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## HCRS to pay \$170,000 settlement for violating False Claims Act

MONTPELIER, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit announced a settlement with Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont of Springfield resolving allegations that HCRS violated the Vermont False Claims Act.

The settlement, reached in collaboration with the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, resolves claims that HCRS improperly submitted Medicaid claims for services provided by an employee who was on the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services exclusion list and barred from receiving payments from federally funded healthcare programs.

For a period of nearly 10 years, HCRS employed an individual identified on OIG-HHS' exclusion list and submitted claims

on the employee's behalf for reimbursement to Medicaid, in violation of the Vermont False Claims Act. In addition, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont has concluded that HCRS violated the federal False Claims Act.

HCRS CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., said, "We immediately took steps to notify the authorities as soon as we became aware of the employment issue with this staff member. We have been up front about our agency's oversight of this personnel matter, and we took responsibility for the federal and state payments we'd received erroneously, returning all of the related revenue along with a substantial penalty. As a community mental health agency, we regret our error and recognize the importance of ensuring all employment guidelines are followed; we have since strengthened our procedures to prevent a reoccurrence."

HCRS has agreed to pay to the state of Vermont and the United States a total of \$170,037.76, of which Vermont Medicaid will receive \$101,254.61 in program restitution. The settlement amount reflects a cooperation credit in light of HCRS's self-disclosure of the violation, assistance with the investigation, and voluntary adoption of remedial measures to guard against improper employment and claim submission in the future.

"We thank HCRS for bringing this to the state's attention and for their cooperation," said Attorney General Donovan. "HCRS provides important care and services to some of the state's most vulnerable Vermonters. Performing required background checks and complying with state and federal law is vital."

## Upper Valley Land Trust to grow fresh veggies for those in need

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Upper Valley Land Trust is partnering with the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry to grow food for those in need through an expansion of UVLT's Food Pantry Garden Program. "The Claremont Soup Kitchen is very excited to have the opportunity to partner with the Upper Valley Land Trust to bring fresh produce to our guests," said Claremont Soup Kitchen Executive Director Cindy Stevens. "The Claremont Soup Kitchen has many guests that come daily to see what is offered on our farmstand. This partnership will allow us to provide many more options. We are truly thankful to be able to offer such a great service to our community."

This collaborative Food Pantry Garden is run primarily by volunteers and UVLT is actively seeking community members interested in helping out in the garden. The garden is located at Up on the Hill Conservation area, a property that UVLT owns and manages off of Richardson Road in Charlestown with land in Claremont, and Unity, N.H. as well. This 1,100-acre property is mostly forested but also has excellent agricultural land. This year UVLT set aside 5,000 square-feet and turned it into a garden with a variety of seasonal vegetables.

"Using the agricultural land that we own for the good of everyone is really important to us," said UVLT's Programs Director Alison Marchione, who

runs the Food Pantry Garden Program. "Our conservation areas aren't just about trails and recreation – we can do more than that. There are people in our communities who are hungry and we have the ability to play a role in alleviating that problem. Conservation land is for everyone."

The Food Pantry Garden Program began in 2019 at Brookmead Conservation Area in Norwich, Vt. After two successful seasons and 4,000 pounds of produce donated to Willing Hands, a local food reclamation and distribution nonprofit, UVLT applied for a New Hampshire Charitable Foundation grant to expand the program to Up on the Hill. The foundation's environmental opportunity grant program provides small one-time grants to New Hampshire organizations involved in the intersection of community and environment. Now, UVLT is asking volunteers to turn that generous funding into food by volunteering at the Food Pantry Garden to feed our neighbors in need.

Karina Ricker was excited to break ground on the new project this spring. "I wanted the opportunity to learn about land conservation, food security, and food systems. This internship seemed like the perfect way to learn about the intersection of all three things," said Ricker, UVLT's Patchen Miller intern. "The chance to help expand the program to a whole new area and be in on the ground floor of that work was

also really appealing to me."

UVLT is a nonprofit land conservancy that works in 45 Vermont and New Hampshire towns in the Connecticut River watershed, providing conservation leadership, tools, and expertise. The lands UVLT protects are places where people of all ages can participate in the stewardship of natural resources, learn about forests and farming, and enjoy being in nature. Founded by Upper Valley residents in 1985, UVLT has conserved more than 52,000 acres of land and owns and manages 22 conservation areas. These include working farms, forested ridges, wildlife habitat, water resources, trails, and scenic landscapes. Most of the conserved land remains in private ownership, protected by permanent deeds known as conservation easements.

Volunteers run the gardens and plant, weed, water, and harvest produce. UVLT is actively seeking more volunteers to join their efforts. Community workdays are Thursday nights from 3-6 p.m. Individual work and projects can be arranged, and service and business groups are encouraged to reach out for specialized service days. All ages are welcome, including children under 15 with an adult. No experience is necessary. For more information, to go [www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden](http://www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden).

## Joint Board discusses demolition of historic church on Atkinson Street

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 29, the Joint Board of the Rockingham Selectboard and Bellows Falls Trustees discussed updates on 66 Atkinson Street.

Built in 1835 as the first Methodist church in Bellows Falls, the building has commanded attention at the intersections of School and Atkinson streets ever since. It was owned by the YMCA for 50 years and in 2015 was exchanged for one dollar.

Current owner Christopher Glennon hoped to save and preserve the historic structure, but the location, across the street from the historic district, made it ineligible for federal funding and the cost of rehabilitation is significant. Glennon is currently working on a Quit Claim Deed with the town claiming ownership by September.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup told the Joint Board that Northern Heritage Mills President Gerald DeMuro had expressed interest in the building. Northern Heritage Mills of Claremont, N.H., is a nonprofit educational organization. Founded in 2001, NHM promotes the preservation of historical technologies through STEM education.

Pickup explained that correspondence so far was only by email. He had shared the 2018 engineering report with DeMuro who responded with maintained interest. Among other concerns, the report highlighted structural instability, collapse of ceiling materials, and fallen slate



The historic church at 66 Atkinson Street in Bellows Falls. PHOTO BY BETSY THURSTON

roof shingles. The engineer had recommended demolition at that time.

Two years ago, the Joint Board had met with Glennon to request that he stabilize and secure the roof and address other concerns from the engineer's report by the fall.

Glennon had removed debris and ceiling materials to lessen the load, but Trustees observed the roof still remained insecure. They proposed jersey barriers and fencing to surround the building in the fall of 2019.

At Tuesday's meeting, Pickup said, "Ideally, we would do it over the summer, but the demolition rates are much higher in the summer." He said they could save substantial costs if the building was taken down before the winter. It would cost between \$75,000 to \$100,000 to take the building down. Pickup explained that the village has invested \$20,000 in fencing, barriers, asbestos removal, and legal fees.

Trustee James McAuliffe commented that if NHM was still interested "More power to

him, but I certainly agree with [Pickup] that we need to move forward before the winter."

Pickup added, "We'd be hard pressed to get through another winter season without some sort of catastrophic failure."

He had told DeMuro that "there was a hard deadline," so if he was serious he needed to send a proposal as soon as possible. Pickup had received nothing formal as of June 29.

Board member Rick Cowan asked about funding. Pickup said federal funding was requested, and Community Development Block Grant funds might help with the demolition expenses.

