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GMUSD debates detail of minutes for controversial April meeting

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CHESTER, Vt. – At their June 17 meeting, the Green Mountain Unified School District Board spend nearly an hour debating the depth of detail that should be included in their meeting minutes. They mainly concentrated on the minutes from the controversial April 15 board meeting, which included two back-to-back votes to approve Keith Hill as Green Mountain Union High School principal. The second, and confirming vote, came on the heels of threats to quit by both board Vice Chair Deb Brown and Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman.

Board member Dennis Reilly had recommended there be a truncated version of the April minutes during May's meeting, but that suggestion was not acted on at the time and the minutes were tabled. This month, Reilly provided a recommended edit of the April minutes to the other board members, which "maintained all the important information that happened… All the motions, all the votes, and eliminated all the emotions."

Reilly said that April's meeting was a "really disgusting and inappropriate" example of what a school board should be doing and that everyone that attended that meeting made mistakes. Reilly said he didn't want that to be the historical record for future generations to read. He made a motion to accept his edited April minutes.

Also under fire was the decision to include the chat comments from Zoom meeting attendees as an attachment and indicated as a part of the official meeting minutes. Board Chair Joe Fromberger said that he had instructed that the chat comments not be included in the minutes yet the official minutes that were up for approval still had the notation that the chat comments were included as an attachment. The board agreed that all future meetings, the chat function would be turned off in the event of a hybrid meeting.

Board member Abe Gross disagreed with both editing the full-detailed minutes of the April meeting and eliminating the chat comments. He said that although he understood the objection to the inclusion of the chats, that it was appropriate to have the full record of all the information available, exactly for the reason of having an exact historical record.

Board Vice Chair Deb Brown opposed Reilly's edited version of the April minutes, saying that although she was in the center of the controversy, it happened and showed her frustration. She also said that she didn't know her mic was on when she threatened to quit.

In the first vote on the April minutes, Reilly's edited version of the minutes was not approved by a "no" vote of 5 to 4.

A motion to include language that chat comments were "included only as public comment," along with the full minutes was also not approved, defeated 5 to 4.

In the final vote, the original full-length April minutes, which included small corrections suggested by the recording secretary, and eliminated the chat comments from the official minutes, was approved by a vote of 7 to 2.

Gross then made a motion to require the superintendent to save the chat conversation somewhere, suggesting that the board could be in legal jeopardy by getting rid of documents that they have. After a lengthy discussion about meeting record storing and how Zoom meetings are recorded and saved, Gross withdrew his request.

The minutes for the May 20 meeting were then quickly approved.

Fierman announced that she would be dropping her plan to change Cavendish Town Elementary School's Tuesday schedule to mirror the other district schools for this upcoming school year, saying that they needed more than two months to make that kind of transition and did not want to start out the year with people being angry and upset.

Instead Fierman will return all schools to their pre-pandemic schedule. She said she would start the process of transitioning the CTES schedule, which currently includes Tuesday afternoon professional development time for teachers, in August and September of this year with a plan to align all the school schedules in fall of 2022.

The GMUSD School Board has a scheduled retreat for Wednesday, June 30. The next GMUSD meeting will be at Chester-Andover Elementary School Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.

Tending gardens to nurture students

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Green Mountain Gardeners' Mountain Garden Walks will take place July 17, 2021 to benefit the Lib Thieme Scholarship Fund. According to Ethan Lareau, current scholarship recipient, "This scholarship allows me to worry less about the financial obligations of college and to focus more on my studies. I very much appreciate the support of this award towards my education."

Ethan Lareau.
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A graduate of Burr and Burton Academy, Ethan attends the University of Vermont, majoring in forestry and minoring in community entrepreneurship and geospatial technologies. He is concentrating on the applied practices of sustainable forestry in Northeastern forests, including the changing climate; the explosion of invasive species; and insect and disease outbreaks. He is also focusing on increasing public awareness of the importance of forests to our climate and native species.

The Lib Thieme Scholarship was established by the Green Mountain Gardeners in 2010 to honor Mrs. Elizabeth Thieme, a founding member of the GMG. Lib was an innovative and "hands-on" gardener who loved life and especially the company of young people. Her generosity helped establish the scholarship that continues to be funded through garden tours, plant sales, and community events. The scholarship provides monetary assistance for college or vocational studies in environmental sciences, landscape design, conservation, agriculture, or ecology to area students.

Join the Green Mountain Gardeners garden tour July 17 and contribute to the next scholar committed to the Vermont's environment and the survival of animal and plant species. More information on the July 17 Mountain Garden Walks and the Lib Thieme Scholarship can be found at www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

Ludlow Rotary Club features Let's Grow Kids speakers

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aly Richards, CEO of Let's Grow Kids, and Emily Blistein, business strategy director of the organization, were featured speakers at a recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting. They both discussed the purpose and objectives of the Let's Grow Kids project, headquartered in Burlington.

Let's Grow Kids representatives presented to Ludlow Rotary Club.
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Let's Grow Kids is a project whose aim is to create "a road to high-quality child care for all Vermont families by the year 2025." As noted by Aly, the organization has an unusual objective in addition to its prime purpose. "We want to go out of business in 2025," exclaimed Aly, noting that they wished to succeed in creating high-quality childcare by that year.

In describing the current conditions of childcare services in the state, she noted these key elements that needed to be addressed:

- Three out of every five Vermont children do not have access to good childcare
- Thirty percent of a family's income is spent on childcare
- Childcare personnel only receive an average of $13 an hour

Aly indicated that over 30,000 Vermonters have already joined them in supporting the group's objectives.

One major part of the program's purpose was realized this year when the state Legislature passed H.171, a bill that allocated $12.7 million to address four major child care issues: family childcare support, childcare worker salaries, infrastructure improvement, and an analysis of existing childcare programs in the state.

Emily Blistein spoke of the need for business and corporate support to underwrite the programs operated by Let's Grow Kids. Information on how businesses may participate in this effort may be secured by contacting her at emily@letsgrowkids.org.

More information is available at www.letsgrowkids.org.

GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club End of the Year banquet

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Women's Club met Monday, June 14, 2021 for their annual end of year banquet, gathering together for the first time since February 2020 due to Covid-19. The Echo Lake Inn in Plymouth hosted 28 ladies where they spent an evening catching up with friends while enjoying great food courtesy of the inn. Kendra Rickerby, Head of School for the Expeditionary School at Black River was the guest speaker for the evening. The school's Budget Director, Julie Abraham, also attended as a guest.

A brief business meeting was held, after which Membership Chairwoman Roxie Davis presented an award ceremony, complete with presentations of pins and anecdotes about clubwomen and history.

Fran Derlinga received a 15-year pin. Fran has been involved in GFWC for over 50 years, first as a longtime member in New Jersey before moving to Vermont. She was a member of the Okemo Valley Club for only a few years before she became a Vermont state president. Fran is one of three clubwomen who have been members of GFWC for over 50 years, including Sue Bragg and Ann Matulonis, who have each been members of Okemo Valley for more than 50 years.

Ten-year pins were given to Patty Greenwood, Karen Haskell, Jane Hart, Donna Tedford, Michelle Twombly, and Mary Lou Shaw who also became state president after being an Okemo Valley member for a short time.

Members receiving a five-year pin were Penny Trick and Joyce Washburn. Suzanne Gravey and Lorraine Hughes are five-year members who were not in attendance.

The club also installed new members Marrisa Selleck, Marge MacIntyre, Cara Phibin, Paula Felt, and Rhonda Lathrop. New members not in attendance include Judy Clough, Joanne Wilson, Jen Heller, and Linda Whittle.

The Ludlow Women's Club has been present in Ludlow since 1885, when it began as the Ludlow Cooking Club. The name was changed several times until the club became federated in 1919. Since then, it has been part of the General Federation Women's Clubs, which is the largest women's organization in the world. GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Anyone interested in the club may contact President Penny Trick at 802-975-0313, Membership chairwoman Roxie Davis at 802-226-7417, or any club member.

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Ludlow Farmers Market back for 2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – With all of last year's Covid-19 restrictions lifted, the Ludlow Farmers Market is happy to welcomes everybody back. There are numerous new vendors this year. The market offers locally grown produce and meats, baked goods, cheese as well as a big variety of goods made by local artists and artisans. During the months of July and August, there will be live music as well. For a detailed list of vendors, please check out the Ludlow Farmers Markets Facebook and Instagram.

The market is located on the lawn in front of the Okemo Mountain School at 53 Main Street in Ludlow and is open every Friday from 4-7 p.m. until Columbus Day weekend.

Engel & Völkers Okemo honored by international network of peers

LUDLOW, Vt. – Engel & Völkers Okemo is elated to share that its Ludlow-based team of advisors were recently honored as among the top producers in the company's global network of 800-plus luxury real estate brokerages.

Recognized for their commitment to hard work and excellence at Engel & Völkers Okemo are principal broker Gail Beardmore, broker and advisor Geralyn Donohue, and advisor Rachael Hyjek.

The team, which operates from a small Vermont village of fewer than 2,000 primary residents, managed $16.5 million in real estate transactions last year. Since January, their listings have gone under contract 55% faster than the local average and for $71,300 more than the area's median sale price. To meet this rise in demand, the brokerage is undergoing an expansion and will double its staff of advisors by the fall.

Engel & Völkers Okemo team.
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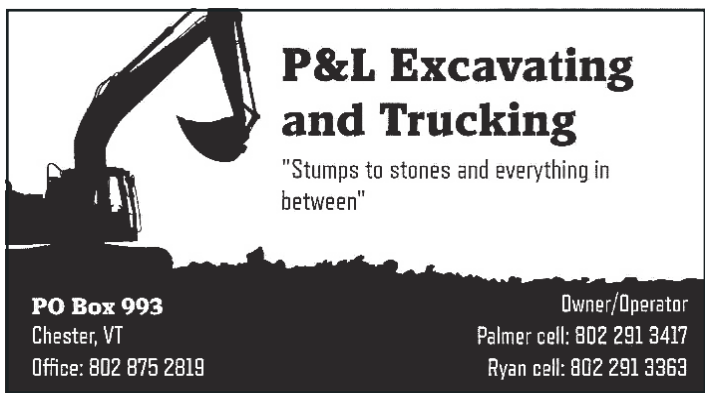
Black River Good Neighbor Services seeks Mount Holly representative

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Good Neighbor Services Board of Directors seeks to fill a board position with a resident from the town of Mount Holly. Interested parties may contact Lou Krefski at 802-282-1272 or at unkalou@msn.



