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Bellows Falls Firefighters Memorial Park in the works

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Work has begun on the square in Bellows Falls to recreate a new memorial park to be called the Brown Fuller Memorial Park. The firefighters' memorial park will honor the memory of two Bellows Falls firefighters, Terry Brown and Dana Fuller, who tragically lost their lives fighting a fire at the Star Hotel Dec. 29, 1981.

A modest memorial park has already existed for decades on the location, adjacent to the Post Office, which includes two memorial benches in honor of the firefighters. However, the Bellows Falls Fire Department, along with town authorities, have wanted to do something more to honor these fallen, courageous men for quite some time.

In 2019, Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis, with the blessing of the Rocking-

ham Selectboard, applied for and received a state municipal planning grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate the Star Hotel site, as to transform it into a larger memorial park. Former Interim Town Manager Chuck Wise had written the municipal planning grant. The land is jointly owned by the town of Rockingham and Great River Hydro, which owns the Bellows Falls hydroelectric station.

Along with the nearly \$7,000 grant they received, an additional \$15,000 has also been raised through a GoFundMe page and a local fundraiser hosted by the local Bellows Falls business Flex Fitness. McGinnis said that another \$15,000 would likely be needed to complete the park project.

The first step was recently taken when McClure Tree Service, based in Keene, N.H., removed all but one of the overgrown linden and crabapple

trees on the park site. "The trees were taken down to prep the site and open up the view of the mountain," McGinnis said in a recent interview. "A new town Christmas tree is also slated to be planted to replace the previous tree, which came down a few years ago."

The Fire Department and Selectboard are currently working with designer, Jana Bryan, and the landscape architectural firm Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio of Bellows Falls in creating the new designs for the park.

The plan is to expand the park to also include sculptures of firefighter gear to honor the heroes, Brown and Fuller, as well as the planting of a large balsam fir tree, which will become the "community Christmas tree." The memorial park will also serve as a common gathering space for other events in the downtown area.

There is a "dedication ceremony" scheduled on the day of the annual Bellows Falls Fire



The Firefighters Memorial Park is anticipated for completion by Oct. 10.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

Department parade, and a memorial service is also planned for Dec. 29, which is the 40th anniversary of the fatal fire.

"The first plans that I saw for this park go all the way back to 1984, and now it's all finally happening," McGinnis added.

"Our plan is to have the memorial park completed for the Bellows Falls Fireman's Parade on Oct. 10."

New transitional living program launched in downtown Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services and the Springfield Housing Authority have partnered with Windsor County Youth Services, Easter Seals, Springfield Supportive Housing, and the Vermont Agency of Human Services to create a unique transitional living program for young adults ages 18-24.

Individuals served by the program are those who have had difficulty finding affordable housing or gainful employment, anxiety about stepping out on their own, or who may have just needed support with the basic routines that come with independent living. The program builds upon the strengths of these young adults and assists them to take the next steps toward independence with an array of specialized vocational, wellness, mental health, and related services to meet their unique and evolving needs. Participants are connected with services from one of the partnering agencies and continue to receive supports throughout their time in the program.

This program, which operates under Vermont's Youth in Transition program, hosts four efficiency apartments, with individual bathrooms, as well as shared living and common areas in the recently renovated, historic Woolson Block



HCRS and Springfield Housing Authority partnered to provide a transitional living program for young adults with apartments in renovated Woolson Block.

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building located in downtown Springfield. A live-in resident manager is available to provide guidance and support for residents. The goal of the program is for participants to graduate from the program within 9-12 months into a permanent housing arrangement within the community of their choosing and with full-time employment or full engagement in an undergraduate program.

"This is a much-needed program for emerging adults – providing a safety net so they don't lose out on something as important as a place to live," says John Baker, HCRS Youth in Transition case manager.

As part of the program structure, all residents are required to engage in "productive time" that supports their own goals toward independent living. This must include continued education and training and/or gainful employment, as well as other related wellness activities.

Jennifer Smith, HCRS Children Youth and Families Division director, states, "The collaboration came about in response to the fact that adolescents who are leaving DCF custody and/or leaving home frequently face a stark lack of support and guidance. Given the statistics about the struggles that these youth face – incar-

ceration, alcohol and drug use, homelessness – it only makes sense to provide a structured and supported program in which youth are not only housed but also supported in connecting to their community at large. Assisting youth in gaining employment, securing adequate and permanent housing, and attending an educational program all have positive impacts on the social determinants of health and, therefore, help to ensure these young people transition into adulthood successfully."

HCRS' CEO, George Karabakakis, Ph.D., adds, "We're thankful for the solid relationships we have with so many other organizations supporting the Springfield area. Programs such as this transitional living program for young adults can be successful when the entire community comes together to address an unmet need."

Anyone with questions about this program or other transitional age youth programming at HCRS can call 855-220-9429 for more information.

Wildlife from around the globe visit Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center and Farm School's Animal Behavior Enrichment Coordinator and Environmental Educator Jean Cumings delighted young and not so young with an educational and awe-inspiring presentation of ambassador animals from around the globe.

The animals live at the Wildlife Center because they were injured in the wild and are not able to survive independently, were exploited by the illegal trade in wildlife and placed by law enforcement authorities, or were captive-bred in a U.S.-based protected environment to participate in public education and biodiversity conservation efforts.

Visiting ambassadors were a skunk and alligator from North America, a prehensile tail porcupine and a white-and-black tegu from South America, a leopard tortoise and a hedgehog from Africa, and a wallaby from Australia. The children learned about and even petted some of the animals.

On what was a very warm day outside, there were a lot of, "So cool," being said.

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Jean Cumings shared ambassador animals from around the globe.

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HCRS to incentivize Covid vaccinations

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental-health agency, will be hosting free Covid-19 vaccination clinics at their three regional offices in Hartford, Springfield, and Brattleboro with a drawing for a \$500 gift card at each location. The clinics will be provided by Rescue Inc., in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Health, at HCRS' office locations on the following days, from 3-6 p.m.:

- 51 Fairview St. in Brattleboro, Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Sept. 13
- 390 River St. in Springfield, Thursday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 16

• 49 School St. in Hartford, Thursday, Sept. 2 and 23

Community members who are fully vaccinated, meaning they receive two shots of Pfizer vaccine three weeks apart or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at these clinics, will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card to Giftogram, an online gift card good at hundreds of retailers. The drawings will be held Oct. 1, and winners will be notified by email. In addition, delicious treats will be given out at each clinic.

George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, shared, "As a community healthcare organization, we feel it is our duty

to ensure staff, clients, and members of our community have access to this important vaccine. We recognize that not everyone is able to be vaccinated, but we want to be part of the effort to provide vaccines in our communities."

According to Anne Bilodeau, HCRS Chief Human Resources Officer, "We are excited to be able to offer this significant incentive for those who are not yet vaccinated. While Vermont has been fortunate to lead our nation in vaccination rates, we feel it's important to do what we can to help save lives due to this sometimes deadly virus. Increasing vaccination rates also supports our work as our protocols vary based on vaccination status of staff and the individuals we support." A separate drawing will be held for fully vaccinated staff.

No appointment is necessary. For more information about the vaccine clinics, please contact Kait at 802-886-4567 ext. 2165 or via email at kskogsta@hcrs.org.

Special Westminster School Election is Aug. 31

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – A special school election will be held Aug. 31. Voters in Athens, Grafton, and Westminster are asked to vote to approve the financial terms of Westminster's withdrawal from the Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District.

This election is a requirement of the State Board of Education in order for Westminster to be fully authorized to reinstate its town school district, effective July 1, 2022. Westminster is to

assume the debt remaining for its building some years ago of a gymnasium at the Westminster Center School. The Westminster Center School at 301 School St. and the Westminster West School at 3724 Westminster West Rd. are to be returned at no cost to the Westminster Town School District.

In addition, Westminster voters are asked to vote to expand the new three-person school board to a five-person board. Current board members are Cheryl Charles, Chair; Charles Hutchison, Vice Chair and

Clerk; and David Major, member.