Discussion ensued with what could be done with the lot after demolition. Ideas included a dog park, a green space, a community center, a garden, or parking lot. Pickup hoped they could improve the intersection at School and Atkinson streets and make it safer.

Pickup concluded that the goal was for a decision to be made by Sept. 30 at the next scheduled Joint Board meeting.

## Springfield Rotary happenings

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club held its first in-person meeting in 2021 for the annual Changing of the Gavel. Outgoing Club President Jerry Farnum accepts congratulations from incoming President Jim Fog.



Springfield Rotary Club members Jim Fog and Bob Flint congratulate this year's Rotary Scholarship winners, Anna Ondre and Haley Gibbons. They were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Ondre will be attending the University of Tampa and Gibbons will be at the Hartwick College. Since the 2020 Penny Sale was canceled due to the pandemic, Rotary Club members funded this year's scholarships through individual donations.



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# Pipelines and Pathways helps students path to success —

**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** This past semester, 16 Leland & Gray High School students and three Twin Valley High School students earned a Windham Work Ready Credential by completing a semester-long career preparation intensive. The program was designed and implemented by Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation's Pipelines and Pathways Program for Twin Valley students and was created in close collaboration with Leland & Gray's Senior Survival class.

Every senior at Leland & Gray takes Senior Survival to complete their graduation requirements while Twin Valley students enrolled in a voluntary pilot program. Only students who consistently demonstrated the skills and behaviors necessary to navigate the professional world received the credential and marched at graduation with teal honor cords, denoting their achievement.

Twin Valley's Janelle Fisher and Tanya Wheeler, and Leland & Gray's Dylan Greenwood also received the BDCC's Windham Work Ready Scholarship for exemplifying the accountability, initiative, professionalism, positivity, and resilience needed to excel in the professional world.

Students started their journey in January with an overview of growing employment sectors in Windham County, throughout Vermont and nationally. In addition to traditional four-year colleges, students learned about alternative pathways to postsecondary success such as credentialing programs, community colleges, and jobs that offer tuition reimbursement. Students then explored their passions through interest inventories, research, and goal mapping. Throughout the course, they learned optimal practices for applications, resume writing, and interview preparation. They learned about professional body language, verbiage, and appearance, how to effectively resolve conflict, how to talk to a supervisor, and how taking initiative and being resilient can make the difference between success and failure on the job and in life.

During one of the final challenges in the course, students were paired with professionals connected to their field of interest for informational interviews. Students worked with employers from sectors like healthcare, civil engineering, law enforcement, marketing, software engineering, equine therapy, cosmetology, and the electrical trades and had the opportunity to ask questions about what it is really like to be an employee in that profession.

P3 is a BDCC Workforce Center of Excellence program based on Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies to increase the size and quality of the workforce. BDCC is a private, nonprofit economic development organization that serves as a catalyst for industrial and commercial growth throughout Southeastern Vermont, and is one of 12 RDCs throughout Vermont.

The course was designed in response to local employ-

ers and college recruiters who identified the need for enhanced employability and soft skills among their new hires and freshmen cohorts. They believe that a greater focus on improving these skills will increase the likelihood of young people making it through their probationary periods at work or their freshman year of college. Senior Survival will continue to be a required course at Leland & Gray next year, and P3 has leveraged the successes of the program at Twin Valley to create a credit-bearing course offered to sophomores and juniors in conjunction with their new entrepreneurship program. This holistic educational approach will ensure that every senior confidently graduates with a clear and solid plan for post-secondary success in future years.

Funding for P3 is provided by the McClure Foundation, Vermont Training Program, Vermont Community Foundation, the Windham County Economic Development Program, the Thomas Thompson Trust, the George W. Mergens Foundation, People's United Bank, Tom Smith & Omega Optical, and the Whitney Blake Company in Bellows Falls.

For more information, please visit [www.brattleborodevelopment.com/workforce](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com/workforce) and [www.seveds.com](http://www.seveds.com).

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## Springfield Elks 1560 Flag Day



Vermont Elks Vice President Jim Kirkwood, Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie, Scoutmaster Mathew Burlew, Eagle Scout Austin Laplant, and parents Jason and Heidi Laplant.



Vermont Elks Vice President Jim Kirkwood, Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie, Scoutmaster Mathew Burlew, Eagle Scout Graefin Anderson, and mom Tara Verheide.

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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 held their annual Flag Day ceremony Sunday, June 27. At the end of the ceremony dedicated to the history of the American Flag, three Eagle Scouts were presented with their Eagle Scout awards from the Elks.

All three were from Troop 252 in Springfield and they had big plans for their future. Graefin Anderson, son of Scott Anderson and Tara Verheide, is from Ludlow, Vt. Graefin will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

Austin Laplant is the son of Jason and Heidi Laplant from Springfield. Austin plans on furthering his education by attending college for animal rescue.

Wesley Feickert began his scouting career in Japan in 2012. He is the son of Doug and Cathryn Feickert of Springfield. He is considering attending Johnson State or Keene State College for communications.

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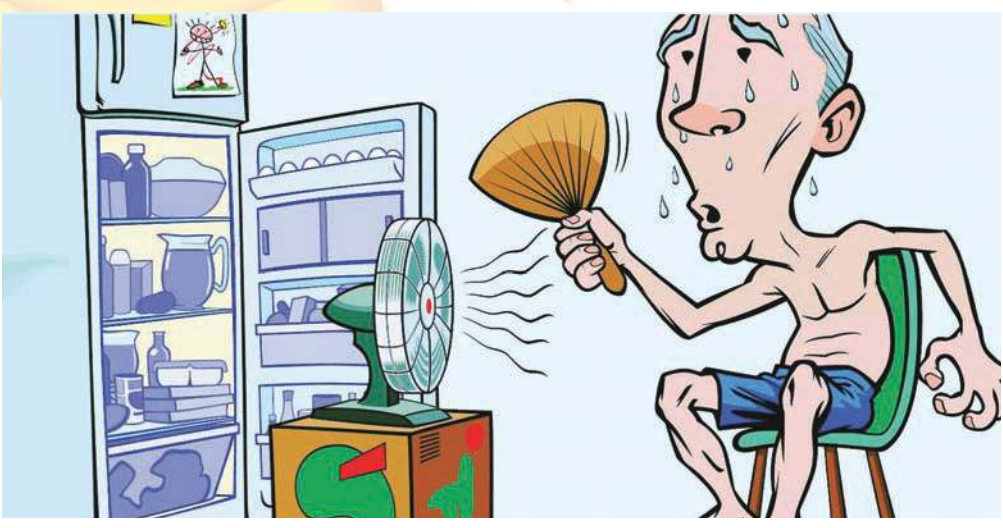
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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

# The old man

Lee Kendall is Kim's older brother by two years. Back about 1985 Lee wrote a few stories about growing up on the farm. Today, Kim owns the property. Lee mentions a cousin John on the Suwanee River. John is Kendall Thurston. The old man is Lee's father, Nelson. Below is one of Lee's stories. The photo is Nelson's gravestone that Kendall carved from pool table slate.

"Down at the edge of the property under a leafless butternut tree a gravestone sticks up through winter's snow. The old man is buried there or rather his ashes are, well most of them anyway. My youngest brother, Gale, strewed several handfuls of them among the trees and stone fence posts that mark the boundaries. The old man always said in his later years he was never leaving the place and it appears he was right.