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Tai Chi classes return to Black River Valley Senior Center

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Valley Senior Center presents the return of Tai Chi classes for the summer, starting Monday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. This hour-long, eight-week class will be held outside, weather permitting.

This beginner-level class is based on Dr. Paul Lam's "Balance and Fall Prevention" techniques. Tai Chi is a steady, rhythmic series of motions that uses the whole body. Movements can be modified to meet students' individual needs, and chairs are provided for mobility challenges. Anyone with the desire to strengthen body, mind, and spirit may participate. Side effects may include increased energy and inner peace.

Class is free and limited to 10 participants. Registration required and available at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., Ludlow, Vt., or call 802-228-7421.

Shear Beauty Salon now open in Springfield Woolson Block

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Since it opened June 4, Shear Beauty Salon in downtown Springfield has hit the road running. Owner Daryl Turner has been in the salon business for 15 years at a local salon, but last December she decided she was ready to set out on her own. Now, half a year later, she has opened her chic space as the first business in the newly remodeled Woolson Block.

Daryl, a mom of four, is excited for her new venture. She credits Jessica Martin from Springfield on the Move for helping her through the process. Springfield as a whole, she says, has been a very supportive community. "Small town Springfield, I love," she says. "It's truly an upcoming town. It's going to be great."

As the corner storefront, Shear Beauty Salon is in a prime foot traffic location, especially with the state lifting Covid-19 restrictions as well as the recent opening of the Springfield Food Co-Op on Main Street.

Shear Beauty Salon is very inviting. The large floor-to-ceiling storefront windows bring in sunlight into the open space. The remodeled storefronts have a clean, updated feel while highlighting their historic features such as the wood floors and intricate tin tiled ceilings. "I love the historic industrial look of this space and being right out on Main Street," Daryl says. "It just seemed like the perfect location."

Three attractive styling booths and a shampoo station fill out the space while maintaining an airy and open look. Daryl calls the space a work-in-progress. Some furnishings have been on backorder due to Covid-19, but she will be adding in pieces along the way, including some of her own artwork.

Shear Beauty Salon is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and by appointment Tuesday and Wednesday. The family-friendly salon specializes in cuts, colors, foils, and bridal hair. For more information or to book an appointment online, find Shear Beauty Salon on Facebook and Instagram or call 802-885-6050. The salon is also accessible from the Park Street entrance.

Weathersfield music series

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Local music supporters and the town of Weathersfield are partnering to provide an outdoor music series to give residents a much needed social respite from the 15-month ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic and area musicians a venue to resume their art.

The Weathersfield Summer Music Series, the brainchild of Bill and June Brink of Springfield, Vt., aims to simultaneously fill two demands in the southern Windsor County region: a new source for live music and another venue for local musicians who have had limited work for over a year due to pandemic restrictions.

"There really wasn't much around here for music besides getting hired for a gig at a bar or something," June Brink told The Eagle Times. "We wanted something outdoors."

The series, which kicks off Friday, July 9, will provide free live music every Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hoisington Field (sometimes called the Perkinsville Soccer Field) in Perkinsville, Vt. The 11-week series is slated to run through Friday, Sept. 24.

The Weathersfield Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring the music series, which town officials hope will help to bring the community back together after a difficult year and additional months of quarantining and gathering restrictions.

"We think this is a great way to get everyone back together," said Weathersfield Town Manager Brandon Gulnick.

Hoisington Field is an ideal location for public gatherings, organizers said. There is ample lawn space, a pavilion with tables for chess or checkers, a basketball court and a playground.

Brink said she is currently working to secure food truck vendors. The biggest challenge now, according to Brink, is raising donations and sponsorships to fund the series through the scheduled dates. While the concerts are free to the public, Brink hopes to raise a total of $7,000, a conservative budget needed to pay musicians and cover expenses like the sound equipment and advertising.

The town of Weathersfield is funding $1,000 to cover expenses of the first two concerts, according to Brink. The expense per show will vary based on the number of musicians performing.

Despite having only a short time-window to launch the music series this year, Brink said it felt particularly important to assist local musicians sooner. "Most of the musicians we know lost all their gigs last year," Brink said. "And that was a lot of income for a lot of people. So we thought let's get them a gig."

Musicians, including Brink's husband Bill, have been "dying to play" but the available venues remain limited, according to Brink. "The problem now is that everything is opening up but musicians everywhere are [competing] for the gigs," Brink said. "There's not a lot left for the little guys."

Brink hopes with enough additional funds to offer special treats like a free pizza or free ice cream night for attendees.

People wishing to donate are encouraged to send a check by mail or in-person to the Town of Weathersfield at Martin Memorial Hall, 5259 US Route 5, P.O. Box 550, Ascutney, VT 05030. Checks should be made to The Town of Weathersfield and include a note specifying a summer music series donation.

For additional payment questions, people may contact the office at 802-674-2626.

Though Brink would prefer donations be sent directly to the town, people wishing to donate by PayPal may do so through Bill Brink's PayPal account at www.billbrinkmusic.com. Paypal donations should also include a note indicating it as a donation to the music series.

Businesses that donate will be named at each show and listed on Bill Brink's musician website and the Weathersfield Summer Music Series Facebook page, according to Brink.

Brink said at the end of the summer series she plans to release a film that showcases one song performance from each performing act, with hope to air it on Springfield Area Public Access Television.

For more information about the event, including the concert schedule and performers, visit the Weathersfield Summer Music Series Facebook page or www.billbrinkmusic.com.

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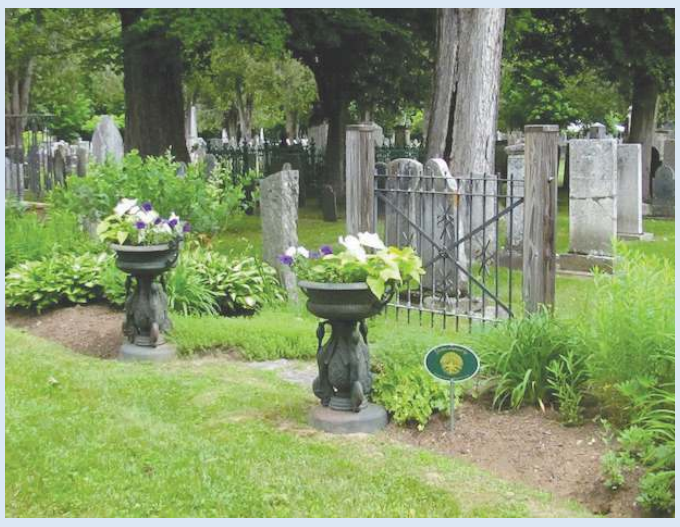
Chester Historical Society flower gardens –



Chester Historical Society garden with the urns and iron gate.
PHOTO BY RON PATCH

I became president of the Chester Historical Society in 2006. At that time, there was an overgrown and rotted picket fence separating the historical society lawn from the cemetery. Grapevines had become established and were aggressively growing on the fence. A few young walnut trees had a good start. It was an awful looking mess. One of these walnut trees is now growing on my property.

I called on a few friends to help establish a flower garden. We removed the rotted fence and went to work. Clint Bigelow came down with his Kubota with backhoe. Clint excavated the flowerbed to the length and width you see today. At this same time, Clint reset the stone fence posts. They had begun to tilt.

Pret Warren came over with his rototiller and tilled what Clint had excavated. Pret made many passes preparing the flowerbed for Francine Provost, a master gardener.

Francine spent many hours on her hands and knees, removing tree roots, bricks, and preparing the soil. The bricks are from the old Chester Academy. I donated perennials I could spare. A call went out to members that we needed plants. We had a wonderful response from members. Andy Ojanen donated a pickup load of dry cow manure. Soon the garden began to take shape.

I used to have antiques shows on the front lawn of the historical society as a fundraiser. Angelica Dierks was set up at one of these shows selling her wares. She had an antique wrought iron gate for sale, which I bought.

Harry Goodell bought two pressure-treated, six-by-six-inch posts. Steve Lavoie dug holes for the gateposts. Steve and Harry set the posts in place, and hung the wrought iron gate. Harry made copper caps for the tops of the gateposts.

In the 1990s, I bought for my place a pair of large Victorian cast iron garden urns at an auction in Plainfield, N.H. They never really fit my landscape so I took them to the historical society and placed them in front of the gate. I sold the urns several years ago to Skip at Bargain Corner. Skip has generously left them at the historical society for us to use.

Today, around the inside perimeter of the handicap ramp is a hosta bed. This was a problem area. When the ramp was built, the center area was filled with crushed rock. Francine knew how to make plants grow in this rocky area.

She used hemlock bark mulch and spread it over the rocks to about a foot deep. Then she dug holes in the mulch where she wanted to plant hostas. In these holes she mixed compost with potting soil, and planted the hostas. It worked perfectly. Today, the hostas are thriving.

As the old mulch decomposes, new mulch has to be added otherwise the rocks will resurface. In recent years Larry Wright has delivered mulch donated by Gilcris Enterprises in Proctorsville.

Francine maintained these flowerbeds for many years, retiring a couple years ago. Jen Rosenthal of Gnarly Roots took Francine's place. Jen is a professional landscape artist who donates her time and skills to the historical society gardens.

Every spring, Jen and her crew make our gardens ready for the summer, topping off mulch, cutting fresh edges, plantings, etc. Throughout the summer, Jen maintains the gardens and in the fall prepares them for the winter. I noticed this year that Jen cut deeper edges around the flowerbed. It looks great.

