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## Chester Festival on the Green welcomes the beginning of autumn

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – A number of vendors, exhibitors, and performers enjoyed a large crowd of all ages and two beautiful early fall days, Sept. 18 and 19, for the return of the Chester Festival on the Green.

Spread out on and around the town green, there were many festivalgoers strolling with their dogs and ice cream cones and enjoying all that was going on. For many years, the Chester Rotary had organized a fall festival that had come to be known widely especially for its food vendors, artists, and crafters. Last year what would have their 46th annual event was canceled due to the Covid pandemic.

This year, the Rotary handed the event off to a new Chester

Community Events Committee. Its chairman, Scott Blair, a local Vermonter and owner of the Southern Pie Café on the green, says the committee of nine members is “ready to give it fresh blood.”

He says they recruited 20 volunteers to run this year’s event. He noted they pulled together donations from other businesses, and he wanted to thank them all. He also said he was, “so proud of them all coming together and can all be neighbors and celebrate together.” He said the committee hopes to continue with more events through the year to “make Chester a destination for events, a festival destination.”

Blair said the plan this year was to make this festival both “something different and the same.” They added an agricultural aspect and music to the

traditional food, arts, and craft vendors, all in hopes of increasing the range of interests for those attending. Blair estimates that 70% of the crafters and food vendors returned from before and the rest were new vendors this year. Additions included children’s events and activities such as a Farm Olympics that featured sack races and pumpkin bowling for the children and an improved and expanded beer garden for the older folks. Blair said they wanted to “keep everybody entertained.” The featured bands for concerts at the end of the day were Ali T on Saturday and Jamie Lee Thurston on Sunday.



Pumpkin bowling was new to this year’s festival.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD



A festive hay maze was another new attraction.

PHOTO BY PADRAIC SCANLON

## Ludlow Rotary memorialized Bob Kirkbride

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club recently unveiled a beautiful 15-foot street clock at the corner of Main and Elm streets in memory of longtime Ludlow resident and Rotarian of 60-plus years Bob Kirkbride who died in March 2020 at age 93.

The street clock, made by Electric Time Company Inc. of Medfield, Mass., was designed by the club and was placed on town of Ludlow property with the blessing of the Ludlow Village Trustees. Special thanks are extended to the Town’s Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, Ludlow’s Highway Crew, Ludlow Electric Company, Benson’s Chevrolet who stored it for us once it was shipped to Ludlow, and assistance from Brett Wright and Wright Construction all who were instrumental of erecting and making sure the clock was ticking!

The dedication was held after a Ludlow Rotary luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 14 and family members were present along with an honor guard from the American Legion Post 36 and many fellow Rotarians, neighbors, and friends. Rotarian Kimberly Lampert started the proceeding with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced the club’s present and last two presidents all who led the club while deciding on what meaningful tribute we could do in Bob’s memory.

Also recognized was Rotary Past District Governor Jon Springer of Reading who was a former Police Chief in Ludlow and a friend of Bob’s since the 1970s. Brigid Sullivan, fellow Ludlow Rotarian from Belmont, provided a blessing and then Rotarian Jim

Rumrill said a few words about Bob as Rotarian; he was followed by Frank Heald, former town manager and fellow Rotarian, who spoke of Bob as a Ludlow citizen and friend and how Bob always found the “gift of time” to help others and raise money to benefit our little town and the area. Several funny stories were told by each, of course!

Sharon Bixby spoke of the process of actually getting the clock and thanked those who helped the club with the project. Rotarians, Town Departments, Ludlow Electric, Rotarian spouses like Jon Lampert were a great help; even a Rotarian grandson helped plant the flowers at the base of the clock.

Then it was time for Kevin Barnes, Ludlow Rotarian, and Jon Lampert to remove the covering and unveil the lovely clock. Applause and some tears of joy and pride followed. Rotarian Mary Crowley closed the dedication, leading us all in one of Bob’s favorite songs, “God Bless America!”

It was a picturesque day to honor and memorialize a great man who Ludlow will surely miss. As noted by Rotarian Sharon Bixby, “Bob’s ‘gift of time,’ dedicated to helping others and being with those we love and care for, is perhaps his lasting memorial from which we can all benefit.”



Ludlow Rotary unveils clock.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

## GMUSD board begins to look at facilities upgrades across district

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Unified School District board meeting Sept. 16 heard recommendations for facility improvements for all three schools in the district based on a report by Energy Efficient Investments with options and cost breakdowns also provided.

EEI had been tasked with doing full building energy efficiency and performance evaluations for all schools in the district over the past several years. In addition to their assessment of air quality systems in each school, their presentation also included recommendations based on

categories for safety, accessibility, and interior and exterior maintenance.

According to their report, none of the schools – Green Mountain Union Middle High School, Chester Andover Elementary School, or Cavendish Town Elementary School – meet the current guidelines for filtration and dehumidification.

Green Mountain Union High School is in the most need of upgrades and has not had any major renovations since it was built in 1971 and has a ventilation system controlled by pneumatic air technology that has not been used since the 1980s. The windows are also a part of that system so replacing the system would also require window replacement as well.

Safety issues brought forward include the lack of sprinkler systems in both GMUHS and CAES and classrooms without egress windows, which are a requirement with no sprinkler system.

Other GMUHS recommendations include replacing the elevator and several non-American Disabilities Act compliant features including lack of compliant bathrooms, ramp handrails, multilevel drinking fountains, and lack of access to the stage in the auditorium. Other recommended improvements include upgrading floors, kitchen equipment, and doors throughout.

The CAES recommendation included adding sprinkler system, providing an ADA-compliant toilet and shower in the nurse’s office, providing multilevel drinking fountains, and providing access to the stage. Other upgrades to floors, windows, and kitchen equipment were also included. EEI also included several scenarios for possible expansion.

CTES was in the best shape with minimal upgrades recommended but including changes to insulation to prevent ice damming as well as other upgrades.

Cost scenarios ranged anywhere from \$6 to 15 million for GMUHS, \$4 to 10 million for CAES, and \$1 million plus for CTES depending on what recommendations the board wanted to address and present to voters.

A separate meeting will be scheduled to go through the costs and recommendations in greater detail and for the board to determine next steps and which issues they will address in each school.

According to GMUHS Principal Keith Hill, they are in the process gathering vaccination information from parents on the percentage of vaccinated students in the school as they work toward an 80% student vaccination rate that would allow the current mask mandate to be lifted. According to preliminary numbers, only 75 of 370 kids have provided proof of vaccination so far.

Vaccination designation will also impact contact-tracing protocols since students who are vaccinated will not have to quarantine for two weeks, versus those who are unvaccinated.

GMUHS parent Ken Saccardo started the meeting asking the board immediately reverse the mask mandate. He has also sent the board a legal document, currently under review by the school district’s attorney, that accuses the board of violating state statutes among other discriminatory claims.

Katie Murphy was voted as the replacement GMUSD school board director for Chester, replacing Jeannie Wade.



## Vermont Tea House celebrates ribbon cutting

CHESTER, Vt. – Vicki Weiss (left) holds the ribbon as her daughter Laura Berlenbach (center) cuts the ribbon along with Carol Lighthall (right) of the Okemo Valley Chamber to celebrate the grand opening and chamber membership of the new Vermont Tea House in Chester, Friday, Sept. 17.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

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# Public safety issues dominate recent Chester meeting

**BY SHARON HUNTLEY**  
*The Vermont Journal*

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard’s Sept. 15 meeting dealt with several issues involving the public safety building including donations from Yosemite Engine Company, negotiating emergency services costs for Andover, and increasing ambulance billing.

The Open House of Public Safety Building is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26, from 2-5 p.m. Different demonstrations will be provided by Fire, Police, and Ambulance departments and residents will be allowed to tour the building. Hot dogs, chips, and water will be provided.

Town Manager Julie Hance is organizing a joint session with the Andover Selectboard and Chester’s Selectboard, along with Chester’s Fire Chief and Ambulance Chief to address confusion and lack of understanding that has arisen as the

two towns are determining Andover’s allocation for emergency services coverage from Chester.

Hance said based on details that emerged from Andover’s recent Selectboard meeting, there was a need to clarify how mutual aid and fire departments work.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas agreed saying it was important to have as many people there that can answer as many questions as possible from among Chester’s emergency services personnel.

Ben Whalen, from the non-profit Yosemite Engine Company, made a presentation to the board detailing the recent donations provided to the public safety building, which included furnishings, TV monitors, kitchen equipment, and air conditioning totaling \$37,000. The YEC’s mission is to promote good will and benefit the Fire Department in Chester.

Fundraising efforts include Christmas tree sales, Chester’s Festival on the Green, a calendar raffle, and a yearly appeal.

During the upcoming Open House, furnishings throughout the public safety building, including the new training room, will be tagged with their name so that residents can see their contributions and will know that those items are not coming out of the bond or the town’s tax base.

Hance highlighted the training room, saying it is catalyst for

great things including hosting starting in-house EMT classes and providing a space for other town departments to hold their training and instruction, as well as open up the space for regional training opportunities.

Board member Jeff Holden also said that in a statewide emergency situation, it could be a command center and emergency shelter.

Ambulance billing rates have been raised in response to a recommendation from Chester Ambulance’s new billing collec-

tion partner Comstar. Part of Comstar’s services includes an audit of their billing, and they identified that Chester’s current rate for ambulance services is 48% below the state average. Rather than raise rates to meet the average, Hance agreed to a rate hike that is halfway between Chester’s current rates and the state average. The new rates will be posted on the town’s website, according to Hance.

The town will be scheduling a separate meeting to discuss

how the town would like to use Chester’s ARPA funding, which will total nearly \$900,000 in total once it has all been received. Hance is attending a meeting with other state officials to fully understand the restrictions and guidelines for how the funds can be used. Hance recommended scheduling the meeting in early November after she has attended that meeting.

The next regular Chester Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Chester Town Office.

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The Zoom meeting will explore questions such as what the word god means and whether we should even be using it anymore. Putting the word into its larger context, she will ask how s/he/it is related to religion, sex, the earth, and politics.

She notes, the conversation will address serious topics but will include levity and laughter. She quotes the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who said, “I would only believe in a god who could dance and laugh.”

This Zoom conversation is the second in a series of five public presentations by the First Universalist Parish of Chester. Others will include discussions of historical and cultural interest, which will be conducted both by Zoom and in person.

To connect with the Zoom conversation, send an email to [chestervtuu@gmail.com](mailto:chestervtuu@gmail.com).

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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## Eat here and get gas

Here's an interesting photo. It's the brick house on Route 103 south of Chester that sits close to the road. The photo would date to the 1940s. The house probably dates to the 1820s.

When I was a boy, my older sister Norma lived in Bellows Falls. Most every Sunday my family went to Norma's for dinner. We drove by this property many times. I bought this place about 1978.

