island, Fla.



Richard T. Bonner, 1939-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

He is survived by his wife Ruth of 62 years; his two sons Todd R. (Margo) and Timothy R. (Nancy); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his three nephews John, Jeff, and Jason whom he loved like his own; his constant companion "Jesse" the dog whom he loved dearly; as well as several cousins in Connecticut.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated June 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's (Holy Family) Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend James Shea will officiate.

Michael Laplante, 1963-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On May 19, 2021, Michael Laplante, 57, peacefully completed his journey here on earth with his loving family by his side. He was born Oct. 17, 1963 in Milford, Mass., the son of Nelson and Bonnie (Ferron) Laplante. He graduated from Stevens High School and then from New Hampshire VOTECH in Claremont, N.H.

On June 27, 1998, Mike married his best friend and soulmate, Tricia A. Sumner (Tufts). After Mike was diagnosed, he asked Tricia to renew their vows and they did so one last time June 27, 2020.

Mike worked in human services with HCRS and the Springfield School District for many years. He also worked for Jeld-Wen in North Springfield, all while volunteering and working as an EMT with the Charlestown Ambulance Service for 15 years. He also enjoyed coaching several sports from recreational to middle school and high school, and was an active member of the Springfield Booster Club for many years.

To meet Mike once, you were "always considered a good friend;" he never had acquaintances. Mike made many everlasting impacts on hundreds of children's lives within the community while being a mentor and role model. He always believed in the under-dog and cheered everybody on. He was kind-hearted, vivacious, and quick witted. It was never a dull moment with Mike around.

Michael was a loving husband, father, Papi, uncle, and brother, but people really knew him as Superman. Mike had a Superman tattoo and always referred to it as his birthmark. Mike collected sports and Superman memorabilia and was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. A year ago, when Michael was first diagnosed, he chose to live life to the fullest. He



Michael Laplante, 1963-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

was bound and determined to go skydiving just like Tim McGraw's song, "Live Like You Were Dying," and he jumped and flew out of the plane with no hesitation during a vacation of a lifetime down in Key West. His hope is for everyone to live life to the fullest with no regrets and to be kind to one another.

He is survived by his wife, Tricia; children Staceylin Tufts (Aaron), Matthew Tufts (Nicole), Heather-Lynn Laplante (James), Shaun Laplante, and Kiana Laplante (Curtis); 10 grandchildren; two brothers Nelson and Kevin Laplante (Brandi); two step-brothers Curtis Lepper and Albert Lepper; two step sisters Jennifer Kortekaas and Katherina Busing; brother-in-law Raymond Sumner (Laura); sisters-in-law Nikki Smith (Patrick) and Janice Laplante; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 23, 2021 at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper officiated.

Mike left an unforgettable mark here on earth and always paid it forward so in lieu of flowers Michael had asked that donations be made to Springfield EMS & Fire services at 77 Hartness Avenue, Springfield, VT 05156.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – If you're a regular user of the Toonerville Trail recreation path in Springfield, you may be curious about the area marked in the green strip between Route 11 and the paved path. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Black River Action Team and members of the Springfield Trails and Rural Economy Advisory Committee, some new, native plants will be gradually growing up to appeal to the eye as well as to the ecosystem.

Many factors were considered when selecting the plants, and all relevant parties were consulted before installation. From arrowwood to witch hazel and several more, a total of 18 stems were planted strategically Saturday morning, May 15.

In addition to offering a



Toonerville Trail planting crew.

PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER

pleasing aesthetic to those on the path, the lower growth of the shrubs and spacing will still allow Route 11 drivers to see the Black River. As native species, these plants will provide habitat value for wildlife; several of the shrubs will boast small berries or seeds.



Pam Land and Barb Schultz.

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As retired forester and lead volunteer Barb Schultz explains, "For the first year, they 'sleep,' the second year, they 'creep,' and the third year they 'leap,'" indicating that folks won't see much growth the first year,

just a little the second, and more noticeable growth by year three. Barb guided the small group on planting protocols

and was invaluable in siting the specific plants.

Shrub varieties were selected based on suitability for the site and were all supplied by the Black River Action Team through generous donations in recent years – most recently, from the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Learn more about GUVTU at www.greateruppervalley.tu.org.

Also hard at work were committee member John Bond and BRAT volunteers Vicky Moore, Pam Lane, and Armando Stettner with his mom, BRAT Director Kelly Stettner.

If people are interested in learning more about the project or to lend a hand with the watering regime, please reach out to Kelly Stettner at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or by leaving your contact information at 802-738-0456.

Weston Rod & Gun Club fishing derby

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce their annual fishing derby is back and will be held Saturday, June 5, from 7-9 a.m. at the Weston Recreation Center off Lawrence Hill Road.

The pond will be stocked and youth ages 15 and below are welcome to cast their lines.

Prizes will be awarded and food will be available. In addition, we will have memberships to the Weston Rod & Gun Club and information about future activities.

Bingo is held Mondays at 7 p.m. and our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Please see our Facebook page for updates. Come out and join the fun!

The Weston Rod & Gun Club is a volunteer organization supporting the ideal that "a true sportsman leaves the forest and stream in better condition than he or she finds it." We thank the community for their continued support, especially when it comes to activities supporting our youth.

Vermont Lady Beetle Atlas

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – You are invited to participate in "Vermont Lady Beetle Atlas," as part of the ongoing Londonderry Conservation Community virtual talk series.

Naturalist Julia Pupko from Vermont Center for Ecostudies will tell us everything you've ever wanted to know about Lady Beetles and more. Lady Beetles are adored by many, and who can blame them! Their bright patterns captivate the eyes and their reputation as pest predators make them a friend to farmers and gardeners.

Many of us are familiar with the non-native Asian Lady Beetle, but did you know that 35 native lady



Learn about Lady Beetles in Vermont with Londonderry Conservation Commission.

