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Chester discusses greenhouse, speeding, and town garage costs

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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard’s meeting began with a lengthy public forum on the Community Greenhouse project. Andover Road speeding concerns and Town Garage expected cost overages were other topics of note at the recent July 21 meeting.

Chester Community Greenhouse Committee representatives began the Wednesday meeting with what will be the first of many public forums concerning the proposed Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens. The committee is considering two town-owned locations as possible sites to erect a 100-by-32-foot historic greenhouse they obtained from Grafton last year. The two locations include the area behind Chester’s historic Academy Building across from the town green or a vacant piece of property on Canal Street. The greenhouse will provide space for community members to grow organic plants, flowers, herbs, and vegetables three seasons of the year and serve as a hub for organic farming education and outreach, as well as become a tourist destination within the town.

Board members approved a letter of intent for the committee, confirming the town’s support for the project although their approval does not identify

either location specifically.

Committee member Robert Nied led a slideshow presentation highlighting the focus of the project: to restore, retrofit, and reconstruct a historic 1936 Lord and Burnham greenhouse made with a galvanized steel and cast-iron structure with a wheel and gear system that easily opens windows throughout. The committee plans to paint the structure its traditional white and upgrade the single-pane windows to double-pane highly efficient glass.

Nied outlined plans for raised beds at various heights to accommodate citizens with special access requirements and talked about possible educational programming such as mentoring by master gardeners, classes on organic and sustainable agriculture, and cooking with vegetables and herbs.

The project will be self-sustaining and self-funded. It will not require use of any local property tax funding. The town’s only contribution will be providing the location. According to Nied, the committee’s strategic plan continues to evolve and be refined, and everything will be influenced by input from the community.

After Nied’s presentation, approximately a dozen Chester citizens provided input, all overwhelmingly supporting the project. However, some residents expressed concern specifically over the Academy

Building location.

Chester business owner Scott Blair spoke as a representative of business owners along the green. He spoke of concerns about parking at that the location. The greenhouse would be relying on parking in and around the green, which is already difficult for businesses and residents. Blair also expressed concern as a committee member on Chester’s Fall Craft Festival on the Green in Chester, which will debut this September and will include agricultural exhibits in the exact location proposed by the greenhouse project. Blair was concerned that they would expend a lot of time and effort into re-vamping and expanding the festival, only to have that property unavailable in future years.

There was also concern by another resident about limiting expansion of the nearby cemetery, although Board Chair Arne Jonynas said that cemetery expansion couldn’t extend to the proposed area because it was classified as a floodplain.

Resident Linda Diak had questions about the defined right of way to the property behind the Academy Building location, which would be pedestrian-only access through a shared driveway with the former Hugging Bear Inn.

Other questions centered around funding, the town’s fiscal involvement, construction, and specifics on greenhouse op-

eration but were all in support of the project.

Jonynas said that this first forum was just the beginning of the process for questions and concerns to be addressed, and there would be other opportunities to speak and be heard in future. Anyone interested in contacting the Greenhouse Committee can visit www.cheestergreenhouse.org or email cheestergreenhouse@gmail.com.

During the regular meeting, Hance included an update on the public safety building, which will have all departments moving in sometime in August with an official Open House scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12.

County money for Vermont through ARPA funds could mean as much as \$630,000 for Chester. Differences between how municipalities are structured in Vermont versus other states have led to some difficulties in distributing county money to individual towns. According to Hance, details are being worked out and she expects Chester will receive their share of that funding.

Speeding data captured over the last month for Andover Road, High Street, and River Street has been tabulated. Board member Lee Gustafson said that based on that data, High Street and River Street were showing that most drivers were travel-

ing at a “reasonable speed” on those roads. The speeds on Andover Road, which is posted for 40 mph, were “very disturbing” with some captured speeds over 80 mph and others close to 100 mph. Gustafson suggested they begin by increasing enforcement of the speed limit and issuing warnings and tickets.

Board member Heather Chase also suggested they install flashing signs that warn drivers if they are over the speed limit. Jonynas suggested that one of those signs currently being used on Church Street might be better used at the Andover Road location. He also suggested the town of Andover post a “reduced speed ahead” sign for travelers leaving their village.

Resident Ginger Roper, a long-time advocate for addressing speeding on Andover Road, asked the board to consider lowering the speed limit to 30 mph.

Hance said she would verify with the state that, as a Class 2 State Highway, the board would not need state approval to lower the speed limit.

The board agreed to start with enforcement, check to see where they might be able to place the flashing sign, and verify the process for lowering the speed limit with the state. They also agreed to keep the topic on

the agenda.

During Hance’s financial review for the board, she specifically detailed the projected cost overruns for the town garage project, which is slated to go out for bid. Estimates for the town garage, which includes a \$70,000 contingency, is projected to cost over \$140,000 what they have available for the project, largely because of higher construction costs due to the pandemic. The plans have already been modified to take out the sprinkler system, and the wash and welding bay, although the sprinkler system will need to be installed in the next five years.

The project cannot be delayed since costs aren’t projected to go down in a year, and the current highway garage is on borrowed time with the fire marshal.

Costs that were not budgeted as part of the bond, stemming from the public safety building, are also mounting, coming in at approximately \$135,000.

Chase suggested including the town garage as future agenda item and looking at all options. Hance would gather all financing options. The board agreed to put the project out to bid and gather real numbers before reviewing all those details.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m.

Mountain Garden Walks supports future Lib Thieme Scholarship recipients

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Mountain Garden Walks, the biannual garden tour of Green Mountain Gardeners, drew over 260 people Saturday, July 17 for self-guided tours of six beautiful properties in Londonderry and Weston. Total proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships, and a raffle for a house portrait by local water colorist Doris Ingram totaled nearly \$10,000. Net proceeds to support the Lib Thieme Scholarship are expected to total over \$7,000.

Maureen Page, co-chair of the tour, said, “Our garden tour team worked diligently over

the past two years to plan and coordinate every detail that led to our most successful tour to date. We are so grateful to the property owners and everyone who attended the tour.”

Visitors from all over southern and central Vermont, as well as out of state, thronged the gardens, taking pictures and asking about species. Many visitors remarked on the interesting variety of properties on the tour and were thankful that the predicted rain held off.

The Lib Thieme Scholarship, an annual award to a local college student, is named after one of the group’s founders, Eliza-

beth Thieme. Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Eileen Widger, said, “The success of this year’s tour will allow us to continue generous support for the education of a young person.” The scholarship supports college or vocational studies in environmental sciences, landscape design, conservation, agriculture, or ecology.

The Green Mountain Gardeners fosters horticulture, beautification, and conservation in the mountain towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston. In addition, the group also serves their communities through beautification and service projects. They look forward to hosting another tour in 2023 at six different garden gems. Visit their website, www.greenmountaingardeners.net, to learn more or to join the organization.

Ludlow Rotary honors Mary Crowley’s retirement

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its recent weekly meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club paid tribute to Mary Crowley, a fellow Rotarian, on the occasion of her retirement.

Mary was the senior loan officer at the Citizens Banks for the past 11 years. Prior to that, she had functioned as a loan officer for a number of years in other agencies.

Residing in Reading, Vt., Mary has been an active Rotarian for 23 years. She is fond of gardening, visiting her family and grandchildren, singing in a choir, and is a dedicated Red Sox fan.

She graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.



Art Randolph, LRC president, and Mary Crowley. PHOTO PROVIDED

Londonderry inks Police contract with Windham County Sheriff

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The town of Londonderry has executed a contract for 20 hours of weekly policing services with the Windham County Sheriff’s Office, effective July 13, 2021. Citizens at the May 1, 2021 Londonderry Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted to support the \$41,000 one-year contract, which is the

first such agreement for the town with the Sheriff’s Office. The town was previously under contract with the Vermont State Police for supplemental law enforcement services for a number of years but was informed in March 2021 that continuation of the service would not be possible.

Town Administrator Shane O’Keefe stated, “There has

been a significant increase in complaints about excessive traffic speeds in particular, and the Selectboard has expressed a strong interest in proactive community safety and law enforcement, and the Sheriff’s Office appears to be a great match for the town given its existing successful association with our

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CORRECTION

In the “Ludlow Selectboard talks West Hill cameras, adds Juneteenth as paid holiday” article in the July 14, 2021 edition of The Vermont Journal, the three speakers during the meeting were residents of Red Bridge Road and were not speaking on behalf of the Lake Rescue Association.

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Wilder Memorial Library 2021 community survey and ice cream drawing

WESTON, Vt. – Weston's Wilder Memorial Library announced the launch of its 2021 community survey complete with an ice cream drawing. The Board of Trustees and staff are looking toward the future and seek participation in the survey to help plan Weston's library of the future – a library that is a vibrant and important community asset. The survey is available online, and paper copies can be picked up at the library and Post Office in Weston.

Take the survey and enter the ice cream drawing at www.surveymonkey.com/r/wml2021.

"We are looking toward the future and would love to hear from you," said Jessica Clapp, director of Wilder Memorial Library. "We are in the process of planning a library for the future. Our goal is to have a library that is an important community asset, providing

the greater Weston community with access to the educational, cultural, recreational, and research benefits of a free public library. The survey is essential to gathering feedback from the community."

Six survey respondents will receive four tokens for free ice cream cones at Mildred's courtesy of the Vermont Country Store in Weston.

