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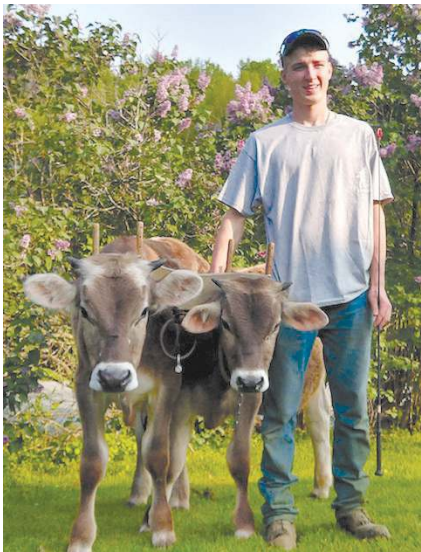
## Students receive Land Stewards Awards from Vermont Land Trust

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Since 2005, the Vermont Land Trust has recognized outstanding high school juniors and seniors who are dedicated to agriculture and forestry. This year, Brady Roy of Springfield and Paige Surrall of Windsor each received a Land Stewards Award presented by the land trust, along with a check for \$300. Seven other students across the state also received awards.

“VLT congratulates Brady and Paige for their hard work and dedication,” said Nick Richardson, president and CEO of the Vermont Land Trust. “These students are our future farmers, foresters, and land stewards who will keep our local businesses and working lands strong and healthy for years to come.”

### Brady Roy, Springfield

Brady was nominated for the award by John Harmer, his horticulture and natural resources instructor at River Valley Technical Center in Springfield. John said, “Brady has a great work ethic, which comes from his years of practical work



Brady Roy.

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experience. His intelligence, thoughtfulness, and reliability are only surpassed by his hard work and diligence.”

For the past 10 years, Brady has been working on his family’s 25-acre woodlot, where you can find him felling trees or feeding and caring for the family’s beef cattle, cows, and chicken. He can operate a tractor with ease and tell you the quality of a potential log within a tree. He even has his own team of oxen, which he uses to



Paige Surrall.

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haul loads and compete in 4-H programs. He puts in 30 hours a week at the woodlot on top of his school activities, evidence of his clear passion for working the land.

“The connection I have to Vermont’s land is unbreakable,” said Brady. “From gathering sap in the spring and haying in the summer to watching the mountains fill with colors in the fall, Vermont is the best place on earth. I am happy to call it home.”

Looking ahead, Brady plans to attend college and major in forestry. In addition to pursuing a career in forestry, he hopes to expand the family business of farming, sugaring, and balsam wreath production.

### Paige Surrall, Windsor

In her freshman year at Woodstock Union High School, Paige had the opportunity to study horticulture and join the Woodstock

Future Farmers of America chapter. From this, she says, her love for the outdoors and farming blossomed.

“I wanted to know where my fruits and vegetables were coming from and to make sure I was supporting local farmers,” said Paige. “I started working in the dairy industry my sophomore year of high school and was able to learn a lot about how it contributes to our lands and how we as people impact the farm-



## Bellows Falls Alumni Association Court

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls High School Alumni Association was not able to have a traditionally Alumni Weekend in 2021. However, they were able to crown a queen as selected by her 2021 classmates. This year’s queen is Emma Graham. From left to right: Olive Pinette, Mary-Elizabeth Rawling, Queen Emma Graham, Isabel Stack, and Sydney Bazin.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

ing industry.”

Paige was nominated for the award by her agriculture teacher at Woodstock Union, who described Paige as independent, hardworking, and highly motivated. She cited that it was important for Paige to know where food comes from and to grow as much locally as possible.

Paige will be going to Johnson and Wales to study equine business management. Someday,

she hopes to have her own farm to raise livestock and produce.

“I know that in the upcoming years I will continue to learn, grow, and cultivate foods that can be put both on my table and the tables of those around me,” said Paige. “For me personally, there is nothing more rewarding than knowing where your food comes from and the dirt-covered, hardworking hands behind it.”

## Bellows Falls Opera House enjoys successful reopening

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The historic Bellows Falls Opera House, which had been closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic for the past 15 months, recently reopened its doors, June 11, on the Square in Bellows Falls and is officially making a comeback!

Over the last several months, the newly formed Rockingham Entertainment Development Ltd. – or RED – a volunteer nonprofit group led by artist and Bellows Falls resident Charlie Hunter, had been entertaining the option of transforming BFOH into a nonprofit organization.

However, with the help and guidance of Bellows Falls Town Manager Scott Pickup, it was decided to go in a different direction, although they did receive a 501(c)(3) designation this spring. Along with Hunter, the other RED directors include Sean Long and Marty Gallagher.

“I have been very impressed with Scott Pickup,” Hunter said in a recent interview. “Once the Shuttered Venue Operating Grants were announced, whereby entities that had run venues were now able to apply for grants in order to reopen, Scott suggested a structure whereby the Opera House would still remain under the municipal umbrella, with RED acting more like a consultant.”

RED will be working closely with the BFOH staff, including operations coordinator Jenn Heidbrink, facility coordinator



The Bellows Falls Opera House reopens.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

Tim Heidbrink, live event coordinator Sean Roberts, and film booker Shawn Douglass, among others.

The main goal for RED is to help develop systems that make the overall operation run more smoothly, as well as in the immediate, getting the new BFOH website built and “live” within the next couple months, allowing for a variety of options for the public.

“Folks will be able to buy movie tickets, choose their seats for live performances, purchase the popular ‘triple-up’ concession deal, underwrite Classic Film Wednesdays, and rent the Opera House – when it would otherwise be dark and empty – for private events,” Hunter said. “Of course, you will still be able to buy movie tickets and snacks with cash at the door.”

The BFOH will continue to offer first run, general-interest movies as the primary focus. The Classic Film Wednesday series will also resume June 30

at 7 p.m., leading off with a showing of the classic comedy “The Jerk,” starring Steve Martin and Bernadette Peters.

“We are aiming for a mix of movies and live events, ranging from concerts to multi-week theatrical performances,” Hunter added.

The Theatre Committee is also starting to look at long-term improvements for the facility, such as replacing outdated equipment and upgrading the “lower theater,” allowing for a second venue for special-interest films and a more intimate concert and cabaret space.

“It is the belief of the BFOH staff and of RED, that the Opera House has the potential to be a real economic driver for the downtown area,” Hunter concluded. “We are looking forward to working with businesses and residents alike, towards making that happen!”

## Westminster School Elections plan to vote

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster was conditionally approved May 19, 2021 by the Vermont State Board of Education to reinstate its local town school district. This followed months of efforts from a petition and subsequent election by citizens to vote to withdraw from the forced merger that created a new union school district with the towns of Athens and Grafton.

While that union school district has functioned amicably, there have been none of the cost savings or efficiencies ascribed as among the purposes of the forced merger. Thankfully, in the process of making the merger work during the past several years, the quality of education provided to the students has not suffered as a result of the merger. Neither has the quality of education been enhanced by the merger. Westminster, Athens, and Grafton all remain part of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union. Now that Westminster has been conditionally authorized to run its school independently from Athens and Grafton, there are steps to follow as prescribed by the Vermont State Board of Education.

The first of those is to elect a town School Board. That election is scheduled for June 30 to be held at Westminster Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are also available. Per the state’s order, a three-person board is to be elected for staggered terms. That newly elected School Board will then work with

the members of the Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District to agree on financial terms for the withdrawal of Westminster from the union school district. That process is not expected to be contentious. It is clear that the remaining loan incurred to build Westminster Center School’s gymnasium is a Westminster debt.