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beetle species have been historically documented in Vermont? Unfortunately, 12 of these species have not been seen since the 1970s. It's a mystery we're eager to solve. Join the Vermont Lady

Beetle Atlas and help us find our missing beetles.

The program happens Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Go to the Londonderry Conservation Commission's Events page at <https://tinyurl.com/Zoom-LCC> where you'll find complete instructions

for joining by computer or telephone.

While you're there, look for the link to LCC's YouTube channel where you'll be able to enjoy all of our past presentations.

Master gardeners to host webinar on pollinators

WINDSOR, Vt. – Butterflies, bees, and other pollinators play a vital role in the food web, yet many of us contribute to their dramatic decline with manicured lawns and non-native species in our gardens.

On June 19, Cat Buxton, Peg Solon, and Susan Still will lead a webinar on pollinator-friendly gardens and habitat restoration. They will describe how gardeners and homeowners can still have beautiful gardens and landscapes while making choices that are good for pollinators and the planet.

The 90-minute session will begin at 9 a.m. It is hosted by the Windham and Windsor County chapters of University of Vermont Extension Master Gardeners in collaboration with the Rockingham Free Public Library. Although free to attend, donations to support garden education programming are gladly accepted.

To register, go to www.go.uvm.edu/y4z2v. To request a disability-related accommodation, contact Cindy Heath at cindy.heath@uvm.edu or 603-543-1307 by June 4.

Buxton is a UVM Extension

master composter and soil health educator from Sharon. She founded Grow More, Waste Less, which empowers and connects communities to affect positive change from the ground up through education on soil, food, compost, and whole systems.

Solon and Still, chairs of the Windsor and Windham County chapters, both became UVM Extension Master Gardeners in 2019 and co-chaired the state gardening conference the following year. They share an interest in native plants and healthy ecosystems and their connection with pollinators.

Catch-and-release bass fishing

REGION – Vermont's catch-and-release bass fishing is underway with some of the hottest bass fishing action in the region happening right now.

"Spring catch-and-release bass fishing is a really special time to be on the water in Vermont," said Bernie Pientka, state fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "Combine warming weather, minimal boat traffic, and feeding largemouth and smallmouth bass, and spring bass fishing is hard to beat."

Vermont's catch-and-release bass fishing runs until the second Saturday in June when the regular bass season opens and harvest is allowed.

A full listing of waters and applicable regulations can be found in the 2021 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations, or by using the Online Fishing Regulations Tool found at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

For catch-and-release bass fishing, all bass must be immediately released after being caught and only artificial lures may be used. The use of live bait is prohibited.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife has assembled a few basic tips for anglers heading out to fish for bass during the spring catch-and-release season.

Let water temperatures dictate your tactics and lure choices. Often fishing slowly on the bottom with jig-style baits can be most effective shortly after ice-out. As water temperatures begin to rise into the 45 to 60-degree range and fish feeding activity increases, moving baits such as spinners, crankbaits, and stickbaits can be big producers.

Look for rocky shorelines and marshy back bays. Shallow, gradual rocky shorelines consisting of ledge, chunk rock, gravel, or boulders will hold heat and warm up first, attracting baitfish and ultimately feeding smallmouth and largemouth bass. Marshy, weedy bays will also warm up quickly and will attract numbers of largemouth bass in various stages of their springtime movements.

Pay attention to the clues. If you catch a fish, get a bite, or see a fish follow your lure, take another pass through the same area.

To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Forest Service urges caution with fires

RUTLAND, Vt. – The U.S. Forest Service is urging the public to be extremely careful with all types of outdoor fires as temperatures rise and we continue to see drying trends throughout New England. The agency is hoping to educate local and visiting campers about fire safety as the Memorial Day holiday approaches. Increased visitation, lack of precipitation, and projected environmental conditions can make wildfires a greater threat.

Fire officials request that people be extremely careful with any outdoor fires, especially over the next several weeks as warmer and dry weather is projected in the forecast. Warm afternoon temperatures, low relative humidity and gusty, dry winds encourage the spread of wildfire. Combined with dry, dead grass and fallen branches from last year, it doesn't take much for a small fire to get out of control.

The most common causes of wildfires are escaped debris burns and equipment machine caused fires. Most of these fires are caused by people leaving fires unattended and are preventable. Either the fire gets

away from them, or they fail to fully extinguish the fire and it rekindles.

The U.S. Forest Service is advising the public to check with their local Fire Warden before burning any brush piles on private property. Burn permits are required for homeowners when burning brush in Vermont.

Many Americans believe that lightning starts most wildfires. In fact, humans start nine out of 10 wildfires nationwide.

Some helpful wildfire prevention tips include:

- Always be careful with fire.
- Douse fires with water, stir the ashes and douse again; a fire isn't out until it's dead out.
- Keep flammable materials such as woodpiles, gas containers, shrubbery, and home fuel sources a minimum of 30 feet away from your home.
- Clearly identify your home with a house number; keep your roof clear of overhanging trees; and make your driveway accessible to fire emergency vehicles.
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MAY 29 –
ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, will hold their fourth annual

plant sale Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens. Visitors will find a variety of perennials, annuals, and vegetable seedlings, as

well as delightful garden-related raffle prizes.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Charlestown Garden Club Plant & Bake Sale is Saturday, May 29, from

9 a.m. to noon in front of Ralph's Supermarket in Charlestown.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Sofia Rei, Argentinian composer, performer, and educator, performs as part of Next Stage's Bandwagon Summer Series Saturday, May 29 at 6 p.m. behind The Putney Inn. The series highlights a broad range of music, circus, theater, dance, and theater in various locations in Windham County. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Masks and social distancing required. For more information, go to www.nextstagearts.org.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Westminster West Perennial Plant Sale is happening Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Westminster West Library, 3409 Westminster West Rd. Potted, field-grown perennial plants, shrubs, herbs, and more. All proceeds go to the library and the Westminster Community Fund.