Jen is very busy this year with her business so Chester Townscape planted the urns and our whiskey barrels with annuals for us. I think our flowerbeds are some of the prettier gardens in town. It's not because of one person. It took everyone I mentioned. I thought it important to create a record of what we did and acknowledge those whom worked on this project. Thank you all.

Instead of an old saying I want to tell another Jack Bittner story. Jack was having an auction one summer day where George and Mary Bittner live today. Jack had a great sense of humor. Jack was busy selling antiques when a train came up from Bellows Falls. The train sounded its horn as it approached town. Jack stopped selling to tell this story.

"Years ago, a man's wife ran off with the conductor of the train. Every time the man heard the train whistle, he began to cry. He thought the conductor was bringing his wife back."

Acworth Meetinghouse 200th anniversary

ACWORTH, N.H. – Where does time go? Seems like yesterday, but it's been 12 years since the steeple was put back on the Acworth Meetinghouse and 11 years since the painting was completed. The Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse are now having two sides of this magnificent building painted again and planning to get the rest done in a timely fashion.

With the help of the United Church of Acworth, we're also planning a 200th anniversary celebration for the meetinghouse and a horse shed dedication for Aug. 14, 2021. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on helping us celebrate!

We are planning events all day including vendors selling their wares on the front lawn, a Chicken BBQ at noon, a welcome ceremony at 10 a.m., and the horse shed dedication at 1:30 p.m., as well as a ringing of the Revere Bell in memory of people or in honor of people. Hopefully we will be giving tours of the building. Please come and bring your friends and relatives. We'd love to see and talk to all of you and show off our historic accomplishments on Aug. 14.

Moose Lodge dinner

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Moose Lodge 679 held a free senior dinner May 22, 2021.

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Claremont Savings Bank promotions

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Claremont Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Timothy Bates to Senior Vice President of Information Technology and Operations.

"We are delighted with the work Tim and his IT and facilities staff have done for the bank," said Reggie Greene, president and CEO. "We recently asked him to take on management of operations in addition to his existing duties and are recognizing his performance and increasing responsibility by promoting him to senior vice president. Tim is an important member of our executive management team."

Bates came to Claremont Savings Bank in 2007 with significant IT and project management experience gained at TD Ameritrade and while serving in the military. He is currently on the board of the Claremont Soup Kitchen. He has previously served on the Claremont Christian Academy and the Claremont Opera House boards.

"I am truly honored and excited to take on this new challenge," said Bates. "I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and senior management for their faith and trust in me to serve in an executive leadership position. I would also like to thank all the staff that have been on my teams over the 14 years I have been employed by Claremont Savings Bank for their hard work and tireless efforts for growth and constant improvement."

Bates resides in Claremont with his wife and children. He has a Bachelor of Science in business from the College of Saint Joseph, and a Master of Business Administration from Plymouth State University.

In addition, Zachary Haines has been promoted to vice president of operations. "Zach is compassionate with his staff and has a strong work ethic. He has a great attitude which rubs off on the entire operations department," said Bates. "He takes great pride in his work which is evident in his project delivery. Zach has worked very hard to receive this promotion and it is my honor to be able to continue to work with him in the future." Haines began his career with the bank in 2009.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Summer is here, and with it tick season. Beware of the ticks and their cargo of Lyme disease. They are very dangerous.

In case anyone hasn't heard about it, Vermont seems to be ground zero for the attacks of ticks. And I'm very qualified to speak about it, and Lyme disease, of which they are the primary carriers.

Lyme disease, if untreated, leads to chronic ailments, mental debilitation, and discomfort. I first heard about it about 40 years ago when an Iowa member of Congress was compelled to resign because the ailment had caused such physical problems and mental deterioration that he couldn't do his work. At that time, the seriousness of the disease was not understood.

Since then it has become a focus of attention within the medical community. Although originating in New England – first noticed in Lyme, Conn., hence the name – it has moved across the Northeast and into the border states and the Midwest.

Three years ago, here at our Vermont place, I spent a few hours during a balmy June visit cutting limbs from a tree in the backyard. When I returned to Florida, I developed serious flu like symptoms. My better half gave me a quick going over and found on my side where I had not noticed it, the characteristic livid bull's eye rash that marks the Lyme disease infection, transmitted by a tick bite. The rash was a whopper, about a foot across.

She hauled me off to the nearest emergency department where the well-informed physicians quickly concurred in the diagnosis. Two days in the hospital, being provided with high doses of antibiotics, a spinal tap, followed by two weeks of daily antibiotics doses, led to the opinion that I was cured and without long-term effects.

I was very glad that – apparently – my mental faculties were not impaired. But a couple of my kids wondered how would anyone have known?

Anyway, flash forward to June 2021. I took my usual customary walk along the road past the house. A downpour soaked me, and when I got back to the house I needed assistance in getting out of my wet clothes. Bingo! There on my back under two layers of shirts – one with a hood – was a tick right where I never would have seen him.

The Missus picked off the little pest, killed him, and put some topical treatment on the spot. Then she advised that I head for an ER for what she said was a quick treatment that an online medical site said would squelch any infection if taken within 72 hours.

So off I went to Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where the very attentive and thorough ER crew within a short time dosed me with two capsules of doxycycline monohydrate, also known as Monodox, intended to prevent infection. Medical science to the rescue.

So now I rest easy.

A couple of footnotes. My treatment for the disease three years ago with antibiotics ravaged my intestinal system, slaughtering good bacteria as well as bad, so that I was severely constipated. A couple of weeks of store bought replenishment eventually cured me, but it wasn't pleasant.

And I am informed that the medicine that I just received is a common treatment for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Boy, what a relief! Uh, about the treatment for potential Lyme disease that is.

Sincerely,
Bruce Graham
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Nothing about the 2021 session was business as usual. It was the first Legislative session on record that was held remotely from start to finish.

Then, because of unprecedented spending at the federal level, a vast infusion of federal dollars came to Vermont, which led to unprecedented levels of revenue for our state. In the spring of 2020, Vermont received $1.25 billion from the Cares Act and in the spring of 2021 we received $1.052 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Our recently passed fiscal year 2022 balanced budget of $7.32 billion – no doubt, the largest ever for the state of Vermont – incorporates Cares Act money and $581 million of the ARPA money, plus more than $200 million in surplus state dollars.

I am proud of what a Democrat-led Legislature and Republican-led Administration accomplished together in this 2021 session. We all worked to ensure that the billions of dollars coming into the state were put to immediate and effective use in response to the pandemic. A lot of the needs that were unfulfilled in past years were addressed and funded. It was an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make high-impact investments.

Here are just a few highlights of the fiscal year 2022 budget's investments to begin July 1, 2021.

Expanding Broadband: H.360 dedicates $150 million of federal stimulus funds to the construction of broadband infrastructure in the most underserved rural parts of the state.

Investing in Childcare: H.171 invests $12.5 million with a goal that no family receiving subsidized childcare spend more than 10% of its gross annual income on childcare. By increasing affordability for working families and increasing childcare worker wages, we can support and grow our workforce.

Increasing Affordable Housing: $200 million has been set aside to increase housing stock for low- and middle-income Vermonters while transitioning homeless Vermonters to permanent housing. Also the money will fund rental assistance programs and provide no-interest loans to rehabilitate sub-standard housing.

Addressing Climate Change: With transportation accounting for 44% of Vermont's carbon emissions, the infusion of federal dollars allows us to expand incentives for electric vehicles and e-bicycles, provide more charging station grants, and extend Amtrak service from Rutland to Burlington. Funding of the emissions repair and the weatherization programs for low-income Vermonters also will help the state meet its carbon-reduction goals.

We also invested in higher education and workforce development to prepare Vermonters for 21st-century jobs. We continued the Vote By Mail program, which will be effective in the next General Election. Even though Vermont's education spending is decided at the local level, we were able to keep property tax rates level with the use of federal dollars.

And finally, we began the process of resolving our public pensions crisis as we face a $5.6 billion unfunded liability. We were able to come up with a total pension investment this year of $466 million, a massive commitment for the Legislature in a single year, by using an additional $150 million of ARPA dollars.

There remains $600 million of the ARPA funds not included in the fiscal year 2022 budget that is available for future use. We will be coming to Vermonters across the state this summer to ask for your input and feedback regarding how we should spend the remaining $600 million. So stay tuned!

I welcome your questions and concerns on any legislative issues. You can reach me at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-875-2222.

Sincerely,
Rep. Tom Bock
Andover, Baltimore, Chester, and North Springfield

Op-Ed: Summer reading is more important than ever this year

It's been a tough year for all of us, but kids in particular have been significantly impacted by a year of remote or hybrid learning, disrupted routines, and a lack of socialization and normal activities. Anxiety and depression have skyrocketed, social-emotional skills have taken a hit, and many children have fallen behind in those all-important literacy skills, one of the strongest indicators of a child's future success.

A U.N. study found that "100 million more children will fail basic reading skills because of Covid." In 2020, the number of children with reading difficulties worldwide jumped 20%. This has huge implications for these children's futures, including increased risk of dropping out of school and living in poverty.

Research shows students who don't read and engage in learning activities in the summer are likely to fall behind their peers. This problem affects low-income kids, who may lack access to reading materials and educational opportunities in the summer, at higher rates. While the data varies and one recent study indicates that the effects of the "summer slide" learning loss may be overstated, kids who read during the summer tend to maintain and even increase their literacy skills, such as vocabulary, comprehension, and communications skills. It exercises the imagination. Reading also has emotional benefits and has been shown to increase empathy and decrease stress.

The Children's Literacy Foundation provides fun authors' visits and free books through its Summer Readers program. They send Vermont and New Hampshire children's authors, illustrators, and storytellers to places where kids spend time in the summer – camps, rec programs, summer schools, meal sites, libraries – and gives each child two new books of their choice.