Following development of that financial agreement, a vote of the voters in Athens, Grafton, and Westminster must be held to approve that proposed agreement. That vote is scheduled for Aug. 31 simultaneously in the three towns. It is anticipated that West-

minster voters will also be asked to vote on that date to expand the number of members on the town School Board from three to five and to elect those two new board members on that date as well.

Once all these steps have been taken, the State Board of Education will review Westminster’s progress at their meeting Sept. 15. With fulfillment of the requirements, the town School Board will become fully operational July 1, 2022. These upcoming elections are a key and necessary part of the process. So, Westminster voters, please mark both of these important dates, June 30 and Aug. 31, and plan to vote.



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Food Co-op officially opened their new store June 10, moving from their location on River Street to their updated and larger store at 6 Main Street in downtown Springfield. The new building offers a larger selection of their great products and pre-made foods, as well as an outdoor seating area. Whether you’re a member or not, stop by and check it out – everyone is welcome! Their hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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# BF Community Bike Project receives funding for Duet Wheelchair Bike Ride

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The BF Community Bike Project recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation's Spark Connecting Community grant program. This grant will help to fund the Duet Wheelchair Bike Ride Service, a new program offered by the Bike Project this summer. The program will provide seniors and others the opportunity to go for rides around the village in a bicycle-powered wheelchair called the Duet.

This wheelchair and bicycle combo was designed as a means of local recreation for people who may be homebound or have difficulty walking, allowing them to get out in the fresh air and stay connected with the community.

The Duet offers a fun and unique opportunity for mobility in the fresh air and sunshine, at eye level with one's community and free of the confines of a car. With a bicycle-powered wheelchair, participants have the flexibility to ride though both streets and parks. The wheelchair may be detached upon arrival at a destination,

allowing for a stroll along the sidewalks, shops, and farmers market as well. This will be a donation-based service and run by trained volunteers.

The Bike Project's mission is to provide the Greater Falls community a welcoming space for all to access bicycles and learn bike repair and safe riding skills; their vision is a flourishing culture of bicycling, as a means of alternative transportation, self-sufficiency, and overall wellness.

For more information about the Duet Program and the Bike Project or to volunteer, call 802-460-0662 or email [bonnie@bfbike.org](mailto:bonnie@bfbike.org).

The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources to-



Bonnie Anderson pedals the Duet with her late mother Phyllis Anderson in the front.

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gether to make a difference in Vermont. The Spark Connecting Community grant program puts building and nurturing community front and center. These grants – where a small amount can make a big difference – are intended to light the spark that keeps Vermonters healthy and happy. For more information about the Vermont Community Foundation, visit [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org) or call 802-388-3355.

# BFUHS June Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Abijah Palmer-Guest has been named the June Elks student of the month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Abijah, a senior, is the son of Nathan Guest and Judy Palmer-Guest of Athens.

Abijah makes school a priority and maintains almost perfect attendance. He is a prompt, responsible learner who communicates with his teachers independently and in advance.

A dedicated student, Abijah comes to school every day ready and eager to learn. He works diligently in all of his classes, completes his work on time, manages his time independently, and studies and prepares for his assignments. Always interested in improving, he cares not only about the grade, but about the skills, knowledge, and awareness that he gains from critical thinking and creative

explorations.

A pleasure to work with, his positive attitude is contagious. Courteous, thoughtful, and polite when he disagrees with others, he does so respectfully and consciously; he knows how to assert himself maturely without stepping out of bounds.

Clearly passionate about making the world a better place, Abijah helped to establish a Climate Change club at BFUHS his junior year. He worked with others to initiate a composting program throughout the school and he spoke before the student body on the climate crisis and environmental awareness. He also helped initiate involvement in a Climate Change Rally in Brattleboro and worked on fundraising in support of climates and wildlife in crisis.

Additionally, he participated in a VSAC Grant funded cross-country expedition called "Conversations on the Open Roads" to document construction of tiny home villages to help address homelessness. Upon re-



Abijah Palmer-Guest. PHOTO PROVIDED

turning from this journey, this team of students from high schools throughout Vermont created a documentary of what they learned with the intention to promote a tiny home village for homelessness in Middlebury, Vt. Abijah continued this work through his senior project, building his own tiny home, which may eventually be used for his own living or for anyone who needs a home.

Clearly deserving of recognition for his passion and work, BFUHS and the Elks are honored to have Abijah represent us as a Student of the Month.

# Zach McLaughlin named VT Superintendent of the Year

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Superintendents Association has recognized Zach McLaughlin of the Springfield School District as the 2021 Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the

Year.

The recognition commemorates longtime Vermont superintendent and children's advocate Frederick H. Tuttle and pays tribute to a superintendent who demonstrates

exemplary leadership on behalf of students, the Vermont Superintendents Association, public education, and the entire community.

McLaughlin receives the award in his 11th year of service at Springfield School District in various roles. "Zach is committed to equity and excellence in our community... His fair-minded approach to education is a model to everyone in the district, and he repeatedly pushes teachers and administrators to examine their biases, to think big, and to push for higher standards for our students," Patricia Reixach, a veteran educator and instructional coach at the district, said in a letter of support for the nomination.

In announcing McLaughlin's recognition, VSA President David Younce remarked, "This has been an extraordinary year with Vermont's public educators contending with many formidable challenges while keeping children and their learning the foremost consideration. Zach's leadership in his community, in his region, and statewide make him a worthy recipient of this recognition."

Upon learning of his selection, McLaughlin accepted the award with humility, recognizing the tremendous effort and sacrifice of all superintendents, faculty, and staff this year. "This is the year where everybody should get the award, so I am unbelievably humbled to be here to represent you and what you have done and accomplished over this year."

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## The wall and goings on



Class of 1969 at the wall. Hearse House is on the right. PHOTO PROVIDED

**The Wall**

Perhaps you've heard tell of the wall, or maybe you took part in the 1960s. Chester's downtown used be very busy. Kids have always needed a place to hang out. The wall at Brookside Cemetery was Chester's hangout. In the late 1960s, there were hundreds of kids in town. My graduating class alone had 64.

**The wall entry**

The driveway came off the road to the cemetery, around behind the Civil War monument continuing along in front of the wall, before it curved again and returned to the street. Kids sat on the wall waiting for something to happen. The kids with cars neatly backed them up in front of the wall. There were often '55 Chevys or other rods parked there.

**Summer evenings**

Try to imagine downtown Chester in the late '60s. Al's IGA was a grocery store where Blair Books is today. Chester had two banks at the time. The banks were at either end of the Chester Inn – now the Fullerton. Chester Drug Store was next to the inn on the right. Down Common Street was a laundromat where Southern Pie is today, the American Legion and Central Vermont Power Co. Much of Chester's business was conducted in the downtown.

Sitting on the wall gave us an excellent view of the goings on. Girls our age walked by with their shorts and halter-tops. We were all coming of age and experiencing life.

**The loop**

Sometimes we got ahold of a six-pack of beer. No, we weren't old enough to drink, but why let a little thing like age interfere with a good time? We'd take a ride up around the "Loop." The loop ran from Lover's Lane Road all the way around through the hills to the Chester Reservoir and back down to Route 11. The road in those days wasn't maintained so you drove real slow picking your way through mud or over rocks. This was the perfect time to have a couple beers without fear of being molested by the law.

One night I was driving Arnold's '64 VW bug. I had backed it in beside the other rigs. I don't remember now who with, but I took a ride with someone around the loop, leaving the VW parked in front of the wall. When I came back, the Volkswagen was gone.

The kids sitting on the wall all played dumb. No one knew anything. I began to fear what Arnold might do. Eventually someone said to check the cemetery. Sure enough, there it was in the rear of the cemetery near the brook. The kids had pushed it down there.