WARDSBORO, Vt. – The Wardsboro Pubic Library is having their plant sale, "From Our Gardens to Yours," Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will take place at the library, 170 Main St., Wardsboro. All Covid safety precautions will be in place and guidance from the state will be followed. There will also be a same-day garden raffle.

NEWFANE, Vt. – The Next Stage Arts Project launches their Bandwagon Summer Series with Christine Ohlman and Rebel Montez on Saturday, May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Newfane Town Green, at 7 Court St. Featuring BBQ from The Top of the Hill Grill. For tickets, visit www.nextstagearts.org or call the event phone line at 802-387-0102.

MAY 31 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Legion Family of Ballard Hobart Post 36, 133 Main St., Ludlow, is planning on having a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. We will have the Post Color Guard, Firing Squad, and veteran marchers start from the front porch of Post 36 and proceed to the Main Street Bridge, then proceed to Veterans Memorial Park to the Pleasant View Cemetery, and return to the post. We will say a prayer, lay a wreath, give a three-volley salute at each stop and play taps. All are welcome to join while observing mask and social distancing rules.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – The public is invited to attend the Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee's Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 31 at noon on the Perkinsville Memorial Green. Covid-19 restrictions will be in place. Call 802-674-5021 for details.

ACWORTH, N.H. – There will be a Pancake Breakfast with sausage and bacon, orange juice, and coffee to benefit the Acworth Veteran's Memorial Monday, May 31, from 7 – 10 a.m. on the Acworth Common at the Acworth Meetinghouse, 17 Town Hall Rd.

JUNE 4 –
ANDOVER, Vt. – Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover is having a Take Out Meal Fundraiser Friday, June 4. To order, call 802-875-6341 by May 28. Pick up will be at Andover Town Hall, from 3:30-6 p.m. Menu is baked beans, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, corn bread, and brownie. All

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TUESDAYS –
REGION – Are you interested in developing a healthier and more meaningful life while managing the Covid-19 pandemic? Join the Covid Support Vermont staff for exploration of the eight components of wellness and balance. Each week, facilitators will focus on one aspect of the Wellness Wheel and provide support, encouragement, and opportunities for interaction for participants as they find new ways towards wellness. Repeats every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. until June 8. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-recovery-through-wellness-tickets-134663601457.

WEDNESDAYS –
REGION – Soulfire Yoga four-week online series, Wednesdays, June 9 – June 30, from 8-9 a.m., or 6:30-7:30 p.m. A relaxing class with gentle movement, slow transitions, and mindful attention to breath. Each class will end with a short, guided meditation practice. A perfect practice for anyone, especially beginners. Registration by June 4. For details, contact Joy Nagle at joyousom@gmail.com or 802-855-3003.

REGION – Activity Groups for Older Vermonters: Games and Social Time. Do you enjoy games and activities? Are you living alone and want to have fun with others who are also managing life alone during the pandemic? Join a weekly group for virtual interactive games and other fun activities that promote connection and coping skills. You can even invite your friends and we will happily help them connect for this interactive time. Repeats every Wednesday, from

2-3 p.m., until June 9. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/activity-groups-for-older-vermonters-games-and-social-time-tickets-148007465313.

THURSDAYS –
REGION – Are you interested in developing a healthier and more meaningful life while managing the Covid-19 pandemic? Join the Covid Support Vermont staff for exploration of the eight components of wellness and balance. Each week, facilitators will focus on one aspect of the Wellness Wheel and provide support, encouragement, and opportunities for interaction for participants as they find new ways towards wellness. Repeats every Thursday, from 3-4 p.m., until June 10. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-recovery-through-wellness-tickets-134663601457.

FRIDAYS –
REGION – Join Covid Support Vermont in an hour of journaling prompts and free writes to process and understand how we as individuals and a community are making our way through the Covid-19 pandemic here in Vermont. Bring writing materials and an open mind to our weekly sessions. Repeats every Friday, from 3-4 p.m., until June 11. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-through-covid-tickets-134667158095.

WEEKLY –
REGION – Flow and Restore Yoga weekly live stream classes with Soulfire Yoga with Joy, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, from Monday, May 24 through Saturday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon. This class is a gentle to moderate hatha practice that fosters a deep inner connection and restores balance to the mind and body. Beginners to seasoned practitioners are welcome.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grievance Meetings, Town of Westminster, Conducted June 10th, 2021 as follows:

Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated, section 4111 (g) reads as follows: *A person who feels aggrieved by the action of the listers and desires to be heard by them, shall, on or before the day of the grievance meeting, file with them his objections in writing and may appear at such grievance meeting in person or by his agents or attorneys. Upon the hearing of such grievance the parties thereto may submit such documentary or sworn evidence as shall be pertinent thereto.*

Also note that Section 64 of Act 71 requires notification of value on homestead, for appeal purposes.

Grievances will be held remotely by phone or computer:

9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm

Call 802-722-4255 by noon June 9th to make an appointment.

Written appeals received after 12:00 noon on June 9th, 2021, even if postmarked by June 9th, 2021 are considered untimely and cannot be heard. There are no walk-in hearings.

WESTMINSTER BOARD OF LISTERS:

Jackie Atwood, Rachael Cohen, Listers

STATE OF VERMONT Civil Division
 SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit Docket No. 172-4-19 Wrcv
 RED STICK ACQUISITIONS, LLC Plaintiff,
 v.
 REUBEN A. OUELLETTE
 MARTHA B. OUELLETTE
 OCCUPANT residing at 364 South Street
 Springfield, VT 05156
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

According to the terms and conditions of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale (the "Order") in the matter of Red Stick Acquisitions, LLC v. Reuben A. Ouellette, et al., Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Civil Division, 172-4-19 Wrcv, foreclosing one mortgage given by Reuben A. Ouellette, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of NY, a division of Delta Funding Corporation, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded in Book 384, Page 35 of the Springfield Town Clerk's Office Land Records, presently held by the Plaintiff, Red Stick Acquisitions, LLC, via Assignment of Mortgage Agreement February 13, 2019, respectively, the real estate with an address of 364 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156, will be sold at public auction at 10:00 am on June 02, 2021 at the location of the Property.