Voting Aug. 31 occurs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Westminster Town Hall. The WNUESD and Westminster School Boards will hold an informational meeting Thursday, Aug. 26, to answer questions about the Aug. 31 election. The meeting will be held at Westminster Center School at 6 p.m. with members of the public invited to join in person or via Zoom, with instructions available at the WNESU website, www.wnesu.org.

Westminster West Community Fair fundraiser

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – After the pandemic led to cancellation of last year's Westminster West Community Fair, planners thought Vermont's great vaccination rate would allow a return to in-person events this year. Instead, the surge of cases with the variant has Community Fair organizers creating alternatives, from curbside pickup of takeout barbecue to a raffle to an online auction. Most events take place the weekend of Sept. 10-12.

The Community Fair is the largest annual fundraiser for the Congregational Church of Westminster West. Last year's silent auction online fundraiser proved to be fun and rewarding. Participate this year and you will be helping to support the extended community of the church without leaving home. Holiday gifts, birthday presents, something for yourself you've always wanted? These are great items and wonderful values. You may bid whatever amount you want, as high as

you want to go. These funds help to support the Community Church as a gathering place, welcoming presence, and calm voice during challenging times.

You can view all auction items at www.westminsterwest.org beginning in early September. Bidding opens Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m. and closes Sunday, Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. Email your bid to Cheryl Charles at cherylcharles01@gmail.com for the item or items of your choice.

The highest bid for each item will be the winner! Bids are updated daily until the final day, when updates come hourly, and then every 15 minutes – especially exciting for those items you want to be sure to get. Winners will be notified within 24 hours.

In addition to the online auction, there is a raffle. Win one of three prizes: A beautiful seascape painting by Westminster Selectboard member Toby Young; \$200 gift certificate for any AirBnB rental anywhere, anytime; or a weekend at Surf Ranch AirBnB in York, Maine.

Westminster West's cookbook, "Beyond Soup Night," is available for purchase.

Last but not least is the opportunity to buy Bar-b-q takeout by chef Tristan Toleno Saturday, Sept. 11. The menu is a chicken dinner with side dishes and dessert, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options. Advance orders are required.

All of the proceeds will benefit the Westminster West Community Church. For additional information, go to www.westminsterwest.org.



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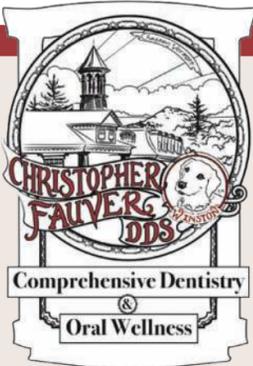
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Abenague Machine Works

I emailed the photo you see with this article to Ted Spaulding and Danny Clemens to see what they might know. Ted has the book, "Encyclopedia of American Tractors" by C.H. Wendel. Danny found some history online.

Encyclopedia of American Tractors

This describes the tractor in the photo with this article.

"A 1911 advertisement shows great refinement over the original '1908 Abenague tractor. Most obvious are the greatly strengthened rear wheels along with improved operators platform and the addition of a seat. Abenague built a lot of quality into this tractor. It featured three forward speeds, a reverse, and sliding gear transmission.

"Steel gears were used for greater strength. The canopy shown on this model was typical of most tractors of the period. In spite of its qualities, the geographical location of the company must have been a hindrance to widespread acceptance and distribution. The company was owned by a Mr. Colgate, and later by his son Gilbert. The plant employed about 15 people.

"When Gilbert Colgate took over, he tried to modernize the plant, but soon went out of business, probably about 1916. The company then moved to Marlborough, N.H., and then only made parts."

The 1911 tractor was a major improvement over the 1908 model. Some interesting data given for the 1908 model:

"First marketed in May, 1908 this 15 horsepower model weighed in at 11,000 pounds - over 733 pounds per horsepower. The husky chassis carried a stationary type engine that had been patented by John A. Ostenburg. The 15 horsepower model had a bore of 8 5/8 inches and a 12 1/2 inch stroke, developing its rated power at 270 RPM. Abenague engines and tractors used a very unique and obvious evaporative cooling system. A 25 horsepower model was also offered."

Abenague tractors utilized one-lunger engines. Abenague also manufactured one-lunger engines. One-lunger engines were popular on area farms. When belted to a saw rig, they proved very effective for cutting firewood. This reduced the ardu-



Abenague Machine Works tractor.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

ous manual labor of running a bucksaw by hand. There were other applications as well. When powering a washing machine, the housewife now had a real helper. I've always heard hit-and-miss engines called one-lungers, so I use that term. Either term is correct.

For those who have heard a one-lunger engine running, no explanation is needed; but for those who haven't heard a one-lunger, this description from Wikipedia will give you an idea.

Wikipedia

"A hit-and-miss engine or Hit 'N' Miss is a type of internal combustion engine that is controlled by a governor to only fire at a set speed. They are usually 4-stroke but 2-stroke versions were made. It was conceived in the late 19th century and produced by various companies from the 1890s through approximately the 1940s. The name comes from the speed control on these engines: they fire [hit] only when operating at or below a set speed, and cycle without firing [miss] when they exceed their set speed. This is as compared to the 'throttle governed' method of speed control. The sound made when the engine is running without a load is a distinctive 'Snort POP whoosh whoosh whoosh whoosh snort POP' as the engine fires and then coasts until the speed decreases and it fires again to maintain its average speed. The snorting is caused by atmospheric intake valve used on many of these engines."

The market for these tractors

were large farms on the Midwestern plains. Locally there was little demand for these tractors. The cards were stacked against Abenague from the beginning for this reason.

Recently on the History Channel was a series, "The Machines that Built America." I caught a couple of these programs. One program was on these early tractors. Steam-powered tractors were huge and cumbersome. Gasoline engines proved more practical. A number of inventors in the Midwest were building these tractors. Abenague shipped their tractors by rail at the nearby Westminster Station. Manufacturers in the Midwest had a distinct advantage. If the tractor broke down, repairmen could be at your farm in no time. This was not so for Abenague. It would take a repairman several days to reach your farm.

"Time is money" as Ben Franklin said.

Abenague Machine Works was located at Westminster Station. If you go down Route 5 to Westminster Station, turn left through the railroad underpass. On the left was Abenague's place of business.

To learn more about these tractors, search online for "Abenague Tractor."

This week's old saying: "A small home is better than a large mortgage."

Eagle flight training

LUDLOW, Vt. - On July 5, these eagles flew into a tree on Lake Rescue in Ludlow. The mature one is holding a rainbow trout and teaching the juvenile to fly by withholding dinner and forcing it to fly after her food.

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Chester American Legion 9/11 remembrance service

CHESTER, Vt. - American Legion Post 67 in Chester is hosting a 9/11 20-year remembrance service at the Legion, 51 Legion Road, Saturday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. Various Fire, Police, and EMS services will be attending. Everyone is invited to

attend this service.

We will never forget the day our nation was attacked. Please join us and thank our Fire, Police, and EMS service members for all they do for our communities.

Following the service, there

will be a free community barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips, provided by the Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, find "ALA Unit 67 Chester, Vermont" on Facebook.

U.S.S. Vermont Commissioning boat tours canceled

GROTON, Conn. - The U.S. Navy concerns over increased Covid-19 reports has notified the U.S.S. Vermont Commissioning Committee that all boat tours planned for Aug. 26, 27, and 28, as part of the Commissioning Commemoration, are canceled. Further the post Commissioning Reception planned for the North Lake venue after the Commissioning Ceremony is also canceled because of the proximity of Vermonters, guests, U.S.S. Vermont crew and families as unacceptable given the current Covid status.

The Commissioning Commemoration Ceremony scheduled Saturday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. will still take place on the pier as planned, and can still be viewed by accessing the website link: www.allhands.navy.mil/

Live-Stream.

Ticket holder transportation from the Mystic Marriott to Pier 6 South and Delaye Theater to view the ceremony and details can be found at www.usvvermont.org.

The Navy plans to support

a "Vermonters' Weekend" at an appropriate time to be announced on the website, www.usvvermont.org, when confirmed, with tours of the U.S.S. Vermont. Ticket requesters will be notified when the Vermonters' Weekend event is planned.

