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Fall Mountain will require masks to begin the year

LANGDON, N.H. – Choosing to side with caution to start the year, the Fall Mountain Regional School District will require its students and staff to wear masks indoors based on county-wide infection rates, regardless of community spread in its district's towns.

The Fall Mountain School Board adopted on Monday by a vote of 4-2 the district's proposed reopening plan for the 2020-2021, with an amendment to review the plan within 60 days.

The plan, which can be viewed online on the district's homepage, will require mask-wearing inside school buildings when there is a "substantial" level of community spread within Sullivan or Cheshire counties or there are five or more active cases of the novel coronavirus within the school district, which consists of 12 total schools that span across five towns.

"Substantial spread," according to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, constitutes an infection rate of 100 or more active cases per 100,000 people.

The state defines a "moderate" rate as 50-100 active cases per 100,000 people. Under Fall Mountain's reopening plan, a moderate community spread would only trigger an indoor mask requirement where a physical distance of three feet between individuals is not possible.

Many New Hampshire school districts, including Claremont, are adopting the state's community spread matrix to determine when mask-wearing should be optional or mandatory. However, many school boards, including Fall Mountain, have also questioned its application.

A common board inquiry, as recently demonstrated in Claremont, Fall Mountain, and Newport, is why the state recommends using county data to calculate the district's community spread, which can differ dramatically from the district's town.

"Is there a reason why we don't look at the [case] numbers specifically within our district?" asked Fall Mountain School Board member Craig Vickers of Walpole. "If we follow this

matrix, you could hypothetically put us, with [minimal] cases between our five towns, with Claremont and Keene that have substantial community spread."

Districts have the option to define "community" as town-specific, according to other superintendents. Both the Claremont School Board and Newport School Board considered that option last week, though the infection rates in both towns were also at the substantial level, rendering the question moot. In fact, Claremont's infection rate was significantly higher than the county.

Yet that data is quite different in the Fall Mountain community, whose town populations are smaller and more sparsely distributed. As of Monday, Aug. 23, only Walpole, with five active cases of the virus and town population of approximately 3,700, would be categorized as having a "substantial" community spread under the state matrix. Community spread in the other participating towns – Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, and Langdon – is either zero or minimal.

"And let's just say there is some rogue town that happens to be in our county, where their spread spikes because they are doing nothing to mitigate it," Vickers said. "That data could impact us simply because we share the same county but aren't looking at our own numbers."

Superintendent Lori Landry justified the rationale to factor the infection numbers in communities like Claremont and Keene given the number of district employees who commute and general travel of residents to these communities.

"We are a mobile society," Landry said. "We don't just live within our [cooperating towns]."

Board member Shelly Andrus of Charlestown expressed



Fall Mountain will require masks to begin the year. STOCK PHOTO

similar concerns about relying upon the matrix. Charlestown, the largest of Fall Mountain's participating towns, currently has only one confirmed active case of the virus in its population of approximately 5,100 residents.

Andrus ultimately decided to vote in support of the plan, citing two reasons. The first reason was the addition of a 60-day deadline to review the plan, including its mask policy.

The second reason, Andrus said, was her concern about the pre-kindergarten and early elementary students, who are still not eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccination and depend entirely upon the protective practices made by the community as a whole.

"I wouldn't be able to sleep at night if something happened to [one of those kids]," Andrus said. "If there are no cases in school, or minimal cases, hopefully we can talk about this policy more in 60 days."

Vickers and board member Alissa Bascom of Charlestown cast the two opposing votes in the minority. Both members said they would prefer to entrust district parents to make masking decisions for their respective children.

Board Chair Sarah Vogel did not cast a vote due to the board's voting rules but expressed her support for the plan. Vogel, a career educator, disagreed with the belief that mask-wearing decisions should be left solely to the students or parents.

"In this case, if I have a child with some kind of an immune deficiency, you get to make a decision for your child not to wear a mask but I don't get to make a decision so that my child is safe," Vogel said. "We have [school] rules, and laws, from where to park to our dress codes. And we have rules for what we do inside our schools to keep people safe. [Families] expect us to keep their children safe when they are in school, so that's what we are going to do."

By Patrick Adrian, Eagle Times.

BFUHS hires Chadwick as boys varsity basketball coach

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Union High School recently announced that they are bringing back their former basketball coach, Evan Chadwick, to lead this year's boys' hoops into the new season. Chadwick had previously coached the Terriers for six seasons, from 2008 through 2014.

Originally from Rochester, Vt., and now residing in Brattleboro, Chadwick brings a wealth of basketball experience including coaching stints going all the way back to his college days in the early 2000s.

"I have coached some level of basketball since I was a sophomore in college, I started with a six-year-old rec league team in Burlington, North Carolina," Chadwick said in a recent interview.

"When I moved back to the area to finish my degree at Keene State, I was an assistant coach for the boys' varsity team at Monadnock High School. From there, I coached JV girls' basketball at Leland & Gray, and then in 2008 I was hired at BFUHS."

He added, "After my first stint at BFUHS, I coached Sr. Pro in Brattleboro, and also ran the Southey Chaos, a youth spring league team. Then, in 2019 I coached the freshman boys at Brattleboro Union High School."

Now a lawyer with an of-

fice based in Brattleboro, Chadwick had previously resigned from the BFUHS coaching position after he passed the bar exam and was launching his own law firm. He said at that time he really needed to focus on his professional career.

"When I coached here for six years my first time around, I loved it. I love the grind, the kids, the competition...everything. The experience reaffirmed my belief at how much good can come from high school athletics."

Nate Milliken is 2014 BFUHS graduate and played under coach Chadwick.

"I think it's great that coach Chadwick is returning to coach Bellows Falls basketball. What I remember most about coach is that no matter what your role was on the team, he made you feel that any contribution you made was vital to the win. Whether you were a starter or coming off the bench, you wanted to give 110% on the court because he believed you could, no matter your skill level. Those BFUHS players couldn't ask for a better coach."

When asked what he had learned from his previous Terrier coaching experience, Chadwick replied, "I want to focus



Evan Chadwick returns to BFUHS this winter to coach the boys basketball team. PHOTO PROVIDED

more on athletic development and less on the scoreboard. Ultimately, we want to be playing our best ball at the end of the season, and if we have some bumps along the way, that's simply part of the process."

In the end, Chadwick has always loved to coach basketball and now that he feels stable in his professional life, he decided it was time to throw his hat back in the coaching ring and get back out on the court.

"I've had the time I needed to feel comfortable in my profession, and now feel it's time to resume the pursuit of my passion," Chadwick concluded. "I know that we have a lot of talent and high-grade character kids here, and I really look forward to discovering a lot more this winter."

Best of Vermont Festival enjoys a successful first year

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LUDLOW, Vt. – Intermittent rain didn't dampen the crowd attending the first year of the Best of Vermont Summer Festival, which drew over 5,000 visitors over the course of the festival's two days.

Organized by the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the event featured nearly 60 vendors; six bands providing live music throughout the festival; special performances including clowning and circus entertainment from Troy Wunderlee's from Big Top Adventures; a live performance by Calvin Coolidge impersonator Tracy Messer; and special activities and demonstrations by vendors including golf games by Fox Run Golf Club, wool spinning demonstrations by Six Loose Ladies, and face painting by Springfield Art Gym.