"The property is only two and one half acres, more or less. Lawn, shade, and fruit trees of all kinds have been planted and cut and more planted at the whim of eight generations of farmers. The old man's butternut and exotic poplars dominate the scene now. They are slowly replacing the one hundred and fifty year old maples that are starting to die along the edge of the short driveway.

"After my brothers and I graduated from high school and left home the old man couldn't keep up his home businesses. The cider press was dismantled and sold as was the sugaring arch and all the paraphernalia that went with it. From then on until he died the old man concentrated on gardening and planting trees.

"He loved his garden and grew all the common garden stock, plus little known and not much sought after curative and healthful plants. He had a few regular customers who drove long distances to buy them. Pumpkins were the big seller though, mountains of them for Halloween.

"The only plant the old man didn't like, actually I should say hated, was poison ivy. It was the bane of his existence. He was so allergic if he saw some while out hunting or fishing he would detour hundreds of yards.

"There was a small growth of it at the far edge of his pumpkin patch. He tried to burn it one fall and caught a horrendous case from the smoke blowing on him. The next summer he tried swathing himself in rain gear and spraying, but it did no good. He caught it again and the ivy lives to this day.

"The land, the house and the three weathered barns attached to it, one after another in the old New England style, belong to Kim now.

"Kim hasn't married yet so he always has a place in the old nine room farmhouse for a guest or two. Various cousins, aunts, friends, and friends of friends stay for a day, a week, a summer, or a winter depending on their vague plans. It seems like there is always someone there from some distant place with an interesting tale of travel to tell.

"My cousin, John, lives in a treehouse perched over the Suwanee River with his pet skunk, during the winter. Summers he usually spends at Kim's. He and the old man used to argue, disagree, and practical joke each other constantly. Neither he nor the old man could resist trying to get a little dig into the other. Depending on the day, they're either best of friends or plotting to kill each other.

"The old man didn't like the noise and late night parties at the house so he lived in the silo. He had it set up quite comfortably in four floors. The first was the kitchen and living room, the second bedroom, the third closet and storage. On the fourth you could pull back the domed canopy for a birds-eye view of the fields and old stone walls.



Nelson's slate gravestone.

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"As much as the old man and John did and didn't get along, John spent a summer after the old man's death living in the grapevine covered silo. He also took the time to carve the gravestone under the butternut tree.

"It's a nice stone but I believe the old man would swear and b---h till he was blue if he could see it, for carved with exquisite care and attention to detail up the sides of the gray slate around the name and dates are winding vines of poison ivy."

*This week's old saying: "Never apologize. It's a sign of weakness."*



Kim and Lee Kendall.

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# Weathersfield Historical Society reopens Rev. Dan Foster House

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – After a year of Covid-19, the Weathersfield Historical Society announces the reopening of the Rev. Dan Foster House, 2656 Weathersfield Center Rd. in Weathersfield. The historical society's museum is open now through Sept. 5, 2021, Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Mondays from 12-4 p.m. Admission is free and donations are accepted. For more information, please contact ellen.clattenburg@gmail.com.

# Local students achieve honors' lists

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# Student graduates Emerson College

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

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

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.

## Amber Waves



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**TUESDAYS –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 31 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Please use the handicap door.

**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](mailto:don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org).

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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](mailto: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](mailto:amenard@pcavt.org) or call 802-498-0603.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation

Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at [www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden](http://www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden).

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. and via Zoom from 7-8 p.m.

**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 Market's 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](http://www.westtownshend.wixsite.com/wrcp).

**SATURDAYS –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1

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p.m., on Clinton Street, near the entrance to the Toonerville Trail. For questions or vendor application forms, contact [sfog@vermontel.net](mailto:sfog@vermontel.net).

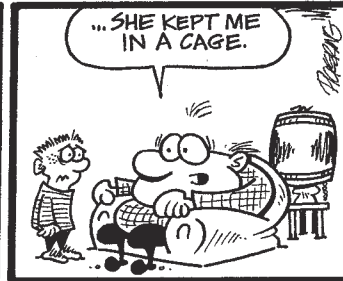
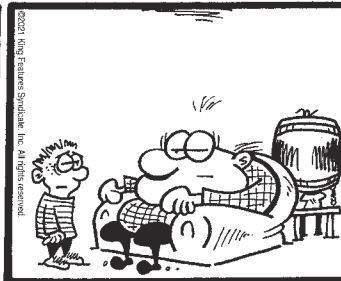
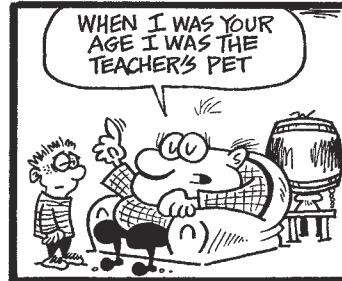
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the return of the Dump Daze flea market at 33 Fairground Road in Springfield beginning at 8:30 a.m. This popular event will occur every Saturday until the "snow flies" and is entirely free. Vendors may arrive and set up at 8 a.m. Closing 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](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

**WEEKLY –**  
REGION – Flow and Restore Yoga weekly live stream classes with Soulfire Yoga with Joy, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, through Saturday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon. This class is a gentle to moderate hatha practice that fosters a deep inner connection and restores balance to the mind and body. Beginners to seasoned practitioners are welcome. Contact Joy Nagle for more information and to register for classes at [Joyousom@gmail.com](mailto:Joyousom@gmail.com) or 802-855-3003.

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- 15 Actress Falco
- 16 Rep.'s rival
- 17 Apple product
- 18 Criminal's "why"
- 20 Latin love
- 22 Whiskey variety
- 26 Dishonor
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- 30 Blue
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- 33 "Three Sisters" sister
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- 37 Outing for two couples
- 40 Bedouin
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- 5 "As You Like It" setting
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- 19 Compete
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- 28 In reality
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SERVICES

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Ella Briggs

LUDLOW, Vt. – A graveside service for Ella Briggs, 91, who passed away March 31, 2021 will be held July 10, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt. Brent Buswell will officiate.

Robert Burton

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Robert Burton, 86, who passed away March 18, 2020 will be held July 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. in the Oakland Cemetery, Springfield, Vt. Ernest Lamphere will officiate.

George H. Dolloph

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – A celebration of life will be held for George H. Dolloph, 69, of Rockingham, Vt., Sunday, July 25, 2021, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Bartonville Grange Hall, located at 116 Upper Bartonville Road in Rockingham. George, a resident of Rockingham, died at the Veterans Hospital in West Roxbury, Mass., April 16, 2021. Please join us, share your memories, laugh at the good times, and remember the life he lived.

Joan H. Farmer

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A memorial service for Joan H. Farmer, who passed away April 16, 2020, will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at noon at the First Methodist Church in Springfield, Vt. Luncheon and socializing will follow in the church vestry. Donations may be made to First Methodist Church Music Program.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St. Sunday services are held in person and streamed online. Please be safe and care for each other. Email [unitedchurch@tds.net](mailto:unitedchurch@tds.net) for more information. Visit [www.unitedchurch.us](http://www.unitedchurch.us) to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd. Sunday services are streamed online at 10 a.m. For more information, go to Facebook @SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St. Sunday Liturgy has resumed at 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. Please note, the church is limited to 50 participants. For more information, call 802-885-2615.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq. Sunday service are at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and more information, go to [www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH](http://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH).