CLiF Program Manager Jana Brown says, "Our goal is for CLiF's free literacy programs and book giveaways to keep children engaged with reading throughout the summer. Literacy is a focal point for learning re-engagement as our partners move forward with their Covid recovery and learning re-engagement plans and we look forward to continuing to provide professional literacy programs and new, high-quality books."

Kids are far more likely to enjoy reading and do it often when they get to choose their own books. So, CLiF provides hundreds of diverse books to choose from so that everyone finds something they'll enjoy. It's also important to not make reading a chore – remember it's fun! Kids should see it that way. Take them to the library often if you can, and encourage them to find books that meet their interests and needs. Librarians are very good at this.

One of the best things you can do for your child this summer is to provide books and let them read what and where they want. Let them see you doing it too. Read together – if they'll allow it. Talk about books and stories. Ask questions. Encourage them to write their own stories and offer to read them if they want. Promoting literacy is one of the best ways to help them prepare for the future and to make sense of a bewildering year.

Written by Erika Nichols-Frazer, communications manager for Children's Literacy Foundation.

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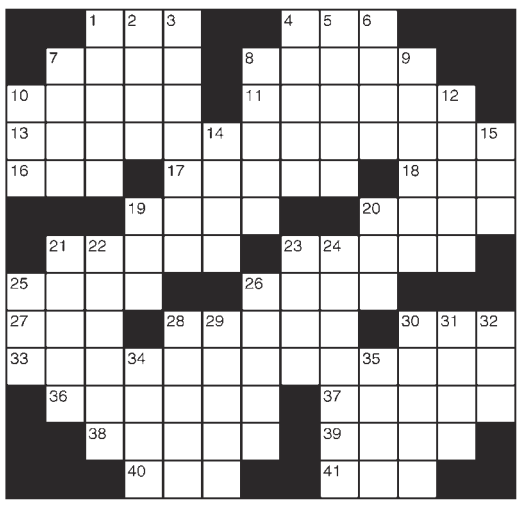

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Thomas Baird

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for Thomas "Tom" Baird, who passed away June 16, 2020, will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at the Davis Memorial Chapel from 4-6 p.m.

Clayton Cross

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Clayton Cross, 89, who passed away Dec. 27, 2020 will be held July 12, 2021 at 12 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Springfield, Vt.

Corrine T. Moore

CHESTER, Vt. – Celebration of Life service for Corinne T. "Dolly" (Cutler) Moore will be held Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chester, Vt. at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at the Country Girl Diner from 2-4 p.m.

Oakley Patenaude

CHESTER, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Oakley Patenaude who passed away Aug. 2, 2020, will be July 24, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. at his home, 3361 Route 10, Chester, Vt. Please RSVP to oaklyn@vermontel.net or leave message at 802-886-2701.

CHURCH SERVICES

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
Weekday services are available online Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. If you plan on attending Sunday's 9:30 a.m. service, please email the church ahead of time as there is limited attendance. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.
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.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. In keeping with the CDC and local guidelines, masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.
Sunday service is 10 a.m. in person. For more information, go to Facebook @TysonCommunityChurch, call 802-522-8249, or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

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.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.
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.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES:

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

John F. Williams, 1971-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – John "Big Red" Williams, 49, passed peacefully at the Jack Byrne Center June 23, 2021.

He was born Aug. 9, 1971 and spent his early childhood growing up among the apple trees in Bethel, Conn., moving to Westminster, Vt. during high school. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School, Class of 1990.

After high school, he joined the Army National Guard and then moved to Texas. He went to France and Germany where he played football for the NFL team Frankfurt Galaxy.

He then returned to Vermont and fathered two boys, Brodie and John Jr., who he is survived by.

John was a fun loving guy with a smile and laugh that filled the room. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his parents John and Susie Williams of Bellows Falls, Vt., his sisters Glorianna Godwin and husband John of Cantonment, Fla., Kimberly Limoges and husband Steve of Alstead, N.H., and Julianna Lawrence and husband Michael of Bellows Falls, Vt. He has many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

John F. Williams, 1971-2021.
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Winifred M. Allbee, 1921-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Winifred M. Allbee, 100, of Bellows Falls, passed away peacefully at Morning Glory Manor Saturday, June 5, 2021.

She was born May 23, 1921 in Windham, the daughter of Harry and Bessie (Rounds) Jenison. Winnie attended schools in West Townshend and Townshend. She played several sports while in high school and was well known for being an excellent basketball player.

Winnie and her first husband Edward Dextraze had three children, Jeannette, Eddy, and their first-born daughter who died at birth. Their marriage ended in divorce a few years later.

In 1954 Winnie married Perlie Allbee in a small ceremony in West Townshend. The couple was married for 31 years until Perlie's passing in 1985.

Winnie, affectionately known as Bah, was an incredibly hard-working and caring woman with a zest for life. She was well known for her cooking, baking, love of music, reading, puzzles, and love of the ocean.

Some of Winnie and Perlie's endeavors included a lunch cart "Winnie's Foodmobile," which they traveled with up and down the East Coast. They also sold Christmas trees, picked oranges for a season in Florida, owned a sulky racehorse, owned a tractor trailer and hauled loads cross-country. They also enjoyed setting up at local flea markets. To obtain items to sell at these flea markets, they were always going to yard sales. It wasn't unheard of for them to make an offer for everything at the yard sale and, if accepted by the usually surprised person having the yard sale, they would start loading up the pickup truck.

Bah always kept busy, never one to sit still. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday, a day she really enjoyed.

She was predeceased by her first-born daughter, mother and father, sisters Esther and Maxine, and husband Perlie. Survivors include her daughter Jeannette Whelan of Westminster, son Edward Dextraze Jr. and wife Ruth of Claremont, granddaughter Wendy Moss and husband Bernie of Bellows Falls, grandson Seth Dextraze and wife Tina of Reno, Nev., grandson Scot Dextraze of Bellows Falls, granddaughter Courtney Wiese and husband Nick of Springfield, and five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Pastor Pete Carlson, Dr. Robert Swartz, Gerry Chandler, Chris and the late Ed Decamp and their incredible loving team at Morning Glory Manor for all of the care Bah received. Bah was a woman of Faith. Bah was a true blessing in our lives and will live on in our hearts forever. A private memorial service was held in Townshend June 18.

In memory of Winnie, donations can be made to the Bellows Falls Senior Center.

Winifred M. Allbee, 1921-2021.
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Donations in memory of Sylvia H. Lawrence

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – In memory of Sylvia H. Lawrence who died June 13, 2021, donations can be made to the Butterfield Library, P.O. Box 123, Westminster, VT 05158 for the purchases of children's books in Sylvia's name, which would be appreciated by the family.

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Ann M. Lemp, 1925-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ann Marie (LaVecchia) Lemp, 96, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away peacefully at the Jack Byrne Center at DHMC in Lebanon, N.H., June 18, 2021. Ann was born Jan. 17, 1925, the daughter of Thomas and Beatrice LaVecchia in Jersey City, N.J.

Ann, or more affectionately known as "Nina," is survived by her two loving daughters and their families, including daughter Patricia (Harold) Bushway of North Walpole, N.H., granddaughter Kerry (Brian) Pickering of Drewsville, N.H., great-granddaughter Allegra (Nate) Bisson and great-great-grandson Keenan of Walpole, N.H., and great-granddaughter Shea of Drewsville, N.H.; grandson Mark (Tammy) Bushway of Estero, Fla., and great-grandchildren Kylee Bushway of Arlington, Va., and Chloe Bushway of Estero, Fla.; daughter Joanne (Ray) Perry of Bellows Falls, Vt., granddaughters Nicole (Brett) Clace and great-grandchildren Griffin and Graeme of Colchester, Vt., and Courtney (Cole) Thomas and great-grandchildren Louisa Lark, Peter Leif, and Mathilda Rose of Essex, Vt.

In addition, Ann is survived by her sisters Lena Harris of Newburgh, N.Y. and Marion Williams of Monticello, N.Y.; and brother-in-law Ronald (Dorothy) Lemp of Succasunna, N.J., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Ann married her loving husband Edwin Lemp Nov. 24, 1957, who predeceased her Oct. 17, 2016. She is also predeceased by her siblings Rose Perrone, Catherine (Kay) Gerson, Louis (Louie) LaVecchia, Antonette (Nettie) Brown, Frances Patton, Bernardo (Ben) LaVecchia, and Margaret Smith. Additionally, her first husband Bernard Sullivan of Jersey City, N.J.

Ann "Nina" was a faithful and devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, sister, and friend whose life centered around her family. Ann was deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

We are grateful for the compassionate care and friendship provided to her by Bonnie Reagan, Jamie Harper, and Barb Kolodzieg. We also would like to thank the Jack Byrne Center at DHMC, Vermont Hospice, and Vermont VNA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ann's name may be made to Jack Byrne Center, 154 Hitchcock Loop Rd., Lebanon, NH 03756.

A funeral mass will take place Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, N.H.

Ann M. Lemp, 1925-2021.
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Vermont Fish & Wildlife says pollinators are in peril

REGION – Many of Vermont's pollinator species are in peril, and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department would like to share a few simple suggestions to greatly benefit our essential pollinator species.

"The majority of our flowering plants need pollinators in order to produce seeds," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department zoologist Mark Ferguson. "Vermont is home to hundreds of species of pollinators from bees to butterflies to beetles and other bugs that play a vital role in pollinating our flowers, trees, and food crops. These insects are responsible for pollinating 60 to 80% of Vermont's wild plants and play a critical role in the propagation of fruits and vegetables in gardens, wild berry patches, commercial berry farms, and apple orchards."

But many pollinator species in Vermont are in trouble. Habitat loss, invasive species, single-crop farming, disease, and pesticides are a few of the threats affecting populations of these insects across our state. Vermont's native bees, including over 300 unique species and three that are threatened or endangered, are among our pollinators being impacted the most.

A recent examination of our 17 different bumblebees compared recent observations with historical collections and concluded that several species have drastically declined or disappeared from Vermont, including the Rusty-patched Bumble Bee.

