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# Selectboard, Trustees update Vilas Bridge resolutions

BY BETSY THURSTON  
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**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Oct. 12 and Oct. 19, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees and Rockingham Selectboard discussed updating their resolutions regarding construction for Vilas Bridge between Walpole, N.H., and Bellows Falls. The state of New Hampshire owns the bridge, and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is currently accepting public comment for their ten-year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2023-2032. The boards' resolutions need to be signed by the end of October.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup suggested adopting both

town and village resolutions and sending them to all state and federal officials. He said based on the current schedule for the Vilas Bridge, NHDOT engineering work begins in 2023 with construction slated for 2028. Pickup warned that all phases were currently funded at 50%.

The Vilas Bridge replaced the Tucker Toll Bridge in 1930. It was rehabilitated once in 1974 and closed in 2009. The state of New Hampshire owns 93% of the Vilas Bridge.

In 2006, Representatives Michael Obuchowski of Rockingham and Carolyn Partridge of Windham had called for New Hampshire to conduct necessary engineering studies on the

Vilas Bridge and perform actual construction and restoration in 2007. This passed in the House March 28, 2006 and was accepted by the Senate March 31, 2006.

Instead of construction or restoration, the Vilas Bridge was closed in March 2009. When the bridge closed "for repairs," the cost for rehabilitation was \$5 to 6 million. Now, 12 years later, the cost is over \$17 million.

In 2006, a traffic study showed 6,500 vehicles crossed the Vilas Bridge daily. In addition to the economic impact to downtown Bellows Falls, the continued closure of the Vilas Bridge raises safety issues without adequate alternate access over the river.

The populations of Bellows

Falls and Walpole represent 9,200 people and the communities of Walpole and Bellows Falls Fire and Police Departments are part of a mutual aid-dependent network.

In 2014, Bill Boynton spokesman for the NHDOT stated, "New Hampshire's position is that we have too many unmet transportation needs and do not currently have the funds to address the Vilas Bridge. A viable option for crossing the Connecticut River is nearby..."

Current crossings include the Church Street Bridge that is now under construction with an "at-grade" rail crossing often handling freight of 100-plus cars and an underpass crossing impassable for height-restricted

and tractor-trailer trucks connecting Westminster to Walpole.

Walpole and Bellows Falls also carry an agreement for waste processing. The deterioration of the Vilas Bridge is an environmental safety concern due to the waste pipe running along the underside of the bridge over the Connecticut River. A failed bridge or damaged pipe would be catastrophic to everything south of Bellows Falls, and today local divers and fishermen attest that the Connecticut River is cleaner than it has been in decades.

The Trustees' resolution is on the agenda for their Oct. 26 meeting, but Village President Deborah Wright urges residents

and business owners to write their letters of support or comments. She reminded everyone there is still time to catch the right person's attention, "Every year... there will always be an opportunity for someone with an ear who will take up the charge in New Hampshire and help us get this taken care of."

Public comment and letters regarding Vilas Bridge must be sent to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Engineer by Nov. 8, 2021. Letters can be sent to William E. Watson, P.E. Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, NHDOT, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483 Concord, NH 03302-0483.

# Selectboard approves salvaging stained glass, steeple from demolition

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**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Oct. 19, the Rockingham Selectboard discussed demolition of 66 Atkinson Street and the Rockingham Historic Preservation Committee's work plan for salvage.

Walter Wallace of the Certified Local Government Commission explained they had identified potential materials in four basic tiers: stained glass and windows, lumber, the steeple, and the hand-hewn beams in the roofing frame. He said the salvaged two-by-fours could be utilized by the Rockingham Meeting House and the expense for removal of the deconstructed lumber would consist of a few hours of hauling by truck.

Wallace said, "We have an orderly pile of lumber for use" and properly they add the 12-foot two-by-fours to that pile at the Meeting House.

Chair Peter Golec said he preferred nothing be stored at the Waypoint Center.

Wallace explained they had just received a bid for the removal of the stained glass, packaged in a way that could be consigned for auction. He was identifying groups that recycled stained glass church windows.

Wallace suggested that some of the salvaged funds gained might be "a way of realizing dollars that could be set aside for [future] window restoration" at the Meeting House.

Elijah Zimmer proposed the removed steeple could be permanently installed at the Waypoint Center and said it would "make a wonderful storage shed... It's in extremely good condition." He added, "The slate roof is flawless," and the town and village could use it to store seasonal items such as lighting, tents, tables, and heaters.

Bonnie North asked where else it could be moved and suggested the Riverfront Park.

Rick Cowan agreed the steeple should be saved and hoped "the town could think of creative ways to keep it... It would be a wonderful tourist attraction."

Wallace explained specialist contractors are able to deconstruct rather than demolish. The group who removes stained glass windows are specialized in window restoration.

Zimmer said steeple restoration specialists would remove the steeple with a crane. He said he had received one estimate for steeple removal and transport for \$12,000.

Wallace said the cost of removing the stained glass window, including crating, was about \$5,000. He explained that the window's market value was roughly \$10,000 to \$50,000 in as-is condition. He said he was in contact with the Library of Congress for business records of the stained glass window that had been installed 1880-1881.