**Parking**

I think "parking" is something most will know. Usually, with only a few dollars in our pocket, we took a girl to the A&W in Springfield and then for a ride, quite often around the loop. There were a number of places where you could pull off the road to do some necking. We had AM radios in our cars. On Friday nights WKBW came in crystal clear. KBW was out Buffalo way.

There was always the chance that other kids riding the loop would see your car. They knew what you were doing. They would sneak up on your car and pound on the hood or trunk hoping to catch you in a compromising position.

Bill Clemons was Chief of Police until about 1962. He was followed by John Whitaker and then Keith Grimes. Sometimes the chief would park his cruiser alongside us kids' cars. This always made us nervous. We would be as polite as we could possibly be until the chief got a call and left.

I remember once we had a six-pack of beer that we had hidden on the cemetery side of the wall. Here we sat smoking cigarettes and drinking beer. We all watched out for each other. I remember Bud Nadeau saying, "Ronnie, here comes your father." Fear set in. I prayed Arnold wouldn't stop.

The photo with this article is from my 1969 Chester High School yearbook. We chose to have our class photo taken at the wall. You can see the Class of '69 standing on or in front of the wall.

*This week's old saying is from my mother. June was driving when a pregnant woman came out of Al's IGA. She didn't bother to look to see if any cars were coming. My mother stood on the brakes, rolled down her window, and said, "You can get knocked down just as easy."*

## Black River Academy Museum opens for season —

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Academy Museum, 14 High St. in Ludlow, opens Thursday, July 1 for the 2021 season. The museum will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12-4 p.m.

Many exciting programs are scheduled this year. The first will be a play, "Sylvia" directed by Stephanie Rowe, at the Ludlow Town Hall, July 30-31 and Aug. 6-7. August also brings us a Tea Party at the museum. In September, we will have a concert and Vermont Tales by Ken Sheldon. Our annual gala will be in October.

Come visit the museum where you will find exhibits that tells stories of early Ludlow. Many of these exhibits have been projects of Ludlow school students.



Sawyer Sheppard, Mason Cassidy, and Dick Dunseith doing much needed weeding at the Black River Academy Museum. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Local students achieve higher education honors lists

<b>College of Charleston Dean's List</b> Paige Kelley of Ludlow	<b>Vermont Technical College President's List</b> Ryan Cooney of Springfield
<b>Roger Williams University Dean's List</b> Allison Kenney of Chester	Hayley Bean of Brownsville
<b>Springfield College Dean's List</b> Nathan Claussen of Townshend	<b>Vermont Technical College Dean's List</b> Teagan Bacon of Bellows Fall
Samantha Mirra of Springfield	Andrea Garcia of Proctorsville
<b>University of Rhode Island Dean's List</b> Griff Waryas of Bellows Falls	Matthew Power of Springfield
	Caleb White of Chester
	Gabriel Wilkinson of Bellows Falls

## Local student graduations

<b>Endicott College, Beverly, Mass.</b> Andrew Smith of Weston, Bachelor of Science in criminal justice	Branden Bryant of Springfield, Associate of Applied Science in business management and technology	Michael Gurney of Springfield, Bachelor of Science in construction management
<b>Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.</b> Sean Kenney of Chester, Bachelor of Science in sports management	Halley Riley-Elliott of Mount Holly, Associate of Applied Science in diesel power technology	Caleb White of Chester, Bachelor of Science in electro-mechanical engineering technology
<b>University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.</b> Elkanah Linder of Townshend, Doctor of Pharmacy	Lain Stevens of Grafton, Associate of Applied Science in diesel power technology	Matthew Power of Springfield, Bachelor of Science in professional pilot technology
<b>Vermont Academy of Science and Technology, VTC</b> Owen Ameden of Jamaica	Leanna Mager of Westminster, Associate of Applied Science in veterinary technology	
Ryan Antonivich of Perkinsville	Ewan McGrath of Chester, Associate of Engineering in mechanical engineering technology	
Sarah Devereux of Cavendish	Ilana Newton of W. Townshend, Associate of Science in nursing	
Owen Perry of Westminster	Deven Carrier of Westminster, Bachelor of Science in computer engineering technology	
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TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Sign up for Grace Cottage’s 16th Annual Tour de Grace bike rally, to be held Saturday, June 26, rain or shine.

Start any time between 8-10 a.m. at Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, 185 Grafton Rd., Townshend, Vt.

The event follows the same loop as last year, approximately 17 miles on scenic back roads, along dirt trails, and through the historic Scott Covered Bridge – a different route from pre-pandemic years, so that no bussing is necessary. Return

to Grace Cottage to celebrate your accomplishment.

Helmets are required; mountain bikes recommended. Rest stops with water and snacks are offered along the way and at the end.

This family-friendly ride is fun and allows for social distancing. Round up your family or a few friends, enjoy the beautiful scenery, get some exercise, and support Grace Cottage Hospital. Proceeds from this event help Grace Cottage continue to provide essential healthcare services.

Can’t make it to Townshend that day? You can do a virtual Tour de Grace on your own. Sign up and send us your photo, and we’ll post it in our 2021 Tour de Grace photo album on Facebook.

Register at [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org). The first 125 to register get a Tour de Grace performance t-shirt; t-shirt is not included for virtual riders. For more information, email [info@gracecottage.org](mailto:info@gracecottage.org) or call 802-365-9109.

For more information, email [leahknoll@yahoo.com](mailto:leahknoll@yahoo.com).

## Mount Holly Garden Tour to be held July 17

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The 14th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a self-guided tour of diverse high-altitude gardens that display many truly creative landscaping ideas.

Several gardeners are focused on sustainable organic practices to raise vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, and bees. Others focus on creating garden sanctuaries that feed the senses with beautiful vistas, fragrant flowers, and the sounds of birds, bees, and bubbling water. The gardens are designed around Vermont’s natural features, such as huge rock formations, ledges, hills, and valleys. One garden features self-pick raspberries, another welcomes visitors to

take a dip in a spring-fed pond.

Children are welcome, and a special Garden Hunt guide for kids will spark their curiosity. There are several designated gardens for picnicking. Bring your own or pick up a special garden tour lunch at the Belmont General Store.

Tickets with a map of the garden sites can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library and Community Center on the Green in Belmont. Children 12 and under are admitted for free. All proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration of the Mount Holly Library and Community Center.


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## Fishing access areas not safe for swimming

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds the public not to swim at fishing access areas due to safety concerns. The primary use of the fishing access areas is for launching and retrieving motorboats.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains 196 developed fishing access areas on lakes and rivers throughout the state. These areas have allowed uses determined by law, and swimming is not one of them.

The access areas were pur-

chased and are maintained with funds derived from the sale of fishing licenses and motorboat registrations, as well as a federal excise tax on fishing equipment, fishing tackle, and gasoline for motorboats. These funding sources explicitly prohibit activities that are in conflict with fishing and boating.

Fish & Wildlife regulations prohibit certain uses of fishing access areas including, but not limited to swimming, littering, camping, picnicking, making a fire, parking of vehicles not related to priority uses, and com-

mercial activity.

"It's great that people want to get out in the water, but a boat ramp is not the right place to go swimming," said Mike Wichrowski who oversees the Fishing Access Area Program. "There's a reason motorboats aren't allowed in swimming areas, and swimming isn't allowed at fishing access areas – it's simply not safe."

Vermont State Game Warden often respond to incidents involving people swimming at fishing access areas. In some cases people, including chil-

dren, are swimming right at the boat ramps while boats were being launched, risking injury or preventing the launching of boats.