"Whether or not you use the library, your responses will help define the services and programs you would like to see in the future," said Clapp.

The library's home is a 200-year-old building that lacks a bathroom and running water. In order to bring the library into the 21st century, the library's Board of Trustees and staff are working on a strategic plan to explore the possibility of expanding the building, which provides the opportu-

nity to think creatively about what else could be in the library.

"Wilder Memorial Library's Board of Trustees and staff are working toward our goal of bringing a vital community center and first-class library service to the community," said Clapp. "The data compiled from the survey will assist us with evaluating and planning for the library's future service, programming, and facility needs."

The survey is now open and closes Aug. 1, 2021.

"Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and for helping us to serve you better," said Clapp. "Your ideas and opinions are important to our library and will help us provide the best library services and experience possible."

Wantastiquet Rotary scholarships

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Wantastiquet Rotary would like to thank all of the people who contributed to our 2020-2021 scholarship fund; 2020-2021 was a difficult year for our club to raise money. Our major scholarship fundraiser was a No-Show St. Patrick's Day Gala. Through the generous donations from the com-

munity, we are proud to award six \$1,000 scholarships to students living in the mountain towns.

Our scholarship recipients from Londonderry, Vt., are Florence Njordge, Devan Kajah, Grace DiStasio, Karson Barclay, and Jaden Bauch, and from Weston, Vt., Ethan Prins. Along with these scholar-

ship recipients, two scholarships were granted in 2019-2020 to students who elected to take a gap year due to the Coronavirus pandemic were also awarded.

The Wantastiquet Rotary wishes all our scholars good luck in their academic endeavors.

Protect your identity during Public Safety Day

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Crown Point Board of Realtors is joining other realty boards across the state of Vermont to promote pub-

lic safety.

Come to the Shaw's Plaza in Ludlow on Saturday. The public is welcome to bring documents that need to be shredded. There will be a large SecurShred truck

available offering complimentary document shredding. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presenting sponsor is Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates.

First Birds and Blooms a success

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The first-ever Birds & Blooms, held June 26, showcased artful objects for your home and garden. From fascinating hats to flowers, uniquely decorated birdhouses and feeders, gift certificates, stained glass, pottery and photography, visitors found beautiful garden art at the sale. Thank you to everyone for your donations! Cavendish Streetscapes Committee serves a village of imaginative and generous residents.



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Holt Fund Grant supports Neighborhood Connections

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Fanny Holt Ames & Edna Louise Holt Fund has awarded a generous three-year grant to Neighborhood Connections supporting the agency's transportation initiative. Beginning this fall, the nonprofit social services agency, located in Londonderry, Vt., will offer rides in a wheelchair-accessible van to folks in our service area for whom transportation

has been a barrier. Door-to-door services include trips to medical appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, social and recreational outings, and more.

Kathryn Pederson, a licensed mental health clinician and holder of a commercial driver's license, has joined the agency as transportation program man-

ager. Neighborhood Connections serves neighbors in the towns and villages of Andover, Bondville, Chester, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, South Londonderry, Weston, Windham, and Winhall. Visit the website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

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neighbors, Jamaica and Windham."

Windham County Sheriff Mark R. Anderson contracts with a dozen municipalities in the county for law enforcement services. Anderson oversees an office of 32 personnel that includes 20 sworn deputy sheriffs. "We are excited for the opportunity to serve the town

of Londonderry as we work to fill gaps in rural policing coverage," Anderson said. "Improving rural policing and access to emergency services has been a priority of ours."

O'Keefe added that "While the Sheriff's deputies have supported Londonderry through grants and other funded programs for some time, we are excited to have them here on an ongoing dedicated basis to address our law enforcement, safety, and prevention needs."



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Stonewall panthers

I have an abundance of stonewall panthers this summer, aka chipmunks. This is something new at my place. I've always had dozens of snakes. The snakes kept the panther population in check, but in recent years my snakes have disappeared, allowing panthers to multiply. I miss the snakes.

This year I have three panther families. It was neat watching the babies mature. The young didn't have any fear of me at all. I told Danny Clemons I wanted to buy some peanuts.

This day Danny and I were running the trap line in North Walpole. The trap line is Mr. G's, Pete's Stand, Ocean State, which Henry calls Rhode Island, and of course the liquor store. We always take the Up Down road at the railroad underpass.

At Rhode Island, Danny located peanuts. "Over here, Ron, are peanuts. Do you want plain or salted?"

"Gez Danny, if we buy salted peanuts, the panthers will want a beer to go with them."

Danny says, "You don't want drunken panthers terrorizing the neighborhood." We looked over the peanut selection and decided on peanuts in shells.

Two of these panthers I can identify. One I named Virgil, the other Catherine. Catherine has a narrow face and her tail tapers toward the tip. Virgil has a fuller face and a more typical tail.

I put out peanuts and wait. Catherine stuffs a couple peanuts with shells in her mouth and runs down the wall and disappears. Virgil sits and shucks the peanuts while packing the peanuts in his mouth. He'll sit there shucking peanuts until his cheeks are full. Then he disappears down the wall. He's created quite a sawdust pile. In a few minutes they return.

I began placing the peanuts closer and closer. Cath-



Scarface in Lee's hand. Something else bit Lee's thumb off.

PHOTO PROVIDED

erine will now take peanuts from my hand. Catherine hears when I unlock the front door and comes running. She knows it's feeding time.

Sometimes I make the sound as if you were calling a cat. "Tcht, tcht, tcht." Both panthers know this sound and come running. Remember these are wild animals that will bite, so don't touch them.

This story is from Lee Decatur: Old Scarface the Chipmunk

"Years ago at the family camp in Northwood, New Hampshire as kids one of our favorite activities was to hand feed the chipmunks. About ten years ago I was reminiscing about that time when I decided to try it again. There was only one chipmunk around the place at that time who we named 'Scarface' because there was a scar under one eye.

"On the Southside of the camp is a detached deck with a seat rail lake side. I started by putting a handful of black oil sunflower seeds on the seat. It didn't take Scarface long to discover and remove those seeds. Every hour, or so, I would put out more seeds for him. The next day I put some seeds in a bowl on the seat. That worked just fine.

"I then was able to sit there while he took some 50 or 60 seeds from near my feet which

were on the seat. The next job was to put a trail of seeds up one leg to a small pile on my bathing suit. I think he thought that he was in seed heaven.

"After a few trips like that I put seeds in my hand and put my hand near to my bathing suit. This was fun for a while, but now for a challenge, I put seeds in my shirt pocket. It didn't take him anytime to find those, and every time that I came to the deck to sit old Scarface would jump to my lap and check out my pocket for seeds, which I made sure I had plenty of.

"And now for the fun part; my next younger brother and his wife are the next to occupy the camp. His wife, my sister-in-law has some medical issues; one seems to be that she can't help him when they move into camp for their two week stay, so when they arrive she goes to the deck while he unpacks the car. You can see where this is going, can't you? Yup, you are right, she goes to the deck, sits down and soon Scarface thinks food, comes up to the seat rail and jumps in her lap.

"The neighbors told me that you could hear her screaming all over the lake."

This week's old saying: "If you believe all you hear, you can eat everything you see."

Weston's museums are open for the season

WESTON, Vt. – After almost 30 months of closure do to Covid-19, the Museums of Weston have reopened. The Old Mill of Weston will be open Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the Farrar-Mansur House Museum will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. from now through Columbus Day. Further hours may be added as volunteer staffing permits. Weston's museums are located on Route 100, immediately north of the Village Green.

The crew at The Old Mill of Weston will once again be demonstrating the grinding of grain on our 19th-century stones, explaining the amazing



The Farrar-Mansur House in 1830, as depicted by WPA artist Roy Williams.

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view of the West River Falls.

The Farrar-Mansur House Museum showcases an early 19th-century home and tavern, furnished with all locally sourced items. Dating from 1797, it was home to Weston's first Town Meeting in 1800. It currently presents a remarkable display of Civil War uniforms, images, and memorabilia in its ballroom.

Both museums offer an entertaining and informative view into early life in Weston, typical of many Vermont hill towns. We look forward to your visit.

Take a tour of the U.S.S. Vermont

GROTON, Conn. – Tours of the U.S.S. Vermont, SSN 792, are being offered by the crew of the U.S.S. Vermont at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. Aug. 26 and 27 before the Commissioning Acknowledgement Ceremony Aug. 28. Sign up for the tours are required. Details and requirements can be found at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daea92ba5f9c25-ussvermont.

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LAHS Dine-Around-a-Barbecue

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sign up now for the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's Dine-Around-Barbecue Friday, Aug. 13, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Rd. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Aug. 6. Sign up at www.LAHSvt.org.

Local chefs Annie Campbell and Sharon Crossman are preparing assorted creative burgers. Guests can choose from the "Bernadine," the "Custer Sharp," the "Route 11," and the

"Middletown Veggie" or even a hot dog. Rotary volunteers will grill them up to perfection. The Londonderry Village Market, Vermont Butcher, and Honey Pie are kindly providing the burgers and hot dogs. Assorted salads prepared by board members and dessert from Grandma Millers will round out the menu. And guests can whet their pallets with craft beer, sangria, or the signature LAHS non-alcoholic "Pink Sifter." Green Mountain Gardeners are

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Virginia Clark, 1922-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Virginia Clark (nee Blake) died July 14, 2021, after a brief stay in the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was 98 years old, still strong in mind and spirit, and will be missed greatly by her daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, and many friends and caregivers.