To better understand not only the number and diversity of our native bee species, but also their distribution and population trends, the department and partners are conducting a three-year study of Vermont bees. Vermont Fish & Wildlife is working closely with the Vermont Center for Ecological Studies and is inviting any members of the public interested in contributing to this data collection to send their bee observations to iNaturalist, www.inaturalist.org.

Vermonters can also help conserve our native bees and other pollinators with a few simple household considerations:

- Provide a variety of vibrant flowers and native plants to attract pollinators to your yard and garden.
- Learn to live with wildflowers and weeds growing in your yard and fields. Pollinators prefer a variety in their habitat, even if it looks untidy to humans.
- Keep an eye out for bare patches of lawn where ground-nesting bees may make their home.
- Use pesticide alternatives such as pollinator-friendly barriers to keep unwanted pests off your plants.
- Avoid using insecticides, especially those that contain neonicotinoids such as imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, clothianidin.
- Reduce the amount of property that is mowed, mow less often, and consider leaving fields unmowed until October when most pollinators have finished their pollinating activities.

Meadows that are narrow in shape or less than 10 acres in size are not suitable to provide habitat for grassland birds, but they can be extremely valuable pollinator habitat. Consider leaving these small fields, and also large fields managed as grassland bird nesting habitat which are not needed for hay harvest in August or September, unmowed until October when most pollinators have finished their pollinating activities.

You can also ensure the viability of Vermont's pollinators by contributing to Vermont Fish & Wildlife's habitat conservation projects though the Vermont Habitat Stamp program: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/225.

To learn more about Vermont's pollinators and additional ways to help, please visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/191 or contact Mark.Ferguson@vermont.gov.

Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children

CASTLETON, Vt. – Vermont's governor has announced the end of the State of Emergency and lifted all restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. With this announcement, the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Board of Governors is moving full speed toward hosting the Aug. 7 football game at Castleton University, with kick-off at 12:30 p.m.

Game ticket and parking pass purchase will change this year. For the first time ever, the 2021 Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl will be selling advance tickets and parking passes through an online system. Following the purchase of tickets and parking passes, fans will receive an email with a code that should be printed or saved on their mobile device. Tickets and parking passes will remain available for advance purchase online until 11:59 p.m. Aug. 6, 2021. Please note that any fan who fails to bring their printed or saved order code with them will need to repurchase tickets and parking passes onsite.

Upon arrival to the Castleton University campus, those who have purchased tickets and parking in advance will show the lot attendants their parking code to gain access to the parking areas on campus. Fans will then proceed to the pavilion where their ticket code will be scanned and they will be given wristbands that allow access into the stadium. Fans that do not have a wristband will not be allowed entry into Dave Wolk Stadium.

For fans that do not wish to purchase advance tickets and parking passes online, parking and tickets will be available day-of at an increased rate. To purchase tickets online, go to www.shrinemaplesugarbowl2021.eventbrite.com.

Vermont turkey brood survey starts July 1

Starting July 1, Vermont Fish & Wildlife is asking people who see wild turkey broods during the month to provide information about their sightings via a survey on the department's website.
PHOTO BY JOHN HALL, VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE

REGION – Wild turkeys are found throughout most of Vermont, but their reproductive success is monitored annually by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with help from "citizen scientists." The department had an annual online survey for reporting turkey broods in August, but this year the survey will start July 1 and continue to the end of August.

If you see a flock of turkeys in Vermont during July and August, the department asks you to go to the turkey brood survey on its website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, and report your observations including where and when you observed the turkeys along with the number of adult and young turkeys, or poults.

"Information gathered from this survey helps us monitor long-term trends in the productivity of Vermont's wild turkey population," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's wild turkey biologist Chris Bernier. "It also helps us assess the impacts of spring weather on the survival of poults and adult turkeys which is an important consideration in the management of turkeys."

"We monitor and manage wild turkey numbers annually in order to maintain a healthy, abundant, and sustainable population of these iconic and ecologically significant birds throughout the state," added Bernier. "Beyond providing Vermonters with a local source of protein and an enduring connection to their environment, turkey hunting is the principal mechanism for managing Vermont's turkey population. Please help us scientifically manage the turkey population by reporting your Vermont turkey sightings during August."

"We are moving from an August-only survey to a July and August survey this year in order to bring our survey protocol into compliance with the regional protocol. One of the biggest benefits of this survey is being able to compare productivity trends across turkey range and the only way we can do this effectively is if all the Northeast states collect these data in the same way."

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Unit — **PROBATE DIVISION** Docket No.:

In re ESTATE of: Douglas Metcalf

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Douglas Metcalf, Decedent
late of Perkinsville VT (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: 6/25/2021 Signature of Fiduciary: Sharon Bruce

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Sharon Bruce Administrator		2094 Baltimore Rd.
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802 345-1016		Baltimore VT 05143

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal
Publication Date: June 30, 2021
Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court Windsor Unit
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Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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- New episode of VT Master Anglers- catching rock bass
- Story Time from Cavendish Library- "Butts are Everywhere" & "It's the Bear"

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SEVCA's Good Buy Thrift Stores offer new shoes

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – SEVCA's Good Buy Thrift Stores have received a generous donation of more than 900 pair of new men's and women's designer shoes in a variety of sizes and styles. The shoes, given by a donor who owned a recently closed shoe store in St. Johnsbury, will be offered to community members at prices beginning at 50% below retail price.

SEVCA's Good Buy Thrift Stores in Bellows Falls, Springfield, and Hartford offer home goods, clothing, and shoes at all three locations. The stores serve a dual purpose: they offer affordable goods for community members of all income levels and they are, as well, intended to serve as a source of income for SEVCA, an agency which provides services to alleviate the effects of poverty for those living in Windham and Windsor counties.

SEVCA has remained opened to the public throughout the pandemic, both to ensure that community members have access to home goods and shoes and clothing at affordable prices and to receive donations. Donations have been at high volume with generous high quality items provided and offered for sale. The agency continues to offer vouchers to agency customers who may be eligible to receive no-cost items at each location through prior appointment with our Family Services staff. In addition to the current offering of brand-name new shoes by Naot, Durea, Uggs, and other designers, the agency is also carrying a large inventory of summer and everyday items.

More information about donation acceptance and store locations in Bellows Falls, White River Junction, and Springfield can be found on SEVCA's website, www.sevca.org/thrift-stores/locations.

For more information about SEVCA's no cost services that help community members to navigate the effects of Covid-19, including help with referrals and access to applications for available supports such as Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program for current and back rent and utilities, or to learn more about SEVCA's no-cost Money Management and Vermont Matched Savings program, you may visit our website, www.sevca.org, or call to make an appointment, 800-464-9951.

Town of Londonderry, VT
JOB OPENINGS

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Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

Beware of scam job offers

REGION – With pandemic restrictions fading, many look forward to a return to "normal" and rewarding employment. According to news outlets, there are literally thousands of employers who are desperate to hire workers, offering hiring incentives and increased wages. Compounding the situation is the annual surge of job seekers from high schools and colleges. Sadly, the criminals who lure us into scams are aware of our desires and needs related to jobs.

According to the Better Business Bureau, about 14 million people experience job scams, losing more than $2 billion in a typical year.

Leading the list of targeted employment are "work from home" offers. Scammers know that there is great interest in this and "create" high paying jobs that require no experience, time, or effort. Frequently, the criminal offers to sell employment training kits, requesting payment by credit card or gift card. The result, at best, is loss of money; at worst, it is a compromised credit card. Here are some of the more popular "work from home" traps.

Reshipping scams are when you work as a personal assistant receiving, repackaging, and reshipping products. The products tend to be big-ticket items and the new address is in a foreign location. The company tells you that you will receive your first paycheck and expense reimbursement shortly but it never comes. You are out the money and possibly set up to be an identity theft victim based on the personal information you provided.

In reselling scams, you are given an opportunity to buy discounted brand-name products and then sell them at a profit, but once you pay for them, the merchandise never arrives.

Other job scams include "mystery shopper" jobs, caregiver jobs, and even government employment jobs. Often, these scams involve paying a fee to get the job or prepare for it. Other scams impersonate employment or job placement services. In these cases, the criminal creates a fake job that has lucrative salary and surprisingly excellent benefits. Some of these scams charge fees while others send advance payment checks to cover expenses.

In the case of the latter, the advance payment is in excess of your expenses and you are asked to return the additional money, but the check you receive is bogus and bounces. Now you have lost the money you returned and likely face bank fees.

Avoid losses by applying a healthy degree of skepticism, particularly when the job offer sounds too good to be true. The Federal Trade Commission suggests an online search of the company and hiring person. Verify the legitimacy of the job offer by contacting the company human resources department. Talk to a trusted resource such as the Better Business Bureau or your state Department of Labor.

Don't pay for the prospect of a job. If you are asked to make an upfront payment, it's a scam. Another sign of a scam develops when you are sent a check and then asked to return part of it by gift cards. Honest employers do not operate this way.

If you are the victim and have paid money to a likely scammer, contact the company that was used to send the money.

Contact your state consumer protection agency if you believe you are a victim:

- New Hampshire – www.doj.nh.gov/consumer,
- Vermont Consumer Assistance Program – www.ago.vermont.gov/cap/consumer-complaint,
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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.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT — CIVIL DIVISION
WINDSOR UNIT — CASE NO. 21-CV-01563

IN RE: ABANDONED MOBILE HOME
OF PATRICIA A. CRAWFORD

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing on The Housing Foundation, Inc.'s Verified Complaint to declare as abandoned and uninhabitable the mobile home of Patricia A. Crawford, located at the Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park, Lot #72, 242 Town Farm Road in Springfield, Vermont has been set for July 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. This hearing will be held remotely as no hearings are being held in person at the Courthouse. To participate in this hearing, the WEBEX Login Information is as follows:
App: Cisco Webex Meeting
Website: https://vtcourts.webex.com
Meeting Number: 173 511 7209
Password: U7YdNKp9YP4

If you do not have a computer or sufficient bandwidth, you may call (408) 418-9388 to appear by phone. (This is not a tollfree number). You will then enter the meeting number and password listed above. If you have technical difficulties, call the Court at (802) 457-2121.