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5 Sunday services are online. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurch-of-Westminster-lnc-1506511432980057](http://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurch-of-Westminster-lnc-1506511432980057).



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Rita J. Higgins, 1938-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Rita Josephine Higgins, 83, passed away Friday morning, July 2, 2021 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born Jan. 13, 1938 in Newark, N.J., the daughter of John and Hazel Sullivan. She attended and graduated schools in New Jersey. In 1979, she married Robert Higgins in Connecticut. Rita resided in Connecticut for many years, moving to Vermont in 1985. She was employed as a tax accountant with Combustion Engineering/ABB in Windsor Locks, Conn., for many years. Rita enjoyed skiing and golfing. She is survived by her husband Robert, one sister Dorothy Davis, stepson Kevin Higgins and his wife Karen, and one granddaughter Avery Higgins. She was predeceased by her parents and one sister Margaret.

Margaret E. O'Brien, 1929-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Margaret Elizabeth O'Brien "Peggy O," 91, died June 30, 2021 at Cedar Hill in Windsor, Vt. Peggy was born Aug. 4, 1929, the daughter of John and Honorah (Kelly) O'Brien. Peggy graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1947. If you were to look at her high school yearbook, you would see the following words: "Meet a typical Irish lassie with twinkling eyes, a charming smile, and a bright hello for everybody. Peggy has won the hearts of everyone, both in and out of school." In November of 1947, Peggy joined several other family members as employees at Robertson's Paper Company. In March of 1948, Peggy was hired as a teller at the Bellows Falls Trust Company. During her tenure there, she worked in all areas of the bank, retiring in 1991 as the vice president in charge of human resources. Her stellar rise in the banking field was due in large part to Hayes Stagner, who recognized her talents and skills and encouraged her to move forward in her career. In a dedication statement presented at her retirement, it was stated: "It is important to repeat that she worked in all areas of the bank because it speaks to the quality and character of this special person. Her willingness to do whatever the company needed or to help any colleague at any time is an example and an inspiration to all. Her dedication to the bank, her colleagues, and our customers has been unswerving for all those 40-plus years. For her colleagues, it has been a privilege to be associated with her." Peggy enjoyed time spent with family and friends. She greatly enjoyed her membership in the 19 Williams Street Coffee Group, which later relocated to any coffee shop that allowed the group to start their mornings together and to watch out and care for one another. It saddened her when many of them passed on, leaving an empty chair at the table and saddened her even more when the group eventually disbanded. She was a member of the Bellows Falls Women's Club and loved telling jokes at their meetings – even though she often forgot the punch line. In her younger days, Peg was an avid golfer and bowler. She was the last living member of the "dollar bill" club. In the early 1960s, five lovely ladies tore a one-dollar bill into five pieces, each taking a piece as a reminder of their friendship. The group included Peggy, Julie Prybylo, Betty Faulkner, Kay Hennessey, and Anna Mae Kelly. Peggy was in proud pos-

Rita J. Higgins, 1938-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

session of her piece of her share of that dollar. The things that she loved and valued the most in life were her faith, her friends, her Irish heritage, and above all her family. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister Mary "Mamie" Bernadette O'Brien. She is survived by her sister Catherine Ann (O'Brien) Davignon and her favorite brother-in-law David Francis Davignon. She is additionally survived by two nephews, a niece, one grandnephew, and one grandniece: John Francis Davignon of Seattle, Wash., Michael James Davignon (Mayumi) of Yokohama, Japan, Kathleen Kelly Elizabeth Davignon of Fairfield, Conn., Louis Yoneda Davignon and Mana Yoneda Davignon of Yokohama, Japan. Remaining unmarried throughout her life, Peggy frequently referred to herself as "an unclaimed treasure." Although she had no children of her own, she loved the Davignon children and grandchildren more than life itself and they loved her in return. Being from two strong Irish families made up of people named O'Brien and Kelly, she is also survived by more beloved cousins than it is possible to count. The Davignon family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Christopher LaRocca for the wonderful care that he provided to Peg over many years. She hated going to the doctor's office, but she loved seeing him. Blessings on you, Dr. LaRocca. Additional thanks to the numerous doctors who cared for her until she joined the community at Cedar Hill. We're very grateful to the entire staff at Cedar Hill for the wonderful care they provided to her during her time there. No one could have asked for more. Their kindness to Peg and to us went far beyond any expectation that we had. Special thanks to Kalen Saunders who provided her with care, companionship, and true friendship – and truly became part of the O'Brien/Davignon family. Emily Dickenson once wrote: "I would like more sisters, that the taking out of one might not leave such stillness." Peggy would want us to fill that deep and sad stillness with much laughter and love. It shall be done. In lieu of flowers, Peggy has requested that donations be made to the Parks Place Family Resource Center in Bellows Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 5, 2021 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, N.H.

John C. Bacon, 1938-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John Charles Bacon, 83, of North Fort Myers, Fla., peacefully passed away June 23, 2021 surrounded by his wife Carol Bacon, MD and Christine Shaw Bacon in the town of Springfield, Vt. After graduating high school from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass., he attended the University of Vermont before serving in the United States Army. Following service, he pursued a degree in business administration at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. In 1960, Jack met his bride Carol Eastwood Bacon while attending college and they were married June 23, 1962. They eventually returned to Springfield, Vt., to raise their children. It was with great pride that he began the John C. Bacon Insurance Agency and later expanded it to add Financial Services. Among his many activities, he and his wife were members of the Appalachian Mountain Club and hiked all 64 of the 4,000-foot mountains in New England. He was an avid skier and was on the volunteer ski patrol at Okemo Mountain for 25 years. He and his wife owned a powerboat named "No Regrets" and enjoyed motoring the lakes of New England and shores of Florida. He was a talented musician, singing the lead role in many plays, playing the guitar, ukulele, and organ. While at Babson College, he joined the fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, he was president of the Theatre Guild, and a member of a men's octet called the "Opis." Jack was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge in Springfield, Vt., member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. He was Past Potentate

John C. Bacon, 1938-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Mt. Sinai Shrine Temple #3 in Montpelier, Vt. He was an associate member of the Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers, Fla. and the Cibiri International. He was past director of Montpelier Court of the Royal Order of Jesters and past treasurer of Fort Myers Court. Jack retired in 2002 and moved to Cape Coral, Fla. During retirement, he enjoyed time on the boat, and with the Mariners of Araba Shrine Temple, and most importantly, time spent with friends and family. Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol Bacon, his son John C. Bacon Jr., his daughter Candace Stevens, son-in-law Vern Stevens, and grandsons Zachary Stevens and Devan Stevens. Services will be held at Cape Coral First United Methodist Church, 4118 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral, Fla., Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 11 a.m. and a reception to follow. Graveside services will be conducted at the Sarasota National Cemetery Monday, July 19, 2021. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St, Boston, MA 02114, by either mailing a donation or using the link: [www.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.lovetotherescue.org).

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## Green Mountain Gardeners’ Mountain Garden Walks

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Saturday, July 17, Mountain Garden Walks offers a self-guided walking tour of six enchanting gardens in Londonderry and Weston. Each garden captures the beauty of Vermont’s perennial, woodland, and native plants surrounded by stonewalls, bogs, and expansive vistas of mountains and meadows. Most of all, these spectacular gardens reflect the environment of our Vermont landscape.