Virginia Clark, 1922-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Virginia Alice Blake, "Ginny," was born Aug. 11, 1922 on a farm on Popple Dungeon Road, Chester, Vt. She was predeceased by her husband Robert "Rob", her brother Charles, and sisters Esther, and Priscilla. She is survived by her daughters Virginia "Ginger" Clark, Toronto, Canada; Lucinda "Cindy" Morton, Haverhill, Mass.; Diana Vargo (Steve), San Diego, Calif.; and Patricia Weiskopf (Harry), Elgin, Ill. – and by her many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren across the USA and in Canada.

Ginny and Rob married in Chester Baptist Church Feb. 14, 1942. Throughout their many moves for Rob's far-ranging work in horticulture, they became active members of the church in their community. Her faith, bright mind, love for family and friends, and far-reaching talents sustained her and brought joy to our lives.

From 1978 to 1980, Ginny and Rob served in the Peace Corps in Western Samoa. They "retired" to Charlestown, N.H., where she worked for the Student Conservation Association in Claremont. In 2004 SCA

nominated her as Outstanding Older Worker in New Hampshire, an award established by the federal Experience Works Program. She self-published four books of memoirs and history. Her book "The Source: The Settlement, Farms and Genealogy of a Small Community in Vermont" is a history of the families and farms that grew up along Chester's Popple Dungeon Road.

Her last years were spent at Maplewood Assisted Living in Westmoreland, N.H. with her beloved Rob, who was next door at Maplewood Nursing Home. The family would like to thank the good people of Maplewood Assisted Living for their care and friendship over the years – it was truly home. The family is planning a memorial service next August 2022 to celebrate her 100th birthday – and, hopefully, to avoid Covid restrictions.

Robert W. Barrows, 1961-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert Wendell Barrows, 60, rejoined his Heavenly Father July 19, 2021. Bob was born May 19, 1961, in Springfield, Vt. He was an alumnus of the Springfield High School, Class of 1979. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring as a Sergeant First Class in 2005 after serving his country 25 years.



Robert W. Barrows, 1961-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Bob was a lifelong Vermonter, skilled fisherman, avid hunter, and all-terrain vehicle enthusiast. He was a Mason and a Legionnaire. Bob was a great man, a wonderful friend, and was always willing to help others.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Harold Warren Barrows Sr., who he had an especially close relationship with. Also predeceased by his father Harold Warren Barrows Jr.

Bob is survived by his wife of 30 years, united in 1990, Marcella, and their children Robert Michael and Kristi. He is also survived by his granddaugh-

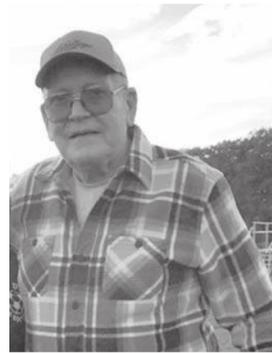
ter Ava, whom he loved dearly. Additionally, he is survived by his mother Kay, sister Doreen, niece Jessica, great nieces Alexa and Kaylin, along with numerous cousins and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bernard J. Hindes, 1936-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bernard "Bernie" Joseph Hindes was born March 1, 1936 to George and Gladys (Bushway) Hindes. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School. On Oct. 25, 1958, he married Frances "Franny" Page.



Bernard J. Hindes, 1936-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Bernie was a member of the Vermont National Guard in his younger years and loved to share stories about his escapades during his time at Fort Drum. Bernie worked and retired from New England Power Company where he discovered his love of scuba diving and perfected his skills as a hardhat diver repairing canals, dams, and anything he was requested to fix.

He was a skilled craftsman and carpenter, which was his true passion. Bernie spent countless hours in his garage making beautiful wooden bowls and other wooden crafts. He could build or fix pretty much anything. One of his favorite quotes was, "It's hell to be handy!" and "I ain't the best but I'm better than the rest!"

Bernie was adored by his children, and they will miss him terribly. He is survived by his brother Edward Hindes. Bernie is also survived by his sons Michael Hindes and Bernard Hindes (Sue-Ann); his daughters Heidi Brown (Jason) and Lisa Hindes-Moody (Tom). He is survived

by his grandchildren Tella Hindes, Talia Hindes, TiAnna Hindes, Mikey Hindes, Codi-Ann Hindes, Bernie Hindes Jr., Jamie Stockman, Matthew Brown, Timothy Brown, Thomas Moody, Paige Moody, and Lucas Moody; his great-grandchildren Breanna Stockman, Jacob Stockman, Taleigha Ellis, Eviyana Martin, Jonah Houghton, Jeremiah Houghton, Dylan Brown, Colby Brown, and his best friend and companion, his dog Caesar.

Bernie was predeceased by his beloved wife Franny, his mother and father, and his brother William Ernest Hogan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 27 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, N.H., followed by a burial at St. Peter's Cemetery in Drews-ville, N.H.

Open House to celebrate George and Fran Keeler —

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be an Open House Celebration for Pastor George and Fran Keeler at North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street, in North Springfield Sunday, Aug. 8, from 12-3 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor George's 12-plus years of serving as pastor of the North Springfield Baptist

Church as well as many roles in the community of Springfield and North Springfield. The Keelers are retiring and moving to North Carolina.

Refreshments will be served and memories and words of appreciation will be shared. If you would like to send them a card, please mail it to the church at P.O. Box 23, North Springfield, VT 05150. All are welcome.

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The charging of fees on a prize is illegal. Taxes are paid to the U.S. Treasury and state tax agencies directly. Publisher's Clearing House is well aware of these scams and if you want further details, go to www.pch.custhelp.com.

Other popular scams continuing to trap victims are phishing scams. Typically, these appear as text messages, emails, and phone calls claiming either problems or, in the case of internet providers, malware infecting your account. We've also noted numerous cases where the scam appears to be an alert from Amazon about an account or merchandise purchase.

Before clicking the email link, check the sender's address. A giveaway to the scam is an address that includes Gmail, Hotmail, or Ymail. The address of any legitimate company will appear as that company name followed by ".com."

If you accidentally open the link, examine the address appearing at the top of your browser in the URL line. That address should not include the name of web services such as Weebly, Google, GoDaddy. Often these criminals will attempt to pass off scam

websites by making them appear legitimate, but as with the email address, the URL address should clearly provide the name of the company, which is usually followed by ".com" or ".net."

Other clear indications of a scam include misspellings and unusual grammar. Often the sender is not a native speaker of American English so look for alternate spellings or strange word order.

Report the scam. There are numerous state and federal agencies that collect reports. At the federal level, you can go to the FBI website, www.IC3.gov, or to the Federal Trade Commission, www.FTC.gov.

Based on your residency, you may also want to report the crime to state government: New Hampshire Attorney General or Vermont Attorney General's Office. Unsure of where to go? Have questions and need assistance? Contact the AARP National Fraud Watch Network helpline at 877-908-3360.

Special alert: A classic summer scam involves home maintenance and services including driveway repair and siding installation. Before jumping on a "great deal," conduct some basic research, note details, and ask questions. Did you request information or was the contractor "just driving by" the neighborhood? Is there a business logo with contact information on the vehicle? Can the contractor provide contact information for local references? Is the contractor licensed to do business? The criminal will want an immediate response. Don't take the bait.

AARP is seeking Fraud Fighters of all ages. Contact the AARP Massachusetts Office at 866-448-3621, AARP New Hampshire Office at 866-542-8168, AARP New York Office at 866-227-7442, or AARP Vermont Office at 866-227-7451.

Want a free list of fraud-fighting resources? Have questions or comments? Contact me at egreenblott@aarp.org.

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.

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Carolyn Gauthier, 1953-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Carolyn Gauthier, 67, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away peacefully in her home July 24, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carolyn was born to Richard Blodgett and Vivian (Cravens) Blodgett Oct. 20, 1953 in Springfield, Mass. She graduated from Springfield Tech High in 1971 and received a degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Carolyn fell deeply in love with Mark A. Gauthier, to whom she married in 1977 and chose to build a family with. They had three children together before moving to Ludlow, Vt. in 1982 to be closer to her loving parents. They got their start in Ludlow owning and operating The Inn Town Motel. Carolyn wore many hats throughout her life in Ludlow. She worked most of her life in the "service" industry, but also gave most of her free time to service, always thinking and doing for the benefit of others. Carolyn worked for over 20 years at the Chittenden Bank in Ludlow. She had an enormously kind and giving heart, an extremely hard work ethic, and she embraced and embodied the spirit of volunteerism and community in everything she did.

Carolyn lived for and loved spending time with family, friends, and particularly her grandchildren. In her leisure time, she enjoyed ladies nights, walks with girlfriends, kayaking, vacationing, cooking for others, playing cards, tending chickens, and brewing and drinking kombucha. She was a snowbird at heart and took



Carolyn Gauthier, 1953-2021.
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every opportunity to migrate to her second home and community at the Bay Pines Condominiums in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Survivors include her husband; three sons Mark E. Gauthier and wife Natalie, Ben M. Gauthier and wife Ashli, Matthew R. Gauthier and wife Amy; six loving grandchildren Juliana, Olivia, Henry, Weston, Jack, Charles, and a seventh on the way; two brothers Jay and Gary Blodgett; and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly.