**The photo**  
In the left foreground can be seen two gas pumps. Both pumps have glass globes on top advertising Tydol gas. There's an iron pole between the pumps that displays the Tydol sign.

Next is a small building. You can see a Coca-Cola sign on the end. This little building was a hot dog stand. A very simple fare was offered to tourists. You could eat here and get gas.

Next is the addition of the house. When I owned the property, I used it for storing firewood. Boy was that house cold. It took a lot of wood to maintain bearable, might have been warmer to sleep in the refrigerator.

In the photo a large chimney from a fireplace can be seen on the Chester end. On the Bellows Falls end on the left is a narrow chimney that was used as the summer kitchen. As you walk in from the porch, on the left there is a large fireplace with a beehive oven. The large chimney for this fireplace had been removed to below the roofline by the time I bought the property. I had this chimney rebuilt as you see it today.

Looking beyond the house on the left is a barn with gable end facing the road. I don't remember this barn. There is a small barn that sits back from the road.

**Harry Damon**  
When I was a boy, the property was owned and farmed by Harry Damon. I remember Harry having a vegetable stand here when I was a boy. He grew vegetables in gardens behind the house. I remember my folks stopping to buy vegetables.

It was in the early 1960s, maybe 1962 or 1963, when Route 103 was straightened and widened between Bellows Falls and Chester. The old road wound over hill and dale through Upper Bartonsville down over the hill by Marvie Campbell's in Lower Bartonsville.

I bought the property from Clinton Damon Osterhout. Clinton was a close relative of Harry. Clinton told me a rather sad story about Harry. Harry had a brother in



Harry Damon's place circa 1940s. PHOTO PROVIDED

Claremont. When the state widened the road in front of the brick house, the state told Harry they wouldn't disturb much of his property.

That last winter Harry went to stay with his brother in Claremont feeling pretty good about his property. When Harry returned home in the spring, he found the superhighway closer to his house and much of his farmland had been bulldozed over. I seem to remember Clinton telling me the barn north of the house was destroyed at this time.

Harry was getting on in years. He felt his life was over. Harry ended his misery by hanging himself on the property.

The house sat empty for a number of years. I think it was Bob Farnsworth of Springfield who had the auction after Harry died. This would have been about 1968. I went to the auction with little money to spend. I bought one of the Tydol globes for three dollars.

In the early 1970s Bill Lindsay ran an antiques shop here. Bill

had a large potbelly stove in the great room. Of course, the fire went out after Bill left for the day. It was bitter cold when Bill opened his shop the next morning.

Many will remember Neil "Red" Mackenzie. Neil ran a of heavy equipment business in Chester. I had Neil come down to look at the possibility of moving the brick house away from the road to the back of the property. He said he could move it for \$10,000 and I could remain in the house during the process – using steel I-beams through the length and width under the floor joists. Where the I-beams intersected, they would be welded together. The ends of the I-beams would extend out from the house a few feet. Hydraulic jacks under the ends regulated by a single compressor would lift the house in unity off its foundation. Weld wheels on the ends of the I-beams, build a track, and roll it back to a new foundation.

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## Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale returns

GRAFTON, Vt. – One of Southern Vermont's popular fall events over the past 40 years, the Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale, is back this year after being canceled last year due to the Covid pandemic. The tag sale, which benefits the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, will take place Oct. 9 and 10 at the firehouse at 711 Route 121 just east of Grafton Village. Beginning many years ago with a single table in front of the firehouse, the sale has grown over the years to fill the firehouse and spill into a large tent. This year it is expected that an additional tent may be needed according to Amber Stevens, who is president of the sale's sponsor, the Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary.

Throughout the years that the Auxiliary has conducted this sale, it has developed a reputation for its variety, quality, and the many bargains to be found. Locals and visitors alike line up early waiting for the signal that the sale is open in order to search through the well-organized displays of furniture, linens, toys, small appliances, housewares, books, recordings, tools, and much more. People have been known to shop both days of the sale since most remaining items will be half price on the second day. The sale will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9 and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10.

Like many small rural volunteer fire departments, the Grafton Fire Department is not fully funded by the town, which makes the Fall Tag Sale an



The Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale is Oct. 9 and 10, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

important source of financial support to meet its needs. Of

course it wouldn't be a firefighters' event without a display of the ladder truck, engine, UTV, and rescue truck accompanied by volunteer firefighters ready to answer questions.

The sale will go on rain or shine, and shoppers will be expected to help keep everyone safe by honoring the usual Covid precautions. Updates can be found on the Grafton Fire & Rescue page on Facebook.

## Funding for Ludlow nonprofit organizations

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Anthony Marro Memorial Trust Fund is seeking 501(c)(3) entities within the town of Ludlow area for funds distribution. The Trustees will be requesting applications for funding consideration. Application process deadline is Oct. 15, 2021. Recipients must meet trust fund requirements. All awarded recipients will be notified via mail with funding decision.

To request an application, or for any questions, please contact Kimberly Lampert, Trustee, weekdays at 802-228-4000. Disbursement of funds will be processed in November 2021.

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## TDS Telecom ten-digit dialing requirement coming

**REGION** – Vermont residents in the 802 area code will be required to dial 10 digits – area code and phone number – for all local calls starting Oct. 24, 2021. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed and a recording may inform customers that your call cannot be completed as dialed. The recording will ask customers to please hang up and redial with 10 digits.

TDS Telecom is alerting its customers in Vermont about the upcoming changes.

Before Oct. 24, customers should reprogram automatic dialing equipment and other devices now programmed with seven digits. Residents and businesses should check with security or alarm companies to make sure their systems are programmed to handle the new 10-digit dialing pattern.

Products that will need to be changed to 10-digits could in-

clude life safety systems, VoIP and Private Branch Exchange systems, electronic telephone sets, auto-dial systems, multi-line key systems, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, gates, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, and voicemail services. All such devices will need to be reprogrammed with 10-digits by Oct. 24, 2021.

Residents and businesses should also check their business stationery or advertising materials to ensure the area code is included.

This new change to 10-digit dialing will prevent people from calling the new 9-8-8 emergency phone line by mistake.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing 9-8-8 will connect people to the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, as proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC hopes that a shorter, easy-to-remember number will more efficiently provide people

with help when they need it most. However, until July 16, 2022, people should continue to call 1-800-273-TALK to reach the Lifeline.

In an emergency that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department, or ambulance, dialing 911 is still the number customers should use.

- Important things to note:**
- Your phone number and area code will remain the same.
  - The price for both local and long-distance calling will not change for TDS customers.
  - Long-distance calls will still be made by dialing 1, area code, and phone number.

If you have any questions regarding any information provided in this notice, call 1-888-CALL-TDS or visit [www.tdstelecom.com](http://www.tdstelecom.com). You can also visit the FCC website at [www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline](http://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline).

## Changing jobs? Know your 401(k) options

**REGION** – If you've lost your job, or are changing jobs, you may be wondering what to do with your 401(k) plan account. It's important to understand your options.

**What will I be entitled to?**  
If you leave your job, you'll be entitled to a distribution of your vested balance. Your vested balance always includes your own contributions and typically any investment earnings on those amounts. It also includes employer contributions that have satisfied your plan's vesting schedule.

In general, you must be 100% vested in your employer's contributions after three years of service (cliff vesting), or you must vest gradually 20% per year until you're fully vested after six years (graded vesting). Plans can have faster vesting schedules, and some even have 100% immediate vesting. You'll also be 100% vested once you've reached your plan's normal retirement age.

It's important for you to understand how your particular plan's vesting schedule works, because you'll forfeit any employer contributions that haven't vested by the time you leave your job. If you're on the cusp of vesting, it may make sense to wait a bit before leaving, if you have that luxury.

**Don't spend it**  
While this pool of dollars may look attractive, don't spend it unless you absolutely need to. If you take a distribution, you'll be taxed at ordinary income tax rates on the entire value of your account except for any after-tax or Roth 401(k) contributions you've made. And, if you're not yet age 55, an additional 10% penalty may apply to the taxable portion of your payout.

If your vested balance is more than \$5,000, you can leave your money in your employer's plan at least until you reach the plan's normal retirement age – typically age 65. But your employer must also allow you to make a direct rollover to an IRA or to another employer's 401(k) plan. As the name suggests, in a direct rollover the money passes directly from your 401(k) plan account to the IRA or other plan. This is preferable to a "60-day rollover," where you get the check and then roll the money over yourself, because your employer has to withhold 20% of the taxable portion of a 60-day rollover. You can still roll over the entire amount of your distribution, but you'll need to come up with the 20% that's been withheld until you recapture that amount when you file your income tax return.

**Should I roll over to my new employer's 401(k) plan or to an IRA?**  
Assuming both options are available to you, there's no right or wrong answer to this question. There are strong arguments to be made on both sides. You need to weigh all of the factors, and make a decision based on your own needs and priorities. It's best to have a professional assist you with this, since the decision you make may have significant consequences both now and in the future.

**Reasons to consider rolling over to an IRA:**

You generally have more investment choices with an IRA than with an employer's 401(k) plan. You typically may freely move your money around to the various investments offered by your IRA trustee, and you may divide up your balance among as many of those investments as you want.

You can freely allocate your IRA dollars among different IRA trustees or custodians. It can also allow you to have IRA accounts with more than one institution for added diversification.

An IRA may give you more flexibility with distributions. Your distribution options in a 401(k) plan depend on the terms of that particular plan, and your options may be limited. However, with an IRA, the timing and amount of distributions is generally at your discretion – until you reach age 72 and must start taking required minimum distributions.

You can roll over your 401(k) plan distribution to a Roth IRA. You'll generally have to pay taxes on the amount you roll over, but any qualified distributions from the Roth IRA in the future will be tax-free.

**Reasons to consider rolling over to your new employer's 401(k) plan – or stay in your current plan:**

Many employer-sponsored plans have loan provisions. If you roll over your retirement funds to a new employer's plan

that permits loans, you may be able to borrow up to 50% of the amount you roll over if you need the money.

Employer retirement plans generally provide greater creditor protection than IRAs. Most 401(k) plans receive unlimited protection from your creditors under federal law. Your creditors cannot attach your plan funds to satisfy any of your debts and obligations, regardless of whether you've declared bankruptcy.

You may be able to postpone required minimum distributions. For traditional IRAs, these distributions must begin by April 1 following the year you reach age 72. However, if you work past that age and are still participating in your employer's 401(k) plan, you can delay your first distribution from that plan until April 1 following the year of your retirement.

If your distribution includes Roth 401(k) contributions and earnings, you can roll those amounts over to either a Roth IRA or your new employer's Roth 401(k) plan. If you roll the funds over to a Roth IRA, the Roth IRA holding period will determine when you can begin receiving tax-free qualified distributions from the IRA. So if you're establishing a Roth IRA for the first time, your Roth 401(k) dollars will be subject to a brand new five-year holding period. On the other hand, if you roll the dollars over to your new employer's Roth 401(k) plan, your existing five-year holding period will carry over to the new plan. This may enable you to receive tax-free qualified distributions sooner.