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Dear Editor,

We want to set the record straight. The Lake Rescue Association board is distressed and saddened by the contentious parking and lake access issues surrounding Red Bridge Road. These are issues between a few private homeowners and the town, and the LRA is not involved in any way whatsoever. Some people are under the impression that the Lake Rescue Association is involved in these issues. We are not.

We are a volunteer association whose mission is to maintain, restore, and ensure the future of Lakes Rescue and

Pauline. Our members are locals and non-locals. We have no enforcement authority and simply work hard to keep the lakes healthy and safe for everyone to enjoy.

We believe the lakes are here for all of us, from local community members who have been visiting Red Bridge and the lakes for generations to second homeowners, visiting tourists, boaters, paddlers, swimmers, and fishermen. The vast majority of these people are generous and respectful stewards of the lakes, many of whom have come here for

years, if not a lifetime, and who love the town of Ludlow and its beautiful lakes.

We urge everyone to reduce the acrimony, welcome everyone to the lakes, and work in more positive, productive ways to find solutions that will help build and connect our lake community and the town of Ludlow, not tear it apart. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barb Silver & Bruce Zanca
Co-presidents, Lake Rescue Association

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the people of Chester that came to the public forum at the July 21 Selectboard meeting to support, give opinions, and find out more about the Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens. Everyone overwhelmingly voiced their support of the project as a whole. It was the third public informative presentation, and we were very pleased that every person attending stated that they thought the project was very good for the town of Chester.

It will be a wonderful day when all the people who live,

work, or go to school in Chester have access to a sunny plot outside, in the case of those who don't have space in a yard or have one that is too shady for vegetables – but great for keeping the house nice and cool in the summer! – and a beautiful historic glass greenhouse to start seeds or grow vegetables and flowers potentially year round.

Local, organic, healthy food production is one more great community builder for our town. Gardening is great for young and old, and for connecting and supporting each other as we have done so well

this past year and a half.

We welcome any and all other suggestions, questions, or comments, and support that you can leave on our website, www.chestergreenhouse.org, or mail to P.O. Box 1271, Chester, VT 05143. You can also find us most Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. at the new Chester Farmer's Market. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in these early stages, and especially if you are a treasurer!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Joy Lipton, president
Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens

Dear Editor,

I'm writing today in regards to the Green Mountain Union High School Board meeting that took place last Thursday night. At that meeting, all but one board member voted to delegate all authority for school reopening to the superintendent. With such an important decision as the school reopening procedures, why would the board delegate this decision to one person? This is a cop-out for all board members that voted to do this. Why won't the board members do their job?

Before the vote was called board member Michael Studin voiced some valid concerns and proposed an amendment that parents decide if their kids should wear a mask. Although his ideas were squashed by the rest of the board, it demonstrated that board participation and discussion was needed.

My personal opinion is that masks should be optional for school reopening. More kids die from the flu than Covid. Masks do not protect against viruses. Bacteria grow in masks

after a short time and can be harmful. Read the label from a box of masks at the pharmacy. It says, "Does not protect from viruses."

My opinion is that forcing our children to wear masks is very detrimental. Children need to see other faces to relate socially and to develop correctly.

There's a lot of (mis)information out there to sort through. I feel that the entire board should be reviewing this information and making a decision on this important topic.

Sincerely,
Ken Saccardo
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Charlestown Beautification Coalition developed as a result of the dissolution of the Women's Club. Members included representatives from the Charlestown Community Tree Committee, the Garden Club, and the Recreation Committee. In our first year, we developed a community plan, produced a colored packet, and distributed it to community members.

We are now responsible for the light poles that light up a mile of Main Street, the hanging baskets of flowers and their maintenance. With all the healthy trees (thanks to the Tree Committee), the two gardens at each end of town (thanks to the Garden Club), and the above posts, our community is lovely all summer and all winter with wreaths on the poles. We are proud of all the efforts of the volunteers who have devoted hours and labor into the beautification of Charlestown. We have won awards from the State of New Hampshire and anyone who visits notices our efforts immediately.

For the last two years, the Coalition has been directing

its efforts to improve the east side of Main Street. We have devoted many hours to this plan. We have compromised with each other and the Charlestown Selectboard. Our goal was to introduce a four-foot grass strip between the sidewalk and the parking area from the Dollar Store to the existing grass strip. Decorative paving strips were also suggested for the remainder of the business section to delineate the sidewalk from the parking.

We met with the Selectboard several times as this plan evolved and secured funding for a good portion of the work. The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation engineer also approved our plan. After all this effort, the members met with the Selectboard Aug. 4 with a final five-point plan. We were immediately told that the board did not support our plan. They

were sick of hearing from us and tabled our effort.

It is important to point out that all the above committees are made up of nine people in all. Many serve on two to three of these. So like many other clubs in our community, the Beautification Coalition has dissolved as a group.

Why would anyone devote time to this community when its leaders could care less? Bringing beauty to our town has always been the goal of all these wonderful people. We are sad as no one is stepping up to help or take our places, but it is no surprise because it is a disheartening chore.

Sincerely,
Judith Murray
Sharon Francis
James Fowler
Aare Ilves
Charlestown, N.H.

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by Linda Thistle

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Joan Barr

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – We wish to welcome family and friends to join us for a Celebration of Life for our beloved mother, D. Joan Barr, who passed May 26, 2020. Please join us for our long awaited, Covid-delayed, remembrance of her great life, Sept. 5, 2021 at 2 p.m. over a light lunch at Tom's home at 914 Main Street in Proctorsville. Bring photos, your favorite memories, and stories to share.

Wendell W. Johnson, 1947-2021

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Wendell Wayne Johnson, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at DHMC Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021 after three months of failing health. Wendell was born Feb. 26, 1947 in Springfield, Vt. to the late Rollin and Vera (Carleton) Johnson. He attended schools in Weston and Chester.

Wendell was previously employed by Decell Painting and Ron Bacon Painting before spending 24 years with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, retiring at the age of 62.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and leisurely drives along the old back roads of Vermont. Wendell was an avid NASCAR fan, and later enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox. He always enjoyed being in the company of his grandchildren, especially

taking them fishing and giving them rides on his tractor.

Wendell was predeceased by his parents Rollin and Vera, his brother Michael, and his sisters Mathilda, Mabel, and Marion.

He is survived by his best friend and lifelong companion Merleen Wilder, daughters Dawn Massey (Glenn) and Tracy Danforth (William), stepson Matthew Wilder, sisters Lucy Gordon and Christine Cashion, six grandchildren, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148.

Per Wendell's wishes, there will be no services. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Ann-Marie Ellison, 1930-2021

ORANGE, Mass. – Ann-Marie (Kearney) Ellison, 91, a longtime resident of 118 Walnut Hill in Orange, has passed away peacefully at Quabbin Valley Health-care in Athol. She loved her family – consisting of many Ellisons and students, teaching, and many dogs throughout her full life.

Ann-Marie was born May 7, 1930 in Ludlow, Vt., the adored youngest child of George V. Kearney Sr. and Mary (Rock) Kearney. A 1948 graduate of Black River Academy, she excelled in skiing including at Okemo Mountain back when the rope tow was a new idea, was a fine musician, a classically trained pianist and coronet player, and was an excellent swimmer and diver a la Esther Williams. Annie went on to become a member of the Middlebury College ski team, and of its band, English, and Women's Forum groups, and Kappa Delta Sorority. Ann-Marie graduated in 1952 with a B.A. in English from Middlebury College.

Upon graduation, Ann-Marie taught biology and English and moved to teach English in Exeter, Vt., and then back to her home town of Ludlow at Black River High School where she headed the Glee Club, Drama Club, and directed one act plays, chaperoned weekly dances, and was a faithful fan of the high school basketball teams coached by her brother, David, and her future husband, Bob. These endeavors created fond and long-lasting memories as Ann-Marie married her outgoing husband of 65 years April 16, 1955. Bob and Ann-Marie continued teaching in Ludlow until moving to Orange, Mass. in 1959.

Ann-Marie returned to teaching once her children were school aged and taught at Mahar Regional High School – English, junior high general music, guitar, Broadway musicals, and she was the outstanding accompanist to her husband's choral groups, a position that provided often amusing insight into creative differences, smiling here.