Carolyn was predeceased by her brother Ronald Blodgett.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 30 at 1:30 p.m. at Camp Plymouth State Park, 2008 Scout Camp Rd., in Ludlow, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a contribution to the charity of your choice; however, Carolyn would want you to save your money for your own rainy day.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Juanita Pollard

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – There will be a celebration of life for Juanita Pollard Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 2-4 p.m., at the Bartonville Grange, 116 Upper Bartonville Rd., in Rockingham, Vt.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor

The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.

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

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.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Sunday school and service at 11 a.m. are in person. Mid-week prayer will continue over Zoom. For more information about social distancing guidelines, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

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.

Robert W. Erskine, 1936-2021

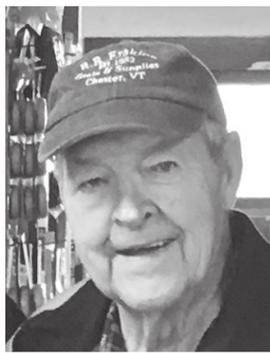
CHESTER, Vt. – Robert Webb Erskine died peacefully at home, July 21, 2021, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. His final days were spent completely surrounded by his family and his wife of 61 years.

He was born in Damariscotta, Maine, Jan. 22, 1936 and moved to Vermont in 1940, due to Park and Pollard promoting his father to manage their Chester store. Soon after, his father started Erskine's Grain Store in 1952, and the family grew up on First Avenue.

Bob went to school in Chester, graduating in 1954. He was part of the 1954 State Champions Chester Sentinels. Right after high school, along with three of his classmates, he joined the Army.

Bob met the love of his life, Koren Erskine, during one of his times at home at a barn dance in Newfane in June of 1959, and the rest is history. He continued on to serve 20 years in the Army, and retired from the Special Forces as an E8 Master Sergeant. He served two tours in Vietnam and graduated Airborne School, German Jump School, and Pathfinder school.

After retiring, he came home to work with his father at the grain store and soon after bought the grain store. He then owned, expanded, and worked there for the next 23 years before selling it to his son. He was able to retire completely in 1998. He was then able to play a lot of golf, which he loved. He even got a hole-in-one at Bellows Falls Country Club. He loved college basketball and baseball, especially the Yankees. Growing up in Vermont, he also had a strong love for fishing and hunting. During his stay in Fort Bragg, he de-



Robert W. Erskine, 1936-2021.
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veloped a love for bass fishing where he introduced his young kids to fishing.

Bob is survived by his wife Koren; his three children Katherine Manley and her husband David, Michael Erskine and his wife Catherine, and Carrie Erskine; his grandchildren Laura Stufflebean, Erin Manley, and Caitlin Manley, Andrew Erskine and his fiancé Nicole Kellogg, and Jessica Ucci and husband Jerry; his great-grandchildren Everleigh Erskine, Asher Ucci, and Arabella Ucci, his step-great-grandchildren, Kailynn and Jayson.

He is also survived by his brother Bryan Erskine and his wife Diane, and his sister Ann Tupper and her husband Bill, and by his brother-in-law Rodney Willard, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law Barry Erskine and his wife Linda, and his sister Betty Willard.

A graveside service will take place Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 at the North Street Cemetery in Chester, Vt. at 1 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

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

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.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

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/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-1506511432980057.

Alice E. Cobb Rogers, 1939-2021

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Alice Elaine (Rhoades) Cobb Rogers, of Westminster, Vt., left for her home in heaven July 22, 2021, surrounded by her family and her best friend and companion, her dog Kipper, after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Alice was born Feb. 18, 1939 in Windsor, Vt., the daughter of Hollis and Evelyn Rhoades. She grew up in Gageville, Vt., where she attended grade school. She graduated in 1957 from Bellows Falls High School.

Alice trained to be a nurse's aide shortly after the age of 15 at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Bellows Falls. She continued to work there through high school. After graduation she moved to Keene, N.H. where she was employed for several years at Peerless Insurance.

On Sept. 20, 1958, she married Hollis Cobb in Westminster, Vt. Together they raised their four children and became foster parents to several children over many years. Alice also started a day care program in their home and nurtured many children. She became an advocate for the elderly, which led her back to her love for nursing. She soon became a medical assistant at Charlestown Medical Center in Charlestown, N.H. and eventually began working at Rockingham Medical Center in Bellows Falls, where she worked for several years.

Alice was an advocate for her family, friends, and her community whenever they needed her. She was strong and determined and her faith allowed her to get through many challenges in her lifetime. She was always there for anyone who needed a helping hand. She had a large circle of friends whom she enjoyed spending time with. She had a lifelong love for horses and was a founding member of the Trinity Riders Horse Club. Alice was an original member of Westminster Cares, where she continued to volunteer until recent months. She was a "Red Hatter" and a member



Alice E. Cobb Rogers, 1939-2021.
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of the Red Hatters Club where she served as the Queen for the state of Vermont.

Several years after Hollis's passing in November 2005, Alice developed a relationship with a longtime friend of the family, Jon Rogers of Charlestown, N.H. They were united in marriage in May 2014 and together they shared a few short years before Jon was stricken with cancer and passed away in 2017.

Surviving are her children Gary (Jean), Westminster, Vt., Joel (Tammy), Claremont, N.H., James (Carol), North Hero, Vt., Michael (Margery), Claremont, N.H., Cindi Haskell, Bellows Falls, Vt., and many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three stepchildren Jon Rogers Jr., Janet Swain, and Patty Sweeney and their families, and her sister Ellen Aron of Westminster, Vt. Alice was predeceased by both of her husbands and her daughter Kimberly Sue Cobb, who passed away in 2018.

Alice's services will take place Saturday, July 31 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Christian Church in Athens, Vt. followed by a burial service at the New Westminster Cemetery, on Kurn Hattin Rd., Westminster.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to Westminster Cares, P.O. Box 312, Westminster, VT 05158.

David E. French, 1949-2021

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – David E. French, 71, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 27, 1949 in Barre, Vt., the son of Earle and Iverna (Spencer) French. He attended school in Barre and Springfield, Vt., graduating from Springfield High School.

On July 4, 1969, he married Lorraine E. Carpenter.

David worked with Green Mountain Railroad for many years, and later worked with the town of Weathersfield, Vt. as a grader operator for many years. He was known as "Grader Dave."

He as an avid hunter and

fisherman and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Lorraine E. French, one son Anthony French and his wife Amanda, two daughters Michele Sargent and her husband George and Marcey Getty and her husband Steve, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, one brother, and four sisters.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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Connecticut Valley Pee Wee football and flag football signups

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – CVPWFL is entering its 53rd year of football and will have their yearly signups and tryouts Thursday, Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Union High School. Also, equipment issue will be Thursday, Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Please wear shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers to tryout, which will take place after registration. It is open to children entering third grade through

eighth grade throughout the Connecticut Valley including Vermont and New Hampshire residents.

There is now a third grade team. Grades three through six participate in Pee Wee football, and grades seven and eight participate in our junior high program.

You must attend one of the signup nights to register and players already in the league must attend one of these dates as well or make arrangements

by calling Glenn Gendron 603-398-6216 or Ed Vancor 802-376-5902. Cheerleaders must also sign up one of these dates or contact Heather Small 413-772-9013.

There are no weight limits. Every kid is welcome.

Again this year, we will be offering flag football for the younger players. The age groups are 4 to 7 years old. Signups will be at the same time as Pee Wee Football dates.

Help “de-phrag” Amherst Lake with Black River Action Team

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – It’s tall, it’s aggressive, and it’s poised to conquer the Black River watershed. It’s Phragmites australis, and it’s on the shores of Amherst Lake – among other places. If left unmanaged, this non-native and invasive reed will form a dense monoculture and spread unchecked, becoming a real threat to wildlife habitat, property value, and recreational enjoyment of our waterways.

The Black River Action Team and newly forming Protect Amherst Lake group are calling for “all hands on deck” for a special workday Sunday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. No boats are needed, but the soft mud this plant is growing in can suck the shoes right off a volunteer’s feet. Tight-fitting sneakers or muck-boots are recommended – or “dare to go bare” and then hose off your ankles nearby.

After extensive conversations with several key people at Vermont’s Agency of Natural Resources, who’ve confirmed the invasive nature of this species of Phragmites, BRAT Director Kelly Stettner has developed a work plan that involves a combination of cutting with hand tools and possibly the careful extraction of the extensive roots of the Phragmites stand. All cut stalks will be transported just a few hundred feet to a dry up-

land site for careful storage until dried. Any root material collected will be stored in heavy black plastic bags to be “cooked” in the sun until completely dead. Any floating “phragments” will be captured and similarly bagged.

The thickest reeds will be cut into specific 5-to-6-inch lengths and stored off-site to dry, after which volunteers will bundle them and assemble “bee hotels” for solitary bee species.

While this is not a large stand, 20 people would make short work of it! Some tasks can be done on shore such as transporting the cut stalks to a waiting truck bed, and some can be

done while sitting such as cutting reeds for the bee hotels.

Bottled water will be provided; volunteers are encouraged to bring their own snacks, hand-cutting tools like sharp pruners, and protection against sun and biting insects.

Directions and parking instructions are provided at the registration link: www.eventbrite.com/e/dephrag-amherst-lake-tickets-162819757277.

Questions should be directed to BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or by leaving voicemail at 802-738-0456.