When evaluating whether to initiate a rollover always be sure to: ask about possible surrender charges that may be imposed by your employer plan, or new surrender charges that your IRA may impose; compare investment fees and expenses charged by your IRA with those charged by your employer plan; and understand any accumulated rights or guarantees that you may be giving up by transferring funds out of your employer plan.

**What about outstanding plan loans?**

In general, if you have an outstanding plan loan, you'll need to pay it back, or the outstanding balance will be taxed as if it had been distributed to you in cash. If you can't pay the loan back before you leave, you'll still have 60 days to roll over the amount that's been treated as a distribution to your IRA. Of course, you'll need to come up with the dollars from other sources.

*Article written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 802-228-5774.*



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## SAPA TV 2021 Annual Meeting

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Join SAPA TV for their annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. This year's event will be held in person at 335 River St. STE 1, in Springfield. Masks will be required, and there will be social distancing measures in place. The SAPA TV board and staff will update community

members on operations during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There are also some pretty big changes happening at SAPA TV in the coming year that will be discussed at this meeting. If you would like to attend, we respectfully ask that you RSVP by emailing [info@sapatv.org](mailto:info@sapatv.org).

★ **AN INVITATION** ★

The caucus of Springfield Democrats will be held on

**September 28, 2021, 6:30 pm**


**at the Congregational Church, Main Street**

The purpose of the caucus is to reorganize the Town Committee as required by state statutes. This meeting is open to all registered voters in Springfield who consider themselves Democrats.

**More information contact Char at [charmfv@vermontel.net](mailto:charmfv@vermontel.net)**

Masks will be required. There will be a Zoom option for those who prefer it.  
For the Zoom link contact Char:

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Cassie Blodgett

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A celebration of life for Cassie Blodgett, who died Feb. 9, 2020, will be held at the Charlestown Town Hall on Summer Street in Charlestown, N.H., Sept. 25, 2021 starting at 11 a.m.

Kenneth Forbes Sr.

ANDOVER, Vt. – Please join the family and friends of Kenneth Forbes Sr. for funeral services Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Andover Community Church and celebration of life to follow at the Andover Town Offices.

Sylvia Forbes

ANDOVER, Vt. – Please join the family of Sylvia Forbes at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at the Andover Cemetery for graveside service and celebration of her life.

Cheryl V. Johnson, 1957-2021

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Cheryl Virginia Johnson, 64, a resident of Holbrook Road, passed away Sept. 4, 2021 at her home. Cheryl was born in Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 23, 1957, the daughter of Wilbur Silvester and Alice Owens and attended local schools.



Cheryl V. Johnson, 1957-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

She was a huge Boston Red Sox fan, cheered for them faithfully and collected numerous pieces of Red Sox memorabilia. Cheryl also enjoyed fishing, loved her dogs, and loved playing bingo. Growing up in North Carolina and then living in Virginia for many years, she had many family members and great friends in both states.

She has spread her loveable self to many people in Vermont since moving here in 2000 and marrying her husband of 21 years, Edward Johnson. Ed cared for her through thick and thin and loved her with all his heart. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband Edward Johnson whom she married May 27, 2000 in Londonderry, Vt., her mother Alice Sawyer of Hertford, N.C., daughter April Kelly, son Roy Shaw, grandson Jason Kelly, granddaughter Raven Duckett all of Anderson, N.C., grandson Alex Shaw of Malone, N.Y., and

a grandson Michael Shaw in Texas, brother Dale Surgeon of Hertford, N.C., and sisters Tiffany Silvester of Hertford, N.C., Alice Mays of Bracey, Va., stepson Wayne Johnson of Springfield, Vt., and stepdaughter Wendy Johnson of Bristol, Vt. Cheryl was predeceased by her father Wilbur “Porky” Silvester, brother Eddie Silvester, and her son Dale Duckett.

At the request of the family, there are no formal funeral services. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Cheryl’s memory may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, c/o Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

Matthew R. Zachowski, 2021

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Matthew Raymond Zachowski, 68, of Rockingham, Vt., formerly of New Canaan and Darien, Conn., passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, surrounded by family. A private memorial will be held.



Matthew R. Zachowski, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Matt was an executive and founding partner of Intermarket Communications, a New York City-based public relations and marketing firm, which he led for over 35 years. A devoted husband and father, he adored his children and grandchildren and took immense satisfaction in their accomplishments. Matt inspired those near him to do their best and to maximize their talent, and to those people closest to him, he embodied the highest type of courage – the courage to brave adversity and to still wake up in the morning with enthusiasm for the day ahead.

Born and raised in Westbury, N.Y., Matt attended Chaminade High School. He earned a journalism degree from New York University, a master’s degree in creative writing from Dartmouth College, and a Creative Writing Certificate from Exeter College, Oxford. Matt published a novel, “An Old Story: My Love Affair with American Antiques,” in August of 2021.

Matt co-founded the public relations firm that ultimately became Intermarket Communications in 1986. Over the next three decades, together with his partner Martin Mosbacher, Matt made Intermarket a trailblazer in providing public relations services to global financial institutions. For most of that period, Intermarket was ranked as one of the top 10 U.S. firms in its sector, and Matt came to be known as a leading expert in the marketing and promotion of market structure solutions and financial technology. To innumerable colleagues, clients, and collaborators, Matt was an inspirational mentor, leader, and

friend. Matt married Lucia Mulkiwicz Zachowski in 1991, and for 30 years they shared their love for Federal antiques, restoring period homes, classical music, and faithful animal companions. Above all else, they shared their devotion and gratitude to their family and friends.

The couple welcomed daughter Alexandra in 1993. Whether driving countless miles to horse competitions or motivating Alex to pursue her dream of becoming a licensed veterinarian, Matt was Alex’s biggest supporter and wore the title of “World’s Best Horse Show Dad” with pride.

Matt was an impassioned baseball fan, an avid collector of sports memorabilia, and a nostalgic lover of rock ‘n roll, all passions that he shared enthusiastically with his son Jeffrey (b. 1982), who still fondly recalls his father’s effusive celebration of Stéphane Matteau’s Game 7 goal at Madison Square Garden in 1994.

Matt was predeceased by his parents Ray and Helen. He is survived by his wife Lucia, his children Jeff and Alex, his daughter-in-law Jessie, his grandchildren Kalon and Dashiell, his brother Rob, and his loyal dogs Sandy and Peach.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to PPNK or ASPCA.

Duane A. Cody, 1953-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Duane A. Cody of Springfield, Vt., died Sunday, Aug. 29 at Bay State Hospital in Springfield, Mass., after a long battle with varied health issues. Duane was born May 9, 1953, in Keene, N.H., and was the oldest son of the late Arthur E. Cody and Gloria M. Cody.



Duane A. Cody, 1953-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Duane had a deep love for racing of all kinds as well as music. He and his wife enjoyed running a karaoke business together for many years. Duane also was a woodworker by trade and ran his own shop for many years.

Duane loved spending time with all his family. Duane is survived by his wife Bonnie Cody, his daughter Crystal Morse, as well as his three stepsons Evan Goldsmith, Shane Goldsmith, and Shawn Goldsmith and his wife Sara Campbell-Goldsmith and his foster daughter Bethany Bennett. He is also survived by his sister Darlene Cody Mar-

tin and husband Danny, his brothers Arthur Cody and wife Linda, Del Cody and wife Cora, and David Cody and his stepmother Sandy Cody. Duane had 10 grandchildren of which was his whole world.

There will be a celebration of life Oct. 10, 2021 at the Bartonsville Grange starting at noon.

Russell P. Lazarek Jr., 1970-2021

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Russell Paul Lazarek Jr., age 50, of Westminster, Vt., passed away unexpectedly Sept. 6, 2021. He was the loving husband of Yvette Hendler with whom he shared 25 years of marriage and a devoted father to Jacob and Rome.



Russell P. Lazarek Jr., 1970-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Born Oct. 11, 1970, in Rahway, N.J., he was the son of Barbara and Russell Lazarek Sr. He received a bachelor’s degree in IT from Rutgers University and went on to have a career in that field and advanced to management. As a recent resident of Westminster, Vt., he believed very strongly in community involvement and became a valued member of the Planning Commission and was chair at the time of his passing.

Russ was a devoted father and husband who loved problem solving, especially when it involved using repurposed materials. He took pride in his vegetable garden, which always produced a great bounty. He found

delicious recipes and options for preserving for winter.

Survivors are his beloved wife, his devoted children Jacob and Rome Lazarek, his parents, and his sister Lisa Ford.

There will be no immediate service or memorial. The family needs time to grieve and process and will plan a proper tribute in spring 2022.

James C. Parker, 1954-2021

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – James Charles Parker of Proctorsville, Vt., passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 at his home at age 67. He was born in Springfield, Vt., Jan. 26, 1954 to Charles W. Parker and Mary Lou Manley.



James C. Parker, 1954-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Throughout his life, Jim was a dedicated car guy. When he graduated from Green Mountain Union High School in 1972, he began his career in the automotive industry soon after. He was a medium duty truck technician for a career spanning almost 50 years. During that time, Jim was employed at St. Johnsbury Trucking in Bellows Falls, Vt., for close to two decades, and retired from Black River Produce in North Springfield, Vt. after 15 years. He became an ASE Master Technician while working at Seward’s Sales and Service in Rutland, Vt. in the 1990s. He was a talented and knowledgeable technician.

Jim had a successful stint in hillclimb racing through the Killington Sports Car Club during the ‘80s and ‘90s. He raced his VW Rabbit and 1985 VW Golf during that time, traveling with his family to many different races in New England. He was Rookie of the Year and took home many trophies. The pinnacle of his racing career came when he ran the Mount Washington Auto Road Hillclimb in 1992. He faithfully followed NASCAR, Formula One racing, and various other motor sports. He was a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots.

Jim was also a collector of

cars, and known to have several vehicles in his collection at a time.

Jim had a good sense of humor and enjoyed a wide selection of music.

Jim married his high school sweetheart Christine Johnson Aug. 11, 1984. He is survived by his wife Christine; his son Joshua Parker and wife Danielle Singleton of Proctorsville, Vt.; grandsons Coltrane Parker and Sage Josselyn; granddaughter Sydney Reid; brother Tom Parker of Cavendish, Vt.; sisters Jody Liebhaber of Pittsford, Vt., Deborah Gauthier of West Rutland, Vt., and Audrey Hoszkiewicz of Proctorsville, Vt.; and many nieces and nephews. Jim was predeceased by his parents Charles and Mary Lou Parker.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to ask for donations sent to the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 81, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Evelyn M. Aubuchont, 1921-2021

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Evelyn M. Aubuchont, 99, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 at the Thompson House in Brattleboro. Evelyn was born Nov. 26, 1921 in Pomfret, Vt., the daughter of Frank D. and Emma (Laurie) Adams. She was a graduate of Walpole High School. Evelyn worked for H.A. Manning Co. in Bellows Falls for several years.