Nurtured and tended by their owners, these gardens offer a feeling of serenity and quiet as you enjoy the art and beauty of gardening. You will discover a meandering artisan-well stream; a river winding through low-lying fields; and an expansive pond home to wildlife. There are plantings and fruit trees to nurture bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds; and a host of Norway Spruce, Arborvitae, and Freedom Maple trees. Enjoy mature perennial and wildflower gardens, plus a garden of cutting flowers and vegetables to demonstrate



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ever-changing ideas about gardening.

This year’s tour also includes a small-scale sheep farm capturing the practical and artistry of gardening to provide vegetables, eggs, and meat, as well as the abundant wool.

Mountain Garden Walks, sponsored by Green Mountain Gardeners, will take place July

17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour begins at the Custer Sharp House, Middletown Road, Londonderry. Information on the tour and how to purchase tickets can be found at [www.greenmountaingardeners.net](http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net). All proceeds go to Green Mountain Gardeners Lib Thieme Scholarship Fund.

## Protect nesting loons and loon chicks

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking boaters and anglers to enjoy loons from a safe distance this summer. “Loons were removed from Vermont’s endangered species list in 2005, but two threats loons face are human distur-

bance during the breeding season and ingestion of fishing gear,” said Doug Morin, wildlife biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Morin also reminds people to avoid lead fishing tackle. Loons sometimes swallow stray fish-

ing tackle and suffer the effects of lead poisoning. Lead sinkers weighing one-half ounce or less are illegal in Vermont. Morin also recommends anglers to be careful to not attract loons to their bait and lures, and especially do not leave any fishing line behind as it can kill loons.

Eric Hanson oversees the Loon Conservation Project for the Vermont Center for Ecostudies in partnership with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Hanson says most people are respectful of nesting loons and give them space, but people sometimes inadvertently harm loons without meaning to. “Loon chicks can be difficult to see, so we ask motor boaters to note where loon families are and to avoid those areas,” said Han-

## The 30th annual Win Hoyt Charity Golf Tournament

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The 30th annual Win Hoyt Charity Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at the Ekwanok Country Club. Registration opens at 11 a.m., lunch is at 11:30 a.m., and players tee off at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament is named in memory of Win Hoyt, a longtime Manchester resident and former director of the chamber. In 1970, Win took over the Caddie Scholarship Program at Ekwanok and provided great leadership until his death in 1989. The scholarship program successfully continues to this day. Proceeds will be divided equally between Bennington County Habitat for Humanity and the Manchester Community Library. Bennington County Habitat brought home two families during the pandemic, and the Manchester Community Library now offers expanded hours with in-person services five days per week.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at different levels. This tournament most likely will sell out fast. For more information, to reserve a team, or be paired up with



Golf tournament committee, from left to right, Thomas Mackey, Tony Hoyt, Lisa Counsell, J. Violet Gannon, Susan Sommer, Sally Hespe, Bill Hoyt, and David Baer.

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a foursome, please contact Sally Hespe, advancement manager, Manchester Community Li-

brary, at 802-549-4579, [shepes@mclvt.org](mailto:shepes@mclvt.org), or register online at [www.mclvt.org/hoyt-golf](http://www.mclvt.org/hoyt-golf).

## Junior waterfowl hunter training program

ST. ALBANS, Vt. – The Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Junior Waterfowl Hunter Training Program is being offered to young hunters who want to learn more about the sport of waterfowl hunting and experience a high quality waterfowl hunt. The program is offered to youngsters 12 to 17 years of age who have an adult waterfowl hunter to serve as a mentor.

The Junior Waterfowl Hunter Training Program is a joint educational effort of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, the Sportsman’s Club of Franklin County, and volunteers to teach young hunters about waterfowl hunting. The program focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible, re-

spected individuals who strive to learn all they can about waterfowl and to become knowledgeable in firearms safety, hunter ethics, and wildlife conservation.

Mentors and youths who would like to participate in this year’s program must pre-register with the Refuge by Friday, Aug. 6. Participation in the program will be limited to 30 enrollees.

All mentors and young hunters must attend the one-day training session Saturday, Aug. 21, with instruction beginning at 8 a.m. at the Franklin County Sportsman’s Club on Route 36 in St. Albans. The training session will be held rain or shine, so participants should dress appropriately. All youth participants should bring the shotgun they intend to use for hunting to the training for a patterning session.

Junior hunters and their mentors, once they complete the training, are awarded exclusive use of several premier hunting areas at Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge for the first four weekends of the waterfowl hunting season. Juniors are only permitted to shoot for the first two weekends, and mentors will be permitted to shoot alongside their juniors the last two weekends of the junior hunt. Blind sites and hunting dates for the junior hunters are determined by a lottery conducted at the annual training session.

To register for this year’s program, call refuge headquarters at 802-868-4781. Please include the mentor’s name and youth’s name and age, address, and telephone number.

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### Types of investments: Stocks

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resents your share of the risks taken and profits generated by the company. If the company does well, your share of its earnings will be proportionate to how much of the company’s stock you own. The flip side, of course, is that your share of any loss will be similarly proportionate to your percentage of ownership.

If you purchase stock, you can make money in one of two ways. The company’s board of directors can decide to distribute a portion of the company’s profits to its shareholders as dividends, which can provide you with income. Also, if the value of the stock rises, you may be able to sell your stock for more than you paid for it. Of course, if the value

of the stock has declined, you’ll lose money.

Though past performance is no guarantee of future results, stocks historically have had greater potential for higher long-term total returns than cash alternatives or bonds. However, that potential for greater returns comes with greater risk of volatility and potential for loss. You can lose part or all of the money you invest in a stock. Because of that volatility, stock investments may not be appropriate for money you count on to be available in the short term. You’ll need to think about whether you have the financial and emotional ability to ride out those ups and downs as you try for greater returns.

The universe of stocks

offers enormous flexibility to construct a stock portfolio that is tailored to your needs. There are many different types of stock, and many different ways to diversify your stock holdings. For example, you can sort through stocks by industry, by company size, by location, and by growth prospects or income.

Growth stocks are usually characterized by corporate earnings that are increasing at a faster rate than their industry average or the overall market.

| Size      | Description  |
|-----------|--|
| Large cap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10+ billion</li><li>• Widely bought and sold</li><li>• Often are well-known names</li></ul>              |
| Midcap    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$2 billion-\$10 billion</li><li>• Somewhat smaller than large caps</li></ul>                              |
| Small cap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$200 million-\$2 billion</li><li>• Less widely traded</li><li>• Fewer institutional investors</li></ul>   |
| Microcap  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$20 million-\$200 million</li><li>• May trade infrequently</li><li>• More difficult to research</li></ul> |

Stocks by size.

TABLE PROVIDED

Income stocks – for example, utilities or financial companies – generally offer higher dividend yields than market averages. Value stocks are typically characterized by selling at a low price relative to a company’s sales, earnings, or book value.

These are only some of the many ways in which stocks can be identified, and your financial professional can help you decide which might be more ap-

propriate for you than others. With stocks, it’s especially important to diversify your holdings. That way, if one company is in trouble, it won’t have as much impact on your overall return as it would if it represented your entire portfolio.