She was the cornerstone of the music dept., the keeper of all things Bob, thus allowing Bob to shine like a star. Annie was the woman behind, beside, and in front of the man.

Ann-Marie was the organizing principle behind "Robert!" and together they were a great team. Her determination to keep things orderly was a highly prized skill, whether passing out band uniforms, including hats and white bucks (shoes), for groups of 160 or more, managing the backstage for the crazy busy, fun, special yearly variety shows, making sure that the Head Majorette had a working whistle, or seeing that "Robert!" left early enough to open the band room prior to the many parades held for most any occasion from Santa to Homecoming to Thanksgiving Day pregame rehearsals.

Ann-Marie was an English teacher, and as such, was a staunch corrector of any and all ill-conceived, grammatically incorrect sentences. She would shout with a raised eyebrow, "One n't at a time!" and "There's no such thing as ain't and brung," explaining as she corrected. She was the protector of all students – the shy, the awkward, the unique, and "the bandits." Annie gave the band room its sense of home. She had more friends than one could count, and you always knew if you were one of her special people.

The Music Room at Mahar was dedicated to Bob and Ann-Marie in 2018 for their selfless years of service to their community, as both had impacted and mentored many students throughout the years. It was a day of celebra-



Ann-Marie Ellison, 1930-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

tion that they both thoroughly enjoyed.

Ann-Marie was a voracious reader throughout her life and a friend and supporter of the Wheeler Memorial Library in Orange. She was a longstanding communicant at St. Mary's Church in Orange, a member of the choir, and the organist for some years as well. She loved to garden and had planted most of the flower beds, shrubs, and trees that graced the 118 Walnut Hill property, fed and watched the birds, gifts learned from her mother and passed on to her children and grandchildren. She loved many, many dogs in her lifetime, but none more than her faithful companion, Miss Dickens, (she was an English teacher), her sweet white yellow lab. They were indeed inseparable.

Ann-Marie was predeceased by her husband Robert M. Ellison Sr., and leaves behind her children and their families: Mary-Ann Ellison of South Meriden, Conn.; Bob Jr. and Christine Ellison of Westboro, Mass.; Posie Ellison and her son Eli and wife Tabbitha Horowitz of Suffield, Conn.; Shane Ellison of Orange, Mass.; Kathy, Dave, Joey, and Katie Guarnaccia of Carlisle, Mass.; George, Monica, and Michael Ellison of North Conway, N.H.; Michael Ellison and partner Marcy Dyer of Amherst, Mass. and his daughters Nina and Casey of Sturbridge, Mass., as well as Marcy's daughter Grace.

Ann-Marie also leaves behind her sisters-in-law: Carolyn Sullivan of Orleans, Mass.; Ellie and Jack O'Neil of Baca Raton, Fla.; and Clare Ellison of Naples, Fla. and many loving nieces and nephews and their extended families.

Ann-Marie was predeceased by her parents as well as her brother George V. Kearney Jr., (Hazel), David R. Kearney, (Pat), and her twin infant brother Robert L. Kearney.

She was also predeceased by brothers-in-law: Phillip M. Sullivan Sr., Edward Ellison Sr., and George H. Ellison Sr.

We will come together to celebrate the lives of both Ann-Marie and Bob, Covid permitting. Calling hours will be held at Witty's Funeral Home in Orange Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, from 4-6 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said the following day, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 19 Congress St., Orange. A reception will follow. The final resting place of Ann-Marie and Bob will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

A memorial plaque will be placed at South Cemetery in Orange, Mass., a place where Ann-Marie and Bob often walked these last few years, remembering friends and loved ones.

Donations are suggested to the Orange Scholarship Foundation, Memo: Ellison Music Scholarship, P.O. Box 298, Orange, MA 01364.

Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main St., in Orange, is assisting the family. Guestbook and directions online at www.witty-funeralhome.com.

Elizabeth Brennan, 1949-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Elizabeth "Betsy" Brennan, 72, passed away at the Timberlyn Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Great Barrington, Mass., Aug. 15, 2021. She was born June 16, 1949, the daughter of Michael and Jane (Robbins) Brennan. Betsy grew up in Bellows Falls and was a 1967 graduate of the Bellows Falls High School.

Betsy is survived by her three sisters Ruth Ellen Brennan, Eileen Brennan Morrison, and Erin Brennan.

A graveside service was held Aug. 20 in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Donations in Betsy's memory can be made to the NAMI, Na-



Elizabeth Brennan, 1949-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

tional Alliance for Mental Illness.

William A. Nichols, 1950-2021

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – William A. Nichols, lover of coffee, cars, and women finally "got the hell out of here" from the Vermont Veterans Home, Aug. 12, 2021. Unfortunately, his exit was a bit too grandiose, and he is now resting comfortably in the afterlife. He would like the government to know that he will be buried face down so that they may give him a final kiss goodbye in a location that, for the sake of this obituary getting published, shall remain unspecified. Also, just call him Bill.

Bill was born Nov. 22, 1950, in Glens Falls, N.Y. He was the son of Mary (Barry) Parrot and Clayton Parrott. His last name was Nichols from her who shall not be named. No... not Volde-mort. I'm not sure he'd get the reference. But there it is. Love ya, Dad!

He worked as a mechanic in North Walpole for many years with a particular interest in body work. He was a well-known prankster and often told stories ranging from letting livestock into the high school and taking joy rides in his mother's car when he was young, to throwing a dummy into the river and triggering a search and rescue – sorry Dad, I'm selling you out. What are they gonna do now, right? Bill was a volunteer fireman for North Walpole for many years. He also loved volunteering at the local humane society. He proudly gave 'em hell in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War – "them" mostly being any higher-ranking officials that didn't view his sense of humor and rowdy antics fondly.

Bill was preceded in death by



William A. Nichols, 1950-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

his parents and one sister Linda Hearne.

Being a prolific breeder, Bill is preceded by his wife Isabel (Smart) Nichols, four sons Christopher, William Jr., Bryan, and Donovan Nichols; three daughters Heather Lanou, Melissa Turransky, and Mary Nichols; one brother Joseph Nichols; one sister Frances Kemp; eight grandchildren Eric, Dakota, Colby, Brayden, Owen Lanou, Emma Nichols, Tyler Frost, and Ashton Mandigo; three great-grandchildren – you'll note the prolific breeding may have been genetic – Kaelyn, Hunter, and Ian Lanou, along with many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, there will be a graveside service at St. Peter's Cemetery, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. For the man whose attire in life was flannel, jeans, and work boots, please dress casual and comfortable.

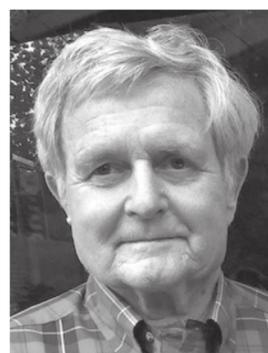
All arrangements are being made through Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Horace "Lee" Shepard III, 1942-2021

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Horace Leon "Lee" Shepard III, 79, suffered cardiac arrest and died Aug. 1, 2021 in Mystic, Conn. after a picture-perfect day on his boat "Miss Conduct" and dinner at one of his favorite local restaurants. His partner of five years, Beth Whitaker, was gratefully present to help and comfort him as he left our world.

Born Jan. 9, 1942 in New Haven, Conn., to parents Horace Leon Shepard Jr. and Margaret Billings Shepard, Lee was the youngest sibling to Deborah and Prudence. Surviving Lee are his two sisters, four stepchildren, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Having spent childhood summers at their family home on Bakers Island, Mass., Lee developed a love of the ocean and maintained a relationship with the boating community throughout his life. An avid and accomplished athlete who excelled in skiing, running, squash, golf, and anything else he put his mind to, he maintained regular sessions at the Ekwanok practice tee, Manchester, Vt., where he had been a member since 1975. Lee also piloted his own twin engine Beechcraft and enjoyed all aspects of flying from planning and piloting trips to the Bahamas through spontaneously taking friends to Martha's Vineyard for an ice cream on a hot summer afternoon.