Evelyn M. Aubuchont, 1921-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Aug. 10, 1941 in Auburn, Mass., she married Ralph L. Aubuchont, who died in 2006. Evelyn is survived by one son John Aubuchont and wife Jad of Sanbornton, N.H.; two daughters Judy Harrison and her husband Peter of Westminster, Vt. and Sally Willard and her husband David of Lewes, Del.; and 8 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, two brothers Vern and Frank Adams, and her granddaughter Sarah Ann Willard and step-

granddaughter Kelly. Evelyn loved reading poetry, had a good sense of humor, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, who will miss her dearly.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, there will be calling hours from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt., followed by a private burial at the Walpole Cemetery.

Edward J. Maculiewicz, 1934-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edward John Maculiewicz of Sebastian, Fla., passed away peacefully Sept. 1, 2021 at the VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach, Fla., at the age of 87. Edward was born Jan. 2, 1934 in Walpole, N.H. to parents Veronica (Stankevich) and John Maculiewicz. His beloved sister Marie (Schoff) was born a year later.



Edward J. Maculiewicz, 1934-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Edward attended public school in Springfield. He then attended Norwich University and graduated with a degree in English and went on to serve in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox in Kentucky, where he was a second lieutenant in the infantry division.

Ed worked for three decades at Fellows Gear Shaper Corporation, later Emhart Corporation as a machinist. He occasionally filled in as the projectionist on the weekends at the Claremont, N.H., drive-in theater, bringing his family along to the latest movies.

Edward and his ex-wife Judith (Clarke) raised three daughters in Claremont, N.H. – Nancy, Jennifer, and Mary. He was a devoted father and number one fan of his girls. He loved the ocean and made sure every summer included a family vacation at Hampton Beach, N.H.

He is survived by his three daughters Nancy Wallace, Jennifer Kozaczek, and Amelia

Mary Hamilton, five grandsons Matthew Hamilton, Robert Wallace, Daniel Hamilton, Kevin Kozaczek and Ian Kozaczek, two granddaughters Colleen and Erin Wallace, great-granddaughter Makayla Hamilton, niece Karen Whitney and her partner Jim Morse, nephew Karl Schoff and his wife Pamela, aunt Janet Stankevich, grandnephew Ron Stankevich and his wife Carole.

A Mass and burial will be held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt., 10 Pleasant Avenue, Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. His burial will take place immediately following Mass at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Steven P. Riccio, 1962-2021

BELMONT, Vt. – Steven P. Riccio passed away Aug. 26, 2021, having lived with Pick’s Disease/Alzheimer’s for many years. He was born Dec. 17, 1962 and grew up in Branford, Conn.



Steven P. Riccio, 1962-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Steven served in the United States Marine Corps, serving at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Okinawa, Japan from 1980-1983. While in the Military, he worked on heavy equipment and then went on to earn an associate’s degree in diesel technologies in Denver, Colo. Steven enjoyed being a truck mechanic, riding motorcycles, and fishing. He especially loved playing the drums and eating sushi with his child. He was a very loving husband and father.

Steven leaves behind his wife Debra Riccio and child Helene Riccio of Belmont, Vt.

There will be a private family service at a later date.

**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.** Join us Sunday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. for a Rite II service with the option of Holy Communion in person or on Zoom. Read the details at [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org). Following the service, there will be a Farewell Coffee Hour outdoors to honor Rev. Heidi Edson and her husband Doug, who are leaving St. Luke’s after seven years.

**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](mailto:editor@vermontjournal.com) by Monday at 12 p.m.

**CHURCH SERVICES:** We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com).



# calendar

**SEPT. 25 –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –**  
Bellows Falls Women’s Club Tag Sale, Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple on Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

**GASSETTS, Vt. –** Join the Gassetts Grange yard sale with a table of your own in a 10-by-10-foot space for a small fee. The sale will take place Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your own tables. Also looking for food vendors. We have approximately 20 spaces. If it rains, we will have to cancel. Call Donna 802-591-4290 or Sandy 802-875-2637 for details and to reserve a space.

**LUDLOW, Vt. –** The Black River Academy Museum’s Apple Festival is happening Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the Ludlow Green. There will be mums, pumpkins, cider, cider donuts, and apple pies from Allen Brothers; assorted cheeses and crackers from Crowley Cheese; apples from Wellwood Orchards;

syrup, jams, pickles by Joyce Washburn; and pillows by Sheri Grenier. The museum will serve hot soups, chili, cornbread, hot dogs, tea, coffee, and water. Featuring live music by Sammy Blanchette from 12-2 p.m.

**READING, Vt. –** Vintage crafters at the Reading Historical Society Museum, 670 Route 106 in Reading, Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and browse our top shelf vintage crafters, specializing in upcycled and repurposed handcrafted items, including gift items, jewelry, home furnishings, whimsical garden art, household items, and home décor. All proceeds benefit the Reading Historical Society.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield UU Meetinghouse will hold a Fall Fest Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a great flea market location on the way to the Recycling Center and will have crafts, food, and more. Free admission to the

public. Held rain or shine.

**WALPOLE, N.H. –** Fall Festival Sept. 25 at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd., in Walpole, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. There will be fun crafts, lawn games, and more. Exceptional raffle prizes and homemade sweets. Activity tickets for sale. All proceeds support the Hooper Institute’s educational programs. Donations welcome. For details, email hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net.

**WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. –** Book, Bake, and Yard Sale at Weathersfield Proctor Library, Route 5, Ascutney, Vt., Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If you would like to make contributions, call 802-674-2863.

**WESTMINSTER, Vt. –** The Butterfield Library in Westminster will be having an outdoor book sale Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. -3 p.m., behind the Westminster Institute on Route 5 in Westminster Village. Weather permitting.

**WESTMINSTER, Vt. –** The Women’s Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Westminster will hold a Fall Sale Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, on the lawn outside the church on U.S. Route 5. Pie and bake sale as well as cookout items to go including baked beans, corn chowder, sausage and peppers, and

hot dogs. Used puzzles for sale. Tickets will be sold for the “One Step at a Time” quilt drawing. Please wear a mask when you can’t socially distance.

**SEPT. 25 & 26 –**  
**GRAFTON, Vt. –** The 13th Fairy House Festival is returning to The Nature Museum in Grafton, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25 and 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Follow a woodland path sprinkled with dozens of charming fairy houses for a magical experience of the natural world. Unique crafts, a wishing tunnel, face painting, bubbles, and delicious food add to a lasting sense of wonder. Tickets and information at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

**PUTNEY, Vt. –** Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present Kat Wright and her trio plus Pete Bernhard as part of the 2021 Next Stage “Bandwagon Summer Series,” Sunday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. on the field behind the Putney Inn, 57 Putney Landing Rd. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Tickets available in advance or at the door, with kids 12 and under free. For details, go to [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). Next Stage will provide a cash bar.

**SEPT. 29 –**  
**CAVENDISH, Vt. –** E-bike demonstration and presentation Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

outside Cavendish Town Elementary School. Sponsored by the Cavendish Energy Committee. Local riders will share information about bike features, purchasing, maintenance, and the rewards of cruising up any hill.

**SUNDAYS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has resumed meeting Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

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

**TUESDAYS –**  
**LEBANON, N.H. –** Dumbbells and Diapers: A Parent and Baby Workout Series by Sunflower

Postpartum Care Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning Oct. 5 at the Baan Muay Thai gym in Lebanon, N.H. Babies up to 18 months old are welcome. Birthing parents must be 6 weeks postpartum and cleared by their doctor to attend. Register at [sunflowerpostpartumcare@gmail.com](mailto:sunflowerpostpartumcare@gmail.com)

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Senior Solutions is sponsoring two Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes in the Great Hall, 100 River St., Tuesdays through Dec. 14. The beginner class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The class for intermediate and advanced practitioners will meet from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Tai Chi helps lower the risk of falling, improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination, and reduces joint pain and stress. Come join us – it’s fun and free!

**TUES & THURS –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 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.

**THURSDAYS –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Six-week course in non-violent communication offered by the Humanity Network, Restorative Practice of Vermont, and the Rockingham Library, beginning Thursday, Sept. 10, from 7-9 p.m., on Zoom. Participants will be guided through the consciousness and basics of non-violent communication and the restorative circle process as it is used

for conflict resolution. To receive an invitation to this Zoom program, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org).

**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.

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

**FRIDAYS –**  
**ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –** Embrace wellness with certified wellness coach Carol Jones from the comfort of home by exploring ways to embrace and maintain wellness during the fall and winter months from 5:30-6:30 p.m., via Zoom or phone, consecutive Fridays from Sept. 24 through Nov. 19. To sign up for a Zoom invitation, contact [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org). Free and open to the public.

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

## STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS

### NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of land in the Town of Springfield, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

**44 Bailey Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Daniel K. Foley, joined by his wife, Rachel E. Foley to Kevin W. Atwood by deed dated October 20, 2009 and recorded in Book 456 at Page 236 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**595 Seavers Brook Road**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John T. Thurber, Jr. and Douglas A. Thurber to Stuart A. Beam and Johanna D. Beam by deed dated September 8, 2011 and recorded in Book 487 at Page 98 of the Springfield Town Land Records, and also including a certain Mobile Home Make Tower Homes, Serial No. THPM1698.