Property Description. The Property to be sold is all and the same land and premises described in the Mortgage, and further described as follows:

Being all the same lands and premises conveyed to Reuben A. Ouellette and Martha B. Ouellette by Warranty Deed of Alan W. Hudson, Trustee of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Trust u/a dated November 22, 1993 and as amended August 30, 1994, dated December 18, 1995 and recorded at Volume 146, Page 274 of the Springfield Land Records.

Being part of the same land and premises conveyed to Anita Marie Hudson, Trustee of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Trust U/A Dated November 22, 1993 by the Quit Claim Deed of Anita Marie Hudson a/k/a Anita M. Hudson, said deed dated November 22, 1993 and recorded in Book 118 at page 133 of the Springfield Land Records.

The lands and premises may be more particularly described as Lot 11 on a survey entitled, "Property of Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Living Trust", by Gary Rapanotti, L.S., dated October 24, 1995 as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe in the easterly right of way limit of South Street, said point being the northwest corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence S 72°35'10" E, 195.58 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 72°17'05" B, 116.67 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 71°55'30" B, 116.81 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 73°17'15" E, 97.31 feet to a concrete monument, said point forming the northeast corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence turning and running S 16°16'35" W, 245.16 foot to an iron pipe, Said point being the southeast corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence N 87°13'35" W, 174.76 feet to a 3/4" rebar; thence S 78°26'00" W, 167.16 feet to a 3/4" rebar; thence S 74°44'45" W, 176.51 feet to an 3/4" rebar in the easterly right of way limit of South Street, said point forming the southwest corner of the premises herein conveyed; the last three distances forming the common boundary of the premises herein conveyed and lands and premises shown as Lot 12 on the above referenced survey; thence in a northerly direction 472 feet, more or less, along the easterly right of way limit of South Street to the point and place of beginning. Estimated to contain 3.93 areas.

Included in this conveyance Is a right of way over the northwest corner Lot 12 in the aforesaid survey. These premises are also subject to a right of way over Lot II, also as set forth in the above referenced survey; both rights of way being more particularly defined and limited by "Easement Agreements Regarding Ingress and Egress Pertaining to Lots II and 12 of a Certain Plan Entitled Property of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Living Trust by Gary Rapanotti, L.S. Dated October 24, 1995s Drawing Number 95-478", said Basement Agreement dated 12/15/95 & 12/18/1995, to be recorded in the Springfield Land Records.

Reference is made to an Agreement Confirming Sewer and Water Lines on South Street by and Between Halter H. and Jean C. Stearns, Lloyd H. and Adelaide C. Raymond and Prosper S. and Anita M. Hudson dated October 8, 1980 and recorded in Book 78, Page 322 of the Springfield Land Records.

Terms of Sale. The Property shall be sold "AS IS WHERE IS", to the highest bidder for cash or wire funds only. The sale of the Property is subject to confirmation by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Windsor Unit. The Property is sold subject to unpaid taxes, municipal assessments, and superior liens, if any.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 80 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Mortgage Property Deposit. \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of auction, with the balance due at closing. The balance of the purchase price for the Property shall be due and payable within the latter of 10 days from the date of confirmation of said sale by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Windsor Unit, or 45 days from the date of public auction. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid within the period set forth herein, the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be retained by the Plaintiff herein as agreed liquidation damages and the Property may be offered to the next highest bidder still interested in the Property.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the Property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzler, LLP at 518-786-9069.

Dated: May 04, 2021

Daniel N. Young, Esq.
 Partner
 Attorney for the Plaintiff

**GRIEVANCE HEARING
 TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
 BOARD OF LISTERS**

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Thursday June 10, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2021 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Thursday June 10 by 4:30 p.m.

Mail : PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
 Email : listers@rockbf.org

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing in person or by zoom with the Listers, please call to make an appointment, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and noon at 802-463-1229.

ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS
 Camilla Roberts – Paul Noble – Paul Obuchowski

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

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on June 14, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 483-21-AP
 APPLICANT: Lara Fram c/o Carl H. Lisman, Esq.
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 166 Trailside Extension,
 Unit 20B
 PARCEL NUMBER: 030411.002

REASON FOR HEARING: Appeal of the Decision by the Administrative Officer for the denial to allow for a mudroom expansion in the Trailside condominium unit.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website www.ludlow.vt.us when the agenda is posted on June 08, 2021.

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

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

**Town of Grafton - Invitation to Bidders
 Grinding and Paving**

Sealed bids will be received for grinding, milling and paving parts of TH 1- Rte 121 E in the Town of Grafton at the Grafton Town Office, 117 Main Street, P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146 until noon on June 11, 2021. Bidders are required to contact the Road Foreman, Danny Taylor, at (802) 843-2456 with any questions regarding the specifications for the paving job. All bids shall be submitted no later than June 11, 2021 at noon in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the words "2021/22 Paving Bid". Insurance documentation must be submitted with the bid. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Selectboard meeting scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Grafton Town Office. Contractors will be notified of award at later date. [Complete specifications and bid form at www.graftonvt.org page entitled "Bids - Invitation for Bids"]
 May 20, 2021 William G. Kearns, Town Administrator.

**TOWN OF POWNAL
 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
 Via Zoom
 POWNAL, VERMONT**

Date: June 9th, 2021 at 7:00PM
 Via Zoom (Instructions for signing in below)

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of May 19th, 2021 meeting.
3. Public Hearing- Permit Application
 - a. Permit Number #21-017: Patrick Gray 102 North Court Florida, MA has submitted an application for a pavilion and flea market (parking and sales area) for the property located at 2323 Route 7 Pownal, VT 05261.
4. Public Comment
5. Adjourn

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/92471955250?pwd=RlVCVlhwdmQ2SkVqQ0FOVndLV29UQT09>

Meeting ID: 924 7195 5250
 Passcode: 122344

Dial by your location: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abVyBf1V0>

LEGAL NOTICES

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What you should know about hip arthritis

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The first step when making a decision about hip replacement is to meet with your orthopaedic specialist to see if you are a candidate for total hip replacement surgery. Your provider will take your medical history, perform a physical examination, and X-ray your hip.