Carol Lighthall, director of the OVRCC, was delighted



Best of Vermont Festival debuts in Ludlow.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

with the turnout and the feedback she received from attendees. Saturday was the busier of the two days with "fast and furious" attendance. When rain did come in, it was toward the end of the day so Lighthall felt it wasn't as much of an impact as it could have been. Sunday was calmer particularly in the morning, which also saw some rain, but saw a steady crowd regardless.

"People felt it was a real family-friendly event. Food was standing room only and

the music scheduled throughout worked out really well," she said. She was particularly proud that the festival offered several interesting free attractions for visitors in addition to their many vendors, including the live music, interactions with the clown, and hearing the Calvin Coolidge impersonator.

There were a few unforeseen glitches to the festival. Unfortunately, weather prevented Balloons of Vermont operator

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Grace Cottage recognized as Age-Friendly

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has joined a nationwide initiative to improve health care specifically for older adults.

In its letter congratulating Grace Cottage for its “Age-Friendly” certification, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement calls Grace Cottage “a leader in this rapidly growing movement committed to care of older adults.”

Grace Cottage is among the first health systems in the country to implement the IHI guidelines for “age-friendly” health care. So far, just over 600 health-care institutions in the entire country have been named “Age-Friendly Health Systems.”

“Older adults are living and working longer, and our approach recognizes the unique needs of these important members of our community,” says Grace Cottage geriatrician Dr. Ron Vallario. “We are honored to be recognized.”

The IHI designation is based on a review of Grace Cottage’s clinical care in four main areas, what the IHI calls the 4Ms: What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility. Grace Cottage has proven that it provides patient-centered care, guided by what is most important to the individual patient – what matters. It also aims to prevent, identify, treat, and manage dementia, depression, and delirium – mentation – and to encourage older adults to move safely every day – mobility. And, when medication is necessary, Grace Cottage providers choose medicines and dosages with the least impact on the other three Ms.

The “Age-Friendly” designation is part of an initiative organized by The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, in partnership with the American Hospital Association and the Catholic Health Association of the U.S. The aim is to provide guidance and recognition for health-care institutions seeking to provide the best “age-friendly” primary care for older adults.

Library adds “World Food” to online collection

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library is pleased to announce that it has recently added AtoZ World Food to its online reference offerings. This new library resource contains more than 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries, along with thousands of ingredients, food culture, and reference articles, making it the largest food database of its kind.

“Country cookbooks are very popular at the library, but in the past, we’ve never been able to offer a cookbook for so many countries of the world, so we’re very excited to offer this database to our patrons,” says Tracey Craft, adult services coordinator at Springfield Town Library.

According to the library, anyone can access AtoZ World Food using the library’s computers, or from anywhere in the world from the library’s portal at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org with their library card. “World Food” also enables users to forward recipes to friends by email and even create their own personal cookbook of favorite recipes.

AtoZ World Food was designed for culinary institutes, students, world travelers, cooking clubs, adventurous eaters, and anyone who wants to learn about world cuisine without having to purchase individual country cookbooks.

Offering AtoZ World Food, a product of World Trade Press, The Global Knowledge Company, is an example of the Springfield Town Library’s mission to deepen its coverage of topics that are of interest to its diverse population of patrons.


HCRS welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont’s community mental-health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of 19 new professionals whose talents will augment HCRS’ services in the Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Hartford, Springfield, and Windsor regions.

HCRS welcomes the following new employees: Leeor Adry, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Amy Chevarie, direct service professional – community in Brattleboro; Rebecca Eisenberg, clinician I in Brattleboro; Allison Hull, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Tamara Kinsman, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Melinda Kosterman, IFBS/OP clinician I in Brattleboro; Casey LaPlante, direct service professional – community in Windsor; Carly Levinson, case manager I in Brattleboro; Tay-

lor Lund, direct service professional in Springfield; Leah Miriam Meserve, case manager II in Springfield; Ruben Morales, respite in Hartford; Heidi O’Brien, clinician II in Springfield; Sheila Palomba, direct service professional – community in Brattleboro; Vanessa Perry, board certified behavioral analyst in Springfield; Ciara Rickard, peer outreach specialist in Bellows Falls; Heather Roberts, direct service professional – community in Springfield; Elizabeth Smith, school-based clinician I in Hartford; Melanie Walker, case manager II in Springfield; Billie Wells, senior direct service professional – employment in Brattleboro.

These new hires will support the nonprofit agency’s comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability programs, which serve more than 4,000 individuals annually across Windsor and Windham counties.




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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Boyhood memories

Here's another story by Lee Kendall. I remember, do you?

One of my lifelong ideas of fun was set in my brain the first time dad introduced me and my brothers to trout fishing. We came up from Florida on a summer vacation and were visiting my uncle Slayton at his farm.

A little brook that a nine year old could jump across just about anywhere ran down through Slayton's property. The brook started at the base of Hawk's Mountain. It ran through an old pasture overgrown with juniper and brush. After that it wound through the cow and sheep pastures below the barn. At the end of Slayton's field it passed through a stone wall onto the property of Mr. Downing.

It made a lot of twists and curves through Downing's pasture. Every curve had a deep pool. After this pasture it went into thick hemlock woods that were dark and shady.

Little boys were uneasy in the woods. It was dark and quiet. The shadows around the big hemlock trees were easy for a boy with an active imagination to fill with things he might not want to meet up with.

We all headed down to the brook. We were told how wild trout are difficult to catch. The brook was so clear and clean. You could see everything in the brook. Everything in the brook could see you too.

"You can't let them see you," said dad. "If they see you they won't bite." He showed us how to crawl on our bellies and keep out of sight behind bushes and tree trunks.

Slayton pulled a flat, red pipe tobacco can out of his pocket. It had holes punched in the lid. He turned over a rock next to the brook. There were two fat worms under it. We turned over

rocks until we had ten or twelve worms in the can.

Dad and Slayton cut three whippy little saplings six or seven feet long, as big as your finger on the big end. Three feet of stiff brown, worst fishing line in the world was tied to the whippy tip. An Eagle Claw hook and our tackle was complete.

I don't believe I've ever had a fishing rod since that gave me any more fun than that first one.

"You don't need much bait," said dad as he pinched about a half-inch section from a worm and threaded it on a hook. "Here you go. You're all set," he said and handed Dana the first pole.

Kim and I baited our own. My dad released us on the enchanted wonderland of that brook with one final caution. "You can't get lost. Just stay near the brook. You can follow it right back to here," he said.

There is no smell like a brook running through a Vermont cow pasture on a sunny day, and probably none any better. I watched my dad and Slayton start back towards the barn.

Like a litter of feral creatures we cautiously approached the edge of a large pool. We peered over the tops of the bushes on the bank of the brook. There was a sudden streaking of shapes near the bottom of that crystal clear water as four or five trout darted under rocks.

We extended our poles over the water and lowered our hooks into the pool. Nothing bit.

"I'm gonna try that pool up there," said Kim. "I'm going down the brook," I said. "I'm staying here and waiting for them to come back out," said Dana.

Dana stretched out on his stomach behind a bush. He got his line worked through the bushes and back in the water.