Horace "Lee" Shepard III, 1942-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Lee was a consummate entrepreneur responsible for a series of successful businesses including sporting goods importing and sports clubs in the New Canaan, Conn. area. After moving to Vermont full-time in 2000, Lee spent some years developing a small sugaring business at his home in Londonderry. He maintained a career as financial management advisor to individuals, families, and corporations until retiring in 2018.

A generous person with his time, resources, and professional and vocational training, Lee had most recently supported a youth service organization based in Rutland, Vt. In honor of Lee and his legacy of selfless acts, please make an anonymous donation to The Mentor Connector, www.mentorconnector.com, in Rutland, Vt.

Kathleen A. Redmond, 1950-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Kathleen A. Redmond, 71, of Pine Street, died suddenly Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at Springfield Hospital. She was born April 29, 1950 in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of William and Ann Ryan Devoe.

Kathleen attended St. Vincent DePaul School, Eli Whitney High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a 1968 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. She also attended Johnson State for hospitality. She had worked as a housekeeper at Vermont College and a LNA at Genesis Nursing Home in Keene, N.H.

On Dec. 25, 1973, in Bellows Falls, she married Michael Redmond who died in 2004. Kathleen is survived by one son Paul Redmond, one spiritual daughter Amy Sweeney, one sister Rose Haskell and husband Kent, two brothers William Devoe and wife Laurie, Steven Devoe and wife AnneMarie, along with several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by one brother Thomas Devoe and her parents.



Kathleen A. Redmond, 1950-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

She was a member of the Visiting Nurses and American Legion Auxiliary. She also was the proud founder and participant of AA meetings in Bellows Falls. There will be calling hours Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, from 6-8 p.m., at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. On Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021 at 11 a.m., there will be a memorial mass at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St., Springfield, Vt.
Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m., Wednesday evening vespers at 6 p.m., and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St., Walpole, N.H.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St., Weston, Vt.

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AUG. 28 – CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Break Maids are performing on the Proctorsville green Saturday, Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to relax and enjoy the last concert of the summer season.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Old Center Street History Walk & Talk in the village of Perkinsville, Saturday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Please park at the Perkinsville Church or green – not on Old Center Street.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North School Tag Sale Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 49 Main Street in North Springfield. Hosted by North School Preservation Society.

AUG. 28 & 29 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce The Best of Vermont Summer Festival Saturday, Aug. 28, from 12-7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Okemo Field on Route 103 and Bixby Road in Ludlow, Vt. Enjoy specialty foods, wine, spirits & brew tastings, artisan products, live music, hot air balloons, and so much

more. For details, visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

AUG. 29 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jenna Savin Rice hosts a songwriters circle with Greg Goedewaagen, Libby Kirkpatrick, and Carl Goulet Sunday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt. Suggested donation at the door with limited seating; the event is recorded and filmed. Covid-19 protocol in effect, which may change without notice. More information can be found at www.stage33live.com.

SEPT. 4 – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are having Saturday Night Round and Square Dances starting Saturday, Sept. 4, from 7-10 p.m., at the Grange Hall, five miles north of Chester. There will be snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen, and there will be a 50/50 raffle drawing. Donations please. Have questions? Call 802-591-4290 or the Grange at 802-875-1051.

SEPT. 5 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Josh Panda will be performing an outdoor Elton John

Tribute Concert at Jackson Gore at Okemo Mountain Resort Sunday, Sept. 5 at 1 p.m. Tickets are sold online and at the door and are non-refundable. Purchase tickets at www.okemomountainschool.org/joshpanda. Sponsored by William Raveis Vermont Properties and benefits Okemo Mountain School.

SEPT 10-12 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Kidz Blast Crusade program at Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St. in Springfield, on Friday, Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, from 1-3 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. – noon. Fun, games, prizes and puppets share inspired Bible stories. Ice cream giveaways, and BBQ for all family members after Saturday and Sunday events.

SEPT. 11 – GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 11, from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea. Eat in or takeout. Price is per person. Have questions? Call 802-591-4290 or try the hall at 802-875-1051.

CHESTER, Vt. – American Legion Post 67 is hosting a 9/11 20-year remembrance service at the Legion, 51 Legion Rd., Saturday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. Various Fire, Police, and EMS services will be attending. Following the service, there will be a free community barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips, provided by the Sons of the American Legion at the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone is invited. For more information, find “ALA Unit 67 Chester, Vermont” on Facebook.

LUDLOW, Vt. – 9/11 Remembrance March and Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11. March will begin at the Ludlow Fire Station and end at Veteran’s park. The march will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

SEPT. 12 – GASSETTS, Vt. – The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding a Non-open Mic Jam Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1-4 p.m., at the grange. There will be a 50/50 drawing and maybe a mystery bag. Donation per person please. We will have food and snacks, bottled water, and some sodas for sale. You can call Donna at 802-591-4290 or the Grange building at 802-875-1051 for details.

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

location on the Common in Chester.

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

WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

TUESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Living Alone Support Group at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, 133 Grafton Rd. in Townshend on the third Wednesday of every month from 10:15-11:45 a.m., in Heins Room 1, begins Sept. 15. Informal, facilitated group focused on the challenges of living alone. Led by Support and Services at Home Coordinator

Jessy Cudworth. Free. Please call prior to first attendance at 802-365-4115 ext. 108.

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

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

THURSDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group is the first Thursday of every month from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Grace Cottage Family Health on Heins Room 1, beginning Sept. 2. Facilitated group focused on the challenges of caring for people with dementia or Alzheimer’s. Led by Community Health Team member Claire Bemis, R.N. Free. To register, call 802-365-3763.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – “Learn to Knit Series” at Six Loose Ladies on the first Thursday of September, October, and November from 5-8 p.m. Included in the price is nine hours of instruction and all materials needed to complete three projects. Visit www.6looseladies.com.

com for details and to register.

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GMUSD School Board Has an Immediate Opening

The Green Mountain Unified School Board (GMUSD) seeks one Chester Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 1st 2022. The Board meets regularly, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

GMUSD Board
c/o Lauren Fierman
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. GERALD BROMLEY, et al.
Civil No. 2:21-cv-00046-cr

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

In obedience to a Judgment Order, Decree of Foreclosure and Order for Judicial Sale entered on June 29, 2021 and recorded in the Town of Springfield, Vermont, for breach of the mortgage as stated therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 31st day of August, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at the land and premises known as, 56 Union Street, Springfield, VT 05156, the said real property and improvements thereon, as further described in said mortgage (the “Property”), will be auctioned, “AS IS, WHERE IS” with no representations or warranties, express or implied, of any kind, subject to all superior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

The legal description of the property foreclosed upon can be found in the mortgage filed in the Town of Springfield Land Records and all deeds and instruments of record. The physical address of the property is 56 Union Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the property at any time prior to the auction by paying the full amount due under the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure, including the costs and expenses of auction.

An OPEN HOUSE will be held at the property on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The United States reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction at any time.

For a written copy of the (1) Decree of Foreclosure which contains the terms and conditions of said auction, and (2) the purchase agreement, contact Tyler Hirschak.

Tyler Hirschak, Thomas Hirschak Company, 1-800-634-7653, www.THCAuction.com

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #2S1373 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6111

On August 11, 2021, Sugar Maple Mountain Retreat, LLC, 14223 E. Parsley Dr., Madeira Beach, FL 33708, filed application #2S1373 for a project generally described as constructing three 10' X 30' “tiny homes,” a 12' X 28' utility shed for storage and laundry, and a hot tub area. The buildings will be operated for short-term vacation rentals. The project is located at 746 Chaos Turnpike in Cavendish, Vermont. No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before September 9, 2021, a party notifies the District 2 Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing to the address below, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing. The application and proposed permit may be viewed on the Natural Resources Board’s web site (<http://nrb.vermont.gov>) by clicking “Act 250 Database” and entering Project Number “2S1373.” If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible, in order to allow us as much time as possible to accommodate your needs. For more information contact the coordinator at the address or telephone number below.