Even if the pain is significant, and the X-rays show advanced arthritis of the joint, the first line of treatment is nearly always non-operative. This includes weight loss if appropriate, an exercise regimen, medication, and injections. If the symptoms persist despite these measures, and with corroborating X-rays, then you may want to consider surgery.

The decision to move forward with surgery is not always straight forward and usually involves a thoughtful conversation involving you, your loved ones and, ultimately, your surgeon. The final decision rests with you based

on the pain and disability from the arthritis influencing your quality of life and daily activities.

Those who decide to proceed with surgery commonly report that their symptoms keep them from participating in activities that are important to them like walking, taking stairs, working, sleeping, putting on socks and shoes, or sitting for long periods of time. Surgery is the next option when non-operative treatments have failed.

One option to consider when undergoing hip replacement is computer-assisted surgery (CAS). Today, approximately 7% of all joint replacement surgeries are completed with the aid of computer navigation technology. Similar to the GPS in your car, these devices guide surgeons to precisely position the components of a hip or knee replacement. These tools can help surgeons decide what thickness of bone to remove

and how to improve limb alignment. CAS enables the surgeon to customize each joint replacement operation down to the degree and millimeter. The computer can make calculations to give your surgeon immediate feedback for a well-balanced and properly aligned joint – and necessary for a long-lasting hip replacement.

At Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, we have been performing CAS hip replacements since 2005. If you would like to learn more about CAS hip arthroplasty, combined with minimally invasive surgical techniques and the use of state-of-the-art metal alloy and cross-linked polyethylene components, please contact us for an appointment with one of our orthopaedic specialists. For more information, go to www.cvosm.org.

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Taking Steps Brattleboro to host advance care planning training

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Brattleboro Area Hospice/Taking Steps Brattleboro, along with Vermont Ethics Network will host a 4-day volunteer training via Zoom on advance care planning. Training dates are June 17, 18, 21, and 22, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Training will be taught by Cindy Bruzzese, executive director of VEN, and will enable participants to learn to help community members to complete an advance directive for healthcare.

Interested participants must fill out an application and submit to an interview with applications due by June 1, 2021. For more information and to

request an application, please contact Don Freeman, TSB program coordinator, at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides non-medical support to dying and grieving community members and volunteer-staffed assistance with advance care planning through the Taking Steps Brattleboro program. BAH is 100% locally funded and provides services free of charge. BAH is located at 191 Canal Street. Visit www.brattleborohospice.org.

AARP Fraud Watch Network: Beware of Covid-19 vaccine scams

REGION – New scams have emerged focusing on Covid-19 vaccines. Roughly 30 to 40% of the public is averse to vaccination, and criminals know this. A number of the anti-vaccine postings in social media are counting on this hesitation. Text messages, emails, and social media promote an attractive and acceptable alternative: a regimen of tablets or even a single capsule that provides the same, if not better, protection from the virus.

While Pfizer scientists indicate that such a pill may be produced by the end of the year, there is no such remedy available anywhere in the world today.

These fake cures leave unprotective victims who pay hundreds and thousands of dollars for placebos. Even as bad as that is, this scam becomes worse. It endangers the public, encouraging unprotected people to forego protective items and socialize. This scam, as so many related to Covid, is a “perfect storm” and reinforces the need to remind readers of basic protective recommendations.

It taps our underlying fear of the virus and our human desire to allay that fear. The scam reaches out to us personally with a simple solution – a pill. This is a case of wishing something to be true to the point of clouding judgment.

Consider this: If a simple remedy, “pop a pill and Covid goes away,” was available, it would be blaring across the media, on the front pages of newspapers, and on the Amber Alert signs everywhere – not coming to you as an overnight email message.

So, tip number 1: Don't let emotion overtake you. Step back and think before you act and consider what is offered. These criminals want you to be emotional and act immediately. Ignore the message to act now.

Tip number 2: Ask questions. Does the FDA approve the remedy? Can you send me the results of the clinical trials? What company manufactures the product? Odds are that the answer to these questions will be no!

Tip number 3: Consider how the seller wants payment. Any mention of gift cards is a dead giveaway that this is a scam.

Tip number 4: Beware of targeted emails. These

things are very deceptive. In particular, examine the email address of the sender. Gmail, Ymail, Hotmail addresses are not used by businesses.

Tip number 5: Conduct background research. Check with your state Department of Health. They would know if such a cure existed. Sometimes a simple “Googling” will reveal the truth.

Tip number 6: Report the crime. These offers are criminal so call or go online to your state consumer assistance agency or Attorney General's office and file a report. The crime can be reported at the national level with the FTC. By the way, these tips can be applied to other offers and deals that raise the question, “Is this too good to be true?”

A second new Covid scam is gaining popularity with the same negatives.

Criminals discovered that there is a lucrative business in the sale of bogus Covid vaccine cards. If you receive an offer for one of these cards, file a report with the FBI at www.ic3.gov.

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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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 96 Main Street, Town Hall, Springfield, Vermont to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

1. Application 202135 (Parcel 01B-1-43) Lisa Stickney/Salvatore Dicaro for Variance (Section 30-809) to place a RV on property for temporary living accommodations due to extenuating circumstances. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential and is located at 28 Piper Road.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WATER & WASTEWATER BUDGET FY22 JUNE 14, 2021 ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81328909793>
Meeting ID: 813 2890 9793

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Dial by your location
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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

The Town of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, on Monday, June 14, 2021 via ZOOM Video Conferencing for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Springfield Water & Wastewater Budget.