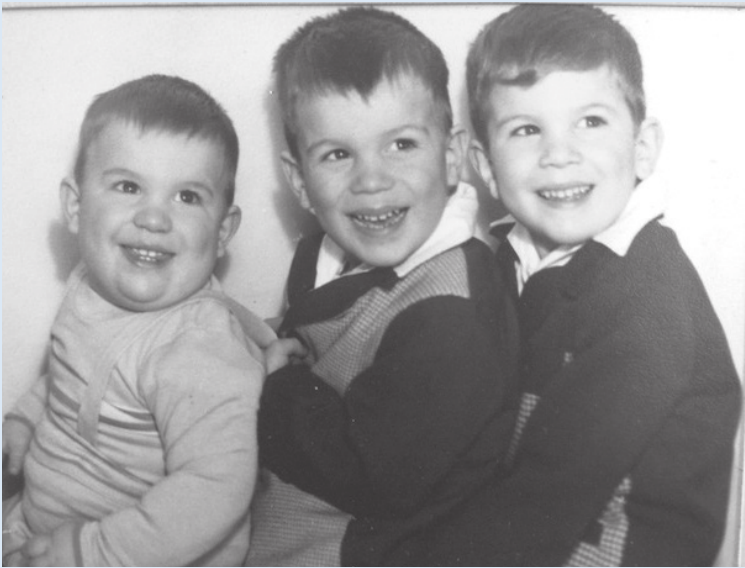
"They're gonna come back and I'm gonna get 'em," he muttered to himself. "What a dummy," I thought.

There was a big stump at the edge of the next pool. I crouched down and leaned against it. I couldn't see the water as I stuck my pole around the side of the stump and lowered my bait in the pool.

Suddenly I felt a tug. I lifted the pole. Squirming frantically at the end of my line was a glistening trout. I swung that trout onto the bank and pounced on it.

I couldn't believe that five inch long fish. It was nothing like a Florida fish. For starters it had no scales, just smooth skin. Gold and white belly, red and black spots, green and black mottled back, all the colors so brilliant.

I stood there admiring that fish. "I've got one. I've got one."



From left to right: Dana, Kim, and Lee Kendall. PHOTO PROVIDED

Under the Hill Bellows Falls Walk and Talk

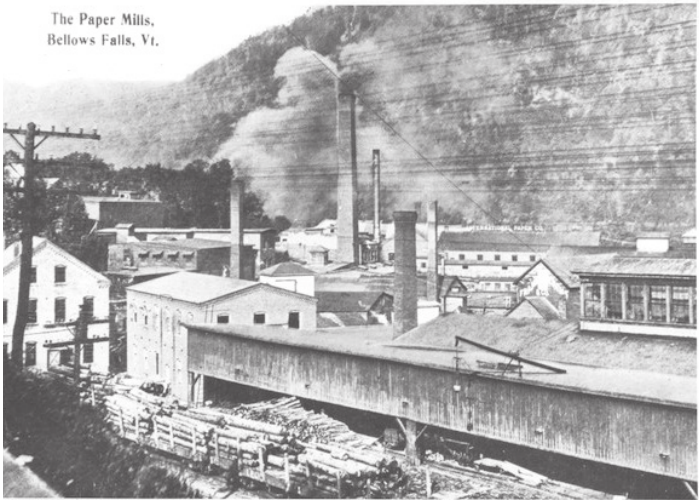
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Sept. 4, come join Dr. David Deacon for a walk and talk along the Bellows Falls history trail Under the Hill. The program is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

Under the Hill is the site of the locks on the first transportation canal in the United States built between 1791 and 1801. During much of the 19th and into the 20th century, it was the core of the town's industrial zone with sawmills, pulp and paper mills, and the Adams Grist Mill.

Deacon's presentation will describe the canal and industrial development including the site of the first commercial wood-pulp paper mill that revolutionized paper-making.

Meet up at the Adam's Grist Mill, located along Mill Street. Entry is at the south end of the Village Square next to the Flat Iron building. This is an outdoor program so wear good walking shoes and appropriate clothing as the presentation walks along the trail developed by the Bellows Falls Historical Society. The Adams Grist Mill Museum maintained by the society will be open and part of the tour.

Deacon moved to Bellows Falls in 1980 and graduated



The paper mills of Bellows Falls, Vt. PHOTO PROVIDED

from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1981. He went on to Marlboro College and then to the University of North Carolina for a master's degree in folklore. His concentration in American History was at Syracuse University where he earned a master's and doctorate. The Bellows Falls paper mill industry features prominently in his doctoral thesis: "Paper Town, Sense of place in Industrial Small-Town New England 1869-1927." He is an adjunct professor of history at SUNY and at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y.

In the event of rain, the program will be held at the Waypoint Center located across the tracks from the Bellows Falls train station.


This event is a collaboration between the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission, the Bellows Falls Historical Society, and the Rockingham Free Public Library. It is free and open to the public, made possible through a grant from the Vermont State Division of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.



9/11 Remembrance March and Ceremony in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join the 9/11 Remembrance March and Ceremony Saturday, Sept. 11. The march will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Ludlow Fire Station and end at Veteran's Park. A ceremony will take place at 1 p.m., and guest speakers and lunch will follow.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

We need a solution to wake everybody up. The power of collective thinking is beyond what most can imagine. It can heal illness, unite people and nations, and turn the bad and the ugly into good.

Collective thinking can be as effective as prayer and meditation and only needs to be implemented to see results. So I'm asking you to help me in an effort to get the good people on this planet to focus on making this planet a better place to live.

What I'm about to suggest is simple to do, only takes seconds to perform, and can be more powerful than what a single person could ever hope to accomplish by themselves. The key to making this collective effort work requires three things: 1. An appreciation of the fact that you are alive; 2. A verbal and real acknowledgment of your thankfulness and appreciation to be alive; and 3. Timing your verbal acknowledgment with all the other beings on this planet that are doing the same thing as you are doing in this effort of thankfulness.

All you need to do is to do

this at least once a day and possibly twice a day when it is convenient, and that is to say, "Thank you." It must be said with loving sincerity, best said aloud, and timed with others doing the same thing.

That's it! How hard can that be? Of course you can elaborate and say more if you want, but the key is to time the first words "Thank You," with the millions of others all saying the same thing at the same time. You can say "Thank You, God," or "Thank You, Source," or my personal favorite is "Thank You, Universe."

It doesn't matter what language you say it in and when said with others at the same time will actually bump the level of the planet's consciousness up a notch every time this done.

Before long and as hundreds turn into thousands and hundreds of thousands turn into millions, all saying "Thank You" at the same time, the world will change. The planet will change for the better because you are doing a selfless act of love and not hate, which the bad cannot tolerate or combat. It is a declaration of war against all evil and is exactly what this planet needs to do –

to survive.

Last point is to do this at one of the two following times: GMT or the International Date Line time. This is a worldwide prayer that doesn't ask for something. God, Source, the Universe will hear this and respond accordingly and at the level of your sincerity. I will leave it to your imagination as to where this will take us.

In closing, there is more information I could offer about the power that the spoken words has, or the power of collective thinking and efforts, but in the interest of brevity I'll leave that for another time. Please consider not only doing this for yourself and the planet, but encourage others to do the same. Depending on how fast this effort is applied by others will determine how quickly the world will change. I'm suspicious that the planet will be heading in a completely different direction or timeline by the end of the year.