Muzzleloader antlerless deer permit deadline

REGION – Vermont Fish & Wildlife reminds hunters that muzzleloader season antlerless deer permit applications are available until Wednesday, Aug. 4. The muzzleloader seasons Oct. 28-31 and Dec. 4-12 will have antlerless permits available for 19 of Vermont’s 21 Wildlife Management Units. A lottery drawing of the permit recipients will be held in mid-September.

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Hardy Hill trail walk in Cavendish

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Association of Trails invites you to a guided nature walk on Hardy Hill, a newly established hiking trail located in Cavendish. The walk will take place Sunday, Aug. 1, starting at 10 a.m. and hosted by the landowner Pieter Van Schaik. Trail parking will be located at the intersection of East Road and Susannah Johnson Lane in Cavendish, just west of Caton Place Campground. The walk will last about two hours and light refreshments will be served. Please reserve your spot by emailing erickrasnauskas@protonmail.com to say how many people will be walking.

Hardy Hill includes a large beaver pond, in which several great blue heron pairs have nested, and who take up residence each year. Now is the best time to observe the heron nests. Aug. 1 is a good date to approach the herons

to see the juveniles and what’s out on the pond.

Hardy Hill covers approximately 215 acres located on the east side of Cavendish and adjacent to the Lord State Forest. The long-term conservation goal is to permanently conserve this parcel of land in conjunction with the state of Vermont. In order to make that possible, the Cavendish Association of Trails is installing a trail network, much of it handicap accessible, to allow the public access to both the historic and natural features of the land. One of the primary features to explore on this walk is the pond, but the walk will also include the Upper Loop trail, which has several interesting specimens of orchid and lady’s slipper, as well as a large porcupine nest and a



Great Blue Heron nesting.

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vernal pool.

Binoculars are recommended for good viewing of the herons. Please wear tick protection and decent walking or hiking boots. The hike is not strenuous but is on rough ground.

The Cavendish Association of Trails is part of the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association. For more information about CCCA, please visit www.CavendishCCCA.org or email Cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Teen Conservation Weekends

CASTLETON, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is offering two new Teen Conservation Weekends to be held at the Edward F. Kehoe Conservation Camp in Castleton.

“This is a fun and exciting opportunity for teens ages 15 to 17,” said Hannah Phelps, camp coordinator. “The new Teen Conservation Weekends will allow us to provide teens with an exciting weekend of quality environmental education. Campers will arrive Saturday morning and immediately begin participating in Hunter Education

programming, before backpacking out to a remote pond for an evening of camping and fishing.”

“Teen Conservation Weekends are the perfect way for teens to unplug and engage with peers outdoors before heading back to the classroom,” Phelps added.

Each weekend is limited to 25 participants. Girls can attend Aug. 14 and 15, and boys will be there Aug. 21 and 22. Arrival time is 8 a.m. Saturday morning with departure time 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

All participants are required to complete their Hunter and

Bowhunter certificates ahead of time to allow for more hands-on fun throughout the weekend. Teens will also be expected to only bring gear they can carry themselves while backpacking.

The cost for the weekend includes all meals. Sponsorships are available on a limited basis.

To register for the weekend, email a completed application found at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/conservation-education/teen-conservation-weekend to Hannah.phelps@vermont.gov. Any questions can be directed to Hannah Phelps at 802-249-3199.

The 21st Annual Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge signup

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It is that time of the year again, when Springfield Hospital hosts its annual Golf Challenge. The tournament takes place at the Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt., Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021.

Besides the amenities of this beautiful golf course, golfers in this premier tournament receive a box lunch at sign in, participation in course con-



Sign up for the Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge.

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tests, player gift, and buffet and awards ceremony at the end of play.

A and B flights ensure that golfers compete at their own level and increase the number of winning teams. Winners will receive gift certificates to Fox Run’s Pro Shop.

There are hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes, including a new vehicle or \$10,000 cash. Participants can compete for the longest putt and straightest drive.

A four-player scramble, the Springfield Hospital Challenge has a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start with registration starting at 10:30 a.m. We will be following the current State of Vermont, Vermont Golf Association, and CDC guidelines at the time of the event. Players can enter as a team or as individuals.

For sponsors, the event offers an opportunity to raise funds for the important services of Springfield Hospital, while also providing valuable exposure. Sponsorship packages range in size and value. Proceeds from this year’s tournament will be used to support the Springfield Hospital’s Annual Giving Heart to Heart Campaign.

To enter or sponsor this year’s Springfield Hospital Challenge, go to www.SpringfieldHospitalGiving.org/golf or contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfieldmed.org.

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Answer

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Answers
Solution time: 22 mins.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

JULY 30 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – JJ's Music, sponsored by Claremont Savings Bank, will perform a free concert, shine only, Friday, July 30, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments on sale will include burgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cold and hot beverages, and a sweet. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun evening of entertainment.

JULY 30 & 31 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Whale of a Sale is happening Friday and Saturday, July 30 & 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 2051 Route 11, in Londonderry. We follow Vermont Covid-19 guidelines. Masks are not required for fully vaccinated people and are suggested for unvaccinated people. For details, call 802-824-6453.

JULY 31 – CAVENDISH, Vt. – The 11th Annual Cavendish Town-wide Tag Sale will be held Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Organizations, businesses, and residents line the streets, village greens, off roads, and byways to help you find a treasure you can't live without. Food and barbecues are available in several locations. For details, email cavendishconnects@gmail.com.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Free shredding

services for Public Safety Day Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Shaw's Plaza in Ludlow. Hosted by Crown Point Board of Realtors. There will be a large SecurShred truck available offering complimentary document shredding.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Pump Track Grand Opening at the Rockingham Recreation Area is scheduled for Saturday, July 31 with ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. Windham County Trails Alliance will hold a pump track clinic and trail ride after. Light snacks and beverages will be available. Bring helmet and safety gear.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The First Baptist Church Friday Night Supper will be served Saturday, July 31 at Busy Bee's, 17 Rockingham St., beginning at 4 p.m. until sold out. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, potato salad or chips, beverage, and dessert. Vegan and gluten-free available. There is a suggested adult donation. Net proceeds for Windham County DCF. This replaces the August meal.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Gerda's Equine Rescue, a nonprofit organization located in Townshend, will be holding a tack and yard sale Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at 5825 Route 30 in West Townshend to raise money for helping their rescue horses. Lots of used English and Western tack along with furniture,

canoe, bicycles, antiques, and more. Rain date is Aug. 1.

JULY 31 & AUG. 1 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Wellness and Psychic Fair Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 20 Rand Rd. in Saxtons River. Classes, workshops, and demonstrations throughout the day. For details, contact Rachel Navy at rnavy@outlook.com.

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.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Twilight Music and Next Stage Arts Project present The Gaslight Tinkers in the second concert of the 18th Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series Sunday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. on the Putney Tavern lawn or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. The concert is free to the public and food will be available. For information, visit www.twilightmusic.org or call 802-387-5772.

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. 7 – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are proud to announce their reopening of the Saturday Night Round and Square Dances. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall near the junction of Routes 103 North and 10, five miles north of Chester. There will be snacks and drinks on sale and a 50/50 raffle. Donation to be paid at the door. For details, call the grange at 802-875-1051.

AUG. 8 – ATHENS, Vt. – Ice cream social and Bard Owl concert at the Athens Brick Meetinghouse Sunday, Aug. 8 at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with an ice cream sundae "buffet bar" set up on the lawn. The concert will start at 5 p.m. in the Meetinghouse. Suggested donation. Raffle tickets and a silent auction will also be happening. For details, contact Sherry Maher at 802-869-2141 or email athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Open House Celebration for Pastor George and Fran Keeler, at North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St., in North Springfield, Sunday, Aug. 8, from 12-3 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate Pastor George's 12-plus years of serving as pastor of the North Springfield Baptist Church as well as many

roles in the community. They are retiring and moving to North Carolina. Refreshments will be served, and memories and words of appreciation will be shared. All are welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole, located on the common, will be having their famous Chicken Barbecue Sunday, Aug. 8 with pickup time from 5-6 p.m. Tickets available for half-chicken or for a dinner of half-chicken, potato salad, bean salad, roll, and beverage. Tickets are available at Galloway Real Estate or by calling 603-313-4801. Come, eat, and stay for the Temple Band concert at 6:30 p.m.

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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Goat yoga 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.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

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 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – 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. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS – 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.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.



Town of Rockingham Seasonal Positions Historic Site Docents

The Town of Rockingham is accepting applications for seasonal part-time positions of Historic Docent to meet and greet visitors in the interpretation of historical sites such as the Rockingham Meeting House and Bellows Falls Historic Districts. Pay classification is \$11.75 per hour. Applications are available at the Municipal Manager's Office, Town Hall from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday or on the municipal web site, www.rockbf.org under Public Notices. Recruitment is on-going until filled. Applications may be emailed to clg@rockbf.org, dropped off or sent to the Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 370, Town Hall, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Richard Crawford proposes a minor subdivision for property located at 850 Missing Link Road. 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'

PUBLIC NOTICE

Springfield School District
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Springfield, Vermont 05156
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Destruction of Records

The Springfield School District will be conducting a "Destruction of Records, commencing September 7, 2021. Educational records and personally identifiable information used in the Individuals With Disability Educational Act, but no longer needed to provide educational services to students will be destroyed. Records for students with a date of birth year of 1993 or earlier will be destroyed. Any person desiring their records must put that request in writing to Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services. Please send your request before September 7th, 2021 to:

Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services
Springfield School District
60 Park St.
Springfield, VT 05156
(802) 885-5121

You must include the following information in your request:

Student Name (If there has been a name change, include all names)
Student Date of Birth

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CHILD FIND NOTICE

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Springfield, Vermont School District is committed to providing all educationally disabled children who live within the district a free, appropriate public education. A disabled student who does not qualify for services under the IDEA, may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

To make a referral or for further information please contact Kelly Ryan, Director of Special Services for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5121. You may also contact Kelly Ryan by email @ krayan@ssdvt.org

For children 3-5 years of age, you may also contact Courtney Dextraze-Wiese, Coordinator of ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) services for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5121. Courtney Dextraze-Wiese can also be reached by email at cdextrazewiese@ssdvt.org

For children 0-3 years of age, please contact Rachel Hunter, Early Education Coordinator for the Springfield School District, 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by calling (802) 885-5011. You may also contact Rachel Hunter by email @ rhunter@ssdvt.org



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Okemo Valley Chamber seeks vendors for Best of Vermont Summer Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is inviting quality vendors to sign on to the Best of Vermont Summer Festival, Saturday, Aug. 28 and Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 at the Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow.