Walter E. Martone, Chair
Springfield Selectboard

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall (3rd floor conference hall) or join us on Zoom to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 20125 Scott & Angela Page for a Variance Review (Section 30-985) for a boundary line adjustment that will not meet setback requirements. The properties are zoned Medium Density Residential and are located at 99 & 103 Summer Street.

Application 202131 Cynthia Cass/Kyla White for a Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to establish a pet grooming and boarding kennel business. The property is zoned RA-5 acre and is located at 535 Charlestown Road.

Application 202132 Samuel Parsons/Katharine Mangold for Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to construct and use 3 prepared canvas lodge tent sites as a short-term rental. The property is zoned LR-25 acres and RA-5 acres and is located at 237 Randall Hill Road.

Application 202133 Six Main St. Inc. for Site Plan Review (Section 30-722) to place a 9 x 16' commercial cooler in parking lot. The property is zoned Central Business/DCCOD and is located at 6 Main Street.

A site visit will be held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the hearing on June 8, 2021 at 237 Randall Hill Road. No testimony will be given. All are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85041980601>. For telephone instructions, please see our website: springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.: 21-PR-02694

In re ESTATE of: JAMES A. MARTIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: JAMES A. MARTIN Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: May 24, 2021 Signature of Fiduciary Jessica Filiault

Executor/Administrator Jessica Filiault	Mailing Address c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519 City, State, Zip Springfield VT 05156
Phone Number 802-885-2582	Email

Name of Publication: The Shopper
Publication Date: May 26, 2021

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court
Windsor Unit, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green, Woodstock VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.: 21-PR-02240

In re ESTATE of: NORMA LASONDE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: NORMA LASONDE Decedent

late of NORTH SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: May 20, 2021 Signature of Fiduciary Luann Preddy

Executor/Administrator Luann Preddy	Mailing Address 26 Countryside Circle City, State, Zip Barre, VT 05641
Phone Number 802-522-6534	Email luannp@hotmail.com

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal
Publication Date: May 26, 2021

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court Windsor Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing.

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Todd Parah at todd.parah@trsu.org

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL Chester, VT Full Time Custodian Position - 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Green Mountain Union High School has an immediate opening for a Custodian Position. Custodial tasks as assigned - cleaning and maintaining facilities, seasonal outdoor grounds maintenance. Must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Must be able to abide by safety regulations and medical precautions. Some tasks will be performed outdoors in extreme cold or heat. Position involves bending, reaching, pulling, walking up and down stairs, lifting (50 lbs) and stepping up and down. Criminal Background Record Check will be required.

Benefits include Health Insurance, State Retirement, sick days, paid holidays and vacation days

Send resume or complete a Two Rivers Supervisory Union Job Application to:
Todd Parah
Director of Facilities
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
EOE

arts & entertainment

Upcoming June classes at Fletcher Farm School

UDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will reopen for its summer term June 14. With the recent good news from the Centers for Disease Control, we're hoping many of you will feel comfortable joining us in celebrating a return to near normal.

With that in mind, here is a list of our June classes. Complete information about the school and the classes below is available on our website, www.fletcherfarm.org.

- June 19, "Black Ash Berry Basket" with Penny Hewitt
- June 25, "Beginning Drawing" with Sandi Cirillo
- June 26, "Silk Sampler Day" with Sandi Cirillo
- June 26-27, "Creative Metalworking" with Piper Strong
- June 26, "Learn to Cane" with Meg Kupiec
- June 26, "Beginning Woodcarving: A Wizard" with Wayne Miller
- June 26, "Handmade Hat-Style Bandboxes" with Mary



"Lucky Gnomes" young artists class.

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- June 28-July 2, "Introduction to Silver Fabrication" with Harold Bosco
- June 28-30, "Tattooing" with Evelyn Gant
- June 28-30, "Bobbin Lace" with Jane Fletcher
- June 26, "Lucky Gnomes" with Nancy Conway – for young artists
- June 28-July 2, "Create,

Imagine, Explore" with Ms. Karner with Rachel Karner – for young artists

Please call our office at 802-228-8770 with any questions about one of these or any of our other classes. If you would like to see what we do here, join us for the Vermont Art Council's Open Studio Weekend June 19 and 20.

Make a hypertufa planter with Neighborhood Connections

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Hypertufa is a type of artificial stone that makes beautiful garden containers that last for years. Suggesting the look of concrete, these handmade pots are lightweight due to the recipe of Portland cement, peat moss, perlite, and water.

Heidi Root, a Neighborhood Connections volunteer, will

lead this two-session, hands-on workshop. On Tuesday, June 1 at 3 p.m., participants will mix and mold a hypertufa container. After curing for several days, participants return at 9 a.m. Friday, June 5 to claim their creation.

Space is limited, so please call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections

will supply materials, and registrants are asked to bring a pair of rubber gloves.

Neighborhood Connections is a social services agency, serving the area mountain towns of south central Vermont. Neighborhood Connections is in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office.

Soulfire Yoga with Joy virtual and in-person classes

WESTON, Vt. – Soulfire Yoga with Joy is now offering virtual and in-person yoga and meditation classes in Weston. Joy of Soulfire Yoga is a certified Ayurveda yoga specialist and teacher and has been teaching for 10 years. She offers weekly livestream classes, workshops, personal practice mentoring, and ayurvedic lifestyle consulting. Please go to Soulfire Yoga with Joy website, www.soulfireyogawithjoy.com, to see a



Soulfire Yoga with Joy.

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From June 9 through 30, Joy will hold a Gentle Hatha Yoga and Meditation four-week series online, Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a relaxing class with gentle movement, slow transitions, and mindful attention to breath. Each class will end with a short guided meditation practice. A perfect practice for anyone, especially beginners!

Contact Joy Nagle for more information and to register for classes at Joyousom@gmail.com or 802-855-3003.

complete list of classes and offerings.

Claremont Opera House reopens with membership and summer concert series

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Opera House Announces 2021 Membership and Summer Pop-up Concert Series.