"We understand that people want to go swimming, especially during hot weather, but we are urging folks to swim at locally approved swimming areas," said Colonel Jason Batchelder. "Finding a safe swimming area is easy in most communities. Just ask at a general store or other place where people gather"

The fine for swimming at an access area is \$162.

## Protect Grassland Birds by mowing later

REGION – Bobolinks, meadowlarks, Savannah sparrows, and grasshopper sparrows enrich our summers with their songs, but some of these species are in decline due to the loss of appropriate grassland habitat.

Landowners can make a difference by altering the times

of year they mow fields. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is encouraging landowners to help these beloved species by waiting a little longer to mow to give these birds a chance to complete their nesting season.

"People maintain fields and

meadows in Vermont for a variety of reasons, from commercial hayfields and grazing pastures, to simple aesthetic beauty," said Doug Morin, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "Mowing is the most common way to maintain grasses, but if mowed early in the summer, grassland birds will lose their nests and chicks."

Bobolinks build nests among the grasses and wildflowers of fields and meadows. When bobolinks are present, other grassland bird species such as Savannah sparrows and grasshopper sparrows, may also be nesting among the grasses. Deer fawns, wild turkey chicks, and other animals take refuge in the grass and are also at risk by mowing too early.

According to Morin, land-



Landowners who have fields can help protect grassland birds such as bobolinks by delaying mowing until mid-August.

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owners who mow their fields for aesthetic reasons can maintain these fields and accommodate nesting birds simply by cutting later in the summer, preferably after Aug. 15.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### King Crossword

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1 "Sad to say ..."

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FUNERAL SERVICES

Terry Becker

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Terry Becker, 73, who passed away Feb. 5, 2021, will be held June 26, 2021, from 1-4 p.m., at the Elks Club in Springfield, Vt. The Elks Service will take place at 1:30 p.m.

Doris Turco

CHESTER, Vt. – A graveside service for Doris Turco, 96, who passed away March 25, 2021 will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

Daniel Wells

CAMBRIDGEPORT, Vt. – There will be an open house to celebrate the life of Daniel Wells, Saturday, July 10, 2021, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Dan and Robin’s home, 999 Saxtons River Rd., Cambridgeport, Vt., with a memorial tribute at 1 p.m. with food and drinks afterwards.

Sylvia H. Lawrence, 1936-2021

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Sylvia Hazel Lawrence, 84, died June 13, 2021 at home surrounded by family.

She was born Aug. 7, 1936, in Orange, Mass., to Fred and Doris Slaght. She graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1954. She married Lynn Wallace Lawrence of Westminster Aug. 25, 1956 and has lived in Westminster since then where they built their own home.

Sylvia worked at various jobs including Goodell Orchards in Westminster West, Kurn Hatin Homes, Vermont Apple, and the Oh! Zone Thrift store in Bellows Falls where she was a bookkeeper for 15 years.

She always loved children. She and Lynn sponsored Fresh Air Fund children for many years and were honorary grandparents to children throughout local communities. She liked to sew, knit, and enjoyed yard sales.

She was a member of the Women’s Fellowship at the Westminster Congregational Church in Westminster and helped with rummage sales and fall festivals.

She was predeceased by an infant daughter Dori Annette and brother Theodore Slaght. She is survived by her husband Lynn, daughter Cheryl



Sylvia H. Lawrence, 1936-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Lawrence of Springfield, Vt., son Kevin Lawrence and wife Wanda of Bellows Falls, Vt., daughter DeAnna Rubles of Westminster, Vt., son Eric Lawrence of Westminster, Vt., son Darrin Lawrence of Westminster, Vt., 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one beloved sister Arlene.

Graveside services were held for family and close friends at the Westminster Cemetery June 18, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Women’s Fellowship or to the Rockingham Library for the purchases of children’s books in Sylvia’s name would be appreciated by the family.

Debra L. Whitcomb, 1953-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Debra L. Whitcomb embarked on her farewell road trip and passed away peacefully June 16, 2021 in El Paso, Texas. She spent more than 20 years fighting Spinocerebellar Ataxia, advocating for those who lived with disabilities and with her last breath, her battle was won in the way she lived and in the way she died.

Born Nov. 6, 1953 in Brockton, Mass. to James and Margaret (Metcalf) Larsen, she was the fourth of nine children. Known as Debbie back in those days, she graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1971, proud to be the last class to graduate from the building on School Street.

Debra was an avid traveler in the final decades of her life and made friends across the country of all faces and races. With her faithful companion, a red heeler mix named Anabelle, by her side, she made cross-country treks frequently between New Mexico, Texas, and Vermont and even up to Alaska to visit friends and family and to see the world while her health permitted.

“Here for a good time, not a long time,” she would joke, making light of the struggles she faced with her indomitable spirit.

A talented artist, she was generous with her gift and spread her art far and wide with loved ones and dear friends and never kept any for herself. The same could be said about her spirit and generosity. She gave fiercely and absolutely and never kept it to herself.

She leaves behind her partner

Shirley E. Fontaine, 1925-2021

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. – Shirley Eunice Hart Fontaine, 95, of Cross Road, Westminster West, Vt., recently residing at American House, Keene, N.H., died of medical complications at her residence in Keene Friday, June 18, 2021. Shirley was born Aug. 20, 1925 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of Arthur and Eunice Hart.

She graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1943 as salutatorian of her class. She was a telephone operator until she became a full-time mother and homemaker, raising her seven children. She was a devout Catholic and a lifelong member of St. Charles Church.

She married her high school sweetheart Gordon “Bub” Fontaine July 8, 1946 at St. Charles Church. They were married for 67 years until his passing in 2014. Surviving are her children James Fontaine and wife Jan of Hyde Park, Vt., Pat Wheeler and husband Peter of Little River, S.C., son-in-law David Hallock of Bellows Falls, Vt., son-in-law Bryan Wood of Claremont, N.H., Elaine DeBell of North Walpole, N.H., Regina Rockefeller and husband Andy of Keene, N.H., and Jean Fontaine and partner Gary Cobb of Westminster, Vt. Her grandchildren include Seth Fontaine, Emily Richards, Kim McCaffrey, Paul Wheeler, Nicole Adams, Amy Tuttle, Adam Hallock, Bridget Goodell, Becky Wood, Amy Wheeler, Bethany Ferguson, Alison Kemp, Matthew Emerson, Hayley Emerson, Jack Rockefeller, and 25 great-grandchildren. Her husband, daughter Kathleen Hallock, daughter Deborah Wood, grandson Christopher Hallock, her brother Francis Hart, and sister Patricia Baldasaro predeceased her. She is survived by several nieces, nephews, and her close friend Claire White.

Shirley raised her children in Bellows Falls and later spent summers at “The Land” in Westminster West. “The Land”



Shirley E. Fontaine, 1925-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

started out with a lean-to and over the years they built a house, large barn, and several outbuildings culminating with an in-ground pool. After Bub’s retirement, Westminster West became their permanent residence where so many wonderful memories were shared over the years by family and friends.

Shirley loved Bub more than life celebrating over 67 years of marriage. She was Bub’s right hand man, always by his side with a project. She was devoted to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved the outdoors, including hiking, canoeing, golfing, snowshoeing, skating, sledding, hunting – proud to be a dead eye shot – and fishing, almost always accompanied by Bub. She loved to read, knit, go out for breakfast, and spend time with her best friends Myra and Topsy. Shirley was a kind, sweet woman with a twinkle in her eye. She was a friend to all. She was deeply loved and will be truly missed.