The Best of Vermont Summer Festival will be a

great late-summer gathering to experience the very best of Vermont: beer, wine, spirits, specialty foods, artisan products, children's activities, and more – maybe even some hot air balloons. Each day will feature live music including our headliners Chistine Malcolm and Sugarleaf as our Saturday

musical headliner and Jenni Johnson and the Junkiteers as our Sunday headliner as well as several other musical acts.

Festival hours are 12 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be by a suggested donation and a crowd of several thousand is anticipated.

Vendor site location within the festival is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees depend on booth size, location, needs, and Chamber membership. To learn more and secure a spot at the festival, visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com/ vendors or contact Okemo Valley Chamber Executive

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A number of prominent statewide organizations are partnering with the Chamber for this two-day festival, including the Vermont Specialty Foods Association, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association, and Edible Vermont Magazine.

Introducing 802 Credit Union from credit unions' merger

REGION – On April 29, the Board of Directors of the recently merged Members Advantage Community Credit Union approved the credit union's new name: 802 Credit Union.

"The combining of River Valley and Members Advantage Community Credit Union provided an opportunity to reimagine our name and brand to better reflect where we have been and where we are going in the future," explains CEO Sean Gammon.

The credit union hired an outside financial branding consultant, Stackpole & Partners out of Newbury Port, Mass., to assist with the rebranding process. Members, staff, and volunteers were surveyed to better understand their perceptions of the credit union and the unique value that it provides for its members and the communities it serves. A cross-functional committee was established to review the

feedback and explore and select a name and logo for the new brand.

"Our Vermont roots are an important factor for our staff and membership and we wanted a name that reflected that heritage while also differentiating us from other Vermont financial institutions," said Gammon. "The single 802 area code in Vermont is unique and recognizable to the communities that we serve. It is also modern, fresh, and approachable and positions us for future growth throughout the state and into surrounding areas that appreciate and connect with the Vermont lifestyle and values."

The credit union will begin rolling out the new name in signage and digital materials throughout the remainder of the year.

802 Credit Union is a \$350 million-plus financial institution, with nine locations currently serving over 33,000 members. Members are part of a co-

operative, meaning they share ownership in the credit union and elect a volunteer board of directors. 802 Credit Union provides membership to anyone who lives, works,

or worships in Vermont as well as Grafton, Sullivan, and Cheshire counties in New Hampshire. For more information about 802 Credit Union, visit www.802cu.com.

Local student graduations, honors

Rochester Institute of Technology graduate

Hope Divello of Townshend, B.S. in biomedical engineering

University of Connecticut graduate

Elizabeth Parker of Springfield

Vermont Tech LPN graduates

Chrystal White of Reading

Ciera Keefe of Springfield

Jessica Curran of Bellows Falls

Jessica Flore of Springfield

Mary Jacobs of Mount Holly

Bryant University Dean's List

Meagan Kelly of Westminster

Gettysburg College Dean's List

Abigail Dryden of Londonderry

Hofstra University Dean's List

Spencer Fowler of South Londonderry

Rachel Yrsha receives master's degree

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Rachel Yrsha, of Londonderry, Vt., recently received a Master of Medical Science degree in physician assistant studies from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Md.

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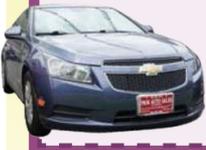

Impressive remodeled/upgraded farmhouse and in-law cottage. The farmhouse offers large living room with exposed beams, updated kitchen with oversized pantry, granite countertops, exposed beams. Step down dining room, full bath, and office all on the first floor. Upstairs with finished attic room, three 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


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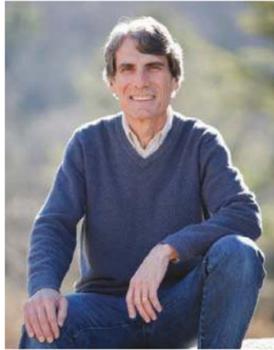

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Earth tales from around the world with Caduto

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Popular author, master storyteller, and musician Michael Caduto will be performing for all ages Thursday, July 29 at 5 p.m. at the Rockingham Recreation Area.



Michael Caduto. PHOTO PROVIDED

Using a wide range of entertaining voices and expressions, Caduto creates a host of humorous and dramatic animals and human characters. The audience is invited to accompany the songs, chants, native instruments, and dance. During this presentation, Michael introduces participants to the great circles of life – the basis for living sustainably with our Earth. Michael shares stories from traditional cultures found throughout the world – including Africa, Europe, North America, and Central America. His performance includes original Earth music from his CD, “All One Earth: Songs for

the Generations,” as well as stories from his storytelling CDs, “The Rainbow Garden” and “The Wisdom of Nature.”

This program is part of the Rockingham Library’s summer reading program and is presented in partnership with Sustainable Rockingham as part of

the Blue Sky Days events to encourage the community to prepare for emergencies – especially those related to climate change – before they happen. In addition to the storytelling program, there will be a Storywalk featuring Red Clover award-nominee “I am The Storm” by Jane Yolen and Heidi E.Y. Stemple, a coloring contest, and storefront displays of emergency kits from around the village.

This program is free and open to the public. To protect the unvaccinated, please wear masks. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, go online to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Fletcher Farm School announces August classes

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is pleased to announce its early August schedule of classes. Please keep in mind that advance registration is required and classes fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

- July 30-Aug. 1: Punch Needle Rug Hooking for Adults with Layne Herschel
- Aug. 2-4: Punch Needle Rug Hooking for Young Artists with Layne Herschel
- Aug. 2-4: Introduction to Chip Carving with Allison Greenberg

- Aug. 2-6: Everyone Can Be An Artist for Young Artists with Dona Nazarenko
- Aug. 4-5: Creative Metalworking with Piper Strong
- Aug. 6-8: Theorem Painting with Mary Avery
- Aug. 7: Gemstone Trees with Lyn Haas and Nancy Conway
- Aug. 7-8: Beginning Green Wood Spoon Carving with Andre Souigny
- Aug. 9-12: Create, Imagine, and Explore with Ms. Karner for Young Artists with Rachel Karner
- Aug. 9-13: Quilter’s Choice with Susan Damone Balch

- Aug. 9-13: Everyone Can Be An Artist for Adults with Dona Nazarenko
 - Aug. 12: Let’s Make Some Art for Young Artists with Sandi Cirillo
 - Aug. 14: Botanical Printmaking on Fabric with Sandi Cirillo
 - Aug. 14-15: Stained Glass with Barbara Klumb
 - Aug. 16-20: Stained Glass Open Workshop with Barbara Klumb
- For more information on these classes, to register, to buy raffle tickets, or to become a member, please visit our website at www.fletcherfarm.org.

Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day virtual and in person

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital will hold its 2021 Hospital Fair Day as both a virtual and an in-person event this year.

More than 200 unique items are available via the online auction, which opens for bidding Sunday, Aug. 1, and ends Sunday, Aug. 8, at www.32auctions.com.

www.GraceCottageFairDay.com.

This year’s Fair Day Online Auction includes a tremendous variety of eclectic and unusual items, including artwork, furniture, stained glass, a carousel horse, bicycles, new and used generators, a pressure washer, model trains and cars, a telescope, antiques, gift certificates to area restaurants and inns, trips, and much, much more, as well as a mention in one of Archer Mayor’s upcoming books!

And a “petite” in-person Fair Day will occur on the Townshend Common Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with live music, food – sandwich wraps, homemade pies and other baked goods, White Elephant items, and 2021 Fair Day t-shirts and hats for sale. Musicians performing throughout the day include Ralph Sherman and Friends followed by Bard Owl – T. Breeze Verdant and Annie Landenberger, accompanied by Earl Cantos on harmonica.

For more information, call 802-365-9109 or visit www.gracecottage.org.

35th Annual Quilt Exhibition Awards announced by Billings Farm & Museum

WOODSTOCK, Vt. – Billings Farm & Museum is pleased to announce the Juror’s Choice and Staff Choice Award for the 35th Annual Quilt Exhibition. The awards were presented at the opening reception July 16.

The Quilt Exhibition is a juried show, with each of the exhibition’s three jurors selecting a quilt they thought most deserving of recognition. Linda Diak of Chester, Vt. was recognized for her quilt, “Berkeley,” by juror Marti DelNevo; “Floral Bouquets” made by Mary Jane Arvidson of Brownsville, Vt., was selected by juror Nola Forbes; Norma Ippolito of Chester, Vt., was selected by juror Froncie Quinn for her quilt, “Confetti Carnival,” which also received the Billings Farm & Museum Staff Choice Award.