Be well, respectfully, and "Thank You,"
Steve Kempe
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Recently, small signs started popping up in Windham, the town that abuts the property where I live. The signs state: "Our Kids Need Opportunities." Those placing and displaying the signs think that closing the local two-room elementary school and busing K-6 kids 10 to 15 miles to consolidated schools paves the road in opportunity.

As a teacher, I know that education provides knowledge and awareness of the world order. But education per se does not create opportunity.

As a former volunteer at Windham Elementary

Dear Editor,

Okay, you're right, I wasn't there 27,000 years ago. And we don't have any record of it. But science tells us about it.

We may start with the vast ice fields that covered much of the temperate zones. When they had spent a hundred centuries or so gouging out the valleys, lakes, and ground, climate change prompted their retreat back toward where they had originated. Beginning with the melting of the great ice caps that had crept down from the poles, the modern configurations of the continents took shape. Over a dozen or so thousands of years, the warming of the planet settled down to a much warmer state.

Then came a subtle reversal. History tells us of the movements of peoples during the earliest of historical epochs.

For example, before the oceans rose to their present levels, a land bridge connected Siberia with what is now Alaska. The ancestors of Native Americans crossed that bridge into North America. The Indo-European peoples migrated from their home area north of the Black and Caspian seas into western Europe, the Middle East, as far as India. Why did they do this? Because the great plains from Central Europe to Mongolia were becoming colder, and the peoples wanted to live in warmer areas.

Move ahead another few thousand years – during which who knows how many heat and cold cycles took place – and more migrations took place, in South America settlements in the high Andes seem to

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So what actually creates opportunity? A community of caring, sharing folks. That's what creates community.

Remember when you were a kid? You wanted to get out of the house and hang with your friends. To do what, your parents might ask. Play basketball or go to the library. Or head

over to the neighbor's house to work on a carpentry project, or to learn how to use a sewing machine. It is people who create opportunity for others. Once you've received an opportunity, you want to provide opportunity for others as well.

If I could vote in Windham, I'd vote "No" to closing the school and busing kids down the mountain. If the school closes, the community called Windham disappears. So let's collaborate to provide our kids with opportunity.

Sincerely,
Betsy Thomason
West Townshend, Vt.

indicate that they were much warmer than today. Early tribes in Mongolia invaded China, their cousins in the central Steppes of what is now Russia raided into what is now Iran. Why? Because of the cold of their homelands.

The Romans, to the contrary, were enticed to expand into central and northern Europe during a warm period about the time of Christ. Heat might well have contributed to the abandonment of Mesopotamia and their movement to less oppressively hot climates.

Would the equatorial warmth have prompted the migrations in the Pacific that led to the settlement of Micronesia?

But soon came the cold of the late Roman Imperial period, during which the nomads of the Eurasian Great Plains pushed into China again, into the Middle East, and against the so-called barbarian tribes of Europe. This led to the collapse of kingdoms and empires, especially the Roman Empire. Ancient writers tell us of the frozen Danube and Rhine, which facilitated the onrush of the Goths, Vandals, and Franks. When those peoples had completed their work, and beginning about the time of Charlemagne, came the medieval warm period, which coincided with the development of the Aztec civilization in Mexico, Chinese settlement in the north, and the movements of the Vikings, who traded into the Steppes and founded the Russian state.

The mild temperatures prompted the Vikings to head for the Western Isles, first Iceland, then Greenland, and then even North America. Why is "Greenland" called "Greenland?" Right: it was green. The place was rife with

villages and farms during this time. The Vikings fished the Grand Banks off Newfoundland for cod, of which they had a monopoly in Europe. In Africa, the Zimbabwean civilization abandoned central Africa in response to the rising heat near the Equator.

Then, climate changed again, and the cold forced the Vikings to abandon their fragile settlement in North America, their farms and villages in Greenland. The cold settled in, and for about 400 years, until about 1820, Europe was ravaged by the cold. Near famine stalked France, because the farmers refused to plant potatoes, which the Irish survived by adopting the tubers. The cold in Asia prompted the Mongols to sweep into the warmer, settled civilizations from South China to India, the Middle East, even Eastern Europe.

Now, for the latest two centuries, a warmer period has settled in, that is likely to last for a couple of more centuries, irrespective of human efforts to hold it back, like King Canute ordering the tide to stop. Whether human activity is making it more severe I cannot say. The ideology of the left finds an almost fanatic religious belief in the blame of humans for climate change, and yet, they harbor another faith that humans reverse matters and can stop it, if only we surrender ourselves to the machinations of government.

That is beyond the scope of my little historical overview.

But climate change has been with us for many thousands of years, and likely will be with us for many more, if we survive.

Sincerely,
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Chester, Vt.



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14 Chantilly, e.g.
15 Vitamin stat
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17 " — Misbehavin'"
18 Improbable, unexpected wonders
21 Existed
22 Squid squirt
23 Song of praise
26 Frequently
27 "Lion" actor Patel
30 Intends
31 Dinner for Dobbin
32 Seethe
33 Sample
34 "Shool!"
35 Crazy Horse, for one
36 Mountain pass
37 Hot tub
38 Insignificant sum
45 Car
46 "Who —?"
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Mary Richard, 1945-2021

Oliver O. Harris Jr., 1937-2021

Roger A. Curfman Sr., 1954-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mary Richard, 76, was surrounded with so much love and family when she passed away Tuesday evening, Aug. 24, 2021 at Sterling House in Bellows Falls, Vt. She was born Jan. 17, 1945 in New Rochelle, N.Y., the daughter of Arnold and Mary (DiCar-mine) Richard.

She was a devout Christian and loved the Lord. Mary enjoyed many things. She loved art of all kinds – painting, crocheting, drawing, and music. She loved going for car rides through the woods on dirt roads, playing games, baking, and cooking. She always made sure everyone who visited left with a full belly. She had an amazing laugh, even better sense of humor, and so much love to give.

Mary loved her cat Jesse.

She is survived by her three children Michael Pizzo, Marc (Heather) Reback, and Annmarie (Ron) Wilkins; six grandchildren Jason Polczynski, Leann LaClair, Amber and Vincent Pizzo, Shelby and Hunter Reback; three great-grandchildren Maeve and Lilly Polczynski, and Jace LaClair; her siblings The-



Mary Richard, 1945-2021.
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resa, Judy, Robert, Janis, and James.

She was predeceased by her parents Arnold and Mary, one son Vincent Pizzo Jr., and siblings Henry, Pat, Joan, and Butch.

A memorial service will be held at the Precision Valley Baptist Church in North Springfield, Vt., Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sterling House, 33 Atkinson St, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Oliver Owen Harris Jr., born in Oct. 19, 1937, passed away peacefully at home with family and friends by his side Aug. 22, 2021. He leaves behind seven children, 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He will be forever loved and missed.



Oliver O. Harris Jr., 1937-2021.
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Mary T. Shaughnessy, 1921-2021

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Jan. 1, 1921 to Aug. 24, 2021. Mary T. Shaughnessy, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, friend, and confidante. Born in North Walpole, N.H., Mary spent her early school years there, then crossed the river to attend Bellows Falls High School. After two years of business school in Brattleboro, Mary launched her 40-year career as a secretary for Fellows Gear Shaper Company in Springfield, Vt.