By: Linda Matteson, District Coordinator
100 Mineral St., Ste. 305
Springfield, VT 05156-3168
802-289-0598 / linda.matteson@vermont.gov

August 20, 2021

Share your event with us!

calendar@vermontjournal.com

Green Mountain Union High School has openings for the following coach positions:

JV Boys Soccer Middle School Boys Soccer

Interested applicants should send an email to Todd.Parah@trsu.org.

Ludlow Elementary School Bus Driver

Ludlow Elementary School has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks are required as well as being in a pool for random testing. Starting Pay: \$22.37/hr.

School Bus Driver

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

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: [Todd Parah at todd.parah@trsu.org](mailto:Todd.Parah@trsu.org)

Substitute Teachers Needed

Our schools are:
Cavendish Town Elementary
Chester-Andover Elementary
Green Mountain Union High School
Ludlow Elementary
Mount Holly Elementary

For more information, please contact:

Human Resources
609 VT Rte. 103 South
Ludlow, VT 05149
Phone: (802)-875-6432
Email: allison.sexton@trsu.org

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting contracting services for the demolition of a building located at 66 Atkinson Street in Bellows Falls, VT. A full copy of the solicitation can be downloaded at the Town of Rockingham website or by contacting Chuck Wise (planning@rockbf.org / 802.376.5241). Bids are due September 10, 2021.

TOWN OF LUDLOW LUDLOW AMBULANCE SERVICE IMMEDIATE PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Ludlow Ambulance Service has an immediate opening for a part time EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic. Minimum requirements include: NREMT EMT, AEMT or Paramedic certification; VT license/ability to obtain; CPR, ACLS & PALS (for paramedic candidates); Valid Driver’s License and the ability to pass a background check is required. LAS offers cost sharing continuing education for qualified candidates.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to sgrover.las@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. For more information contact Chief Grover at (802)228-2880. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 202154 - Town of Springfield has requested Downtown Design Review approval (Section 30-724) to install a memorial stone pillar with plaque memorializing Alan Woodbury. The property location is the town courtyard at corner of Summer/Main Street and is zoned Central Business / DDCOD.

Application 202155 - Town of Springfield has requested Downtown Design Review approval (Section 30-724) to install three picnic tables in Comtu Park. The property location is 5-7 Main Street and is zoned Central Business / DDCOD

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Springfield Humane Society
401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, Vt.
802-885-3997 // www.spfldhumane.org

Habitat for Humanity accepting applications

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for the four-bedroom home at 11 Myrtle St. in Springfield, Vt. The applicant must be employed and meet Habitat financial requirements. The selected eligible applicant will need to spend 500 sweat-equity hours working with Habitat volunteers to rehab this home. When the rehab is complete, there will be a closing. The purchase price will be the actual cost for the house, plus materials and necessary commercial services. The monthly payment will be based on a zero percent interest mortgage loan held by Habitat. The mortgage payment will include property taxes and property insurance. Email dayesman@vermontel.net for an application form to see if you are eligible for this home.

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at Chester Stone House Antiques. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

FOR RENT

Contractor Space available \$1,000/month and utilities. Insulated 30x50 two-bay garage with bathroom. 10x10 doors, Concrete slab, Ceiling 11'2. No outside storage, No manufacturing. No auto works, No retail. Route 12 South Charlestown, N.H. Contact domenico@okican-doit.com.

FOR SALE

For sale by owner rare opportunity. 111 Rte 100 North, Ludlow, Vt. Circa 1840's House Modern Double Bay Garage. Remodeled Bathroom, Marble/Tiles, Ideal for Primary Residence, B & B, Retail, Second Home. Call 802-885-3050 for viewing.

WESTON, Vt. - House for Sale by Owner. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2400sq ft. 2.45 acres, 4-car garage, 12x12 shop. To make appointment to view, call 802-824-6140 in the morning

LUDLOW, Vt. - Round oak table

with claw feet and extra leaf. \$400. Call 802-228-4021

GUNS WANTED

REGION - Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

HELP WANTED

LUDLOW, Vt. - Full time, year round Thrift store clerk in Ludlow. Some Saturdays required. \$15 per hour. Benefits included. To apply visit indeed, brgn.org, or stop by 37B, Main St.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Part time Cleaner needed ASAP at Springfield Moose Lodge 679. For application, please stop by 39 South St. For more information, call 802-885-5370 or email moose@vermontel.net. References please.

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YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Yard sale

Aug. 27 and 28, from 9-4, at 166 Union Street, Blais.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Yard sale Saturday, Aug. 28, from 9-3. Boating and outdoor items, household, and more. 2 Hillcrest Road in Springfield.

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ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

3	6	9	4	7	2	1	5	8
2	7	1	9	8	5	4	6	3
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— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 26 mins.

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Prices are based on a 20 word listing. An additional 50 cents for each word thereafter.

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LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Lake Rescue Association Annual Meeting
- Local concerts- Ali T. / Bunty Station
- Vinatge Films are back!
- Yoga with Liza
- VT Law School Hot Topics in Environmental Law

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167
(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)
Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
(11/12/21 - 13)

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arts & entertainment REAL ESTATE

Chester Festival on the Green to be held Sept. 18-19

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Festival on the Green is a free public event to be held Sept. 18 and 19. Vendors and exhibits will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music will be held Saturday from 12 to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m.

Get ready for a whole new festival this year! For over 40 years, this annual event has been held as a hallmark kickoff to the beginning of fall foliage season here in Chester, where hundreds of people converge on our historic green from all over New England. Once again bringing together the best of our local craft and food vendors, we're also introducing new agricultural-themed exhibits, games, and entertainment in an unforgettable experience of Vermont's unique culture. Here's a sneak preview of what's in the works for September's event.

The Farm Olympics will host potato sack racing, pumpkin bowling,



Chester Festival on the Green to expand this year. PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

corn cob darts, egg tossing, giant pumpkin rolling, and more! Participation in the Farm Olympics automatically enters you into our raffle prize contest. Other activities – all kid-friendly – include the hay bale maze, apple cider pressing, scarecrow con- testing, garlic painting, worm farm exhibit, beekeeping exhibit, and traditional tractor hay rides on a loop cruise around the festival grounds. Of course, if you're an animal lover, you won't want to miss out on the goats, sheepherding, and Frisbee Dog demos!

We hope you'll pick and

plan your favorite activities for a customized experience at the Chester Festival on the Green. If you're planning to stay the weekend, visit www.meetchestertvermont.com for local lodging options. Vendors and agriculture entertainment will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Event schedules will be handed out by our ambassadors and provided at the Chester Info Booth during the event. Don't forget to make your way over to the live music concert series – multiple bands are playing on stage Saturday and Sunday. The music sched-

ule and lineup are to be announced. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more details. If you'd like to support our event and are interested in volunteering, we could always use more hands on deck! We're looking for festival ambassadors who can help oversee the Farm Olympic games, assist in agricultural demonstrations, pass out schedule flyers, etc. If you don't have time to volunteer but would still like to contribute, we are accepting donations through our website and by mail. Every bit is appreciated on behalf of the entire Chester community. We can't wait to see you there!

For more information, go to www.chesterfallfestival.org, email chesterfallfestival@gmail.com, call 802-579-6831, or find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/chesterfallfest.

Springfield OLLI in-person programs are back

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is pleased to announce that in-person programs are back. During this fall 2021 semester, we will be celebrating our 300th program as well!

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteers and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and older who enjoy learning for the fun of it! Anyone interested in these programs, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Participation is by a membership fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

We are no longer taking any payments at the door. All attendees must pre-register for each program. Registration can be done online by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

If you prefer to register by mail, registration can be sent to OLLI at UVM, 460 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401. Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, and whether you're registering for a full series membership or specific programs you wish to attend. Please make checks out to University of Vermont-OLLI. Please allow 10-14 days from date of mailing check for processing. For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.

Individuals who had a membership in the spring of 2020 have a credit to use towards this semester. Those individuals have been notified by email and have

been registered, and they do not need to do anything additional to register for the upcoming semester.

The latest brochures will be distributed at local libraries, town halls, community and senior centers, and Chamber of Commerce offices. Requests for a brochure can be made by calling 802-885-3094. The complete program listing can be viewed online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

Weather-related changes can also be found on the website, or by calling SAPA TV 802-885-6248, or 802-885-3094.