As part of its reopening and updated Membership Program, the Claremont Opera House is kicking off the summer season with a series of smaller pop-up concerts outside at Arrowhead Recreation Area. These pop-up concerts have something for everyone, are geared to get you out of your seats dancing, and are part of increasing the membership support of the COH.

"In 2000, COH had 200+ annual supporters and in 2019 there were 35. We had to make changes to entice former members to rejoin and to attract a new generation of supporters," said Board President Felicia Brych Dalke. In 2020, we split the programs so Friends can continue to donate any time at any level and Members could be a part of updating the COH programming. The Friend donations support the ongoing operations of the COH, and they will receive newsletter updates on what we are planning through the year. The Member program goes toward diversifying our season programming and of-

fering members free tickets and special member-only events to experience the historic opera house in a new way.

For the summer concerts, patrons will be seated on the Arrowhead hillside in socially distanced pods that range in size based on the size of your group. There will be eight feet of space between each seating pod and masks are not required while in your pods. The concerts are from 7-9 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. A concession tent will be available for food, and beer/wine service will be available in a restricted wet bar seating area. New for 2021, patrons can add a fire pit with 3-hour log to their seating pod at checkout for an additional fee.

June 5: A House On Fire prides itself on being the coolest band in the northeast! They eloquently and convincingly play music across pop, dance, reggae, rock, hip hop, country, R&B, and soul genres. The band is high energy and looks to have every audience member on their feet dancing.

July 17: Woods Tea Co is a musical mugful of folk, bluegrass, celtic, and a splash of fun. They are synonymous with New

England folk music since the early 1980s. The group draws on a wide variety of musical experience and expression that truly is good for you! Are you ready to dance an Irish jig?

Aug 6: Latin Night with Cuarteto Carioca brings the vibrant sounds of latin music to Claremont. Based in the Monadnock region, their infectious blend of Brazilian Sambas, Choros, and Boss Nova; Cuban boleros and rumbas; and Argentine Tangos bring smiles to faces. These talented musicians blend their individual skills with the voice of a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Get ready to practice your salsa dancing!

Sept 11: Dixieland Jazz with the COH Orchestra, led by Director Gerry Grimo and members of the East Bay Jazz, will take you back to the start of jazz in New Orleans. You'll want to tap your toes and sway to classic hits from Louis Armstrong and other well-known artists from the period.

Tickets for all summer pop-up concerts are priced for adults, and less for K-12 students. Silver and Gold Members receive free tickets in reserved pods according to their membership selection. Tickets and Member Program information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

Circus school graduates get creative with new high-flying show

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Watch the next generation of circus stars perform "Impetus," a high-flying, awe-inspiring theatrical circus production streaming on demand May 28 through June 6. The New England Center for Circus Arts graduating class of ProTrack students take the virtual stage, presenting this daring show that captures the ways in which humans connect to influence, inspire, and irritate one another through space and time. NECCA is an internationally recognized circus school known for outstanding physical and creative programming based in Brattleboro, Vt.

"Impetus" is the final Circus Capstone Project for professionally ready students attending the three-year training program. Devised by NECCA's 2021 graduates and directed by Colleen Harris, this contemporary circus production focuses on the topic of human connection.

"There are multiple running motifs throughout the show: the ripple effect of influence, technology as an aid and obstruction in communication, how memories affect behavior, and the power of shared experience to build friendship," says Harris.

Harris's extensive directorial experience in theater, along with a connection to contemporary circus, made Harris an ideal directorial choice. Her background includes an MFA in acting from the American Conservatory Theater, B.S. in theater performances with associate's degree in English literature from University of Evansville, Adjunct Professor teaching history and practice of theatre and fundamentals of acting, Visiting Director University of Maryland and SP Escola de Teatro in Sao Paulo, and dramaturg and director for multiple shows, cabarets and festivals.

NECCA's professional training program provides a unique opportunity for students to hone their circus arts skills in a supportive environment and custom built, state of the art facility. Students spend three years at NECCA learning the techniques and art of circus acts, as well as dance, theater, acrobatics, even costume building, website design, and music editing. "But this is the first time they put all their training together as an ensemble to create a full length show," says NECCA co-founder Serenity Smith Forchion. "That process is very im-

portant for their training as we hope they launch into the world prepared to be circus artists as well as circus creators."

Ren Carter-Tucker, Lily Hochstetter, Owen Leonard, Locksley MacLean, Julian McTaggart, and Kalista Russell present the culmination of their NECCA training in the ensemble of "Impetus." They perform a wide array of exciting circus acts including aerials, clowning, tightwire, juggling, and tumbling.

"Circus is special because of the amazing acts, which take months to create and perfect," Harris says. "I want each act to be enhanced by what's around it; like putting together pieces of a quilt." Harris says they tried to keep the film true to how you would experience the show in person, despite challenges presented by Covid.

"Though it is not a show about the pandemic, I think its optimistic outlook on moving from isolation to connection will be especially relevant in the present moment," says Harris. "The students at NECCA are incredibly talented and hardworking, and they've shown admirable fortitude in finding ways to train and perform in the past year. They're also hilarious and kind human beings!"

Watch "Impetus" streaming on demand May 28 through June 6. Buy tickets at www.necenterforcircusarts.org. For more information, email info@necenterforcircusarts.org.



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FM baseball team scores another win

LANGDON, N.H. – This past Friday evening, May 21, in scorching hot 90 degree weather, America's favorite game was played at Fall Mountain. The JV baseball team brought home another win for the Wildcats. Both coaches agreed this was a well-played game between the two long-time local area rivals; the Wildcats vs. the Stevens Cardinals

of Claremont. The contest wouldn't be decided until the very last inning. The Wildcats pulled away with the win, with a score of 6 to 4. These two teams will meet again Tuesday, May 25 at Fall Mountain, and once more Thursday, May 27 at Stevens.

Written by Smokey Aumand.