Date: June 21, 2021 — Civil Division Clerk

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR ABANDONMENT
PURSUANT TO 10 V.S.A. § 6249(i) (Uninhabitable)

NOW COMES The Housing Foundation, Inc. ("HFI"), by and through its counsel Nadine L. Scibek, and hereby complains as follows:

1. HFI, a Vermont non-profit corporation with a principal place of business in Montpelier, County of Washington, State of Vermont, is the record owner of a mobile home park known as the Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park (the "Park") located in the Town of Springfield, Vermont (the "Park"). The Park is managed by the Vermont State Housing Authority.

2. Patricia A. Crawford ("Crawford") is the record owner of a certain mobile home, described as a 1974 Centurion mobile home, 14' x 70', bearing serial number ANE 7020114 (the "Mobile Home"), located on Lot #72, Windy Hill Acres Mobile Home Park, 242 Town Farm Road in Springfield, Vermont. See attached Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale.

3. Crawford leased a lot in the Park for her mobile home from HFI pursuant to a written lease. Crawford paid a security deposit in the amount of $375.00 to HFI. See attached Lease.

4. Crawford is deceased. Crawford's date of death is December 2, 2019. No probate estate has been opened for Crawford per the Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Probate Division. See attached Vermont Certificate of Death & Obituary.

5. The last known legal occupant of the Mobile Home was Crawford. The last known unauthorized occupants of the mobile home were Cody and Jodi Crawford (Crawford's children) who were evicted from the mobile home on March 18, 2021 by court order pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 4853b. See The Housing Foundation, Inc. v. Crawford et. al., Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Civil Division, Case No. 20-CV-00057. The mobile home has been unoccupied since the Writ of Possession was executed by the Windsor County Sheriff's Department.

6. The Park has attempted to communicate in writing with Crawford's heirs-at-law, Jodi and Kelly Crawford and they have failed to respond. See attached.

7. The following security interests, mortgages, liens and encumbrances appear of record with respect to the mobile home:

a. Crawford is in arrears on obligations to pay property taxes to the Town of Springfield, Vermont in the aggregate amount of $148.64, plus any additional interest and penalties. The delinquent property taxes are now a lien on the property. See attached Tax Bill & Delinquent Tax Report.

8. Mobile home storage fees continue to accrue at the rate of $452.00 per month. Rent due HFI as of June, 2021 totals $6,253.79. Court costs and attorney's fees incurred by HFI exceed $2,000.00.

9. HFI sent written notice by certified mail to the Town of Springfield on April 22, 2021 of HFI's intent to commence this abandonment action as required by statute. See attached.

10. The mobile home is uninhabitable. Property Manager Thomas Young, duly authorized agent for HFI, will testify under oath as to the poor and unlivable condition of this mobile home at the abandonment hearing.

WHEREFORE, HFI respectfully requests that the Honorable Court enter an order as follows:

1. Declare that the mobile home has been abandoned;

2. Transfer the mobile home which is unfit for human habitation to HFI without a public auction so that it may be removed and disposed of accordingly.

3. Order pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6249(j) that the mobile home and any security deposit paid be conveyed to HFI in "as is" condition, and free from all liens and other encumbrances of record.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2021.
THE HOUSING FOUNDATION, INC.
BY: Nadine L. Scibek
Attorney for HFI

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury or other sanctions in the discretion of the Court.

June 15, 2021 — By: Thomas Young, Duly Authorized Agent for HFI

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT — CIVIL DIVISION
WINDHAM UNIT — DOCKET NO. 136-4-19 Wmcv

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. Elsessor a/k/a James David Elsessor and Sharon L. Elsesser (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 20th 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:

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ROCKINGHAM LAND RECORDS. SAID PREMISES ARE MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED THEREIN AS FOLLOWS:

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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

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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.

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REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE calendar

JULY 2 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – First Friday Supper at First Baptist Church, 9 Church St. in Bellows Falls, Friday, July 2, serving from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes grilled chicken, homestyle baked beans, potato salad, green salad, dessert, and beverage. Vegan and gluten-free available. Net proceeds to profit Friends of the Library. Take out available.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – East Bay Jazz Ensemble will perform a free concert Friday, July 2, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., in Charlestown. Refreshments on sale will include burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cold and hot beverages, and a sweet. Plus a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair. Sponsored by Claremont Savings Bank.

JULY 3 –
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. 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.

JULY 6 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band's popular Children's Concert will take place Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. on the common on Common St. in Springfield. The theme this year is Pajama Party. Attendees of all ages are encouraged to wear pajamas – the wackier, the better. Teddy bears are welcome! The evening's bedtime story will be the much loved "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev. Please bring a chair.

JULY 11 –
GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a non-open mic jam Sunday, July 11, from 1-4 p.m., at the grange, located above the junction of Routes 10 and 103 North, five miles north of Chester. There will be a 50/50 drawing and maybe a "mystery bag." It is recommended, but not required, to wear masks. We ask for a donation per person at the door. Snacks, bottled water, and some sodas for sale. For more information, call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the grange building at 802-875-1051.

JULY 13 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Firehouse 6 Dixieland Band will perform a free concert Friday, July 13, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., in Charlestown. Refreshments on sale will include burgers, hot dogs, chips, cold beverages, and a sweet. Bring a lawn chair.

JULY 19 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Please give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, July 19, from 12-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow American Legion. No walk-ins at this time; call 100-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

JULY 21 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free community picnic lunch Wednesday, July 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church in Springfield on the side lawn. Menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and coleslaw. Let's hope for good weather. If not, we will have takeout available.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at St. Charles Social Center at 39 Greene St. in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

WEDNESDAYS –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org.

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the "monkey mind" and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

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

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.

FRIDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Farmers Market is open every Friday from 4-7 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Okemo Mountain School, 53 Main Street. Vendors offer local produce and meats, baked goods, and cheese as well as artisan goods. Enjoy live music. For a detailed list of vendors, please check out the Ludlow Farmers Markets Facebook and Instagram.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Townshend Farmers Market is Fridays, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the West Townshend Country Store. Wood-fired pizza and live music starts at 5 p.m. Masks are required and no dogs allowed. For more information, go to 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the return of the Dump Daze flea market at 33 Fairground Road in Springfield beginning at 8:30 a.m. This popular event will occur every Saturday until the "snow flies" and is entirely free. Vendors may arrive and set up at 8 a.m. Closing is at the vendor's discretion. No animals offered for sale or giveaway. Restrooms available. Please abide by the posted regulations. Please call 802-885-2972 with any questions.

DAILY –
REGION – If you want to drink that's your business, but if you want to stop, that's ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

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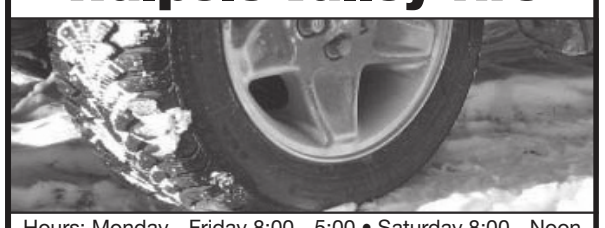

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Announcing the Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund grant program

REGION – The Vermont Council on Rural Development announced the launch of a new small grant program designed to support local innovators with projects that move Vermont closer to its climate and energy goals. The Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund is capitalized with $20,000 from the Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity and VSECU. This grant program is intended to support innovative local projects for which a small grant could have a meaningful impact. Municipalities, schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and town energy committees are all eligible to apply. Four to 10 grant awards will be made ranging in size from $500 to a maximum of $4,000.

"Tackling climate change and preparing for its impacts means acting at every level, from the hyper-local to statewide, nationally, and internationally," noted program director Jon Copans. "Across Vermont towns, organizations, and businesses are stepping up in creative ways to confront this challenge. Our intention is for this grant to support projects that demonstrate some mix of innovation, collaboration, and replicability, while also addressing the plight of Vermonters in need."

"Since the adoption of our Environmental Mission Statement in 2006, VSECU has been actively supporting our member-owners to reduce their energy use and save money while doing it," said Simeon Chapin, community impact officer at VSECU. "The Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund will help engaged communities across the state test ideas, learn, and share new ways to move us all further towards our individual and collective energy and climate goals."

A short grant application can be found here: https://forms.gle/ghoDJpMxDkdEXDVs8. The deadline to apply for this grant is July 22.

Anyone with questions about this grant and how to apply should contact Jon Copans at jon@vtrural.org or call him at 802-272-0162.

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Cottage with acreage! This property has much to offer. The cottage offers a rustic interior with open concept living space, 2 bedrooms plus a loft area and a front porch. The 26+/- acres is mostly wooded and could potentially be subdivided. Located in Weathersfield a short distance to paved roads, close to trails and recreation. **REDUCED TO $195,000**

Looking for a true Vermont retreat in a small town... this is it! This 15+/- acre parcel is located in the town of Baltimore. Travel up the stablished driveway with evidence of sure pac and arrive at an area that levels off offering potential views with clearing. Part of the septic is installed with leach field and pumping station. **$79,900**

Impressive remodeled/upgraded farmhouse and in-law cottage. The farmhouse offers large living room with exposed beams, updated kitchen with oversized pantry, granite countertops, exposed beams. Step down dining room, full bath, and office all on the first floor. Upstairs with finished attic room, three bedrooms and half bath. Classic front porch for relaxing and private back deck. The guest cottage currently has a delightful life estate occupant. Well cared for with one bedroom, full bath, open concept living/kitchen/dining, craft room and garage. Additional garage bays for storage. All situated on a 2.5+/- country acre lot with room for animals or gardens. **$289,900**

Grafton home with acreage. This is a rare opportunity to find such a lovely property just on the outskirts of the village with close to 50 (potentially subdividable) acres. The gently used c.1993 home offers great amenities with a large mudroom/entry/laundry, large eat-in kitchen/keeping room, formal dining room,large living room with fireplace, 3/4 bath on the first floor. Upstairs is expansive with three bedrooms (master bedroom with nursery/office/exercise room) full bath and walk-in attic room. Notable features include wide stair cases, hardwood floors, sunny back deck, four season porch, lots of closet/storage space. The full basement offers abundant storage room. The land is mostly wooded giving the home a very private setting with abundant wildlife. **$500,000**

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arts & entertainment

Springfield Community Players opens auditions for upcoming musical

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Players are back and in full production. We are excited to announce that we will be holding auditions for the upcoming musical performance of the "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Auditions will be scheduled for July 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., and July 18, 4-6 p.m.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a musical comedy with music and lyrics by William Finn, a book by Rachel Sheinkin, conceived by Rebecca Feldman with additional material by Jay Reiss. The show centers on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the bee, run by three equally quirky grownups.