The family wishes to thank all the staff at American House Keene for their care and support. A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, June 22 at St. Charles Church followed by burial at St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Charles Church, 31 Cherry Hill St, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Ezekial R. Neathawk, 1990-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ezekial “Zeke” R. Neathawk, 31, died June 16, 2021. Born May 16, 1990, in Brattleboro, Vt. to Richard H. and Karen L. (Douglass) Neathawk. Zeke attended school in Saxtons River and graduated from BFUHS in 2009. He worked as a certified Journeyman, just shy of becoming a master electrician and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers completing a four-year apprenticeship. He enjoyed bow hunting, fishing, playing golf, and above all spending time with his daughter.

Zeke is survived by his father and mother; his partner Brooke Kearney and daughter Everly, who he dearly loved and was devoted to; his sisters Emma Neathawk, Jacqueline Duval; his nieces Jalynn, Jocelynn, and Isabella; his grandmother Lorraine Douglass, and his stepmother Tammy and stepsiblings Colton and Kasidy.

Zeke was predeceased by his grandfather Earl Douglass, grandfather Charles Neath-



Ezekial R. Neathawk, 1990-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

awk, and grandmother Gifford (O’Connor) Lowe.

There will be calling hours Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 5-7 p.m., at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be a private graveside service at a later date.

You will forever be in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent for Everly’s scholarship fund to Mascoma Bank, P.O. Box 2, Walpole, NH 03608.

Charlotte F. Dean, 2021

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Mrs. Charlotte Francis (Symmes) Dean, 80, of Townshend, Vt., went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, June 13, 2021 in the comfort of her home after a long battle with several autoimmune diseases, surrounded by her husband and daughters Patti and Beth, along with close family friends. She was the beloved wife of Paul L. Dean Sr.

Charlotte was born in West Haven, Conn., the daughter of the late Arthur D. Symmes and Mary E. (Breen) Symmes. She was a graduate of Bryman Institute in Brighton, Mass. She worked many years as an OB-GYN certified medical assistant for Dr. John Hughes at Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, Mass. and as a phlebotomist in charge of an offsite medical lab in Milford, Mass. Once moved to Vermont, she began working as a phlebotomist at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and Grace Cottage Hospital.

Charlotte loved people and enjoyed making friends everywhere she went. She was always there to provide compassion and support to others. She was passionate about God’s love for over 60 years. Charlotte was an active member of the church, most recently at the Community Christian Church of Athens, Vt., and served within many capacities. She participated in several committees, provided food and warmth to those in need, and completed a major mission trip to a Theological Institute in India. Most recently, she was serving as the Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain for the Windham County Camp of Gideons International where she helped make God’s Word available to a wider audience. Charlotte was fiercely committed to the health and happiness of her family. One of her greatest joys in life was sharing in the successes of her children and grandchildren, no matter how big or small.

After her open-heart surgery in 2016, she spent rehabilitation time at Pine Heights Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, where



Charlotte F. Dean, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

she later became a volunteer worker.

One of her loves was public speaking. She developed and implemented seminars for several church ladies’ functions.

Along with her beloved husband of 54 years, she is survived by her four children, Patricia A. O’Connell of Plainville, Mass., Bethany C. Mulcahy and her husband Brian of Rosenberg, Texas, Paul L. Dean Jr. of Palm Harbor, Fla., Elton A. Dean and his wife Tonia of Hubert, N.C.; 10 grandchildren Sean T. O’Connell, Aaron P. O’Connell, Brian M. O’Connell, Emily G. Van Dyk, Colin J. Van Dyk, Madison B. Van Dyk, Amber A. Mulcahy, Kyle B. Dean, Kaleigh A. Dean, Brandon R. Dean; her sister Harriett Symmes of Webster, Mass. She was predeceased by her brother Arthur D. Symmes Jr. and a sister Elizabeth B. Orrey.

According to her wishes, cremation will take place. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

A celebration of her life was held at the Community Christian Church June 17, 2021. In lieu of flowers, her family encourages memorial donations be made to Community Christian Church, Church Office, 1 Miller Rd, Athens, VT 05143 or Gideons International, P.O. Box 2335, West Brattleboro, VT 05303.

Sharon A. Rice, 1953-2021

KEENE, N.H. – Sharon Ann Rice of Keene, N.H., passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Community Hospice House in Merrimack, N.H. Born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Sept. 22, 1953. She was the fourth child of Donald E. and Mary E. (Lock-erby) Rice. Sharon grew up in Grafton, Vt., attended Grafton School, graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1971, and then pursued a career in nursing.

She studied for nursing at Fannie Allen Memorial School in Winoski, Vt. Then worked for Rockingham Memorial Hospital before moving on to Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, N.H. Sharon then went to Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H., and worked there for 35 years until her retirement. She studied to become an R.N. at Claremont Community Technical College in 2005. She then worked part-time for the Red Cross as an instructor until

health issues forced her to stop.

Her favorite things to do were traveling and family get-togethers. She was especially fond of Maine beaches. She often took her niece and nephews to local beaches. In her later years, she traveled with good friends Elizabeth Kurowski and DiDi Provencal. Sharon was also a Red Hat lady.

She was predeceased by her parents and a brother John Rice. Sharon is survived by two sisters, Barbara Bragg of Charlestown, N.H. and Donna Rice of Grafton, Vt., also a niece Sandra Britton and nephews David (Ellen) Bragg, Kevin Bragg, and Shawn Rice, and several great-nieces and nephews, two great-great-nephews and two great-great-nieces. There will be a graveside service in Houghtonville Cemetery, Grafton, Vt., Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Red Cross or ASP-CA.

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# arts & entertainment

## Cavendish Summer Concerts: The Break Maids

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The town of Cavendish will open its 2021 summer music series with a concert by The Break Maids on Proctorsville’s Svec Memorial Green, Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m.

Straight off the hill and over the top! The Break Maids are celebrating 10 years of riotous glam-stomp music that spans genres and breaks hearts at 70 paces. Seven Days calls their three-part harmonies “ethereal like a Greek Tragedy.” The Maids are Faith Wood on bass, Ida Mae Specker on percussion, and Emily Burkland on guitar. Live music is back and The Break Maids are here for it

with an all-original set of hits that have been lovingly harvested from the purest ingredients to fix what ails you.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is coordinating the summer concert series. All concerts are free and open to the public, so please join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of good music from the gazebo. Murdock’s Restaurant and Outer Limits Brewery will each be serving food and drink, including takeout so please support your local businesses.

Wearing masks at the concert and physical distancing are only required for those

who are not vaccinated. The green is large and the band will be loud enough to be heard throughout, so please spread out and maintain distancing.

The summer concert series has a long history in Proctorsville and many area residents reserve Wednesday evenings to listen to the live music. As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Facebook page. For more information on the concerts, please call Robin at 802-226-7736.

## “Transcending” fine art show at DaVallia Gallery

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia invites you to a new fine art exhibition. Their fine art show, “Transcending,” will feature paintings by Laurie Alberts June 25 through July 29.

DaVallia Gallery is pleased to premiere Vermont artist Laurie Alberts in her first fine art exhibition. The exhibition will feature a new collection of her oil and cold wax paintings. Laurie Alberts’ first creative incarnation was as a novelist, memoirist, and professor of creative writing. After publishing eight books, she began painting and never looked back. Painting permits her to transcend the gritty realism of her prose in favor of the emotional content of places she’s inhabited or imagined, visits to a realm beyond language.

Established in 2009, Da-



“Transcending” fine art show, featuring the work of Laurie Alberts. PHOTO PROVIDED

Vallia has been a five-star destination for the arts. Located on Route 103 in the historic Stone Village of Chester, their gallery and sculpture gardens provide an inspiring atmosphere to experience a diverse array of art. DaVallia welcomes you to enjoy

the first show of the 2021 season. To preview the show, purchase works, or to learn more about our art collection, visit us online at [www.ArtfulVT.com](http://www.ArtfulVT.com). To schedule an appointment for a private viewing, call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900.