The Quilt Exhibition is open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Aug. 22. Visitors can view a colorful display of textiles made by quilters in Windsor County, a Challenge Quilt display crafted by the Heart of the Land Quilters’ Guild of the Hartland area, along with several historical quilts from the museum’s collection.



“Berkeley” by Linda Diak, left, Chester, Vt. with Marti DelNevo, juror. PHOTO PROVIDED

See quilting demonstrations and enjoy scavenger hunts for young and old. From July 22 through Aug. 19, join us for Thursday Threads, a weekly series featuring interactive fiber arts and textile-related demonstrations and crafts.

Our Virtual Quilt Exhibition, found at www.billingsfarm.org/quilt-exhibition, features in-depth conversations with jurors and close up views of all of the quilts.

Whether visiting onsite or online, guests will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt to receive the People’s Choice Award. Vote while visiting the Quilt Exhibition. The People’s Choice will be announced Friday, Aug. 13.

Billings Farm & Museum follows guidance from the CDC

and the Vermont Forward Plan to determine our protocols. For the continued safety of our staff and guests, all guests over the age of 2 are required to wear a face covering in all indoor spaces. For outdoor

spaces, mask wearing is optional for fully vaccinated persons; unvaccinated persons must wear masks when around people and unable to maintain six-foot physical distances. No entry is permitted without a face covering. Visit www.billingsfarm.org/safety for details.

Jamie Ward is back in Belmont

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Jamie Ward, aka Mr. Pianoman, is back on Mount Holly’s Belmont Green Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. The concert is free.

The Mount Holly Community Assoc. presents their longest starring musician, Jamie Ward. This energetic piano player will play all those classic sing-alongs plus his favorite jazz and blues songs. He loves that New Orleans style and plays ‘til it’s dark and then some.

Bring a chair. It’s rain or shine, and a great way to catch a sunset and meet your neighbors. Come on down this Thursday night!

Mr. Pianoman always has a contest that everyone can win. This year the first prize is a Belmont General Store pizza with two toppings and second prize is a Belmont burger combo. So come by and pick the winning song title, and you could be munching good food.

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Cavendish concerts continue with Gypsy Reel –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association and the town of Cavendish invite everyone to spend an evening having fun on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville Wednesday, Aug. 4, starting at 6 p.m. when the annual summer music series continues with the sounds of Gypsy Reel.

For over 20 years, Gypsy Reel has played high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. They rock their audiences with an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from three continents.

Based in Ludlow, Vt., the band is no stranger to the Cavendish music series and many fans find this concert to be a highlight.

The organizers and sponsors encourage all area residents and visitors to join their friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. Please patronize your local businesses too. Murdock's Restaurant and Outer Limits Brewing will both be open for dine in or take out. The Cavendish concerts are a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and either reconnect

with old friends or make new ones.

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.

As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for additional information. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company presents "Seussical" –

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces its 2021 Young Company production, "Seussical," running July 22 to Aug. 7 and touring venues throughout central and southern Vermont.

Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss! An afternoon of storybook fun and "all the things you can think" for the whole family.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company joined with partners across Vermont to bring "Seussical" to audiences in their own towns, free of charge. This free tour was made possible in part through support from Community Bank, N.A., The Holly Schloerb Endowment Fund, and The Charles R. Wood Foundation. Weston's presenting partners include The Shelburne Museum, ArtisTree, Next Stage, and Springfield Library, among many others.

"This show is about a community harnessing the power of imagination," says Director Allison Benko. "We have tried to use our own imaginations to make 'Seussical' as community-oriented as possible, while also working tirelessly to make the production safe to attend amidst our ongoing concerns for public health. We hope that the free tickets, the outdoor setting, and the touring nature of the production will allow us to reach as many communities as we can. Please join us to celebrate 'the smallest of small' – we'll be so delighted to see you



Sage Jepson and Nadia Belaouchi in rehearsal for Seussical. PHOTO BY ANDY BUTTERFIELD

in the Jungle of Nool."

Benko is returning to Weston after twice serving as teaching artist for the theatre's Young Playwrights Program and contributing "The Before" to Weston's series of Postcard Plays in 2020. Benko was the assistant director for 2017's Tony Award-winner "Oslo" (Best Play) at Lincoln Center Theater.

"Seussical" features Young Company alums Daelynn Jorif (University of Michigan) and Alexander Tan (Boston Conservatory at Berklee) as the Sour Kangaroo and Mayzie. Weston audiences will recognize them from 2019's "The Phantom Tollbooth" and "Oklahoma!" Additionally, this production introduces Nadia Belaouchi (CAP21/Molloy College) as the Cat in the Hat; Emma Diner (Pace University) as Gertrude; Sage Jepson (Boston Conservatory at Berklee) as Horton; Gracee Street (Baldwin Wallace University) as The Mayor; Cole Thompson

(University of Michigan) as Jojo; and Timmy Thompson (University of Michigan) as The Mayor's Husband.

The playful and immersive scenic design for this production was brought to life by Dan Daly, who has held positions at Hangar Theatre, Corkscrew Festival, and Winnepesaukee Playhouse. Lily Prentice, a costume and character designer with a special interest in devised work and arts education, designed this production's vibrant costumes. Selected credits include work with Beau Jest Moving Theater, Phoenix Theater Co, 52nd Street Project, and ongoing endeavors with the North Pacific Gyre Theater.

This Weston Young Company Production is a touring show beginning and ending its run in Weston; tickets are free but reserving in advance is highly recommended. Learn more at www.westonplayhouse.org/seuss.

The Party Crashers return to the Chester Music Series

CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday, July 29, 2021, from 6:30-8 p.m., Chester's Summer Music Series welcomes back the Party Crashers.

Touted as the Upper Valley and Central Vermont's hottest band, this five-piece, high energy, multi-genre dance band has been playing the New England music scene for nearly 20 years. From Motown to modern pop, this band will have you dancing and singing along from the downbeat. The Party

Crashers play your favorite songs and pride themselves on their ability to span the generations with their high octane infectious grooves. Over and over folks rave about the variety of music in their repertoire.

Hillary is an outstanding singer and puts on a performance like nobody's business. Hillary shares the stage with Ed McGee on guitar and vocals and Jacob Kaplan on alto sax and keyboards. Kristin and Tom round out the rhythm section on bass and drums mak-

ing sure you never stop moving. This band has earned their reputation as the Upper Valley's favorite dance band and will leave you wanting more!

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and be prepared to sit back and listen to some great music on a summer night right in down street Chester.

In case of rain, the concert venue is the Chester American Legion Hall, Route 11, Chester. All concerts are free and for all ages. For more information, call Bill Dakin at 802-875-4000.

Parker's Passion fundraiser at Vermont Beer Makers

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The first annual fundraiser for Parker's Passion, which raises money for young, aspiring musicians, will be held at Vermont Beer Makers Saturday, July 31, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Parker's Passion is a collaborative effort of the family and friends of the late Travis Parker. Travis was an accomplished musician who often gave his time to perform for many community sponsored events. In his honor this effort will supply a guitar and lessons to a local young

musician each year.

The afternoon will offer live music, prize raffles, a 50/50 drawing, a food truck, and some of southern Vermont's finest beers. Admission will be free, but donations would be

gladly accepted.

Vermont Beer Makers is located at 100 River Street in Springfield, in the former Fellows Gear Shaper building. For questions, or to make a donation, email parkerspassion05156@gmail.com.



The first Parker's Passion fundraiser will be held July 31 in memory of Travis Parker. PHOTO PROVIDED

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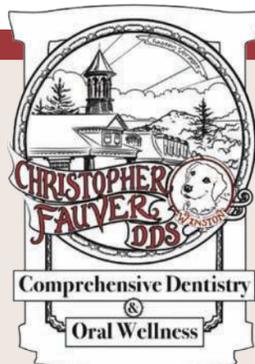
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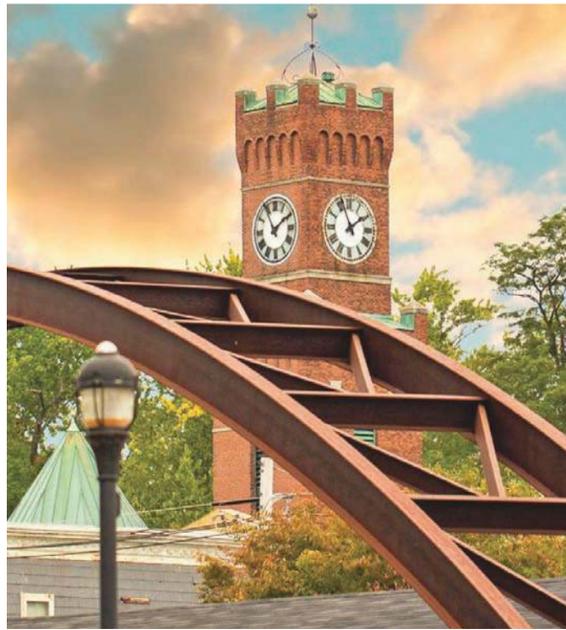
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Don't miss the fireworks show Saturday at dusk! PHOTO PROVIDED

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Although there will be limited activities due to Covid-19, join Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate our 44th year of Rockingham Old Home Days with food vendors, live music, and community events before fireworks over the Connecticut River. The event celebrates and commemorates the 114th annual pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House.