*Article written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.*

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Defendants

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

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

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**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)**  
**WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL**  
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**Legal Notice**

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2021 to consider the following:

Application #21-71 Anthony Perri & Elaine Ingraham (Owner & Applicant)) – property located at 3366 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting to add a Post & Beam Screened in Porch on the North Side of the existing house of the full time residence. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #21-72 Alex Lyon & Son - Timothy Wells (Owner & Applicant ) – property located at 3338 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a Minor Subdivision off of Old Coddling Road. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 445 Village District Zone and Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor Subdivision); and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #21-76 Robert & Joyce Walker (Owner & Applicant)) – property located at 235 School Street. The Applicant is requesting to add a 14' x 83' Screened Porch, New Roof, and Replacement of Siding in the Historic District. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold two public hearings on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Sustainable Valley Group proposes a minor subdivision for property located on Mill Street in Bellows Falls. Andrew Kottke proposes a residential housing project for property located at 240 Rockingham Street.

The DRB will meet at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode 'DRB'

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 7/21/2021, to hold a public hearing for an application from Apache Asset Management for a variance to do a boundary line change on two nonconforming small lots at 2167 and 2173 North Main St..

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available by emailing the town's Zoning Administrator at [zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org).

The meeting will be held in person at the Town Office Building.

**Town of Londonderry, VT**

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**Town & Village of Ludlow**

**Development Review Board**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on July 26, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 484--21-ACT250  
APPLICANTS: Pietro & Janine Seippel Scotti  
PROPERTY LOCATION: Dix Hill Road  
PARCEL NUMBER: 020205.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 review.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) when the agenda is posted on July 20, 2021.

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

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk



REAL ESTATE

calendar

**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.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Free popup concert with singer-songwriter duo Dan and Faith Senie Sunday, July 11, from 3-5 p.m., outdoors at Springfield UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd. The event is free, but tips are encouraged for musicians. Rain or shine. If moved inside, masks and social distancing will be required. The concert will also be live on Zoom. Please log in at 3 p.m. For details contact uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853.

**GRAFTON, Vt. –** The Grafton Cornet Band will play its first post-Covid concert on the Grafton’s Library lawn Sunday, July 11 at 5 p.m., weather permitting. It will be a traditional community band concert with familiar and upbeat music for the whole family in beautiful Grafton. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort while you experience the grand 154-year-old tradition of band in Grafton. Glen D’Eon will direct. The band’s website, www.graftonband.org, will announce a weather cancellation by 2 p.m. on

concert day.

**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Ludlow Summer Bandstand series presents DC3 Sunday, July 11, from 7-8 p.m., at the former Black River High School front lawn. Rain venue is at the Ludlow Community Center. Visit www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com for details.

**JULY 13 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m., dedicated to the memory of clarinetist Cindy McCarthy. The concert will take place at the outdoor bandstand at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. In addition to selections by the full band, the saxophone quartet and the jazz ensemble will perform. Please bring a chair.

**CHESTER, Vt. –** Southern Vermont Astronomy Group’s July monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The topic this month, presented by Erik Schmitt, is “Special Relativity is Relatively Weird (in a special way).” Please visit our events page at www.sovera.org/events for the Zoom link.

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** The town of Cavendish presents another in its continuing series of Wednesday evening concerts July 14 at 6 p.m. when Yankee Chank will appear on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, weather permitting. Masks and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. Please bring chairs or blankets. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for further information.

**JULY 18 – WALPOLE, N.H. –** The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Cindy Boehm-Patenaude, will present a free concert Sunday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo on Elm Street in Walpole, N.H. The concert will feature the trombones and the percussion section, as well as a variety of other offerings, including Leroy Anderson’s “The Typewriter” and “Syncopated Clock,” music from the Star Wars movies, and “Remember Me” from the movie “Coco.”

**LUDLOW, Vt. –** Ludlow Summer Bandstand series presents Spencer Lewis and The New Old Vermonters Sunday, July 18, from 7-8 p.m., at the former Black River High School front lawn. Rain venue is at the Ludlow Community Center. Visit www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com for details.

**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.

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** The town of Cavendish continues their Summer Concert Series Wednesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. with The Silverbacks performing on the Svec Memorial Green

in Proctorsville, weather permitting. Masks and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated. Bring chairs or blankets. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for further information.

**AUG. 1 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Ludlow Summer Bandstand series presents Gerry Grimo

and The East Bay Jazz Ensemble Sunday, Aug. 1, from 7-8 p.m., at the former Black River High School front lawn. Rain venue is at the Ludlow Community Center. Visit www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com for details.

**AUG. 4 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** The town of Cavendish continues their Summer Concert Series Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. with Gypsy Reel performing on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, weather permitting. Masks and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated.

Bring chairs or blankets. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for further information.

**AUG. 8 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Ludlow Summer Bandstand series presents Gypsy Reel Sunday, Aug. 8, from 7-8 p.m., at the former Black River High School front lawn. Rain venue is at the Ludlow Community Center. Visit www.ludlowvtparksandrec.com for details.

**AUG. 11 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –**

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# arts & entertainment

## VINE Sanctuary Pasture Pals education program —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Did you know chickens are dinosaurs? Or that cows create families? Has a goat helped your art project? All these experiences and more happen during Pasture Pals at VINE Sanctuary. VINE, Veganism Is the Next Evolution, is a refuge for 700 formerly farmed animals and those rescued from vivisection, the entertainment industry, and situations of abuse and neglect. We work for social and environmental justice, as well as animal liberation.

Pasture Pals is a humane education program open to all children ages 6 and up. This program teaches lessons based on empathy and compassion while also giving children, and their adult, the chance to experience the non-human community at

VINE. This program is developed and co-taught by special educator Cat Weiner, who also has an arts-based focus. Each session introduces a humane education lesson, like teaching boundaries and consent, while also including time with the non-human animals, art lessons, and volunteering time. Children will be encouraged to interact with non-human animals on their terms while learning from them.

VINE is offering four separate sessions this summer, three on-site at the sanctuary in Springfield and one virtual. The virtual session of Pasture Pals is open to all ages.

Because children under 12 cannot be vaccinated at this time, we want to ensure the safety and

health of our attendees. Social distancing and other CDC guidelines will be followed.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required and can be found online at [www.tinyurl.com/VINE-sanctuary](http://www.tinyurl.com/VINE-sanctuary). For more information, contact Anna Boarini at [anna@bravebirds.org](mailto:anna@bravebirds.org).

- Session 1 dates: Saturdays, July 10, July 24, and Aug. 7, from 12-2 p.m.
- Session 2 dates: Tuesdays, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24, from 1-3 p.m.
- Session 3 dates: Saturdays, Aug. 28, Sept. 4, Sept. 18, and Oct. 2, from 1-3 p.m.
- Virtual session dates: Sundays, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8, and Aug. 22, from 2-3 p.m.

## F&W presentation on black bears

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Wednesday, July 21 at 6 p.m., join Vermont Fish & Wildlife at the Springfield Town Library for a presentation about black bears.

Did you know that black bears are members of the order Car-

nivora, which also includes dogs, cats, weasels, and raccoons? Forrest Hammond will be speaking about the history and behavior of bears in Vermont and the challenges of living with Vermont's largest predator.