## Decorate a duck for Fit ‘N Fun Run

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Puddles is the Springfield Area Parent Child Center’s entry for the 2021 Decorate-a-Duck contest that is a new event this year and part of the 2021 Fit ‘N Fun Duck Run to be held July 17 at the SAPCC campus at 6 Main Street in North Springfield.

Puddles best represents what we do here at the center. He is carrying a Welcome Baby Bag and the forms necessary to help provide resources to assist families and children. You can sponsor a duck for the contest by decorating your entry in a way that best represents who you are and what you do. Large rubber ducks can be purchased online at [www.Sapcc-vt.org](http://www.Sapcc-vt.org) or send an email to [sapcc@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:sapcc@sapcc-vt.org). We will deliver your duck to you or you can drop by SAPCC to pick one up. Entries must be ducks purchased from SAPCC to be eligible.

Cash prizes of \$100 each

will be awarded to the People’s Choice Duck, the Fittest Duck, and the Business Duck. You will be asked to choose your category when you enter. Decorated ducks must be dropped off at SAPCC by Friday, July 9. Voting will take place on Facebook from July 10-16 at 11:59 p.m. and winners will be announced immediately prior to the Fit ‘N Fun Duck Run July 17 at 10:30 a.m.

This is just one “fun” part of the Fit ‘N Fun Duck Run day that includes the tiny ducks racing down the Black River, a silent auction, snacks, refreshments, smoothies, and activities at The Edgar May Health & Recreation Center after the race. So get creative, have fun, and win a prize!

Please call SAPCC at 802-



Introducing Puddles, the SAPCC Duck. PHOTO PROVIDED

886-5242 if you have any questions.

## BrattRock seeks youth musicians for festival

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – BrattRock, a youth rock festival organized by Youth Services, is seeking bands and solo musical artists from around New England to take the stage at 118 Elliot

in downtown Brattleboro Saturday, Sept. 25. This is BrattRock 2021, the sixth annual Brattleboro Youth Rock Festival and the first live festival since before the pandemic.

Performances will take place between 5-10 p.m. on an outdoor stage with indoor stage available for inclement weather. Gates

open to the public at 4:30 p.m. In addition to up to five continuous hours of live music, the festival will feature food vendors, arts and crafts activities, and games. All are invited to attend this fun-for-all-ages community event.

Any interested youth performer and bands – most band

members should be ages 20 and under – are invited to audition by sending a YouTube video of a rehearsal or performance to [info@brattrock.org](mailto:info@brattrock.org). The deadline for auditions is July 15, with finalists being selected by Aug. 1. For more information, contact Samantha French at 603-903-2283.

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CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Fourth of July weekend festivities with the Chester American Legion Post 67 at 635 Route 103 in Chester. On Friday, July 2, the American Legion Band will play an outdoor concert, starting around 7 p.m. Fireworks to follow. The Legion will be accepting donations before the show.

On Friday and Saturday, July 2

and 3, the flea market and craft fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sons of the American Legion will be making a pig roast, and other food and refreshments will be available. On Saturday, July 3, starting around 10 a.m., the Legion will host a horse pull at the Legion field on the opposite end from the craft fair.

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# classifieds

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(06/14/22 - 52)

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(09/07/21 - 52)

## Okemo Valley TV

**LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**  
• Graduations- GMUHS, ESB, Mt. Holly, & LES  
• LES 6th grade class reads their own poetry  
• Gov. Scott's weekly press conference  
• "Pearl," a film from Chickasaw Nation Productions  
• July 4th events at Coolidge Historic Site

**Watch on TV:** Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166  
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167  
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(09/21/21-13)



# community

## LEGAL NOTICES

### The Spirit of Springfield digital design competition winner

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce partnered with Black River Innovation Campus and invited students in Kristen Wilson’s Information Technology program at River Valley Tech Center to participate in a Digital Design Competition to develop a new poster showcasing the Spirit of Springfield Community Storytelling project.

The Chamber worked with local artist and digital developer Karen Longo of Dragonfly Designs to develop a creative brief including color scheme, fonts, content, and mood

board, which they shared with the students to give them a scope of the project.

Kristen and Karen worked with the class to help them bring their visions into digital reality, and they held regular group discussion sessions with the students over the course of six weeks to provide perspective and feedback. The Chamber was so impressed with the final poster submissions; it was an absolute pleasure working with such incredibly talented and creative young people in the community. A committee of judges reviewed all the designs and it was really tough to choose a winner. Congratulations to Riley Ward, a junior at Springfield High School. His clever use of familiar imagery, coupled with dynamic use of color and filters, and overall eye-catching design really wowed the judges. As a prize, Riley will be receiving a \$40 gift card to Springfield Cinemas 3.

Copies of Riley’s winning poster will soon be going up all over town to help spread the word about the Spirit of Springfield Community Storytelling project.

On behalf of the Chamber, the Spirit of Springfield project, and BRIC, thank you to Riley and all the contest participants for sharing your creativity and talent. And thank you to Ms. Wilson at RVTC and Karen Longo of Dragonfly Designs for supporting this fun collaboration.

Have you checked out the Spirit of Springfield project yet? Please visit the collaborative kudoboard and post your images, videos, and stories about what it has been like living in Springfield during the pandemic. This is open to everyone – adults, students, senior citizens, etc. At the end of the year, a book will be printed with all the entries to create a time capsule for the community.

### Wilder Memorial Library summer reading

**WESTON, Vt.** – Wilder Memorial Library invites families to participate in summer reading via Beanstack and win prizes. Beanstack makes it easy and fun to track summer reading.

Here’s how to join us. Sign up at [www.vermont.beanstack.org](http://www.vermont.beanstack.org), select Wilder Memorial, pick your challenges, and log your reading, participate in activities, and earn digital badges.

“Summer reading is a great opportunity for everyone to explore new literature and develop new passions,” says Jessica Clapp, li-

brary director with Wilder Memorial Library. “As families make their reading selections for the summer, I hope they’ll take advantage of the free resources available through our library, including books, audio, and downloadable books, and more. Plus, we’re planning fun activities including a Stuffed Animal Sleepover and summer activity kits to help make this an extra special summer for children!”

The best way to stay abreast of the library’s news and events is to subscribe to our newsletter by sending us an email

to [FrontPorchWilder@gmail.com](mailto:FrontPorchWilder@gmail.com), and following us on Facebook and Instagram. Visit [www.wildermemoriallibrary.org](http://www.wildermemoriallibrary.org) for more information on summer reading, Hoopla, remote reading, and more.

“We hope that the summer reading program encourages children to become lifelong readers,” says Clapp. “Summer is the perfect time for kids to explore their personal reading interests, discover new genres, or build upon ideas and themes studied during the school year.”

Wilder Memorial Library is located at 24 Lawrence Hill Road in Weston.

### Springfield Town Library resumes regular hours

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Town Library has much exciting news. Our doors are fully open and we back to our regular hours. Public computers have been spread out throughout the building and tables are available on the second floor for those who bring their own devices.

Since we often have little ones and others who cannot be vaccinated, we are requesting

that all still wear masks while in our building. Masks will be required in the children’s room. All children’s programs will be held outdoors this summer.

Adult programs will slowly be brought back inside. We ask for your patience as we clear out the Flinn Room for those activities. The Family Room may be reserved for very small groups who require a quiet space.

The Ruth Celotto Memorial Bench has been redone by our library director’s husband, Joe Dowdell, and sits proudly in our side garden. Thanks

to the Friends of Springfield Town Library, the front gardens have been cleaned up and the tub, filled with brightly colored flowers, has been relocated to the front of the building.