Per the University of Vermont, unvaccinated individuals for are required to wear masks in order to attend; fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks but may do so if they prefer. If guidelines change by the time of the program, further updates will be advised and followed.

OLLI's online Distinguished Speakers Series is also available by Zoom. Information is at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli.

Thank you to our local benefactor, Barbara Sanderson.

Following is the listing of programs for the fall 2021 semester:

Sept. 21, "Why Vermont is What America Wants to Be," with Chris Graff, Vermont historian, journalist, and analyst. Why is it that Vermont leaders touch a nerve with America? Jim Jeffords' declaration of independence and the presidential campaigns of Howard Dean and Bernie Sanders show that Vermont leaders have an out-sized appeal in the country. Hear Chris Graff explain why Vermont is what America wants to be.

Oct. 5, "Bessie's Story: Watching the Lights Go Out," with Tom Farnen, retired educator, author, outdoor enthusiast, and dog lover. Hear the inspiring story about Bessie, a charming, brave, chocolate

lab who gradually loses her eyesight. Witness how Bessie unwittingly becomes an expert mentor and teacher for the highwire act of growing older with grace and optimism.

Oct. 19, "Why Women Marched: Then and Now," with Cyndy Bittering, historian, author, Community College of Vermont faculty. When women worked to free the enslaved in America, they came to the reality that one reason they lacked power to do that was because they lacked the right to vote. Learn about the long march to obtain the vote, which is a chapter of American history with many twists and turns.

Nov. 2, "From the Parlor to the Polling Place: Stories and Songs from the Suffragists," with Linda Radtke, soprano, and Cameron Steinmetz, accompanist. Join Linda Radtke in period garb to celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Radtke's engaging presentation, accompanied by Steinmetz, highlights Vermonters' efforts from 1840-1921, as they lobbied in churches, at parlor meetings, at town halls, and at the State House for total enfranchisement.

Nov. 16, "Your Fake News is My Absolute Truth: Tribal Politics," with Jon Margolis, author and freelance journalist. We'll get a journalist's off-beat look at tribal politics and the coverage thereof. An overlook will include a pandemic and a global heat wave that some think do not exist, election results still disputed, a racial dialogue both overdue and resisted, politics in America – and even in Vermont – so tribalized that the public can not agree on facts, much less on policy. Presentation will be an examination from neither tribe.

Nov. 30, "A Mighty Wind: The Hows and Whys of Hurricanes," with Mark Breen, planetarium director and senior meteorologist at Fairbanks Museum. Hurricanes have always maintained a reputation of fury and destruction, and in recent years have been viewed through the lens of climate change. These tropical denizens are amazingly powerful, yet uncharacteristically fragile. Breen shares a look into a hurricane's formation, development, and lifecycle.

Kidz Blast Crusade at Springfield Assembly of God

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield Assembly of God for Kidz Blast Crusade for Bible story-inspired puppet shows, fun, games, prizes, and ice cream! The event takes place Friday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. The ice cream giveaway will be Friday, and all family members are invited to a barbecue following Saturday and Sunday's events. Springfield Assembly of God is located at 269 River St. Bus pick up is available. For more information, call 802-885-4261.

USDA Foreclosure: 3BR/1BA Cape REAL ESTATE AUCTION

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129 LINCOLN AVENUE
MANCHESTER CENTER, VT. 05255

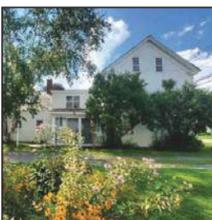
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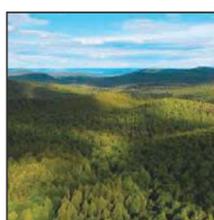
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Level, w/Pond
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Villages of Grafton & Chester
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This 1940's Cape is rich with charm and elegance. From the beautiful oak floors which accentuate the detailed crown molding to the finely crafted trim work throughout the house. This is surely a must see! This house offers a beautiful and large living room with a wood burning brick fireplace. The den/library has a full wall bookcase that makes for a great retreat to read a good book. The kitchen is large with plenty of counter space along with an ample number of cabinets and a breakfast nook. Additionally, there is a very spacious formal dining room with matching built-in corner cabinets. The elegant staircase leads you upstairs to three uniquely designed bedrooms and one full bath. The basement includes a large bonus room with brick fireplace and complete laundry with utility sink. Above the spacious two car garage you will find another bedroom and adjacent office area along with the full bath ideal for office, guests or in-law. Retreat to the backyard and enjoy the large 36' X18" crystal clear inground pool. All of this is conveniently located in town on 1.9+/- nicely manicured acres. \$429,900



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arts & entertainment

Jeeves and Wooster return to the Walpole Common

WALPOLE, N.H. – Egad! Jeeves and Wooster are returning to the Common! Come find out Saturday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. on the Walpole Town Common, when The Walpole Players present a staged reading of “Jeeves Takes a Bow” by Margaret Raether, adapted from the stories of P.G. Wodehouse.



Members of the Walpole Players rehearsing for their staged reading of “Jeeves Takes a Bow.”

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What ho! Bertie Wooster inflicts his charming ineptitude on America when he ventures across the pond armed only with his handsome fortune, talent for trouble, and his remarkable manservant Jeeves. But when a childhood friend gets Bertie mixed up with a vengeful thug named “Knuckles” McCann, he ends up mistakenly engaged to the meddling Vivienne Duckworth. Could it be that even the illustrious Jeeves may not be up to the task?

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

Don't forget to bring your choice of outdoor seating. For more information, please email WalpolePlayers@gmail.com,

check our website www.TheWalpolePlayers.org, or call 603-756-2535.

In the case of rain or thunderstorms, the performance will be postponed to another date in the near future. This decision will be made Sept. 11. Please check our website, call, or email after 2 p.m., if bad weather is imminent on the day.

Bill Lockwood reading of his fifth historical fiction novel

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Local author Bill Lockwood will hold a reading and signing event for his newly released historical fiction novel, “Gare de Lyon,” at Village Square Booksellers, 32 The Square, in Bellows Falls Friday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

His four previous books portray adventures set in the '70, '80s, and early '90s. With this new one, he has taken on occupied Paris and France in World War II.

Mary O'Riley, native of Boston, goes to Paris to study art on the eve of WWII. Caught in the occupation, she works in a bakery but finds herself frequently carrying messages for her boss. When the Gestapo raids the bakery and arrests the owner, Mary must flee Paris to avoid her own arrest, and the Resistance group she has helped assigns her to escort a downed RSF flyer south to Lyon.

Freddy Winston volunteered to fly secret missions to occupied France. On one of his runs, gunfire surprises him as Resistance members unload passengers and supplies. The plane catches fire, stranding him behind enemy lines. Freddy doesn't like that Mary is Irish. She insists she is just American. They may not like each other but discover quickly they must team up to reach their mutual goal of escaping the Nazis.

A lifetime participant in community theater, Lockwood was stage managing Main Street Arts' production of “Cabaret” that was to be presented at the Bellows Falls Opera House, but it was postponed just before opening in March 2020. He says, “That play was set in pre-WWII Berlin, but working on it I began thinking about an idea I had for a novel set in wartime Paris. After the lockdown, I had plenty of time to develop my idea and write this book.”

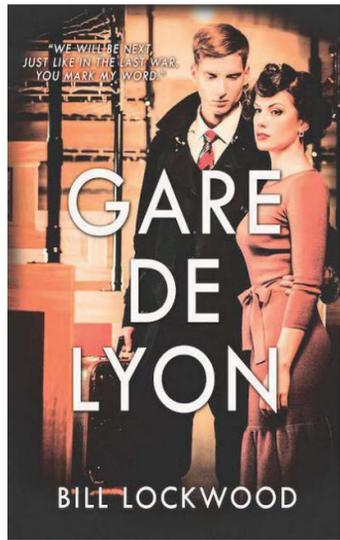
Lockwood has lived up his readings by recruiting readers from the local theater community which he is part of. For this reading, he will have parts of the book read by his wife Jeanie Levesque, Joan Donohue, Samaira Aldrich, fellow local writer and neighbor Eileen Charbonneau, her husband Ed Gullo, and newcomer Todd Hutchinson.