Forrest M. Hammond is currently a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and works out of the Springfield state office. He received both a Bachelor of Science in zoology and a Master of Science in wildlife management from the University of Wyoming. He currently serves on the department's Big Game Team and is instrumental in setting seasons and bag limits for deer and moose and is responsible for doing environmental reviews of residential and commercial development projects in southern Vermont. He is also the leader of the department's black bear program.

Forrest lives with his wife Colleen and bird dog Thorne in Hartland. This program is free and open to the public. Contact Tracey at [stlvtprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stlvtprograms@gmail.com) or 802-885-3108 with any questions.

## Black River Academy Museum presents “Sylvia” —

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum Players' cast of “Sylvia,” a rollicking comedy is in rehearsal at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. Renowned playwright A.R. Gurney has created a dream title role for any actress looking for a challenge that requires her to impersonate a female dog who comes between a middle-class financial analyst and his long-suffering wife.

Katherine King is an actress

from Perkinsville, well up to the task having played multiple comic and dramatic roles on stage. Sara Norcross of Reading is another seasoned actress. She plays the wife Kate who has to put up with the rambunctious dog her husband found in the park when she'd rather concentrate on settling into a new life in Manhattan. Versatile actor Tom Field of Springfield plays Greg, a man whose dog leads him to break out of old conventional roles. The cast is completed by Ann

Fahlbusch of Proctorsville who tries to deal with Sylvia's attempts to make friends; Paul Faenza of Belmont as a fellow dog-lover who is full of advice, and Scott Stearns of Ludlow as a marriage counselor whose attempts at counseling Kate and Greg sends him running off to his own psychiatrist.

Show dates for this high-spirited and entertaining show are July 30 and 31 and Aug. 6 and 7. For more information, go to [www.bramvt.org/upcoming-events](http://www.bramvt.org/upcoming-events).

## Collaborative exhibition works to strengthen arts community —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – From July 4 through Aug. 9, Canal Street Art Gallery will hold a Represented Artist Show with Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. This collaborative group show recognizes a similarity in CSAG and MSA's missions to strengthen the arts community in Rockingham. To celebrate this collaboration, CSAG will donate 20% of the total sales of artwork to MSA.

The exhibit will include artwork from Clare Adams, Jean Cannon, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Alexandra Fraser, Kathie Gatto-Gurney, Kim Grall, Corinne Greenalgh, Carol Keiser, Nicholas Ke-lic, Marcie Maynard, Jeanne

McMahan, Lisa Eckhardt Mc-Nealus, Charles Norris-Brown, MC Noyes, Phyllis Rosser, Melissa Rubin, Matthew Saxton, Gretchen Seifert, and Rodrica Tilley. On Sunday, July 11, from 4-6 p.m., meet the artists at the reception followed by The Royal Chilliharmonic with cellist Eugene Friesen.

Main Street Arts, an arts institution of over 30 years, is a catalyst for the arts in southern Vermont. A place of inclusion, it provides a gathering space where all are welcome, regardless of experience, ability, age, or financial resources. Main Street Arts is located at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. For more information, call 802-869-2960, email [info@mainstreetarts.org](mailto:info@mainstreetarts.org),

or go to [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

The Canal Street Art Gallery exhibits local artists while holding an open space where all creative voices may be heard. Important to their 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. CSAG, located at 23 Canal Street in Bellows Falls, is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to [www.canalstreetartgallery.com](http://www.canalstreetartgallery.com), call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email [artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com](mailto:artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com).

## Calling all local artists to VAULT Open Wall Show —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – All local artists are invited to show their work at Gallery


at the VAULT in our non-juried Open Wall Show. Local is defined as living within a 30-mile radius of Springfield, Vt. The theme for our next show is “Full Spectrum.”

This is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first

time as well as for seasoned artists. There is no jury or fee.

Please bring work that is framed and wired for hanging and acceptable for viewing by all ages. Artists can bring in two works if they are 18-by-20

See **VAULT** on Page 11A



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## Fletcher Farm events and classes

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts hosts events and classes throughout July and August. Here are the classes starting the early weeks of July. Keep in mind that advance registration is required.

- July 6-9: Intaglio Printmaking Workshop with Roger Hyn-dman
- July 10-11: Beginning Spoon Carving with Andre Souigny
- July 10-11: Quilter's Choice

(two days) with Susan Damone Balch

- July 10-12: Making a Shepherd's Rug with Sue Carey
- July 12-16: Quilter's Choice (five days) with Susan Damone Balch. This class is full but another class is offered Aug. 9-13.
- July 12-16: Silver Fabrication for Young Artists with Harold Bosco. This class is full, but another class is offered July 26-30.
- July 15-16: Creative Metal working with Piper Strong

There are still more than 10 Young Artist classes on our schedule. For more information about these classes or any others in our summer term, please visit our website at [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org). You can register online or call the office to register at 802-228-8770.

Our Gift and Craft Shop is now open, selling a wide variety of items made by our members and instructors. The shop is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., every

day except by Monday.

The raffle is still ongoing for the Baltimore Album Quilt donated by Viola Greening, a master applique artist. The quilt has been appraised at \$6,500. Ms. Greening will select the winning ticket Valentine's Day 2022. You can purchase tickets from our website, or in person in our office, the Gift and Craft Shop, or at one of our festivals.

## Yankee Chank to play in Proctorsville

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** – The town of Cavendish presents another in its continuing series of Wednesday evening concerts July 14 at 6 p.m. when Yankee Chank will appear on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, weather permitting.

Yankee Chank is a Vermont group that performs traditional Cajun music from the heart of southwest Louisiana. The French-speaking people of eastern Canada, our immediate neighbor to the north, were the inspiration for the southern Cajuns and thereby inspired Yankee Chank. The band has been performing both Cajun and Zydeco music around Vermont and beyond, using fiddle, accordion, guitar, and bass since 1996. The band's performances offer a distinctive immersion into this unique regional music.

This concert is coordi-

nated by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association on behalf of the town of Cavendish. All concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or a chair and a picnic dinner. Join with friends or make new ones. Both Murdock's Restaurant and Outer Limits Brewing are open for dining and takeout. Please support your local businesses and please help continue this free Wednesday evening tradition in Cavendish. Everyone is welcome.

Wearing masks at the concert and physical distancing are only required for those who are not vaccinated. The green is large and the band will be loud enough to be heard throughout, so please spread out and maintain distancing.

For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for further information.

## Rockingham Library presents Modern Times Theater

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Rockingham Free Public Library kicks off the 2021 Summer Reading Program with Modern Times Theater in "The Perils of Mr. Punch: That's the Story of My Life" Wednesday, July 7 at 5 p.m. at the Rockingham Rec under the open-air pavilion. In case of inclement weather, the rain date for this program will be July 15 at 5 p.m. also at the Rockingham Rec. Check in with the library at 802-463-4270 or [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org) for updates. This all-ages program is free and open to the public and is presented with financial support from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

This updated classic follows the troubles and travails of puppetry's favorite loudmouth, Mr. Punch. The skillfully operated hand puppets are made of garbage and upcycled materials, and are chock full of surprises and tricks, as is the elaborate stage. It's a low-tech, old-time spectacle, entertaining to children of all ages.

This year the Rockingham Library Youth Department is look-

ing forward to a more traditional summer reading program with a twist. Youth Services Librarian Sam Maskell says, "We've learned a lot in the last year about providing safe programs for all ages. So, most of our programs will be outside or virtual and masks will still be required to protect unvaccinated youth."