Auditions will be held at the Springfield Community Players theater located at 165 South St. in Springfield, Vt. If you wish to audition, you must be at least 16 years of age or older and be able to sing. During auditions, you will need to provide your own material to give to the accompanist. We will also have our music available as well for those who may not be able to obtain their own. For more information, please contact the Springfield Community Players Ticket Box Office, 802-885-4098 or springfieldcommunityplayers@gmail.com.

"The Bookstour" documentary features Northshire Bookstore

MANCHESTER, Vt. – When a self-published author started visiting the most unique indie bookstores around the country, he intended to promote his novel on Amazon. But that didn't last long. He realized there was a priceless something the "everything store" couldn't sell. On a new cross-country roadtrip, dozens of booksellers, including the previous owner of Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vt., reveal what that something is: the Number 1 unexpected reason we should all shop indie.

The director of the film, Mason Engel, is also its main character. "When I first started shooting interviews for this film, I was still an Amazon diehard," said Engel, "but dozens of booksellers gave me a reason to support their stores instead, a reason I'd never heard before, a reason you probably haven't heard either."

Engel's 2019 cross-country roadtrip took him to 50 independent bookstores in 50 days. In this most recent trip, which crossed through Vermont, he visited 30 more stores and conducted as many bookseller interviews. The resultant film will answer the question of why we should buy our books locally; follow the roadtrip story of an Amazon diehard growing to love indie bookstores; and raise money for the Book Industry Charitable Foundation.

"The Bookstour" documentary film is a 30-minute documentary from independent author and filmmaker, Mason Engel. From now until July 7, 2021, you can preorder the film at www.TheBookstourFilm.com to reserve your digital rental or attend the virtual premier. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the film will benefit the Book Industry Charitable Foundation.

Reading of "Jeeves at Sea" with The Walpole Players

The Walpole Players present a staged reading of "Jeeves at Sea" July 10.
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WALPOLE, N.H. – Jeeves and Wooster are sailing onto the Common! The Walpole Players will be presenting a staged reading of "Jeeves at Sea" by Margaret Raether, adapted from the stories of P.G. Wodehouse, Saturday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. on the Walpole Town Common.

Set sail for laughter as Bertie Wooster, played by Tom Durnford, revels in life aboard the Vanderley yacht. Bertie is the pampered guest of the lively and fetching Lady Stella (Jenny Plante), accompanied as always by his peerless valet, Jeeves (Mike Delaney). If only Bertie's pal Crumpet (Rebecca Saunders) hadn't assaulted a prince! In the blink of an eye, Bertie is masquerading as a romance novelist, Crumpet is posing as his own long-lost twin, and a sinister foreign Count (Gina Richardson) is challenging Bertie to a duel over the misunderstood affections of Lady Stella's companion Miss Pilbeam (Ruth Pratt). Will this madcap case of mistaken identities end in Bertie's doom – or worse, his marriage? Have no fear! Jeeves will sort it all out.

We are asking audience members to support The Walpole Players with a suggested donation for adults. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will help us keep the curtain up and lights on at the Helen Miller Theater.

Don't forget to bring your choice of outdoor seating – lawn chair, blanket, etc. For more information, please email WalpolePlayers@gmail.com, check our website www.TheWalpolePlayers.org, or call 603-756-2535.

Canal Street Art Gallery presents Vermont Summer Group Show

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents the third annual Vermont Summer Group Show, "All Mediums, All Subjects, All Art," on view now through Aug. 14. The exhibition celebrates the diversity and abundance of local art here in southern Vermont.

The Vermont Summer Group Show presents artwork from 22 artists working in 18 distinct mediums and representing at least 35 subject matters. The open call group show includes artists from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York. Of these, 11 are from Canal Street Art Gallery's roster of represented artists: Jean Cannon, watercolor painting; Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, oil painting; Kim Grall, collaged encaustic sculpture; Carol Keiser, acrylic painting; Nicholas Kekic, blown glass; Marcie Maynard, monotype printing and pastel painting; Jeanne McMahan, oil painting; Lisa McNealus, acrylic painting; MC Noyes, oil painting; Phyllis Rosser, wood sculpture; and Melissa Rubin, monotype printing.

The Canal Street Art Gallery is honored to make available artwork from three returning artists, including Deedee Jones, pastel painting; Carla Liguori, textile found object and terra-cotta sculpture; and Mark Ragonesse, carved wood sculpture. In addition, the gallery is pleased to introduce artwork by John Steven Gurney, oil and acrylic painting; Yevette Hendler, photography; Chung Ah Park, oil painting; Susan Roylance, felted and found object sculpture, Nathan Shepard, oil and gouache painting; Michael Valentine, digitally augmented photography; John van der Does, ink drawing and writing; and Peter van der Does, painted sculpture.

The Canal Street Art Gallery is proud to continue sharing local art and artists and thanks all those who appreciate and support their creative neighbors. Important to the Canal Street Art Gallery's mission is the recognition of art-making as both income and expense to the artist. The selling of an artist's work can have a direct effect on their ability to afford the time and materials necessary to create more. The gallery now represents 22 local artists and there are over 400 individual pieces of artwork on our website.

The Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, is open by appointment Wednesday to Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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Independence Day in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – The grand Brownsville Independence Day Celebration is Saturday, July 3. From 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a full schedule of activities. Brownsville Community Church will host a breakfast from 8:30-10 a.m. Also enjoy lively music, games, a bouncy house, and diverse food vendors. The arts & crafts sale and a book sale will take place inside the Town Hall. Independence Day Committee is also selling IDC t-shirts at the Town Hall.

The Gala Parade starts at 1 p.m. and will feature the Shriners Clown Unit. Parade lineup is at 12:30 p.m., and there will be a road closure from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on the Brownsville-Hartland Road with a detour via Bible Hill and Shedsville roads during this time. After the parade, youth who would like to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Tribute Park sign and flag will receive a free frozen treat. The daytime activities in the village will take place rain or shine on Saturday.

In the evening, join us at Ascutney Outdoors from 6-9 p.m. to enjoy music, food vendors, family picnics (no barbecues), and spectacular fireworks at dusk. The rain date for fireworks is Monday, July 5.

In line with state Covid-19 guidance, masks are optional. However, if you are feeling under the weather, please wear a mask or stay home.

Participating organizations include West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, the Windsor Police Department, the West Windsor Historical Society, the Mary L. Blood Library, Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, Brownsville Community Church, Ascutney Outdoors, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club, American Pie Pizza, Lazy Cow Ice Cream, and more.

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If you would like to volunteer, contact BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com. To make a donation, please go to www.fundrazr.com/BrownsvilleIDC or mail a check made payable to "Brownsville IDC" to P.O. Box 37, Brownsville, VT 05037.

Fourth of July in Saxtons River

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – No parade, no fireworks, no street fair, but Saxtons River will still celebrate the Fourth of July, although not in its usual all-out way.

Citing concerns about Covid-19 and young children, plus the difficulty of raising funds to pay expenses, the Fourth committee opted for a small commemoration of Independence Day in the village's new park on Main Street.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a short group fun-run taking off from the Village Market. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a ceremony at the Saxtons River Village Park. Bradley Robinson will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Jeanie Levesque. Those attending are asked to bring bells to ring to "help get freedom ringing," according to committee member Heidi Lauricella.

A special Saxtons River Fourth of July t-shirt will be for sale as long as supplies hold out. The design by Emily Wunderle features a patriotically dressed teacher at the blackboard holding class online and is a tribute to teachers, especially Saxton River Elementary teacher Jaimie Douglass. Douglass was recognized this year by the University of Vermont as an outstanding teacher.

The shirts are available before July 4 at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls and will also be on sale Saturday morning, July 3 in front of the Village Market.

Those attending the event in the park are asked to bring a blanket or lawn chair. Muffins and lemonade will be available at Main Street Arts after the ceremony. In case of rain, the event will be held at 24 Main Street, formerly Christ's Church.

Further information is available on the committee's Facebook page: Saxtons River Fourth of July.

Independence Day at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Coolidge Foundation is pleased to announce that Saturday, July 3 fireworks will light up the Plymouth Notch sky once again as part of a two-day celebration of American independence and the birthday of our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. and are free to the public.

Coolidge is the only U.S. president born on Independence Day, and July 4 has been commemorated at his birthplace in Plymouth Notch for many decades. This year's celebration will feature a number of special events including the final rounds of the Coolidge Cup National High School Debate Tournament and the annual procession and wreath laying ceremony at the Coolidge graveside led by the Vermont National Guard. We hope you will choose to celebrate this holiday with Coolidge.

- Procession and wreath laying ceremony on Coolidge grave on the Village Green, 12 p.m.
- Semifinal Debate Rounds of the Coolidge Cup, 1 p.m.
- Calvin Coolidge Challenge Recognition, Declamation Winner Announcement and Luncheon under the big tent, 2 p.m.
- Coolidge Cup Awards Ceremony under the big tent, 4 p.m.