Finally, we are proud to announce the hiring of our new Technical Services Librarian, Tracy Obremski. Tracy has been a smiling, helpful library clerk for more than 20 years. She will now be responsible for ordering materials and working with the library clerks to get items ready for you as quickly as possible. Congratulations to Tracy!

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
WINDHAM UNIT

CIVIL DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 136-4-19 Wmcy

TD BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff

VS.

JAMES D. ELSESSER a/k/a JAMES DAVID ELSESSER; SHARON L. ELSESSER; and OCCUPANTS OF 8 CHURCH PLACE, BELLOWS FALLS (ROCKINGHAM), VT

Defendants

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

By virtue and in execution of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Sale entered on December 18, 2019 and of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James D. Elssessor a/k/a James David Elssessor and Sharon L. Elssesser (the "Mortgagors") to CFX Mortgage, Inc., as lender, its successors and assigns (the "Mortgagee") and recorded in Volume 237, Page 385 of the Rockingham Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **8 Church Place, in the Village of Bellows Falls, Town of Rockingham, Windham County, Vermont at ONE O'CLOCK P.M. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021** all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

A CERTAIN PIECE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF WINDHAM AND STATE OF VERMONT, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

BEING ALL AND THE SAME LANDS AND PREMISES DECREED TO FIRST VERMONT BANK AND TRUST COMPANY BY JUDGMENT ORDER AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE OF THE WINDHAM SUPERIOR COURT, DOCKET NO. S283-90WMC ENTITLED FIRST VERMONT BANK AND TRUST COMPANY V MICHAEL W. ORR, ET AL., DATED OCTOBER 30, 1990, AND THEREIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL AND THE SAME LANDS AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO MICHAEL W. ORR AND SARA J. ORR BY WARRANTY DEED OF JOHN B. DUNPHY DATED DECEMBER 30, 1987, AND TO BE RECORDED IN THE ROCKINGHAM LAND RECORDS. SAID PREMISES ARE MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED THEREIN AS FOLLOWS:

"SITUATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF CHURCH PLACE IN THE VILLAGE AND BEING ALL OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS NUMBER 8 CHURCH PLACE."

FURTHER REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE AND HAD TO NON-REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM LAND RECORDS ON DECEMBER 12, 1990 IN BOOK 220, PAGE 183.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JAMES DAVID ELSESSER BY DEED FROM FIRST VERMONT BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, A VERMONT BANKING COMPANY RECORDED 07/13/1992 IN DEED BOOK 192 PAGE 543, IN THE ROCKINGHAM LAND RECORDS, VERMONT.

Pursuant to 12 V.S.A §4953(b), the public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 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.

**TERMS OF SALE**

A deposit of \$10,000.00 in the form of cash, a bank treasurer's check, or certified funds will be required to be delivered at or before the time a bid is offered. The successful bidder(s) will be required to execute a purchase and sale agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other payment satisfactory to the Mortgagee's attorney. The subject property is being sold 'as is, where is', with all defects, patent and latent, subject to property taxes and municipal assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

Pursuant to 12 V.S.A §4949(a), the Mortgagors are entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the public sale by paying the full amount due under the judgment order and such other amounts, including costs and expenses of sale, accruing postjudgment as agreed upon by the mortgagors and the mortgagee or ordered by the court.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Dated: June 18, 2021. By: TD Bank, N.A.

*/s/ Elizabeth M. Lacombe*  
Elizabeth M. Lacombe, Juris No. 5559  
Duane Morris LLP  
100 Pearl Street, 13th Floor  
Hartford, CT 06103  
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**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Hall to receive public input and take testimony on the following application(s):

Application 202136 David Thurber is requesting a Minor Subdivision Review (Section 405) to subdivide Parcel 007-1-25 (15.40 +/- ac.) into two lots of 12.69 +/- ac. & 2.71 +/- ac. The property is located at 693 Eureka Road and is zoned RA-2.

Application 202139 Springfield Health Center is requesting Variance Review (Section 30-809) to place two 60 sq. ft. banners on the pedestrian bridge at 100 River Street. The property is located at 100 River Street and is zoned General Business.

**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](mailto:todd.parah@trsu.org)

**GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
Chester, VT**

**Full Time Custodian Position – Immediate Opening**

Green Mountain Union High School has an immediate opening for a 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM 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

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**Share your events with us!**

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or submit online: [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com)

**Highway Department Position Available**

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in our Highway Department.  
A CDL is required.

Please contact Larry at 802-672-3535.

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT  
POSITIONS AVAILABLE  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Town of Ludlow Select Board is receiving applications for Development Review Board (DRB) members:

One-year term – 3 positions  
Two-year term – 1 position

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Scott Murphy at [tmanager@tds.net](mailto:tmanager@tds.net) or mail to the Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 by July 8, 2021. Appointments will be made at the Ludlow Select Board's regular meeting scheduled on July 12, 2021.

**-WALPOLE FIRE DISTRICT-  
P.O. Box 243 – 278 Main Street  
Walpole, NH 03608  
603-756-3621**

**Walpole NH Fire District  
For Sale by Sealed Bid**

The Walpole Fire District is accepting sealed bids for one used 1999 E-One Engine/Hose Reel on a Freightliner FL80 cab & chassis. Cummins ISC-330 engine with Allison MD3060 5-speed automatic transmission with approximately 17,000 miles. Hale 1500gpm pump with 750-gallon tank and Akron foam system. Truck has a rear mount Hanney Reel. Truck may be viewed by appointment only by calling 603-313-5250. Bids should be clearly marked "Walpole Fire District, Truck Bid" and mailed to Walpole Fire District, PO Box 243, Walpole NH 03608. All bids must be received July 7, 2021 at 18:30. Bids will be read aloud on July 7, 2021 at the Walpole Fire District Commissioners meeting at 19:00 hours. The Walpole Fire District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Final sale to be "as is" with no warranty applied. Successful bidder shall provide full payment within 5-days of award to be considered valid.



# calendar

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Local artist Debra Craigue will be teaching an acrylic painting class Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at The Springfield Art Gym, 62 Clinton St. in Springfield. Deb supplies the canvases, all the paints, and even lunch. To register and for cost information, please contact Deb by email: Nicnat8587@gmail.com.

LEMPSTER, N.H. – Lempster Book Sale Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at History Hall Grounds. Sponsored by Friends of the Miner Memorial Library. Contact 802-863-6925 for details.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North School Tag Sale Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 49 Main Street in North Springfield, hosted by North School Preservation Society.**

**JUNE 29 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band will present a concert Tuesday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor bandstand at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield. The band's new saxophone quartet will perform. Please bring a chair.

**JULY 2 & 3 –**  
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Fourth of July Celebration will be Friday, July 2 at dusk with a parade scheduled for Saturday, July 3 beginning at 11 a.m. starting at the Town Garage and ending at The Mountain Marketplace.

**JULY 3 –**  
BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – 2021  
Brownsville Independence  
Day Celebrations Saturday,  
July 3, from 8:30 a.m.-  
3 p.m., with activities  
throughout the village  
on Brownsville Hartland  
Road. Evening fireworks at  
Ascutney Outdoors. Enjoy  
a community breakfast,  
lively music, games, a

bouncy house, diverse food vendors, crafts, a book sale, and a Gala Parade at 1 p.m. In the evening, we will enjoy music, food, family picnics, and spectacular fireworks at dusk.

JAMAICA, Vt. – Join us for Tommy Fest 2021 Saturday, July 3 at 2 p.m. at 1047 Pikes Falls Road in Jamaica. In honor of Tom Morris of the Bondville Boys, join us as we gather again for the fourth year since he departed. This festival raises money to buy instruments for those who wish to learn to play. Come jam with us. We'll be featuring and playing songs written by Tom Morris. Bring your own masks, food, and drink – no fires. Don't forget your instrument! Rain date July 5.