**21 Reservoir Road**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Lincoln Street, Incorporated to Kristen K. Bellows and Douglas L. Bellows by deed dated June 24, 1998 and recorded in Book 178 at Page 190 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Douglas A. Bellows conveyed his interest to Kristen K. Bellows by deed dated August 13, 2014 and recorded in Book 547 at Page 312 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**151 Wall Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Lori J. Wilcox to John L. Benjamin and Electa M. Keay by deed dated April 6, 2007 and recorded in Book 394 at Page 37 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Electra M. Keay conveyed her interest in the property by deed recorded in Book 599 at Page 6 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**33 Southridge Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by DSV SPV3, LLC to Kathleen Blanchard by deed dated December 10, 2019 and recorded in Book 624 at Page 74 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**174 Parkview Road**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Bishop Farm, Inc. to James V. Colella and Christine Colella by deed dated August 29, 2011 and recorded in Book 408 at Page 299 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**582 Spoonerville Road**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John P. Sexton and Annemarie E. Sexton to Jennifer Beth Cook by deed dated September 27, 2018 and recorded in Book 602 at Page 242 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**Mobile Home, 242 Town Farm Road, Lot 60**  
Being a Make Fleetwood, Model Sun Crist, Serial No. PAFLY22A47115-SC13 Mobile Home conveyed by The Housing Foundation, Inc. to Kenneth Cooper and Katie Cooper by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated August 26, 2013 and recorded in Book 522 at Page 271 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**15 Main Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Springfield Lodge No. 42,

I.O.O.F. to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated March 30, 2015 and recorded in Book 547 at Page 86 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**70 Valley Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated August 3, 2015 and recorded in Book 553 at Page 281 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**138 Main Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated January 25, 2016 and recorded in Book 559 at Page 319 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**199 Summer Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Springfield School District to DAL Advisors, LLC by deed dated May 4, 2019 and recorded in Book 563 at Page 214 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**103 Merrill Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Confirmation Order of the Superior Court, Windsor County, Civil Division in the matter entitled Vermont Housing Finance Agency v. Stephen J. Lafoe, One Credit Union, Discover Bank, CitiBank (South Dakota), N.A. and Occupants, Docket No. 188-4-18 Wrcv, to Deborah Hall recorded in Book 606 at Page 237 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**119 Merrill Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Deborah Heidi Holl by deed dated February 23, 2017 and recorded in Book 618 at Page 227 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**128 Olive Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roy F. Kempf, Sr. (deceased) and Joan M. Kempf by deed of Elmer and Elizabeth DeRosia dated September 18, 1987 recorded in Book 89 at Page 174-175 of the Springfield Town Land Records. Also being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roy F. Kempf, Jr., Carol-Lee A. Ripley, Edward T. Wilson, Jr., Mark Wilson and William P. Simoneau, Sr. by the deed of Joan M. Kempf said deed dated October 31, 2008 and recorded in Book 436 at Page 215 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**20A Summit Avenue**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Thomas Pockette to Allen D. Kuusela and Michelle A. Kuusela by deed dated June 24, 2002 and recorded in Book 253 at Page 95 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**54 South Street, Lot 4 n/k/a Red Maple Drive**  
Being a Mobile Home, Make Commodore, 1988, Serial #CM15296 conveyed by Estate of Kenneth Lamotte, Christopher Lamotte, Estate Administrator to Steven Lamotte by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale dated June 11, 2013 and recorded in Book 518 at Page 65 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

**350 South Street**  
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Marlene G. Hawkins and Arnold A. George to Jenifer Levenson by deed dated August 9, 2018 and recorded in Book 599 at Page 289 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

### NOTICE

The Town of Plymouth has a janitorial position available, effective immediately. We are looking for someone to be responsible for cleaning the municipal building, its offices, and restrooms once a week. The hours are flexible, but it would be 5 hours per week, at \$20 per hour.

Please submit your letter of interest to the Town Clerk’s Office, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 05056, or call 802-672-3655.

### 2 Sheehan Avenue

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Time Ventures of New England to Brian McAllister and Alisha Y. McAllister by deed dated August 9, 2010 and recorded in Book 469 at Page 238 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

### 10 Sheehan Avenue

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, Dated June 1, 2007, EquiFirst Loan Securitization Trust 2007-I, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1 to Brian G. McAllister and Alisha Y. McAllister dated April 15, 2009 and recorded in Book 443 at Page 270 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

### Mobile Home at 242 Town Farm Road, Lot 48

Being a Holly Park 1987 Mobile Home, Serial No. 17804 located at 242 Town Farm Road situated on Lot 48 and may be all and the same conveyed by Kim Patterson Lewis to Kenneth Snowman by Mobile Home Bill of Sale dated March 14, 2007 and recorded in Book 392 at Page 225 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

### 171 Southridge Street

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Green Meadow Homes, Inc. to Nathan A. Titus by deed dated June 24, 2016 and recorded in Book 565 at Page 248 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

### 7 Reservoir Road

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae to Gloria G. Underhill and Charles L. Underhill, wife and husband, by deed dated June 14, 2018 and recorded in Book 597 at Page 57 of the Springfield Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Springfield Town Office, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont, a public place in such Town, on the 7th day of October, 2021 at Ten O’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156. Dated at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 27th day of August, 2021.

Barbara A. Courchesne, Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes



# LEGAL NOTICES

## AUCTION

BENNINGTON, Vt. – Heart Felt Antiques & Auction Services will be having an IN HOUSE AUCTION Saturday, Sept. 25 at 5pm, preview starts at 3pm. Fresh inventory from the partial estate of John Hall of American Eagle Auctioneering, together with items from Gloria & Wes Jordan of Orvis, and more! 1541 West Rd. Bennington VT 05201 (Colgate Park). 904-510-2355.

## 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 [domenic@okican-doit.com](mailto:domenic@okican-doit.com).

## FOR SALE

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – For Sale: Adrian Steel Load Runner Ladder Rack for full size 6’ short

box pickup. Very good condition. Paid \$1,100 new, sell for \$375.00. Can be seen at 95 Williams Street, Londonderry, VT. 802-824-3585.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fuel Tank, 275 gal. with gauge, good condition, \$150 or best offer. Call 802-384-0313.

## GUNS WANTED

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

## HELP WANTED

ATHENS, Vt. – Mechanic wanted for 2-4 weeks of car work. Pay is good. Call Bruce at 802-869-1162.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Furniture Store Retail Position: Part-time at Black River Good Neighbor Services Used Furniture Store. Hours are weekly, Friday & Saturday, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM. To apply, call 802-228-3663 Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 3 PM. and speak with Krey Kellington.

HAMMER FOR HIRE LLC Is looking for carpenters and or handy laborers, must have own tools, and proof of Covid vaccination. I have lots of work into the winter! 802-376-3275 or [edwin.mortensen@gmail.com](mailto:edwin.mortensen@gmail.com).

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Crossing guard needed.1.5 to 2 hours per day. Part-time position for the 2021/2022 school year. Call 802-310-2256 or email [jennifer.rose@wnesu.com](mailto:jennifer.rose@wnesu.com).

Production and Assembly opportunity available in the Ludlow and North Springfield area. Opportunity working for a door and window manufacturing company. Full-time, PTO, and benefits. Please contact [Jeldwen@askconsulting.com](mailto:Jeldwen@askconsulting.com) or 802-200-2334.

\$40 an hour Help Wanted or best offer. Need bathroom ceiling sheet rocked and tub tile installed. Need interior house trim installed. Select your talent. Contact Steve 802-885-8110.

MASON/TENDERS WANTED.

Pay based on experience. Contact Moore Masonry at 802-824-5710 or email [mooremasonry802@gmail.com](mailto:mooremasonry802@gmail.com).

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Well established real estate company seeks VT licensed agents for Springfield office location. Will train new licensees. Contact Jess Landers, Barrett & Valley Associates Inc., 802-275-6029 or [info@barrettandvalley.com](mailto:info@barrettandvalley.com) for details.

## STEVENS ELECTRIC

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Retired electrician seeking residential work, call Barry Stevens at 802-591-4037.

## YARD SALE

MOVING SALE Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 714 Skitchewaug Trail, (Rt. 143

East) Springfield, VT. Hardware, home goods, decorative items, trinkets. Rain or Shine.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Huge Garage Sale at 130 Summer St. in Springfield. Sept. 25 & 26 from 9am-5pm. Lots of items, nice china cabinets, tea cart, marble table, bookcases, small tables, wicker set, oil lamps, collectibles, and many unusual items.

— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 23 mins.

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**BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4,2021 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY OCTOBER 29,2021

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Brian Joslyn  
Chief Operator  
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

## Licensed Dental Hygienists Needed!

VT licensed dental hygienists needed for a rapidly growing general dentistry practice in Chester, Vermont. Qualified candidates will enjoy the benefits of a small high-end established practice in a brand new building with all the latest technology, and the freedom to carve out your own career path. Flexible schedule, paid vacation, holidays, continuing education, and 401k. We have a golden retriever therapy dog on site so you must love dogs!

Please send a cover letter and resume to [info@drchristopherfauver.com](mailto:info@drchristopherfauver.com), attention: office manager, or call 802-885-3191 for a confidential interview.

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**TOWN OF WESTMINSTER**  
Russell R. Hodgkins – Town Manager  
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158  
Tel. 802-722-4255 Fax 802-722-9816  
[Manager@westminstervt.org](mailto:Manager@westminstervt.org)

**Town of Westminster  
RFP for Curbside Trash/Recycling Pickup**

The Town of Westminster, VT is seeking a qualified contractor to resume the “Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling”. The Town would prefer a three-year contract with firm pricing including taxes and fees for proper disposal for each fiscal year. This contract would start July 1, 2022 and go to June 30, 2025. Each year should show all increases that may be incurred. There will be absolutely no hidden costs or sur-charges associated within this contract passed on to the Town of Westminster.

**Scope of Services:** Chosen Contractor shall perform in a timely and professional manner the services mandated by the State of Vermont as a pay-as-you-throw program. The Town of Westminster has a numbered sticker program that attaches to the neck of the refuse bag with a capacity of 30 lbs. or 33 gallons. Under no circumstances will the contractor be asked to weigh or verify capacities per bag by the Town. This is up to the Contractor to judge. Recycling is single sort and is picked up in a separate container weekly. Both refuse and recycling are placed on the edge of the Town Road in separate containers supplied by the resident and have a lid. The Town does not mandate what kind of container nor the lid. The objective is to keep everything dry and away from animals.

**Interested Contractors:** A qualified Contractor interested in bidding this service must call or email the Town office for the full scope of this request. Formal bids will be due at the Town Hall (mailed or emailed) by October 15, 2021.

**Town of Westminster  
(802) 722-4255  
[Manager@westminstervt.org](mailto:Manager@westminstervt.org)**

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 96 Main Street, Town Hall, Springfield, Vermont to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

- Application 202164 Paul Dionne to subdivide Parcel 006-3-04.001 (42.01+/- acrest) into five lots of Lot 1 (6.24 +/- acres); Lot 2 (5.94 +/- acres); Lot 3 (5.56 +/- acres); Lot 4 (18.00 +/- acres) and Lot 5 (6.27 +/- acres). The property is located at 381 Brook Road and is zoned RA-5.
- Review of Conditional Use Permit 19014 issued to Mike & Sherrie Bassignani on April 29, 2019 per Condition #5 of said permit. The property is located at 30 Fairground Road and is zoned LR-10.
- Application 202166 Raphael Cuniff to use property as a short-term rental. The property is located at 357 Breezy Hill Road and is zoned RA-2.

**Town of Londonderry, VT  
JOB OPENINGS**

**Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator**  
Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

**Transfer Station Attendant**  
Part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on weekends. Backhoe experience preferred.

Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org). Submit via email to [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org) or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is welcome.

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

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry in said Town on October 20, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

Article 1:	Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?
Article 2:	Shall the town authorize integrated licensees in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?
Article 3:	Shall the town authorize the assessment of a one percent (1%) local option tax on sales, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, the proceeds of which shall be applied as General Fund revenue to reduce the municipal property tax rate?

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Londonderry are further notified that the Londonderry Selectboard will hold an informational hearing on all such Articles on October 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road in South Londonderry.