Mary devoted herself to her local community. She participated for many years in the Altar Rosary Society, the Women's Club of Bellows Falls, the Community Chorus of Bellows Falls, the Council for St. Peter's Junior Catholic Daughters and CYO, and was a lifetime member of St. Peter's Church as well.

The fourth of the five children of Frank Shaughnessy and Mary (Gallagher) Shaughnessy, Mary was cherished by her late siblings Francis, Sister Eleanor, Edward, and James. Mary is survived by her nieces and nephews: Anne, Dennis, Ellie, Frank, Maura, Patrick, Susan, and Tim. Except for the two major floods and a fire that forced her to vacate the house during renovations, Mary lived her entire life in the house where she was born. Her amazing caregivers and close friends loved to visit her in the red house, where Mary ruled the living room from her blue chair.

An accomplished painter,

arts and crafter, and chef, Mary loved traveling, big band music, and animals, particularly her cat Boogie Woogie. Famous for the blueberry muffins that she and her sister Francis baked every year for the St. Peter's bazaar, Mary was an ace fundraiser and a generous soul. Even at 100 years old, she had one of the sharpest minds around. Despite Mary's hearing loss, she maintained her gift for empathetic listening. Her nonjudgmental nature made her loved by more people than she will ever know.

There will be a funeral mass for Mary, Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 at the St. Peter's Church in N. Walpole, N.H. at 10 a.m., followed by a burial in the St. Peter's Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday, Sept. 2, from 6-8 p.m., at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Out of respect for Mary and family members whose immune systems are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19, anyone who attends Mary's wake or funeral must wear a facemask.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to one of the following charities: Kigali Reading Center, literacy centers in Rwanda. Donate at www.kigalireads.org; Frank Shaughnessy Kidney Cancer Fund at Dana Farber. Go to www.PMC.org, designate egift: MS0008; or Springfield Humane Society, Springfield, Vt. Donate at www.spfldhuman.org.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
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CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sunday services are 10 a.m. online or in person. If you attend in-person, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Online services are on Facebook at 10 a.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Cavendish-Baptist-Church-258814894244302. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Join us for our Sunday 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. For information, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. 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.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
On Sunday, Sept. 12, join us at 10 a.m. for "Boundless Love, Laundry Love: Celebrating the Purifying Power of Water" with Rev. Mellen Kennedy and special guest John Rahman. Special music by Bill Brink. Join us outside for our annual Water Communion. Contact uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com for more information.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Roger A. Curfman Sr., 67, died unexpectedly Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. He was born April 3, 1954 in Toledo, Ore., the son of Robert E. and Hazel I. Curfman. He completed high school in Clackamas, Ore.

He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1976 in the 82nd Airborne and 17 years in the Army Reserves.

He married his loving wife of 47 years, Donna Wilson, July 6, 1974 in Springfield, Vt.



Roger A. Curfman Sr., 1954-2021.
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Roger worked as a machinist with Bryant Grinder Co. in Springfield, Vt., for 25 years and retired as a motor coach operator for Vermont Transit in 2016.

He was a member of the St. John's Lodge 41 F&AM in Springfield, Vt. and a member of the Shriners.

Roger was a loving, caring husband, father, and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, bonfires, and quiet time in the woods.

Roger was an enthusiastic motorcyclist who took his wife on long road trips, Poker Runs, and charity rides. Roger had a gregarious personality and viewed everyone as a friend. He enjoyed making people laugh, reading, and keeping busy

with projects. Roger believed strongly in the good neighbor policy and always looked for ways to help others.

He is survived by his mother Hazel of Oregon; wife Donna; three children, son Roger Curfman Jr., son Jason Curfman, daughter Jennifer Curfman and her partner Steve Clark; three grandchildren, Jeremy Curfman, Lena Clark, and Chase Clark; siblings Patty Curfman, Sandy Cardwell, Vicki Curfman; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Robert, and siblings Michael Curfman and Linda Curfman.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, from 1-3 p.m.

Terrance J. Slade, 1965-2021

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Terrance "Terry" James Slade, 56, of South Londonderry, passed away Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital following a heart attack and a several months-long battle with his health.

The son of Lewis and Angeline (Hodgin) Slade, he was born Jan. 22, 1965 in Townshend, Vt. He went to Green Mountain High School and obtained his GED.

Terry had an unconditional love for his family. Their love meant the world to him as he often spoke with his sisters and children daily. He treasured spending time with loved ones, whether sharing a meal, fishing, hunting, or just time together. He had a zest for life and enjoyed talking and catching up at the local store as he was a social man. He was grateful for the generosity of his community and the many who lent a helping hand.

He was a kind-hearted man who would give you the shirt off his back. He was always willing to help others and his door was open for anyone who needed a place to stay. As such, he became a beloved father figure to many of his children's friends.

He enjoyed making others laugh, cooking, hunting, fishing, listening to country music, and of course Diet Coke.

Terry leaves behind his four children Stephanie Putnam, Fe-



Terrance J. Slade, 1965-2021.
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licia Davis, Kimberly Slade, and Timothy Slade. His four grandchildren Anthony Foster, Kegan Davis, Christopher Davis, and Micheala Davis. Surviving siblings include Gloria Wilkins, Eileen (Midge) Kimball, Karen Renn, Sandra Hammer, Beverly Ruszala, Margo Stark, and Francis Allen.

He is predeceased by his parents, Lewis and Angeline Slade, and siblings Marilyn Hurd, Lewis Harry Slade, and John Allen.

A graveside service will take place Saturday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. at Glebe View Cemetery in S. Londonderry. Small reception to follow.

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

OBITUARIES:

After a year of transitional fees for obituaries, we will be increasing the obituary listing prices effective Oct. 1, 2021. A basic 200-word obituary will be \$75, and \$0.50 per word thereafter. A black and white photo will remain an additional \$10. Email to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday at 12 p.m.

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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.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum will hold the annual baked ham dinner Saturday, Sept.

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 Rocking-ham website or by contacting Chuck Wise (planning@rockbf.org / 802.376.5241). Bids are due September 10, 2021.”

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold three public hearings on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Richard Crawford proposes a minor subdivision for property located at 850 Missing Link Road. Christopher Procter proposes building two new single-family homes located at 34 and 36 Old Terrace. 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’

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Minimum qualifications include an Associate’s Degree in secretarial or business administration with three-years’ experience in secretarial and administrative work or equivalent work/life experience.

Interested candidates should submit a Town employment application available at the Ludlow Town Office, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 or online at www.ludlow.vt.us and send to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The Town & Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

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Public Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)
Use of MARC Brownfields Reuse Program Funding
For Asbestos Abatement at 23-25 and 27-31 Main Street, Springfield

**Town of Springfield Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:30 PM
Springfield Town Hall
96 Main St, Springfield, VT 05156**

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All interested parties are welcome to view the Community Relations Plan, the draft Analysis of Brownfields Clean-Up Alternatives, and the draft Corrective Action Plan for this project, which describe the former and proposed use of the site, the clean-up alternatives evaluated and the proposed plan for clean-up of the identified contaminated materials. Documents can be found on MARC’s website at <https://marcv.t.org/brownfields-2/> under ‘Public Meetings for Proposed Cleanup Projects’.