MUSIC AT PK'S IRISH PUB

Starting at 9 p.m., Giuliana & Damiano, New England Music Hall of Fame's Best Young Artist of 2021, will be performing at PK's Irish Pub.

SATURDAY, JULY 31 –

MAIN STAGE AT THE WAYPOINT CENTER

Come down to the Waypoint Center, 17 Depot St., in Bellows Falls for an afternoon of food, music, and activities. Starting at 3 p.m., vendors and booths include Rockingham Conservation Commission, Sustainable Rockingham, Fernet Designs, and Children Toys and Novelties.

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Greater Falls Farmers Market offers local produce and artisan goods at the Waypoint Center, 17 Depot St., from 4-7 p.m.

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A road race has been part of Rockingham Old Home Days since the very beginning. Registration is from 7-7:45 a.m. at the Waypoint Center, where the race will also start and finish. Walk or run. The 5K is hosted by the Bellows Falls Rotary Club.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

The Bellows Falls Fire Dept. and Rescue Inc. will offer a Covid-19 vaccination

clinic from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. No appointment is necessary. Both Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer will be offered.

PUMP TRACK GRAND OPENING

From 1-3 p.m., Windham County Trails Alliance will hold a Pump Track Clinic and Trail Ride at the Rockingham Recreation Area. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. WCoTA swag, light snacks, and beverages will be available. Please bring your helmet and safety gear. Ride at your own risk.

BELLOWS FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From 1-3 p.m., join the historical society at their location at 31 Westminster St.

FLAT IRON MEET & GREET

From 1-7 p.m., meet the founding members of the Flat Iron Cooperative at 51 the Square. Enjoy coffee and learn more about the cooperative.



Rockingham Meeting House in 1911. Constructed in 1787, repaired in 1907. Join the 114th Pilgrimage to the meeting house Sunday. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE

Bellows Falls Opera House will be showing "Jungle Cruise" at showings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

At 4 p.m., join Busy Bee's with the First Baptist Church, 17 Rockingham St., for a community cookout with proceeds to benefit Windham County foster and adoptive children. Menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, chips, and a drink.

Meeting House begins at 1 p.m. at 11 Meeting House Rd. Vermont's Civil War historian Howard Coffin presents "Aunt Lydia."

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Pilgrimage to Rockingham Meeting House

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – They called him Aunt Lydia, a Vermont Civil War hero, also known as “The other Grant” and this General Grant lived in Bellows Falls.

After a year’s hiatus because of the Covid pandemic, the annual pilgrimage to the landmark Rockingham Meeting House will return Sunday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m., with a presentation from Civil War historian Howard Coffin.

Lewis Addison Grant went to war from Rockingham and became the commander of the Union Army’s best brigade, the First Vermont Brigade. Though

less well known than other major Vermont Civil War soldiers, it’s fair to call him this state’s most important soldier for the Union.

The talk will examine his life, including war record, post-war career, his words, and his unusual nickname, Aunt Lydia.

A seventh-generation Vermonter, Coffin is the author of four books on the Civil War: “Something Abides: Discovering the Civil War in Today’s Vermont,” “Full Duty: Vermonters in the Civil War,” “Nine Months to Gettysburg,” “The Battered Stars,” and “Guns Over the Champlain Valley,” a

book on military sites along the Champlain Corridor.

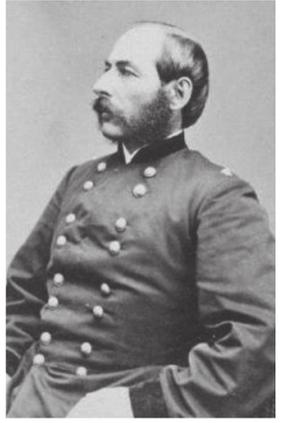
Refreshments will be served prior to the pilgrimage, so plan to come early, stroll through the cemetery, and sample some switchel and other treats. There is plenty of room in the building for social distancing, and masks are requested if you are not vaccinated.

Traditionally, the pilgrimage is the final event of Rockingham Old Home Days and is held in commemoration of the first pilgrimage to the building after it was restored in 1907.



The Rockingham Meeting House and cemetery.

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Lewis Addison Grant.

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Celebrate the history of the Rockingham Meeting House

The Rockingham Meeting House, also known as Old North Meeting House and First Church in Rockingham, is a historic civic and religious building on Meeting House Road in Rockingham, Vt. The Meeting House was built between 1787 and 1801 and was originally used for both congregational church meetings as well as civic and governmental meetings. Church services ceased in 1839, but town meetings continued to be held in it until 1869. It was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2000 as an exceptionally well-preserved “second period” colonial-style meetinghouse.

The Rockingham Meeting House is set on the north side of Meeting House Road, on a parcel of land about 4 acres in size that it shares with the town’s



Interior of the Rockingham Meeting House circa 1920.

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original burial ground, whose oldest marked graves date to 1776. Meeting House Road is the location of Rockingham’s original town center laid out after the French and Indian War ended in 1763.

The building is a large two-story timber-frame structure, with a side-gable roof, clapboard

siding, and a granite foundation. The main facade is five bays wide, with a symmetrical but slightly irregular placement of windows around the center entry. The main entrance is flanked by pilasters and topped by an entablature and triangular pediment. Enclosed two-story gable-roofed stairwells extend from the each side of the building, with a similarly decorated south-facing entrance. The main entrance opens into a central hallway, through a floor filled with box pews to the pulpit area, which

features the original sounding board. The second-floor gallery, which wraps around three sides of the building, is also lined with box pews. The elevated pulpit area is 7 feet wide and is accessed by stairs on its left side. The pulpit is one of the few unoriginal elements of the building, having been restored in 1906. The only other significant alterations have been to replace windows.

The town of Rockingham was first settled by white settlers after the French and Indian War ended in 1763. Discussion around the construction of a meetinghouse began in 1771 and culminated in the construction of a building at this site in 1774. That building remained in use until the construction of this one, which was approved by the town meeting in 1787. Documentation is unclear about

when the building was completed: the first recorded town meeting was held in this building in 1792, at which time it was not complete. The town in that year approved use of the building by local Christian congregations for services.

The various church congregations built their own buildings over the ensuing years, with the original congregational group ending its services in 1838. The building continued to be used for town meetings until a new town hall was constructed in Bellows Falls in 1869. The original pulpit was removed about 1850, and most of the original benches lining the pulpit area were removed. Although the building was vacant for many years, its exterior was maintained. The interior was subjected to vandalism and the theft of

artifacts, including door hardware and hand-cut nails.

After being unused for many years, it was restored by the town in 1906 and the first Old Home Day and Pilgrimage to the Meeting House was held in August 1907. It narrowly escaped the fire, which burned much of the adjacent Rockingham village April 14, 1908.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 2000. It is an extremely well-preserved example of a “second period” colonial meeting house, in which the principle entrance was on the long wall and is placed in a setting reminiscent of how it would have appeared at the time of its construction. Its landmark designation includes the building, cemetery, and receiving tomb.

Our Rockingham Community

The town of Rockingham is located in southeastern Vermont on the banks of the Connecticut River. In population and in its impact on the region, it is the second largest community in Windham County. About 40 square miles in area, Rockingham is predominantly rural and forested but also includes densely settled residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, and several industrial areas.

Many residents live within two incorporated villages, Bellows Falls and Saxtons River. Others live in or near the small hamlets of Bartonville, Brockways Mills, and Cambridgeport. All of the town’s settlements are located on the Connecticut River or one of two tributaries to the Connecticut, the Williams, and Saxtons rivers.

The balance of the town not included in the geographic areas listed above is referred to as Rural Rockingham.

Rockingham Town

Until about 1825, the now-quiet hamlet near the Meeting House was the principal village of the town in business and inhabitants, and the town offices were located there. The settlement took form at the base of the small hill where the town meeting houses were located. Development in Bellows Falls in the 19th century shifted the focus of the town, and a fire in 1909 destroyed the stores and post office. The Rockingham Meeting House, constructed 1787-1801, is now operated by the town as a museum. It has been declared a National Historic Landmark.

Indigenous people inhabited the Connecticut River Valley for some 10,000 years. It is believed that for several thousand years they gathered here at the Great Falls on the Connecticut to harvest migrating salmon and shad. The first European settlers tried to establish homesteads in this area during the first half of the 1700s, when the land was still occupied by Native Americans, the Abenaki, who joined the French in conducting a war against English intruders. Bedrock near the Great Falls retain stone carvings known as petroglyphs that are believed to have been created by

Abenaki at least 300 years ago or more, during a period when their villages and burial grounds were set out here on the banks of the Connecticut in present-day Vermont and New Hampshire.

Rockingham was chartered in 1753 by Benning Wentworth, the colonial governor sitting in Portsmouth, N.H. Since then, a Selectboard whose members

are elected by registered voters of the town has governed it. After the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763, settlement began in earnest. Many new inhabitants came from previous homes in Massachusetts and Connecticut. They cleared land and established homesteads scattered throughout the town. The Rockingham

Meeting House was erected in roughly the geographic center of the town in the hamlet that still bears the name of Rockingham. However, industrial and commercial development after the

Civil War produced a concentration of population and activity in Bellows Falls, where it remains today.

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