**SUNDAYS –** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has resumed meeting Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. —

Goat yoga is back at Taylor Farm, 825 Route 11, in Londonderry. Baby goats' playful social nature helps bring our focus into the present moment and a meditative state. All classes will be held Sundays, from 10-11 a.m. Space is limited. Preregistration and payment are required. To register, go to [www.jasperforest.com/product-page/goat-yoga-class](http://www.jasperforest.com/product-page/goat-yoga-class).

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

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REGION – “Circle of Parents in Recovery” is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy? It’s probably the toughest job you will ever have, and sometimes it can be pretty overwhelming. You are not alone! Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at [amenard@pcavt.org](mailto:amenard@pcavt.org) or call 802-498-0603.

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

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** – Every Thursday afternoon Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden work days at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about

scheduling and tasks at [www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden](http://www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden).

**FRIDAYS –**  
TOWNSHEND, Vt. –  
Townshend Farmers Market  
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information, go to [www.westtownshend.wixsite.com/wrcp](http://www.westtownshend.wixsite.com/wrcp).


**SATURDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers' Market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Clinton Street, near the entrance to the Toonerville Trail. For questions or vendor application forms,

contact sfog@vermontel.net.


**DAILY –**  
REGION – Join an  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
meeting. Visit [www.aavt.org](http://www.aavt.org)  
or call 802-885-8281.

**WEEKLY –**  
REGION – Flow and Restore Yoga weekly live stream classes with Soulfire Yoga with Joy, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 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. Contact Joy Nagle for more information and to register for classes. Joyousom@gmail.com or 802-855-3003.

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**CAVENDISH**

**St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.**  
Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443.

**LUDLOW**

**Ludlow Baptist Church,  
on the Green, 99 Main  
St.**  
Sunday school and  
service at 11 a.m. are in  
person. Mid-week prayer  
will continue over Zoom.  
For more information  
about social distancing  
guidelines, go to [www.  
LudlowBaptist.org](http://www.LudlowBaptist.org) or call  
Pastor Jerry Scheumann at  
802-228-7600.

## LONDONDERRY

**First Baptist Church,  
62 Crescent St., S.  
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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.com](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.com).

org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit [www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org](http://www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org) or call 802-856-7266.

## SPRINGFIELD

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**  
Services are on a break until July 11. Summer services will be held via

Zoom July 11 & 25 and Aug. 8 & 22. Weekly services resume Sunday, Sept. 12. All services are at 10 a.m. Contact [uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com) for more information.

**United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.**  
Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others.

For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

## WALPOLE

**Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.**  
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and updates, go to [www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org](http://www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org).

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**This delightful three bedroom ranch home** in a country location, but close to town services, may be just what you and your family are looking for. Set on a one acre corner lot it offers room for gardens, yards for the kids to play and more. An oversized kitchen/dining room with access to the back deck, is perfect for those backyard cookouts. A large living room first floor laundry and three generous bedrooms, 2 featuring built-ins and a full bath offers plenty of family space. Also the 2 car garage and workshop space with plenty of storage is perfect for the handyman of the house. A separate garden shed offers space to store the garden tools. **\$185,000**




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# SEVCA offering free child tax credit services

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Qualifying families can receive advance payments of the Child Tax Credit in monthly payments starting this summer. The total Child Tax Credit is worth \$3,600 for children 5 and under, and \$3,000 for children 6 through 17. Families could receive up to \$300 per month for younger children and \$250 per month for older children. The IRS will use information from 2019 or 2020 tax returns to determine if you are qualified. SEVCA's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program can help families who aren't required to file a tax return provide information to the IRS. SEVCA can also help if you have not received the first two rounds of Economic Impact Payments.

Information on eligibility requirements for advance Child Tax Credit payments and Economic Impact Payments can be found on SEVCA's website: [www.sevca.org/news/330-sevca-offers-free-child-tax-credit-services](http://www.sevca.org/news/330-sevca-offers-free-child-tax-credit-services). People who filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return or submitted information to the IRS last year to register for the Economic Impact Payments do not need to take action to receive child tax credits.

Call SEVCA at 802-722-4575 for more information and to make an appointment for free Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payment tax preparation services on the following dates:

- June 25 – Windsor Resource Center, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 1 Railroad Ave, Windsor
- June 26 – SEVCA's Main Office, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 91 Buck Dr, Westminster
- July 9 – Windsor Resource Center, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 1 Railroad Ave, Windsor
- July 10 – SEVCA's Main Office, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 91 Buck Dr, Westminster

SEVCA is proud to be a part of this event to help our communities in Windham and Windsor counties.

# Federal mask requirements remain for public transportation

**REGION** – The Vermont Agency of Transportation reminds passengers that federal mask requirements remain in place across all transportation networks, including buses, trains, and commercial aircrafts.

"The recent lifting of the state Covid-19 restrictions is welcome news to us all," said AOT Secretary Joe Flynn. "We are excited for the return of Amtrak passenger rail service and intercity bus service on July 19 – and we thank all riders for their patience and understanding of the remaining federal rules."

While state restrictions have been lifted, it is important to note that Vermont's transportation systems are bound by federal rules and requirements. Both the Transportation Security Agency and the Center for Disease Control are requiring facemasks to be used until Sept. 13, 2021. This includes passengers on Amtrak trains, intercity buses, and all commercial flights at any airport facility.

AOT will alert the public if federal guidance changes and asks all passengers for their continued support of this federal requirement.

# HCRS receives 2021 Summer Matters for All grant

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental health and developmental disability services agency, was recently selected to receive \$63,945 in funding from the Summer Matters for All grant program. According to Gov. Phil Scott, the Summer Matters for All grant program will award up to \$3.85 million to programs in 13 counties of Vermont, with the goal of expanding access to summer enrichment opportunities for K-12 youth this summer.

This grant money will support HCRS' summer therapeutic programming for youth currently engaged in services at HCRS, ages 8-16, who may have no other access to summer recreational programs. Division Director Jennifer Smith, LICSW states, "This funding allows us to provide a truly therapeutic and rich summer experience for the youth we serve. Having the ability to provide meaningful day trips, visiting parks and pools, and purchasing supplies and equipment will allow youth to truly engage in fun, therapeutic activities. This is such a great gift!"

Gov. Scott has put an emphasis on helping Vermont kids recover from the pandemic and the isolation it caused, including creating opportunities for them to safely reconnect with their peers and communities. The purpose of the grant program is to increase access to summer enrichment opportunities for K-12 youth statewide this summer. This was a highly competitive process with 188 proposals submitted totaling more than \$7.4 million in requests, far exceeding available funds.

The grants, funded by federal dollars secured by Sen. Bernie Sanders and administered by Vermont Afterschool, were awarded to a variety of programs, including summer camps, libraries, municipalities, teen centers, nonprofit social service organizations, and more. The goal of the funding is to expand the number of weeks and available slots, as well as to increase affordability and accessibility of summer programs. These offerings will supplement school-based programs, as districts in Vermont received separate federal funds to support summer learning and afterschool programs.

"Summer is the perfect opportunity to help kids reconnect and recharge. We are incredibly grateful to our state leaders and policymakers for their commitment to the development of the Summer Matters for All grant program," stated Holly Morehouse, executive director of Vermont Afterschool, within the grant materials. "With this funding, communities and youth-serving organizations across the state will be able to create a great summer for Vermont children and youth that will help them make new memories and emerge from the pandemic strong, resilient, and hopeful."

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