Members of the community are cordially invited to attend the meeting virtually or in-person to be held prior to the Selectboard Meeting to provide comment. Please contact Donna Hall at tosh@vermontel.net for information on attending the virtual meeting or go to the Springfield town website at <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/> under ‘Announcements’ for the ZOOM link. Community members may also submit their comments in writing to Cindy Ingersoll of Mount Ascutney Regional Commission at cingersoll@marcv.t.org.

All comments are to be received by October 2st, 2021.

4 at 5 p.m. at the hall in Belmont. The dinner will be available by takeout only. Call 802-259-2460 with any questions.

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.

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The budget season runs from October through March. At least 3-4 evening meetings a month during that time.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest at <https://tinyurl.com/SSDBudgetCommittee> by September 19th.

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

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TO: Qualified Professional Architects/Engineers
RF: Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Town of Grafton is requesting technical proposals for professional architectural / engineering services for the design of structure, inside or outside the Grafton historic Town Hall to house a LULA elevator to provide ADA compliant access to the second-floor meeting room in that building at 117 Main St., Grafton VT. The Town would prefer to have construction on the project begin before the end of 2021. Included in the scope of work:

- Prepare drawing, specifications, and contract documents to be submitted to contractors in an RFP to solicit bids for the construction and installation of the elevator.
- The design of the structure must be accepted and approved by the Selectboard before being used in the RFP, thus designs shall be submitted to the Selectboard during the preliminary stage of the development of the project and approved by the Board prior to the development of the final working drawings.
- Provide the Town with preliminary construction cost estimates based on those final working drawings.
- Manage the project from conception to completion including, but not limited to:
 - o Reviewing received bids and making contractor selection recommendations
 - o Monitoring construction with any and all site visits deemed necessary by the architect/engineer.
 - o On completion inspect and when satisfied with the product, provide Town with written acceptance of and final approval of the completed project.
- Other services required include but are not limited to:
 - o Review and if required, obtain approval from Historic Preservation.
 - o If required, prepare environmental impact report.
 - o Advise Town on any and all building construction permits, or approvals required of the municipality.
 - o Provide time frame within which the bid documents will be completed and ready to be sent out with the construction RFP.

Site visit (optional) to be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 10:00 am. Meet upstairs in the Town Hall. Should it be necessary to obtain any further specifics on the RFP before then, all inquiries should be made in writing only to Bill Kearns, Grafton Town Administrator at townadmin@graffonvt.org. With the bid provide two or more references with contact information for similar projects.

A Certificate of Insurance must be included with the bid. Sealed bids to be opened at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 @6:00 PM, upstairs at the Town Hall, 117 Main St., Grafton. Bids must be sealed and delivered to the Town Hall by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked “Town Hall Elevator Proposal Bid.” Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids received after that time will be returned to sender unopened. Please read the Purchasing Policy May 4, 2020, which is on the Town Website www.graffonvt.org on the page: “Policies and ordinances.” It is not the policy of the Town to award a bid on price alone, but to evaluate all bids and determine which is in the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. All proposals must meet or exceed the specifications provided.

August 26, 2021
Bill Kearns Town Administrator
(802) 843 2552 townadmin@vermontel.net

members after Saturday and Sunday events.

SEPT. 11 – 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 and the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone is invited. For more information, find “ALA Unit 67 Chester, Vermont” on Facebook.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary’s Annual Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., on Main Street in Claremont, N.H. Over 125 tables of items. Food and beverages for sale. All proceeds benefit St. Mary’s Church.

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.

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

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Nashville recording artist Jordan Oaks will be performing at Neal’s Restaurant and Bar in Proctorsville on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 beginning at 5 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 12. The event will be in honor of all those who have fallen in the line of duty. It will be a night filled with patriotism, great food, and great music. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and join us as we honor our many men and women who have served and continue to serve this amazing country.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Matt Meserve will be joining Bill Brink at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse for a pop-up concert Saturday, Sept. 11, from 2-4 p.m. Chairs will be set up on the lawn. Stop in and listen to some music. This free concert is an outside event, weather permitting, held at 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield.

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

JV Boys Soccer Coach

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.

After School Program Staff: Chester-Andover Elementary and Cavendish Town Elementary

The after school programs are seeking highly qualified educators, retired teachers, high school students, and community members interested in building meaningful connections with K-6 youth.

Monday-Friday 2:45-5:30. Tuesdays in Cavendish: 12:30-5:30 We provide flexible scheduling.

Background Check required. Applicants are encouraged to electronically send their resume to venissa.white@trsu.org or call 802-591-2294.

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](mailto:Todd.Parah@trsu.org) at todd.parah@trsu.org

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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.

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DREWSVILLE, N.H. - Yard sale at 156 Cheshire Tpk, Drewsville, NH.

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Yard Sale, Sept. 3 & 4, from 9am-5pm. 2 miles south on Route 100 South from Ludlow.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Yard Sale, Sept. 4, 5, & 6, from 9am-4pm. 604 French Meadow Rd. in Springfield.

WESTON, Vt. - Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 4, 9am-3 pm, 392 Piper Hill Rd.

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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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art & events

Okemo Mountain Taps & Tastes at Jackson Gore

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Sept. 18, from 12-5 p.m., Okemo’s Jackson Gore Inn courtyard will be transformed into a beer garden for the day, featuring more than 50 craft beers from 20 breweries.

Live music will be provided by Della Mae, a Grammy-nominated, all-women string band! One of the most charismatic and engaging roots bands touring today, Della Mae’s

mission is to showcase top female musicians and to improve opportunities for women and girls through advocacy, mentorship, programming, and performance.

The event will also showcase a great lineup of tasty food options, select wines, and an outdoor marketplace featuring local craft and specialty vendors. Okemo’s Adventure Zone will be open with

the Haulback Challenge Course, Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster, and more.

Admission includes a commemorative pint glass and three 8-ounce beer tickets, plus access to food vendors, craft marketplace, and entertainment viewing. A special VIP admission ticket includes preferred parking, early access at 11 a.m., an extra beer ticket, and a food



Enjoy Taps & Tastes. STOCK PHOTO

voucher. Additional beer tickets will be available for purchase inside venue.

There is a separate admission for designated drivers and minors aged 4-20. For more information and to buy advanced tickets, visit www.okemo.com.

REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

An evening of improvisational jazz

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Mount Holly Community Association presents an evening of improvisational jazz performed by Alexa Fila (voice) and Joe Solomon (bass). This event takes place at the Mount Holly Community Library in the center of Belmont, Sunday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m.

Alexa is the daughter of two swing era veterans, vocalist Dolores O’neill and lead trumpet player Alec Fila. She has studied with the late jazz pianist Sal

Mosca and has performed in many New York City jazz venues. She is a retired music teacher in the NYC public school system where she has taught students ranging from kindergarten through high school.

Joe has spent summers in Mount Holly, Vt., since he was 5 years old. He is a former student of the legendary jazz improviser Lenny Tristano and has

several recordings and has participated in jazz festivals both in the USA and abroad. He now has his own studio in NYC where he teaches the art of improvisation.

The concert is free to the public. There will be homemade desserts, wine, and beverages, which can be purchased to raise money for the MHCA. Please only attend if you are fully vaccinated.

Gypsy Reel Labor Day Concert in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Community Association is proud and happy to announce that Gypsy Reel, the wonderful “Celtic Band that Rocks,” will return for their 11th annual Labor Day concert on the Weston Green, Monday, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. Bring chairs, your friends, and a picnic.