Dated at Londonderry this 13th day of September 2021

**Selectboard of the Town of Londonderry**

	Thomas Cavanagh, Chair
	Vincent Annunziata, Vice Chair
	Taylor Prouty
	Melissa Brown
	James Fleming

Received for the record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021

Kelly M. Pajala, Town Clerk

## Art Crafts Gifts

**GALLERY AT THE VAULT**  
*Vermont State Craft Center*  
Open Wed. & Sat. 11-5, Fri. 11-7  
Shop in person or Online - [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org)

**Pet Portrait Workshop** with Mindy Fisher 9/25/21 from 11-2

**Pendant with Cabuchon and Pine Needle Coiling** with Lyn Parker Haas 10/23/21 from 11-3

**Painting the Fall Landscape** with Rob O'Brien 11/6/21 (11/09/21 - TFN - 13)

**SAGE JEWELRY AND GIFTS**  
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Handcrafted jewelry made on site, full jewelry repair service. Locally crafted gifts, cards, and much more!  
(12/01/21 - 13)

## Bakery

**CROWS BAKERY & OPERA HOUSE CAFE**  
Celebrating 22 years in business with yummy Pastries, Cakes, Pies, Breads, Cookies. Full Breakfast & Lunch. 73 Depot St. Proctorsville 802-226-7007. [crowsbakeryandcafe.com](http://crowsbakeryandcafe.com). Like us on Facebook. (11/30/21 - TFN - 26)

## Builders/Contractors

**HAMMER FOR HIRE LLC**  
802-376-3275 ~ "Not just for bangin' nails."  
We offer a variety of services, ranging from handyman projects, through small restorations to full blown renovations. Our clients expect a great experience from start to finish. Our professionalism matched with proficiency, customer care, and quality hit that mark. We are fully insured and ready for your next project, big or small.  
Like us on FACEBOOK: Hammer for Hire LLC @nedmortensen2008 (06/14/22 - 52)

**ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT**  
Booking for winter & spring 2022 projects. Also offer carpentry, kitchen & bathroom remodels, interior & exterior painting, window & door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, and odd jobs. 802-226-7077 or 802-591-0019. Cavendish, Vt. (01/04/22 - 26)

**PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION**  
Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-558-5267. (12/01/21 - 13)

## Campground

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2419 EAST ROAD, CAVENDISH VERMONT  
SEASONAL SITES AVAILABLE FOR 2022! REASONABLE RATES!  
802-226-7767  
[Catonplacecamp@aol.com](mailto:Catonplacecamp@aol.com)  
Full hook up sites, pull thru, and tent sites. Views of Okemo! Large Private Sites!  
(12/14/21 - 13)

## Chiropractor

**FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC**  
Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977  
Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm.  
(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

## Cleanouts

**A BARE CLEANING**  
Basements, attics, houses, barns. Household items and junk removed. Free estimates, insured. Call Reg at 802-376-4159. (12/01/21 - 13)

## Masonry

**DRC STONE DESIGN**  
Specializing in all Stone Masonry Applications including veneer, walls, patios, walkways. Fully insured. Free estimates. 32 years experience. Contact Dan Field at 802-384-0122 or [stoneart49@gmail.com](mailto:stoneart49@gmail.com) or visit [drc-stonedesign.com](http://drc-stonedesign.com). (12/01/21 - 13)

**MOORE MASONRY**  
Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 [mooremasonry802@gmail.com](mailto:mooremasonry802@gmail.com). (09/20/22 - 52)

## Okemo Valley TV

**LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**

- Green Mountain Union HS Soccer
- All About Heat Pumps from Sustainable Woodstock
- Yoga with Liza
- Governor Scott Weekly Press Conference
- Mount Holly Conservation Trust- Okemo State Forest

**Watch on TV:** Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166  
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167  
(TV Schedules available at [okemovalley.tv/schedules](http://okemovalley.tv/schedules) & on cable TV program guide)

**Watch Online:** [okemovalley.tv](http://okemovalley.tv) & [youtube.com/okemovalleytv](https://youtube.com/okemovalleytv)  
(11/12/21 - 13)

## Payroll Service

**ABACUS PAYROLL SERVICE**  
Abacus provides payroll service for small to medium sized companies. We are fast, accurate, reliable, and reasonably priced. We also offer bookkeeping and accounting services. Please call 802-546-2732. (11/30/21 - 13)

## Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chet for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.  
(03/22/22 - 13)



sports

The 21st Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge a great success —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Hospital hosted its 21st Annual Golf Challenge Sept. 14 at the Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. Proceeds from this year's fundraising event go to the annual giving campaign to support the Defibrillator Equipment Fund. Ninety tournament participants enjoyed a variety of competitions on the course in addition to 18 holes of scramble golf tournament play. A 2021 Cadillac was up for grabs for a hole-in-one on hole 8, thanks to Springfield Buick GMC Cadillac; and \$10,000 was available on



Robert S. Adcock. PHOTO PROVIDED

hole 17 for a hole-in-one, thanks to Ludlow Insurance Agency. We did not give either of these big prizes away this year, but we could not have asked

for a nicer day to play golf in the splendid beauty of Vermont. Winners in the A and B Flights were as follows: **A Flight** — • 1st Low Gross — Dan Patria, Mary Patria, Jeff Matulonis, Cole Lewis • 2nd Low Gross — Dr. Rick Marasa, Christina Graves, Chris Garvey, Brian Perkins • 1st Low Net — Eric Warren, Stu Currie, Bob O'Brien, Dan Frost • 2nd Low Net — David Muller, Tim Mello, Greg White, Nathan Roth **B Flight** — • 1st Low Gross — Chad

Illingworth, David Byrne, Gary Parzych, Ryan Gadapee • 2nd Low Gross — Jamie Spence, Karl Wentworth, Mike Matulonis, Brett Jansinski • 1st Low Net — Gus Gutierrez, Jim Lapine, Kelly Blanchard, Shawn Aubin • 2nd Low Net — Mike Pinney, Collin Pinney, Gary Stearns, Walter Oaks Dan Frost won the straightest drive, and longest putt went to Dave Nichols.

Over 40 sponsors and raffle prize donors made this year's tournament a fundraising success. The tournament sponsors this year at the \$1,000 level were Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Ellen Lander/Renaissance Benefit Advisors, Kinney Drugs Foundation, NFP, QHR Health, SunSoil, and The Richards Group. "Many thanks go to our sponsors and participants for their generous support; and to the staff and volunteers that organized this event. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to Fox Run Golf Club for preparing a course that the golfers certainly enjoyed. It was great to see so many golfers across the staging area as they prepared to play their round of golf, and I am grateful to all who made this event a fundraising success," commented Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital. To see a list of all of the sponsors, go to [www.springfieldhospitalgiving.org/golf](http://www.springfieldhospitalgiving.org/golf).

AUTOMOTIVE/REAL ESTATE



Prestin wins first place at Soccer Shoot

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Prestin Parker-Milano, 6, of Springfield won first place in the Elks Soccer Shoot in Claremont, N.H., which was held Sept. 12, 2021. He now moves on to the State Soccer Shoot in Dover, N.H., Oct. 3, 2021.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Fall sports schedule

THUR, SEPT. 23 —

**Boys Soccer** Inter-lakes at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m. Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Leland & Gray at Mill River, 4:30 p.m. Newport at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.

FRI, SEPT. 24 —

**Boys Soccer** Green Mountain at Otter Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Field Hockey** Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 4 p.m.

**Football** Bellows Falls at Fair Haven, 7 p.m. Newport at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Springfield at Brattleboro, 6:30 p.m.

SAT, SEPT. 25 —

**Field Hockey** Springfield at Otter Valley, 11 a.m.

**Football** Springfield at Oxbow, 1 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Bellows Falls at Mill River, 11 a.m.

MON, SEPT. 27 —

**Boys Soccer** Fair Haven at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

**Field Hockey** Bellows Falls at Hartford, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Twin Valley at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

**Golf** ConVal, Lebanon at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

TUE, SEPT. 28 —

**Boys Soccer** Conant at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

**Cross Country** Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m. Leland & Gray at Woodstock, 4 p.m.

**Field Hockey** Springfield at Windsor, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 4 p.m.

WED, SEPT. 29 —

**Boys Soccer** Brattleboro at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Bellows Falls at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

**Volleyball** Fall Mountain at Stevens, 6:15 p.m.

THUR, SEPT. 30 —

**Boys Soccer** Leland & Gray at Rivedell, 4:30 p.m. Stevens at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.

**Field Hockey** Brattleboro at Springfield, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Green Mountain at Stratton Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

FRI, OCT. 1 —

**Cross Country** Fall Mountain at Hillsboro-Deering, 4 p.m.

**Field Hockey** Rutland at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

**Football** Milton at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m. Bellows Free-Fairfax at Springfield, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Otter Valley at Springfield, 4 p.m. Stevens at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m. Windsor at Bellows Falls, 4:15 p.m.

**Volleyball** Prospect Mountain at Fall Mountain, 5:15 p.m.

SAT, OCT. 2 —

**Boys Soccer** Fall Mountain at Hillsboro-Deering, 9 a.m. Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 1:30 p.m.

**Football** Fall Mountain at Newfound, 7 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** Green Mountain at Mill River, 11 a.m.

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## Grouse and woodcock hunting starts Sept. 25

**REGION** – A quiet walk down a hidden woods road, bright fall foliage coloring the canopy overhead and the crisp, cool air of an early morning – these are just some of the elements of a great Vermont upland game bird hunting experience. Hoping to see the dramatic flush of a grouse or woodcock is, of course, another reason hunters try to get out into Vermont woodlands in the fall.

Vermont’s hunting season for ruffed grouse or “partridge,” is Sept. 25 to Dec. 31 this year. The daily limit is four grouse with a possession limit of eight.

The Vermont woodcock hunting season is Sept. 25 to Nov. 8. The daily limit is three wood-

cock with a possession limit of nine. New this year, the season starts in conjunction with the traditional small game season opener.

Woodcock are often found in alders along brooks and near beaver ponds as well as in new-growth small timber where old fields are reverting to forest or recent timber harvests have occurred. Ruffed grouse also frequent the same habitat, and they are particularly fond of the apples they find under wild apple trees.

All migratory game bird (woodcock, common snipe, ducks, and geese) hunters must also be registered with the Harvest Information Program in

each state they hunt. You can register on Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s website or call toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which is then recorded on your hunting license.

For more information on hunting in Vermont, be sure to get a copy of the 2021 Hunting & Trapping Guide and Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Game Birds in Vermont available free from license agents statewide and from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

## Archery deer season starts Oct. 1

**REGION** – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says hunters are looking forward to Vermont’s upcoming Oct. 1 to Nov. 12 and Nov. 29 to Dec. 15 archery deer hunting season.