Lockwood says, “The readings for my last book, “The Monsignor's Agents” released in April 2020 during the lockdown were done virtually. It will be so good to be doing it live again.”

Lockwood also writes articles contributing regularly to The Vermont Journal and The Shopper, and he covers local

community theater for The Eagle Times.

To reserve a book for this event or for further information, call Village Square Booksellers at 802-463-9404 or contact them through info@villagesquarebooks.com.



“Gare de Lyon” by Bill Lockwood.

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Best of Vermont Summer Festival activities

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is announcing special activities for the upcoming Best of Vermont Summer Festival, Saturday, Aug. 28, from 12 to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., (rain or shine) at the Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow, Vt. Throughout the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the following:

- Balloons of Vermont will be showcasing hot air balloons and offering excursions for a fee;
- There will be a showcase of antique and specialty cars;
- Tracy Messer of Keep Cool with Coolidge, a President Calvin Coolidge impersonator;
- Children's programming sponsored by Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates including Troy Wunderlee of Circus Smircus & Big Top Adventures offering clowning and circus fun and a welcome breakfast featuring Big Eyes Bakery hosted by

the Expeditionary School at Black River;

- Farm and wilderness agricultural activities;
- Six Loose Ladies will be spinning yarn;
- Springfield Art Gym will be offering face painting and art projects;
- Black River Action Team will have a River Bug Zoo;
- Live music both days with the support of lead music sponsor Engel & Volkers.

The event is being held on Okemo Field, a highly visible location on Route 103 at Bixby Road in Ludlow. Directions are available at www.bit.ly/OkemoField. Admission will be by a suggested donation.

Thank you to all our vendors who have already signed up so far including event co-chairs Scott Duffy of Rockledge



Balloons of Vermont.

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Whiting Library Book Sale

CHESTER, Vt. – Whiting Library's Annual Book Sale will take place on the library lawn at 117 Main Street, Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or until all the books are sold!

The book sale will take place in collaboration with the Chester Festival on the Green, making this event an incredible time to come to Main Street to experience heaps of Chester fun.

The book sale is comprised of donated materials and books withdrawn from the library collection. We have a little bit of everything: from adult fiction to nonfiction, biographies to gardening, art books to histories, picture books to activity books. Everyone will find something to read and entertain.

All sales are by donation with your generous contributions going directly to benefit the library. We use this fundraiser for the purchase of new books and materials, arts and crafts supplies for our weekly kids' activities, to upgrade library technology,

and so much more. Please come out and support the library and attend this great event.

If you would like to donate books for the sale, please read the donation policy on our website first. We are looking for clean, new books and are accepting donations during our regular open hours until Sept. 10. Please no musty, moldy, old, or damaged books. We do not take encyclopedias, dictionaries, travel guides, textbooks, workbooks, tapes, or cassettes. Thank you so much for following these guidelines. We appreciate your support.

We are also looking for vol-

unteers to help out during the sale. We need help with setup Saturday morning at 9 a.m., restocking throughout the day, and also to take the remainders back into the building Sunday at 4 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Deirdre at the library at 802-875-2277 or by email at whitinglibrary1@gmail.com.

You can find out more about book donations on the Whiting Library website www.whitinglibrary.org/book-donations and more about the Chester Festival on the Green at www.chesterfallfestival.org. See you at the festival!

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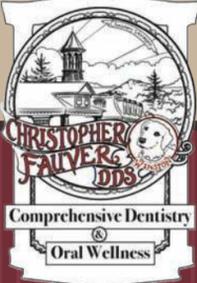
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Using your retirement savings wisely: revisiting the 4% rule

REGION – Saving for retirement is not easy, but using your retirement savings wisely can be just as challenging. How much of your savings can you withdraw each year? Withdraw too much and you run the risk of running out of money. Withdraw too little and you may miss out on a more comfortable retirement lifestyle.

For more than 25 years, the most common guideline has been the “4% rule,” which suggests that a withdrawal equal to 4% of the initial portfolio value, with annual increases for inflation, is sustainable over a 30-year retirement. This guideline can be helpful in projecting a savings goal and providing a realistic picture of the annual income your savings might provide. For example, a \$1 million portfolio could provide \$40,000 of income in the first year with inflation-adjusted withdrawals in succeeding years.

The 4% rule has stimulated a great deal of discussion over the years, with some experts saying 4% is too low and others saying it’s too high. The most recent analysis comes from the man who invented it, financial professional William Bengen, who believes the rule has been

misunderstood and offers new insights based on new research.

Original research

Bengen first published his findings in 1994, based on analyzing data for retirements beginning in 51 different years, from 1926 to 1976. He considered a hypothetical, conservative portfolio comprising 50% large-cap stocks and 50% intermediate-term Treasury bonds held in a tax-advantaged account and rebalanced annually. A 4% inflation-adjusted withdrawal was the highest sustainable rate in the worst-case scenario – retirement in October 1968, the beginning of a bear market and a long period of high inflation. All other retirement years had higher sustainable rates, some as high as 10% or more.

Of course, no one can predict the future, which is why Bengen suggested the worst-case scenario as a sustainable rate. He later adjusted it slightly upward to 4.5%, based on a more diverse portfolio comprising 30% large-cap stocks, 20% small-cap stocks, and 50% intermediate-term Treasuries.

New research

In October 2020, Bengen published new research that

attempts to project a sustainable withdrawal rate based on two key factors at the time of retirement: stock market valuation and inflation. In theory, when the market is expensive, it has less potential to grow, and sustaining increased withdrawals over time may be more difficult. On the other hand, lower inflation means lower inflation-adjusted withdrawals, allowing a higher initial rate.

To measure market valuation, Bengen used the Shiller CAPE, the cyclically adjusted price-earnings ratio for the S&P 500 index developed by Nobel laureate Robert Shiller. The price to earnings ratio of a stock is the share price divided by its earnings per share for the previous 12 months. For example, if a stock is priced at \$100 and the earnings per share is \$4, the P/E ratio would be 25.

The Shiller CAPE divides the total share price of stocks in the S&P 500 index by average inflation-adjusted earnings over 10 years.

5% rule?

Again using historical data – for retirement dates from 1926 to 1990 – Bengen found a clear correlation between market valuation and inflation at the time of retirement and the maximum sustainable withdrawal rate. Historically, rates ranged from as low as 4.5% to as high as 13%, but the scenarios that supported high rates were unusual, with very low market valuations or deflation.

For most of the last 25 years, the United States has experienced high market valuations, and inflation has been low since the Great Recession. In a high-valuation, low-inflation scenario at the time of retire-

ment, Bengen found that a 5% initial withdrawal rate was sustainable over 30 years. While not a big difference from the 4% rule, this suggests retirees could make larger initial withdrawals, particularly in a low-inflation environment.

One caveat is that current market valuation is extremely high: The S&P 500 index had a CAPE of 34.19 at the end of 2020, a level only reached – and exceeded – during the late-1990s dot-com boom and higher than any of the scenarios in Bengen’s research. His range for a 5% withdrawal rate is a CAPE of 23 or higher with inflation between 0% and 2.5%.

Bengen’s research suggests that if market valuation drops near the historical mean of 16.77, a withdrawal rate of 6% might be sustainable as long as inflation is 5% or lower. On

the other hand, if valuation remains high and inflation surpasses 2.5%, the maximum sustainable rate might be 4.5%.

It’s important to keep in mind that these projections are based on historical scenarios and a hypothetical portfolio, and there is no guarantee that your portfolio will perform in a similar manner.

Although there is no assurance that working with a financial professional will improve investment results, a professional can evaluate your objectives and available resources and help you consider appropriate long-term financial strategies, including your withdrawal strategy.

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

Vermont Adult Learning Center launches Online Learning Center

REGION – Vermont Adult Learning, serving Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden, Addison, Rutland, Windsor and Windham counties, is launching an Online Learning Center to complement in-person services. Students are now able to pursue their high school diploma for free via in-person, online, or hybrid models.

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