If you are among Gypsy

Reel’s many fans in the area, this is the time and place to see them while enjoying the bucolic ambiance of the Weston Green on a September afternoon. If you are not familiar with Gypsy Reel, but enjoy Celtic tunes and appreciate extraordinary pickin’ and singin’, please come on by. You won’t be disappointed.



Gypsy Reel will return to Weston on Labor Day, Sept. 6. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Homes like these are a rare find with big, spacious rooms, high ceilings and lots of details. The first floor of this home offers formal dining room, formal and informal living room (with woodstove) newer kitchen with walk-in pantry, laundry room, master suite with full bathroom, a large front/center hall. Upstairs offers a second master bedroom with bath, sitting room, additional bedrooms, bath and in-law kitchen for configuration as one please. Outside offers wrap around porches, attached garage, deck area and a large Barn. The grounds consisting of 1+/- acres is a delightful walk including gardens, fire pit, former water feature. Well cared for and worth a look! **\$399,000**

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Gypsy Reel’s repertoire runs the gamut from the music of the 17th-century Irish bard, Turlough O’Carolan, to the rock sounds of Jefferson Airplane but centers on more contemporary Celtic tunes from the British Isles and Eastern Canada.

Please adhere to whatever mandates and recommendations the state may institute with the resurgence of Covid-19. As in prior years, you are invited to bring a picnic and, when actively sipping or nibbling, masks may be removed. But when listening or chatting, please put ‘em on if that is the directive.

In the event of rain, the concert will have to be canceled, as there is no appropriate local indoor venue that can safely accommodate an assemblage of this size during the pandemic.

The concert is hosted and sponsored by the Weston Community Association, stewards of the Weston Playhouse building, the Museums of Weston, and Cold Spring Memorial Park. There is no cost to attend this performance.

Voluntary donations will be sought and accepted on behalf of the Farrar Park Association, an organization of nine ladies, which has owned and maintained the idyllic Weston Green since 1886, and who make this lovely space available for community events such as this.

arts & entertainment

Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival, a Top 10 Fall Event

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is proud to host the 16th annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival this coming Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4 and 5. This year, the festival has been selected as a “Top 10 Fall Event” by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

Stars from Vermont and internationally known musicians team up for a lively two-day festival of folk and blues music performed in the pure country air of historic Plymouth Notch. The concerts are free; a donation is suggested.

Saturday, Sept. 4

- Phil Henry, 2-3 p.m.,
- Lara Herscovitch, 3-4 p.m.,
- Bow Thayer, 4-5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

- Crowes Pasture, 2-3 p.m.,
- Alastair Mook, 3-4 p.m.,
- Kerubo, 4-5 p.m.

For more information about the musicians, visit www.plymouthfolk.com.

The festival features a food drive for the Vermont Foodbank. Please bring nonperishable food items to the concerts.

At noon on Saturday, prior to the concerts, enjoy “Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show” at the Union Christian Church. This fun-filled program is performed by New York City’s Standup Shakespeare Company. Donations appreciated. For information about the show, please call 917-406-1456.

The Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival concerts are organized by Jay Ottaway and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and generously supported by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation, Clear Lake Furniture, Good Commons, The Mountain Times, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Ramunto’s Pizza, and Vermont Standard.

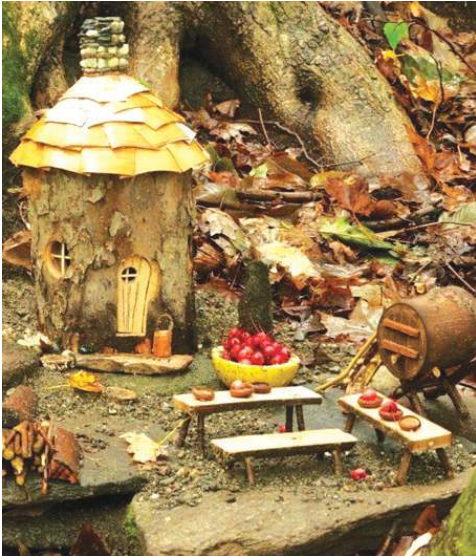
The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is open Tuesday through Sunday through Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information and event listings, visit us online at www.historicsites.vermont.gov and on Facebook at Vermont State Historic Sites.

The Fairy House Festival returns to the Nature Museum

GRAFTON, Vt. – Walk the Fairy House trail at the annual Fairy House Festival and discover a magical village filled with uniquely crafted fairy schools, libraries, and playgrounds. Since 2007, The Nature Museum in Grafton, Vt., has been welcoming visitors from across New England to its wondrous Fairy House Festival, a family-friendly celebration of nature, creativity, inspiration, and community. This beloved Grafton tradition will appear Saturday, Sept. 25 and Sunday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests of all ages walk the forested fairy house trail, make their own fairy houses, enjoy face painting, music, bubbles, crafts, local food, and more.

In the weeks leading up to the event, volunteers comb fields, stream banks, forests, beaches, and hilltops for moss, bark, pinecones, twigs, pebbles, acorns, and other natural materials. With these ingredients and a lot of imagination, builders craft a unique and spontaneous fairy village of dozens of individual fairy buildings. Some structures are light-hearted and cozy, while others are spell-binding and intricate. Each fairy house is a reflection of its creator, celebrating the individuality among the volunteers who make the magic happen year after year.

Natural materials are also



Crafts, bubbles, and music create the fairy magic. PHOTO PROVIDED

fairies to nest in.

All proceeds support the year-round programming of The Nature Museum, which includes free programming for kids through the summer, immersive experiences in nature for kids and adults, our new Magic Forest Playscape, and resources for teachers and schools to learn about our regional environment.

Event volunteers and fairy house builders receive free admission to the event, and registration to become a volunteer or builder is open on the Nature Museum website. Tickets for admission are on sale on their website. Note that masks are required at this outdoor event. Read all about the event and plan your day at www.nature-museum.org.

The 9th Annual Vermont Golden Honey Festival

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – As the world continues to reel with pandemic and economic issues, it’s always great to have some things remain unchanged. Happily, the Vermont Golden Honey Festival is one of those things. The Honey Festival is about to host its ninth annual event Sept. 11 in Proctorsville, Vt. While most public events were canceled last season due to health concerns and social distancing protocols, the Vermont Golden Honey Festival remained open – with face masks and people-counting procedures in place.

The Vermont Golden Honey Festival has become a local tradition. It’s always on the second Saturday of September. This year, that’s Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Golden Stage Inn, 399 Depot St., Proctorsville, Vt.

Two local beekeepers and business owners, Jess Goodman and Julie-Lynn Wood, founded the Vermont Golden Honey Festival. Jess Goodman and her husband Craig own and operate Goodman’s American Pie of Ludlow, and Julie-Lynn Wood and her husband Michael own and operate Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville, Vt. Jess and Julie attended the Garlic Festival in Bennington one year and decided it would be fun to plan an event around the honeybee, while also giving independent business owners an opportunity to sell their items, and community members an opportunity to have

fun and connect with neighbors at a free event.

Each vendor pays a fee to attend the festival, and then all event proceeds are donated to a local nonprofit organization. This year, that organization will be Cavendish Streetscapes, a group of volunteers dedicated to beautifying the villages of Proctorsville and Cavendish.