A hunter may take up to four deer in Vermont’s two-part archery season if they do not shoot any deer in the other deer seasons. The purchase of an archery deer license and tag is required for each deer. No more than one of the deer taken during archery season may be a legal buck if no buck is taken in the other deer seasons. Antlerless deer hunting is allowed during archery season statewide this year.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length. In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

Hunters must have a standard hunting license in order to purchase an add-on archery deer hunting license, except that nonresidents may purchase an “archery only deer license.” Licenses may be quickly and easily purchased on Fish & Wildlife’s website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

Hunters planning a Vermont archery deer hunting trip will find it helpful to download a copy of the 2021 White-tailed Deer Harvest Report from Fish

& Wildlife’s website: <https://tinyurl.com/nz4ej23m>. It has the number of deer taken in each town in last year’s deer hunting seasons.

For more information and a summary of regulations, download the 2021 Deer Seasons Guide from Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s website, or pick up a free copy of the 2021 Hunting & Trapping Guide from any license agent.



Vermont’s archery deer season starts Friday, Oct. 1. PHOTO PROVIDED BY VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE

## Vermont’s Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk set for Oct. 23

**REGION** – Susan G. Komen, the world’s leading breast cancer organization, reminds the Vermont community at-large that its signature fundraising event, More Than Pink Walk, will be held Saturday, Oct. 23. The 2021 event will be held virtually again this year due to ongoing health concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2021 Komen Vermont More Than Pink Walk will still unite people, bringing them together from their homes and neighborhoods all across the Green Mountain State, and neighboring New Hampshire, and throughout the rest of New England. This year’s walk provides new ways to engage and experience Komen’s mission, enabling you to connect with the Komen breast cancer community from your own home or neighborhood.

“We are excited to join together as #ONEKomen community,” said Linda Maness, Susan G. Komen development manager for Vermont and New Hampshire. “The health and safety of our community are, and always have been, our top priorities. After consulting with government health guidance and monitoring the evolving risk to our community, many of whom have compromised immune systems and may be unable to receive a Covid vaccine, we decided that will unite as one community from homes and neighborhoods across the Green Mountain State, as well as throughout New England. No matter where you are, we

will feel the presence of our one community every step of the way.”

The Vermont More Than Pink Walk will feature a new audio experience and scavenger hunt during the walk to help bring our community of hope and compassion together in a new way while raising funds to save lives from breast cancer. The audio experience will showcase those touched by breast cancer and why they walk and fundraise. The scavenger hunt will be a fun activity for all ages.

While fundraising is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Funds raised will support Komen’s investments in breakthrough research, needed patient care, and public policy action at all levels of govern-



One more step to end breast cancer. PHOTO PROVIDED

ment. Together, we are working to discover the cures while supporting people facing breast cancer today, ensuring everyone can get the care they need to live.

“The power of our community is not about physically being together, it’s about the impact every one of us can make when we walk one more step and raise one more dollar,” said Maness. “Every one of us, no matter who we are or where we live, deserves a chance at living a long and healthy life. Working together, it is our goal to make sure that no one faces breast cancer alone.”

To learn more about the walk, and to register, visit [www.komen.org/vermontwalk](http://www.komen.org/vermontwalk).

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# arts & entertainment

## FOLA presents screening of classical musical “Brigadoon”

LUDLOW, Vt. – While it may not be May, “the mist of May will be in the heather” at the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. as FOLA presents the film version of the great musical, “Brigadoon.”

“Brigadoon” is a 1954 MGM musical film based on the 1947 Broadway musical of the same name by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. The film was directed by Vincente Minnelli and stars Gene Kelly, Van Johnson, and Cyd Charisse.

Americans Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, on a hunting vacation in Scotland, discover a quaint and beautiful village, Brigadoon. Strangely, the village is not on any map, and soon Tommy and Jeff find out why: Brigadoon is an enchanted place. It appears once every hundred years for one day, then disappears back into the mists of time, to wake up to its next day a century hence. When Tommy falls in love with Fiona, a girl of the village, he realizes that she can never be part of his life back in America. Can he be part of hers in Brigadoon?

The film features a number of great songs including “Almost Like Being in Love,” “The Heather on the Hill,” “Waiting for My Dearie,” and “I’ll Go Home with Bonnie Jean.” It also features the dancing talents of Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse.

As with all FOLA movies, everyone is welcome and there is no entrance fee; donations are appreciated to offset expenses. Per town policy, masks are recommended for those already vaccinated for Covid-19 and required for those who are unvaccinated. For information, call 802-228-7239 or go to [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Blooms After Covid craft sale in Reading

READING, Vt. – We’ve all been through a hard 16 months with many events canceled. This spring and summer the Reading Historical Society has been working to transform unused items into unique, iconic décor for your homes.

One of these items made by Sue Allen and Jim Bennett is a welded garden sculpture depicting flower blooms. This art piece has been on display at the museum in the flowerbed and is for sale. We have titled this event “Blooms After Covid” to mark the end of being separated during this time. Just like our flower gardens, we have blossomed again and gone back to creating wonderful items to sell as a fundraiser for the society. We ladies have learned to use many tools including welders and plasma cutters, while creating our art. We will be holding a Craft Sale Sept. 25, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the museum, located at 670 Route 106 in Reading.

Are you a fan of “Flea Market Flip?” You will love our flips. Dresser mirrors have been converted into chalkboard display frames. Ties are now a chair and footstool. Metal head and footboards have become bench seats that can be used on the porch, patio, or in the garden. Old doors are now hall trees. Garden herbs are now handcrafted wreaths and old 33-1/3 records are witch hats decorated with dried flowers, jewels, spider webs, etc. all ready for fall decorating. Glass dishes are now bejeweled garden art and shutters have been converted into garden/porch angels. Fall pumpkins and doorknockers

have been created from old horse shoes. This is only a small list of items that have been created.

Do you scan through Pinterest admiring repurposed, vintage, and rustic finds? This is your opportunity to own these items at a fraction of the cost. We are set up to accept credit cards for your convenience.

Our event will be held rain or shine. We hope to see you



Reading Historical Society’s Blooms After Covid craft sale has unique flipped items for your home. PHOTO PROVIDED

Saturday, Sept. 25 to help us to continue to raise funds that support our mission of “preserving the past for the future.”

## Calling all readers to Springfield Library book sale

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Are you a fan of fiction? Interested in history or biographies? A student of photography and the visual arts? Do you follow certain authors of mystery and suspense, or fantasy and science fiction? Do you want to delve further into philosophy or religion? All these genres and more will be available at reasonable cost this weekend.

The Friends of the Springfield Town Library will be holding their annual book sale Friday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale will take place at the former National Guard Armory on Fairground Road.

There is a huge selection of books sorted by category. There are also CDs, DVDs, and some vinyl records, along with some puzzles in good shape. There are many children’s books, young adult books, and instructional books for teachers and homeschoolers.

Come to the sale and stock up on reading and activities for the coming winter!

## Hiroya Tsukamoto to perform

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Innovative guitarist and composer Hiroya Tsukamoto will bring his fusion of folk, jazz, and world music back to Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge St., in Bellows Falls, Sept. 26 for a special matinee performance.

Tsukamoto leads concerts internationally, including multiple appearances at the Blue Note in New York City and on Japanese National Television. In 2018, he won second place in the International Finger Style Guitar Championship.

Eclectic and immersive, Tsukamoto takes audiences on an earthy, organic odyssey with breathtaking instrumental abilities and his engaging personality. In addition to original compositions, his repertoire travels the world of traditional music.

Born and raised in Japan, Tsukamoto was awarded a scholarship to Berklee College of Music. In Boston, he formed the group Interoceanico with musicians from different continents, including Latin Grammy-winning Marta Gomez; that ensemble released three acclaimed records. Hiroya has also released four highly regarded solo albums.

In a news feature after his first appearance, Tsukamoto said, “I played at Stage 33 Live for the first time last December... out of 100 shows I did last year, that show made my year.”

This is a special 2 p.m. matinee; there will be no opening act, so plan a timely arrival. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. Masks and social distancing required; and Covid-19 protocol may change without notice.

Seating is limited. Performances are recorded and filmed. No bar or kitchen, the stage is the mission; snacks by donation. Stage 33 Live is an industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory hosting local, regional, and national performers in an intimate, casual setting. Tickets, more information about this and other upcoming events, and about the nonprofit all-volunteer project, online at [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).

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# arts & entertainment

## Gallery at the VAULT Pet Portrait —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – You are invited to a really fun workshop painting Pet Portraits with Mindy Fisher, Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Gallery at the VAULT. In this portrait workshop, you will have the opportunity to create a one of a kind painting of your beloved pet

or favorite animal using acryla-gouache on an 8-by-8-inch panel. Mindy provides hands-off guidance to ensure each student can develop their own style at whatever skill level they are at. Acryla-gouache is a highly pigmented paint that is a hybrid of watercolor, gouache, and acrylic with a

saturated matte finish. It is extremely satisfying to use. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. Please bring at least one reference photo of your pet. Mindy has given this workshop before and the participants loved it. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield,

is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or go to Facebook or www.galleryvault.org. Handicap accessible.

## Fletcher Farm School October classes —

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is pleased to announce our late September and October classes.

- Sept. 25-26, “Stone Setting” with Hal Bosco. Learn to set calibrated amethysts into calibrated settings.
- Oct. 2, “Pine Needle Coiling Jewelry” with Lyn Haas. Using this technique, learn to make pendants and baskets.
- Oct. 7-8, “Snowshoe Weaving” with Jean Reed. These fabulous snowshoes are to be used, not just to hang on the wall of your cabin or home. The strength and durability of these shoes are great or a child of 5-7

years of age.

- Oct. 9-11, “Liberated Quilting” with Susan Damone Balch. Learn a process of quilting with no rules, no patterns, no points to match, and seams don’t have to be exact. It’s a great way to use fabric that you have on hand.
- Oct. 12, “Japanese Shibori on a PVC Pipe” and “Nuno Felted Scarves” with Sandi Cirillo. We combined these two half-day classes. Take one or both. In the morning session, participants will learn about “shibori,” the Japanese resist method of creating designs on silk using a PVC pipe. In the afternoon session, students will learn how to create

a nuno felted scarf using bits and pieces of wool, soap and water, agitation, and lovely silk scarves.

- Oct. 13, “Silk Fusion” with Sandi Cirillo. Participants will learn about silk fusion, the process of creating silk paper using various types of silk fibers. Silk paper can be used to make books or notecards for a variety of mixed media art projects.
- Oct. 16-17, “Printmaking Workshop” with Roger Hyndman. This workshop will explore several different forms of printmaking, including solar-plate, relief, found object, and monotype printmaking.
- Oct. 16, “Book Ornaments” with Jean Reed. In a few short hours, you will complete a precious miniature book, measuring 2-inch square. Your book will be made with holiday-themed paper and embellished with ribbon and a bead. When you open your book, it turns into a glorious star-shaped or-

nement.

- Oct. 30-31, “Introduction to Silver Fabrication” with Hal Bosco. This course is designed to teach basic methods of handcrafting jewelry from sterling silver.
- Oct. 30, “Feather Wool Trees” with Jean Reed. These unique and whimsical trees are made from felted wool, wrapped over wire stems, and are enhanced with winterberries. You will be using 100% felted wool and have a choice of colors.