The public can tour 12 buildings at the Coolidge Site, which is managed by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. A National Historic Landmark, Plymouth Notch is considered one of the best-preserved presidential sites in the country. At the Museum & Education Center, visitors can see the permanent exhibit, "More Than Two Words: The Life and Legacy of Calvin Coolidge."

President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is located at 3780 Route 100A, Plymouth Notch, Vt. For further information about July 3 and 4 programs, contact John Ferrell at officeadmin@coolidgefoundation.org.

Independence Day parades, fireworks, festivities

FRIDAY, JULY 2 –

CHESTER, Vt. – On Friday, July 2, the Flea Market and Craft Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The American Legion Band of Brattleboro will play an outdoor concert, starting around 7 p.m. at the Legion Field, 635 Route 103 in Chester. Fireworks will follow the concert. The American Legion will be accepting donations before the show.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Friday, July 2, fireworks are back at Magic Mountain, 495 Magic Mountain Access Rd. The Hot Rubber Monkey Band plays outside from 7-11 p.m. with spectacular Londonderry Fireworks Show at 9:30 p.m. There will be a slimmed down tavern menu inside as well as grilled food available outside. No BYO beer or booze on the property.

SATURDAY, JULY 3 –

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Fireworks will take place at dusk, Saturday, July 3 at Ascutney Outdoors, 449 Ski Tow Road. Food vendors and lively music between 6-9 p.m. Bring a picnic. No grills allowed.

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, July 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. Starting around 10 a.m., the Legion will host a horse pull at the Legion Field.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Vermont Symphony Orchestra is back, July 3, 2021 at 4 p.m., at 225 Townshend Rd., in Grafton. Experience a rich American patchwork quilt of colors, textures, and sounds as the VSO's Woodwind Quartet takes the audience on a journey through 120 years of American music, from Tin Pan Alley to Carnegie Hall, from a bumpy bike ride with Alyssa Morris's "Motion" to the fairgrounds with Amy Beach's "Carnival." This concert is made possible by generous support from Frances Alford, Sam Battaglino, Liisa Kissel, and the Music Performance Trust Fund. Admission is free.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Saturday, July 3, the Londonderry Fourth of July parade begins at 11 a.m., starting at the Town Garage. It ends at The Mountain Marketplace.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – On July 3, fireworks will light up the Plymouth Notch sky once again. Join us at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100A, in Plymouth. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. and are free to the public.

SUNDAY, JULY 4 –

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The excitement will begin at Monadnock Park at 6 p.m. with many local vendors on hand selling food, drinks, and novelty items. We are excited to have American Cheese as our feature entertainment playing rock and country hits from the '50s to the '80s. All of these fun events will lead up to the spectacular fireworks show presented by McGee Toyota at 9:30 p.m. Parking spaces will be available along Broad and Pleasant streets. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/ClaremontParks.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fireworks display will take place at Imery's on East Hill Road and will begin at dusk Sunday, July 4. The best viewing may be found on South Hill, North Hill, West Hill, and Pleasant View Cemetery. Thank you to Imery's Talc for sponsoring this year's fireworks.

MONDAY, JULY 5 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Monday, July 5, from 5-10 p.m., celebrate Independence Day with kids entertainment, food vendors, and fireworks, sponsored by VTel, at Crown Point Country Club, 155 Golf Course Rd., in Springfield. Gates open at 5 p.m. Admission is free, but there is a charge for onsite parking – please have cash as there is no ATM. A live band will be playing all night.

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CROWN POINT PUB

** FIREWORKS **

Monday, July 5

Gates Open at 5pm - Free Admission - $5 Parking

Vendors, DJ, and Kids' Entertainment

Prefixed Dinner Menu

$55 per person includes Appetizers, Salad, Entree, and Dessert.

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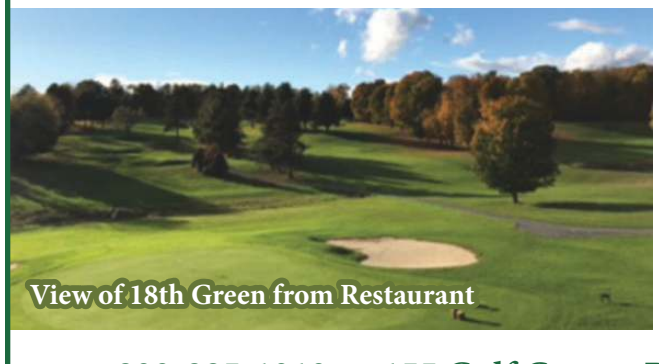
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2021 Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships

REGION – Each year, the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarship is offered by the Crown Point Board of Realtors and Mrs. Sam (Rita) Pierce to eligible candidates continuing their education. The scholarship was created in honor of their late cohort, Sammy Pierce, whose strong history of volunteer and charitable efforts and commitment to community, were endearing qualities he possessed and is remembered for. This year's recipients are Alexandra Hutchins and Aislynn Kelley.

Alexandra Hutchins. PHOTO PROVIDED

Aislynn Kelley. PHOTO PROVIDED

Alexandra Hutchins is a graduating senior of Green Mountain Union High School. She will be starting school at Castleton University, majoring in Mathematics: Secondary Education, with the hopes of pursuing a master's degree in education. She would like to become a high school level math teacher. She will also be playing soccer for Castleton and plans to continue her volunteer service in her new community. Alexandra is the daughter of Angela and Christopher Hutchins of Springfield, Vt.

Aislynn Kelley graduated with honors from Mill River High School. One of her notable achievements was the starting of her own dog cookie treat company. She baked and packaged the treats and sold them for three years at farmers markets and donated all the profits to local shelters. Aislynn will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall. She will major in business management with a minor in sports management. Aislynn is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Kelley of Belmont, Vt.

If you would like to donate, please contact Helen Wachtel, Chairperson of the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarship Fund, at hwachtel@brattbank.com.

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One Credit Union awards $6,000 in scholarships

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Brett Smith, president and CEO of One Credit Union, announced the winners of the 2021 Scholarship Awards. To qualify applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, demonstrate financial need, and be eligible for membership at One Credit Union, as well as submit a 300-word essay explaining their experience with teamwork and community building. Each of the winners received $1,000.

Tegan LaPan

Tegan graduated from U-32 in Montpelier and plans to attend Northern Vermont University in the fall. She has championed racial equity and mental illness awareness efforts in her school.

Alexandra Hutchins

Alexandra served as Editor-In-Chief of the Green Mountain Union High School yearbook, an experience that underscored the importance of teamwork. She plans to attend Castleton University in the fall.

Bodey Towle

Despite being a seasoned athlete, Bodey branched into theater at Colchester High School, a change that shaped his views on teamwork and community building. Bodey will be studying at Gordon College in the fall.

Matthew Jachim-Gallagher

While attending Newport, N.H. High School, Matthew got involved with North Country Community Theater, where he was elected treasurer of the Advisory Board, experiencing and contributing through many roles within his community. This fall Matt will be attending Dartmouth.

Victoria Otis

Sports and community service have helped Victoria understand how communities thrive. Whether on town cleanup days, helping at the humane society, or working at a daycare, her commitment shines through. She plans to attend University of Southern Maine in the fall.

Reagan Kayhart

Reagan will be leaving Vergennes Union High School for Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall. Her respect for teamwork comes from collaborating on projects and experiencing the benefit of multiple perspectives on the overall quality of the output.

"Each year, I continue to be impressed by the level of community commitment and teamwork these kids demonstrate," said Smith. "At One CU, we are proud to invest in these kids. We wish them the best in their collegiate experiences. The dividends will return to all of us!"

Local college students achieve honors' lists

Ithaca College Dean's List

Colin Costa-Walsh of Putney

Logan Cota of Bellows Falls

Avery White of Townshend

University of New Hampshire's Dean's List

Sierra Kehoe of Chester

Katrina Ewens of Londonderry

Jenna Veysey of Springfield

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dean's List

Lauren Kaija of Reading

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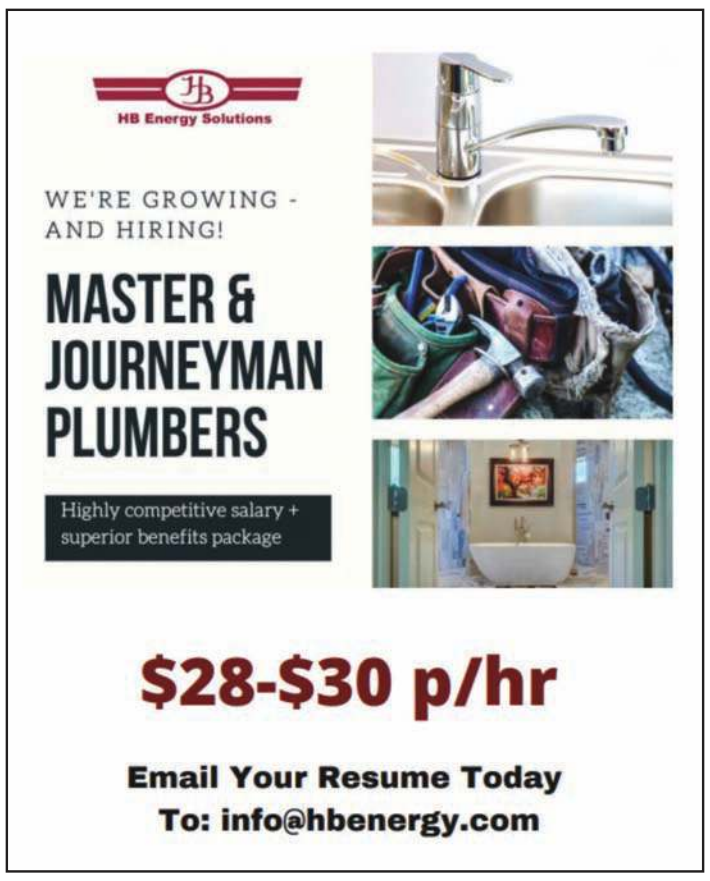

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