The Honey Festival is host to 30 artists, beekeepers, and food purveyors, each showcasing at least one item that celebrates the honeybee in some way. The variety of items available at the Honey Festival is wide, truly something for everyone.

Vermont Beekeepers Association and Windham County Beekeeping will both have booths offering honey for sale and beekeeping education. Winterview Farms of Springfield has been at every Honey Festival from

the beginning, offering their beeswax candles, lip balms, raw honey, local beef and pork, and more. New England Hot Fudge Company, owned and operated by a local businessman, will be selling their sweet sauces from hot fudge to maple caramel. Stewart Maple will have their pure maple syrup – among other maple treats.

Additionally, there will be honey gin, crochet, pottery, chaga tea, stone oil lanterns, table linens, soap, mead, jewelry, salves, watercolors, pie, and of course, Goodman’s American Pie will be there with their pizza truck selling their signature Honey Apple Pizza, which had its debut at the Honey Festival nine years ago!

For more information, contact 802-226-7744 or visit Facebook, www.facebook.com/VTgolden-honeyfestival.



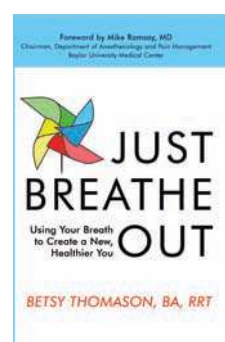
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Call for fall festival vendors

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a Fall Fest at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., in Springfield. This prime location is a great spot to set up your flea market, produce, or craft table. Booth vendor spaces are available for purchase and tables can be rented for an additional price.

Food will be available, and the Springfield Stringers will perform from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The festival is a rain or shine event. Booth space is 10-by-10 feet and vendors must provide their own canopies and plan accordingly for the weather. Set up time Sept. 25 is 7:30-8:45 a.m. Vendors may drive up and park at their booth space. Please email uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com or call 802-324-9465 to reserve a spot.

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Stevens, Springfield kick off the season



The Cardinals and Cosmos pose for a group photo after a spirited scrimmage on Thursday at Mo-nadnock Park.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – New Springfield coach Alex Nikolovski is still learning names. That’s a good thing because new players are joining the squad each practice.

She figures a safe number right now is 16 and the attitude of her players has her extremely excited about the season.

The Cosmos don’t waste any time taking on the giant. They meet defending Division I state champion Bellows Falls Sept. 3 on Springfield’s Michelle Porter Field.

That’s some indoctrina-

tion to Vermont field. Don’t worry, though, Nikolovski has been around the block when it comes to field hockey. She played four years of NCAA Division I field hockey at Bucknell where she was a first team All-Patriot League selection as a forward/midfielder.

The new coach feels she has some building blocks in place. Senior Olivia Loney, junior Angelina Woychosky, and sophomore goalies Gretchen Gilcris and Zada Grant have jumped out at the coach in early practices.

She also retains Jenna

Young, a former Springfield High goalie, who will work with the goaltenders.

“We work very well together,” Nikolovski said. “I am really excited about this group.”

She wants to restore the luster to the Cosmos on the field hockey field and she maintains that she is in it for the long haul.

“I am putting down roots in this area,” said the Up-state New York native.

She took the Cosmos across the Connecticut River to scrimmage against Stevens High School on Thursday evening.

Then, comes the biggest test of all, the vaunted Terriers Sept. 3.

That’s fine with Nikolovski. “You learn from your opponents,” she said.

The Cardinals will head to the Sunshine town to battle the Tigers on Tuesday.

Written by Tom Haley, Eagle Times.

Cross country teams take on all challenges

REGION – They run through all kinds of conditions. Vermont’s high school cross country runners sail through the woods in the heat of early September, consistently improving their times for the rigors of the State Championship Meet in Thetford in late October, frequently on a crisp, cool (maybe even cold) day.

They run on trails colored by bright leaves and later on trails decorated with frost or snow.

The runners’ goals are as varied as the elements. Some just want to shave seconds off their time, running at the front of the pack a bit beyond their reach.

Then, there are the runners like Rutland High’s Brady Geisler or Mill River’s Annika Heintz who have loftier goals like league championships. Maybe even state championships.

The Vermont High School State Championships for all divisions will be contested on Oct. 30 on the state-of-the art course at Thetford Academy.

It is a sport for anyone and everyone who loves to run. Here’s a look at some of the area teams.

Green Mountain

Coach Scott Renfro’s cross country team is getting a late start so he is hopeful of picking up some more runners when classes begin.

Now, he has Greta Bernier as his lone girl and Miles Garvin and Mitchell Rounds as the male runners. Garvin and Rounds are both seniors. Rounds has always been

a dual sport athlete in the fall, playing soccer and running cross country but this senior season he will be concentrating on cross country.

“He’s a pretty good runner,” Renfro said.

The Chieftains begin the season on Sept. 7 at Bellows Falls.

Rutland

There is a lot to look forward to at Rutland where the Ravens return six of their top seven runners from a team that won the Southern Vermont League Championships.

Brady Geisler was the individual SVL champion. Team-mates Karver Butler and Owen Dube-Johnson finished 2-3 in that race so the Ravens look like the team to beat with their impressive depth.

Samuel Kay is another to watch. He followed up a solid cross country campaign by doing Nordic and then track and field in the spring.

“He has shown some growth,” Rutland coach Tom Geisler said.

Helen Culp made a big splash for the RHS girls team last year. She won the individual SVL crown in her first year running.

Annabelle Mahar is another to keep an eye on as are a couple of new runners, freshmen Erin Geisler and Evan Taylor.

Rutland will continue to use Northwood Park as its home course.

Last season, Rutland hosted the SVL Championships but this year they shift to Bellows Falls.

Rutland will travel to more big invitational meets this year including the Woods Run in Thetford. The Woods Run al-

ways attracts more teams in a year when the New Englands are run on the gorgeous Thetford course as is the case this season. The Woods Run will be Oct. 2.

Some of the Rutland runners will travel to big stages like the Queensbury Invitational and another invitational in Manchester, N.H.

Seniors on this year’s team are Deirdre Lillie, Max McCalla, Jade Mitchell, Callum Smathers, Abed Alawi, Owen Dube-Johnson, Brady Geisler and Emily Wigmore.

The remainder of the roster is comprised of Calle Alexander, Cheyenne Braley, Karver Butler, Helen Culp, Erin Geisler, Bobby Giordano, Samuel Kay, Annabelle Mahar, Sierra McDermott, Collin Minard, Logan Mormando, Lila Oquendo, William Sabataso, Lane Shelton, Finian Smathers, Svoren Marko and Evangeline Taylor.

Springfield

Steven Lawrence is pretty excited about the potential of the Cosmos on the boys side.

“It is looking like we will have seven to 10 boys,” Lawrence said.

Some of those who have looked strong in the pre-season are Damian Stagner, his brother Christin Stagner, Dylan Magoon, Connor Young, Owen Miller, Thomas Czwakiel and Spencer Cobb.

Things are a bit leaner on the girls team where Lawrence expects only two or three runners. Alicia Ostrom could be the headliner.

Written by Tom Haley, Rutland Herald. Read the full article at www.rutlandherald.com.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bob Lockwood took his Terriers to Manchester, Vt., Wednesday, and by all accounts the team looked good in preparation for their season opener at Brattleboro Friday at 7 p.m.

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