Other programs scheduled to take place outdoors at the Rockingham Rec include "Wild Animal Tales" with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum July 22 at 5 p.m., and Michael Caduto's "Earth Tales from Around the World" July 29 at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday morning storytimes at 10:30 a.m. will take place outdoors at the library, weather permitting, or online. Call the library, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), or check the library's Facebook page for current updates.

The library also has weekly online book groups for middle grade readers, Friday night Teen Gaming through roll20.net, and in August a Teen Mini-Art Show. Teens can register now to receive a 3x3 mini-canvas and easel to

paint and decorate to include in the exhibit in August.

Sign your kids up for the reading part of the program. Stop by the library to register or go online to [www.vermont.beanstack.org](http://www.vermont.beanstack.org) to keep track of summer reading, then bring your kids to the library once a week to pick a free book off of the summer reading prize shelves.

The following week, the library will be hosting the 12th Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover. What would your stuffed animal do if it spent the night at the library? Find out by bringing one of your dolls, figures, or stuffed animals to the Youth Department any-

time between Monday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 14. We'll create a video of how your stuffed animal spent the night in the library. Find the RFPL Youth Department's YouTube channel online to see videos from previous years. Don't forget to pick up your stuffed animal July 16.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 802-463-4270, email [youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org), go online to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

## VAULT


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inches or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, jewelry, pottery, and fiber art are welcome along with the paintings and photos.

Please bring the artwork in Wednesday, July 21; Friday, July 23; or Saturday, July 24

during open hours. The show will run July 28 to Oct. 13.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email [gallervault@vermontel.net](mailto:gallervault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.gallervault.org](http://www.gallervault.org). Handicap accessible.



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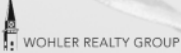

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# Mary Hayden, executive director of Association of Area Agencies on Aging

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions wishes to congratulate Mary Hayden from Barre, Vt., who has been named executive director of the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Previously, Mary had been using her skills as the Development and Communications director at the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Mary has been a great advocate for older Vermonters. As an attorney she also managed the Vermont Judiciary’s advocacy programs for families and children in family court.

All of us in the five Councils on Aging in Vermont know, like, and respect Mary. We are

looking forward to her leadership as we move ahead working to making the lives of older Vermonters safe and comfortable. We are delighted that she will be our leader in our mission of service to all our older relatives and community members. Mary’s goal of making it possible for every individual to age with equality and dignity in Vermont will guide us into the future.

The V4A is an association representing Vermont’s five not-for-profit Area Agencies on Aging providing a wide spectrum of services and supports for older Vermonters, including those encountering

a disability, to live in their homes and communities with dignity and good quality of life. Services include Meals on Wheels and community meals, long-term care coordination, caregiver programs, Medicare and health insurance counseling and education, wellness activities and programs, and information and referrals for legal and mental health services and benefits such as housing, fuel, and 3Squares-VT. In partnership with state and federal agencies and the aging advocacy network in Vermont, V4A advocates for legislative policies, programs, and healthcare service delivery systems, which advance the wellbeing of older adults and individuals with disabilities.

# Turning Point Parents in Recovery Book Club

REGION – Turning Point’s Parenting Program invites families to join a book club that helps parents in recovery and their children make connections and realize they are not alone in their struggle. Children are very welcome and snacks will be provided.

“The Flight of the Puffin,” by local author Ann Braden, tells how one small act of kindness ripples out to connect four kids. The children receive encouraging messages along the way and summon up what they need – bravery, empathy, or understanding.

“Libby comes from a long line of bullies. She wants to be different, but sometimes that doesn’t work out. To bolster herself, she makes a card with the message ‘You are amazing.’ That card sets off a chain reaction that ends up making a difference in the lives of some kids who could also use a boost – be it from dealing with bullies, unaccepting families, or the hole that grief leaves. Receiving an encouraging message helps each kid summon up the thing they need most, whether it’s bravery, empathy, or understanding. Because it helps them realize they matter – and that they’re not flying solo anymore.”

To accompany this book club, parents and children will participate in craft and other projects to help learn and share the message of this story, where one small act of kindness ripples out to connect four kids in this stirring novel by the author of the beloved “The Benefits of Being an Octopus.”

The Book Club will take place Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at Turning Point Recovery Center, 39 Elm Street, Brattleboro. To register for this free opportunity, call 802-618-0006 and ask for Olivia. We can provide a Zoom link if you prefer to participate from home. If you need help getting the book, just let us know.

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REGION – Based on reports from law enforcement, a significant number of scams appear to have grown in relation to vacation travel. Recently, I warned about fraud occurring in the promotion of vacation hospitality locations. Vehicle rentals pose another opportunity for scammers to separate us from our money. They are well aware that when we fly to a vacation spot we almost always need to rent a vehicle. They are also aware that rental cars are now marketed at a significantly greater cost. Weekly rentals a year ago were available for under \$250; the same rental cars today are running over \$1,000.

The Federal Trade Commission recently issued a warning regarding fake car companies, websites, and customer service departments that have the look and feel of legitimacy. The catch: most ask for prepayment with gift cards or debit cards. Legitimate rental companies request credit card numbers and, in fact, many will not accept debit cards.

The scam scenario looks something like this: You need to rent a car for the summer vacation in Colorado so you do a general Google search for “rental cars.” The search reveals 3.84 billion results in under a second. Wow! Of course you see the usual companies – Hertz, Avis, Alamo – as well as travel consolidators – Priceline, Expedia, Travelocity. But, you also see names you likely do not recognize. Prominently featured in the results are prices you can hardly believe so you click on the website link where you see attractive cars at very low prices. The website provides a toll-free number to contact customer service where you can verify the fee and prepay with a debit card or gift card. In addition, the webpage displays several testimonial statements from happy customers. Once again, wow! You provide debit card information and receive a confirmation number. Two weeks later, at the arrival airport, you discover that the rental company doesn’t exist and the money is gone.

This scenario is playing out for travelers nationwide. How do you avoid the scam?

Begin with the key pieces of advice: Is this too good to be true? Did you allow emotion over the opportunity to overtake logic? Did you give in to crowd mentality as exhibited by the testimonials? Was the scarcity of rental cars driving your decision? If the answer to one or more of these is “yes,” you’ve fallen “under the ether,” a heightened state of emotion.

The FTC provides some very clear recommendations when renting a car.

1. Research the company – not using their website. Enter the company name in your browser with the word “scam,” “review,” or “complaint” to see if any negative records or bad customer experiences are noted. Visiting the website for Trip Advisor, Consumer Reports, or the Better Business Bureau can be helpful.
2. Verify deals with the company directly. Scammers are very capable of creating look-alike websites, so contact the company using its official website. Do not use a search engine as the criminals can actually pay to have their website appear at the top of listings.
3. As noted previously, use a credit card, never gift cards or debit cards. Aside from fringe benefits like insurance coverage and rewards, credit card charges can be disputed. Gift card and debit card funds can disappear without a trace.

As with so many of our activities today, we need to apply vigilance and possibly a degree of skepticism in order to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Happy and safe travels!

Want a free list of fraud-fighting resources? Have questions or comments? Contact me at [egreenblott@aarp.org](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org).



**Be critical of a good deal when searching for rental vehicles online.**

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## Understanding and Addressing the Multiple Roots of Addiction

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