Pictured left to right, front: Porter Willett, Braydon Lockhart, Joey Fisher, Zach King, Owen Aubin. Back: Wyatt Pearce, Jacob Lovell, Troy Tenney, Coach Smokey Aumand, Connor Rheame, Colin Kinson, Jager Kelma.

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Springfield Pirates win in Londonderry



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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, May 15, the Springfield Pirates, a team

in the Valley Youth Baseball League, won in Londonderry 7-8. Pictured is No. 5 Bentley Parker at bat.

Are your kids participating in recreational leagues this summer? Send your photos to editor@vermontjournal.com and we may include them in the paper!

The 16th annual Kelly Brush Ride

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. – The Kelly Brush Ride, powered by VBT Bicycling Vacations, will return as an in-person event Saturday, Sept. 11 in Middlebury, Vt. Registration for the 16th annual fundraising event for adaptive sports is now open at www.kellybrushride.com/kellybrushride. Earlybird registration ends June 30.

Participants can ride 100, 50, 20, or 10-mile routes through the scenic Champlain Valley. For those who can't make it to Vermont, the foundation offers a virtual option that allows participants to take part in the fundraising ride from anywhere.

The ride will continue to have a virtual component this year with six weeks of activities and fundraising challenges and weekly prizes.

In 2019, the event drew more than 900 riders and raised more than \$700,000 to provide direct support for equipment that gets people with spinal cord injuries out enjoying the activities that enrich their lives, like skiing, basketball, cycling, and tennis.

The safety and well being of our riders and community is our first priority. If we are required to reduce the number of in-person riders, we will implement a rolling start of "pods" that meet the event size requirements. If we are required to further reduce the size of our event, we will prioritize in-person participants based on registration date. Please sign up early!

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Halstead honored with the George F. Leland Community Health Award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On May 4, 2021, Springfield Hospital presented Michael J. Halstead, MBA and Interim CEO of Springfield Hospital, with the George F. Leland Community Health Award.

This award was established in honor of George F. Leland, the first president of Springfield Hospital under whose leadership the hospital opened in 1914. Leland's involvement in the community inspired the memory and spirit of this award to recognize an individual who exemplifies the highest ideals of service to improve the health of the community. Past recipients of the Leland Award include Eileen Austin Neal, R.N.; E. Sherburne Lovell, M.D.; Glenn Corder, Springfield Hospital CEO; Edgar May; Eugene Bont, M.D.; and Deloras Barbeau, M.D.

Halstead stepped out of retirement in January 2019 to come to Springfield on behalf of QHR Health to serve as interim CEO of Springfield Hospital. Jim Rumrill, chairman of Springfield Hospital's Board of Directors, recognized Halstead's extraordinary efforts over the past 28 months by presenting him with the George F.



Jim Rumrill, chairman of the Board of Springfield Hospital, presents the George F. Leland Award to Michael Halstead, MBA and Interim CEO of Springfield Hospital.

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Leland Award.

Rumrill commented, "On behalf of Springfield Hospital Board of Directors, the staff of Springfield Hospital, and residents throughout our region, we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We are proud to present you with the George F. Leland award as you are truly an individual who exemplifies the highest ideals of service to improve the health of the community. Your skill, determination, and leadership brought

Springfield Hospital through many challenges and hurdles and positioned it to face 'a new day' in providing healthcare for the region. Thank you for your dedication and service to our hospital and the communities we serve."

"I am honored to receive this award," said Halstead. "I did not accomplish the work at Springfield Hospital alone. I was surrounded by a senior leadership team and staff that carried out the things that needed to be done so the hospital could continue to provide quality healthcare as it has for over one hundred years."

Halstead's CEO responsibilities were transferred later that evening to incoming CEO, Robert S. Adcock, MBA, FACHE, upon conclusion of the May 4 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Dance Factory showcases students in outdoor performance series

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Dance Factory proudly presented the talents of their student dancers through a series of four outdoor showcases held at North School in North Springfield, Vt. The performances occurred on the evenings of May 10 through May 13 and were designed as a Covid-19 restriction-compliant alternative to the school's traditional recital, held annually in the Springfield High School auditorium. As the recital of 2020 was canceled due to pandemic concerns, the week marked a joyous return to performing for students and faculty, as well as their families and the community.

Each night featured a maximum of five original dance pieces performed in an open field, lending to an intimate experience for dancers and audience. Styles included classical and contemporary ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, and tap dance. Performers ranged in age from 5 to adult and included several multi-generational families of dancers. While most dancers were able to perform on the grass, tap dancers utilized individual plywood sheets as their dance floor. Advanced ballet students had to forgo pointe shoes due to safety concerns; as an alternative, solo performances were filmed in the studio.

Covid-19 restrictions have been particularly challenging for those in the performing arts. The Dance Factory pivoted to comply by offering outdoor classes, limit-



Dance Factory classes were performed outside at the North School. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing indoor class sizes, and requiring dancers to physically distance by confining them to sectioned-off spaces. Many classes were offered virtually, with some students choosing to remain remote through the year. As restrictions are lifted, the studio will be able to increase class sizes and move toward normalcy.

The Dance Factory, located on Main Street in Springfield, has been a fixture of the community since 1984. Since its inception, the studio has endeavored to combine quality instruction with an inclusive atmosphere that welcomes dancers of all ages and levels. Their annual production of The Nutcracker, a fundraiser for arts programs in public schools, has been performed

for over 20 years. The Dance Factory is currently sponsoring an original ballet choreographed by faculty member Ashley Hensel-Browning and featuring dancers from Windsor County. The new ballet, based on the story of Thumbelina, is set to music by Vermont composer Evan Premo and will premiere in June.

Reservations are being taken now for summer classes at The Dance Factory, which include offerings for beginning to advanced students. Classes for children include parent-child dance, creative movement, ballet, hip hop, and yoga. Teen and adult classes include ballet, beginning ballet, jazz, tap, modern, and yoga. For more information, please visit www.dancefactoryvt.com.

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