For more information about these classes, to register, become a member, buy raffle tickets, or to donate, visit [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org), or call 802-228-8770. We are still in need of volunteers and board members. Our fall, winter, and spring office schedule is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Main Street Arts fall events and classes —

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – After a hiatus of more than a year, Main Street Arts has a full slate of arts classes for adults and older teens this fall. Offerings include theater, visual arts, writing, movement, and music, all hosted at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. Come learn about the classes and meet the teachers at an Open House Sunday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. and enjoy a potluck around MSA’s new fire pit. For more information and to register for classes, visit [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org). In addition to classes, MSA is hosting a number of community gatherings, including a monthly Community Fire for potlucks, conversation, and making friends. A new show will be going up in the art gallery with collage and text by locals Gordon Korstange and Matt Peake. There will be an opening reception and artist talk Friday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. The two will also offer a two-session workshop on collage and writing Oct. 16, and Oct. 23. Charles Norris-Brown and Jean Cannon are leading figure drawing and watercolor classes, respectively. Catherine Despont offers “Drawing with

Words,” a writing class including observation, conversation, reading, and lots of writing. Catherine also hosts “Poetry in the Village,” a monthly Poem Bath where everyone is welcome to speak a poem. Accomplished actor and director John Hadden leads two theater workshops this fall: “Shakespeare’s Game” and “Theater Lab.” Both courses welcome actors of all levels of experience with the lab including directors and auditors. Qigong and Feldenkrais bring balance and better health through movement and breathing. John Bohannon brings his popular Saxtons River Qigong practice as a weekly group. Paris Kern introduces our community to Feldenkrais through three different three-hour workshops. Rounding out the fall offerings is String Band. Jill Newton kept the group going virtually all through the pandemic. Scholarships are available. MSA asks that everyone wear a mask while participating in their classes and events. They have requested all staff and faculty to be fully vaccinated and are limiting class size to allow social distancing.

## Hooper Institute Fall Festival —

**WALPOLE, N.H.** – Join Hooper Institute Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for their first-ever Fall Festival. This day is sponsored in part by the Women of Walpole and Friends of Hooper. All proceeds support the Hooper Institute’s educational programs. Donations welcome. Join us at the Hooper Institute, 165 Prospect Hill Rd. in Walpole, N.H., for this fun event! For more information, contact Helen Dalbeck at [hooper-institute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooper-institute@myfairpoint.net) or call 603-756-4382.

There will be fun crafts, lawn games, Firehouse lunch, cow plop bingo, farm animal corral. Visitors can make a scarecrow, press cider, and eat popcorn, and there will be exceptional raffle prizes and homemade sweets.



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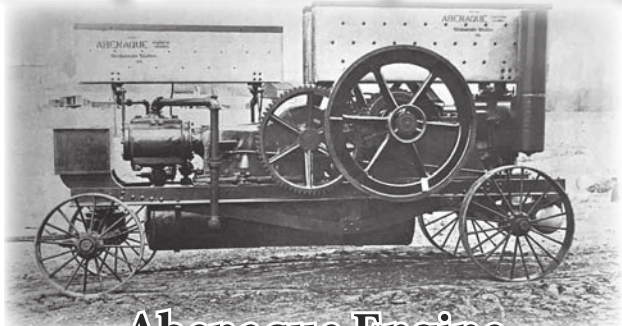
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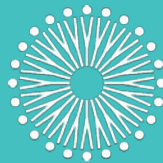



# HOW DOES CANNABIS AFFECT TEENS?

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# Senior Solutions upcoming programs

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Senior Solutions announces upcoming programs and events.

**Become a Tai Chi Instructor**

On Thursday, Nov. 4 and Friday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., join Anne Bower and Laurie Knauer, authorized trainers of Tai Chi Vermont, Inc., to become a Fall Prevention Tai Chi Level One instructor.

Tai Chi Vermont welcomes you to become an instructor of Fall Prevention Tai Chi (FPTC), a rewarding experience that helps not only those you teach but yourself as well. FPTC’s benefits include improved balance, coordination, flexibility, focus, memory, and mindfulness. Those who practice frequently often find their sleep, blood sugar levels, and blood pressure improve too.

The Level One workshop consists of two full days where we practice the Level One movements, along with the fundamental exercises that are part of

each class. We consider safety issues and ways to adapt movements for people’s limitations. We also give a lot of attention to teaching safely and effectively, using role-playing to practice teaching.

The workshop will be held at Neighborhood Connections’ The Meeting Place, 5720 Mountain Marketplace in Londonderry. For more information, please contact Wendi Germain, Nutrition and Wellness Director at Senior Solutions, at 802-755-7295.

**News from our 3Squares Outreach Specialist Thom Simmons**

The Farm Share Program allows those at 185% FPL and lower – same as 3SquaresVT limits – to purchase weekly Farm Shares in a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) format at 50% of the regular cost through a subsidy from the Northeast Organic Farmers Association. Twenty-five farms

participate throughout our service area, from Massachusetts to Thetford, Vt. Applications are short and can be done in paper or online, and are due by Sept. 30 for the fall to early spring period. For more information, go to <https://nofavt.org/farmshare/> applicant.

**Upcoming BCTV interview with Leah Gessner of Guilford Cares**

We are starting a series of interviews with our friends at the Community Cares Groups throughout Windham and Windsor counties. Check [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) for the latest in YouTube interviews of “Keeping Up with Senior Solutions” on Brattleboro Community television. You can review the many programs we have recorded on various topics.

**Respite Care Volunteer Recruitment**

Aging in place has become a way of life for many older Vermonters, whose supervision and

care become the responsibility of family members. Often, a spouse acts as sole caregiver. We receive many calls from caregivers asking for a volunteer who can spend time with their loved one so they can run errands or attend to other needs. Some just need some quiet time for themselves and a chance to rest.

Would you like to provide companionship and bring pleasure to those aging in place? Are you interested in taking on the level of responsibility to commit a block of time so caregivers can recharge and take some time for themselves? If so, we will provide you with award-winning comprehensive training and all the tools and support you will need for a successful outcome.

For more information, please contact Vicki Mastroianni at 802-376-3388 or [vmastroianni@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:vmastroianni@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

**Virtual Senior Solutions Annual Meeting**

On Oct. 27, 2021, we are

holding our annual meeting via Zoom. In advance we are requesting that community members nominate “Successful Aging” candidates. Please go to our website where you can download the Nomination Form: [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org/2021/09/nominees-needed-for-successful-aging-award-2021](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org/2021/09/nominees-needed-for-successful-aging-award-2021).

Nothing makes us happier than being able to recognize and honor individuals who have been able to flourish and enjoy the aging process. Vermont is full of productive, helpful, loving, and engaging older individuals. Many of them have overcome health issues and some have even continued to serve on ski patrols. Others have contributed to the welfare of people in various ways in their local communities. The stories are so inspiring! We want all Vermonters to be valued for themselves and for how they have enriched our society. Help us connect and showcase these examples

of what being a Vermonter is all about!

**“Matter of Balance” Virtual Training Sessions**

Senior Solutions and Green Mountain RSVP are collaborating to offer the “A Matter of Balance” program. GMRSVP volunteers will facilitate the virtual training designed to reduce the fear of falling for older adults. Participants will learn to evaluate fall risks and make personal and environmental changes to reduce them at home and in public settings. Learning simple exercises to improve strength and balance will help participants increase their activity and reduce the risk of falling.

Training sessions will meet via Zoom Monday and Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m., beginning Oct. 15 and ending Nov. 8. A participant workbook is provided. For more information and details on this free program, contact Wendi Germain at 802-755-7295.

## What women should know about gynecologic cancer

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – September is Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month, a national recognition established by the Foundation for Women’s Cancer in 1999. It is estimated that this year 98,000 women will be diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and some 30,000 will die from the disease. Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to draw attention to this important women’s health issue and offer vital information on cancer risks, warning signs, and prevention strategies.

Gynecological cancers are those that develop in a woman’s reproductive tract. These include cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, vaginal

cancer, and vulvar cancer.

There are different risk factors for each of these cancers, including, in some cases, heredity or genetics. Most cancers are not inherited and some are related to a virus known as the Human Papilloma Virus, or HPV for short. Many women develop cancer without being considered high risk. It is important for women to be aware of the types of gynecological cancer, symptoms, and potential warning signs to watch out for, and screening and prevention strategies.

Each type of gynecological cancer has different symptoms, some of which may be difficult to recognize. While women should be familiar with the

symptoms associated with gynecological cancer, it is just as important for women to pay attention to their own bodies and take note when something is “off” or not normal. Women should be aware of any abnormal bleeding especially after menopause. Screening exams and evaluations should be scheduled for unusual symptoms such as a persistent increase in vaginal discharge or abdominal or pelvic pain that does not resolve.

For further information or to make an appointment, please call Springfield Gynecology at 802-885-7651.

## AARP accepting grant applications

**REGION** – AARP Vermont announced the launch of a community grant program that aims to issue grants of \$24,000 among six Vermont towns or cities. The goal is to jump start Winter Placemaking demonstration projects that create public spaces and streets that are safe and accessible for everyone. This is the fourth year of AARP’s Placemaking Grant Program, which aims to help communities build social capital that can help lead to permanent change that supports healthy, active lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities.

“As part of its focus on livable communities, AARP knows that great communities take a long time to build and sustain,” said Kelly Stoddard Poor of AARP Vermont. “But, we also believe ‘quick actions’ can be the critical spark for longer-term progress. With these \$4,000 grants we will support community efforts to spearhead a demonstra-

tion project that will help build momentum.”

The Placemaking projects are intended to inspire and educate community leaders and residents.

“We know that simple modifications can powerfully alter the health, economic, social, and ecological value of a community,” Stoddard Poor said. “When community members and local officials can actually see and experience a new or altered space, they are better able to understand what is possible and how it can improve their community.”

The objectives of the Winter Placemaking Demonstration Projects are to help participants:

- Enhance perceptions and attitudes toward community change.
- Recognize how placemaking and community design

influence successful aging, equity and health while enhancing overall livability.

- Give participants an expanded toolkit to draw from to build healthier more vibrant public spaces during the winter months.

Applicants are encouraged to participate in the Placemaking Workshop held in the fall of 2021 – date to be announced – to deepen their understanding and skills to better utilize placemaking in their community project. Grant program RFP and Applications are posted at [www.states.aarp.org/vermont/aarp-accepting-grant-applications-from-vermont-towns](http://www.states.aarp.org/vermont/aarp-accepting-grant-applications-from-vermont-towns). Applications should be received by Kelly Stoddard Poor from AARP VT at [kstoddardpoor@aarp.org](mailto:kstoddardpoor@aarp.org) by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Friday, Nov. 11, 2021 to be eligible for consideration.

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