Wallace explained, "If the window can be confirmed as a J&R Lamb window, it has greater value than if it's a European import."

Golec suggested the Selectboard was looking at roughly \$20,000 for the removal of steeple, window, and lumber. Rick Cowan volunteered his truck to move the lumber.

Wallace said there were 25 two-by-fours that would be nice to have for various projects. He added, "They're free" and new two-by-fours were about \$4.50 each.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup agreed that this was "probably one of the times of the year they could dedicate staff" to help move lumber.

Susan Hammond mentioned that the hand-hewn roof timbers had value as pre-Revolu-

tionary War timbers.

North asked how they would remove the beams, and Pickup said there would need to be structural support. The Selectboard agreed the roof would need to be disassembled before the beams were removed.

Pickup said Hodgkins & Sons were only interested in demolition not in restoration activities, and Dec. 1 was a hard deadline for the scheduled demolition.

Wallace commented, "It's rather scary to look up and see where the wall and roof are separating," and the building is in a "very seriously deteriorated condition."

He acknowledged, "Sometimes not everything can be saved," but thanked the Selectboard for their time to consider salvaging historical elements.

Hammond suggested removing the window, and locations for the steeple were discussed.

Development Director Gary Fox urged the board not to make a hasty decision on a new location for the steeple. He explained that the Connecticut River Heritage Plan was based upon the history of paper, rail, and canal, suggesting the steeple "wouldn't fit" with the theme on the river.

The Selectboard approved no more than \$6,000 for removal of the stained glass window and \$15,000 for the removal and relocation of the steeple at 66 Atkinson Street with 4-1 votes. Golec was the only vote against.

Selectboard meetings are the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

# Grace Guild is BFUHS September Student of the Month

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – It is a pleasure to announce that Grace Guild has been named the September Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Grace, a senior, is the daughter of Thad and Jan Guild of Cambridgeport.

Grace, a member of the BFUHS chapter of the Marilee Huntoon Jesse A. Judd National Honor Society, is a conscientious student who works hard in her classes. Extremely bright and talented, Grace is a fantastic contributor to class discussions. Her kind and welcoming personality make her a welcomed addition to any activity she joins. She is honest, forthright, humble, and giving. She is well liked and respected by her peers and the staff at BFUHS.

Dedicated to her studies,



Grace Guild. PHOTO PROVIDED

she works hard to improve her skills and helps others when they have questions. Grace has a consistently positive attitude. Rather than complaining or being frustrated when faced with a challenge, she expresses determination and focus. As an active student, Grace comes to

school every day eager to learn. If she does anticipate being absent, she communicates with her teachers in advance so she doesn't get behind.

Grace is always willing to get involved. She has been an active member of the BFUHS band throughout high school, has participated in the pit band for the musicals, and she has been accepted by audition into the district honor band. She has volunteered at the annual Saxtons River 4th of July celebrations, helped with the summer Vermont Symphony Orchestra concerts, and is a very active participant at St. Charles Church. A quiet leader who leads by example, she is a good role model for others.

Clearly an embodiment of a Student of the Month, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Grace represent us with this award this month.

# Springfield Chamber's fourth annual Holiday Local Program

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce Springfield's Fourth Annual Holiday Local Loyalty Program. The Chamber is working in collaboration with area merchants to bring this fun and rewarding opportunity to the community again this year.

The aim is to unite local businesses to cooperatively cross-promote the wonderful products and services available in the Springfield region, and encourage shoppers to keep their dollars local this holiday season. The program will kick off on Plaid Friday, Nov. 26, and will run through Dec. 31. Each participating business will feature a raffle prize and shoppers will have the chance to enter the raffles

through a Local Loyalty stamp card process.

The stamp cards will be available and valid at all participating businesses, so the more money folks spend in these local establishments, the more they'll increase their chances of winning one of the raffles. Once shoppers fill a card, they can enter it into the raffle of their choice. In January, each business will draw a raffle winner, and the prizes will be awarded accordingly.

The Chamber will be promoting the program via website, emails, social media posts, Facebook event, newspapers, etc. All participating businesses are encouraged to also help spread the word. The Local Loyalty program is a fantastic and valuable opportunity.

This initiative is a great way

to attract an increase in revenue around the holidays, and also a fun way to collaborate with other local businesses – a rising tide floats all boats. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for non-retail businesses that would like to be involved and help support the sustainability of this great program. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 5.

We hope you will join us in the collective endeavor to spread cheer and strengthen spending in Springfield this holiday season. Questions? Call Alice at the Chamber at 802-885-2779 or email [alice@springfieldvt.com](mailto:alice@springfieldvt.com).

To stay informed about participating businesses, their raffle prizes, and ongoing program news, please follow the official Springfield Local Loyalty event through the Chamber's Facebook page.

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# Catalytic converter theft impacts the hungry

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The recent theft of the catalytic converter from the van used by Our Place Drop-in Center is proving to be more than just an inconvenience. “We use the van to pick up large boxes of food for our food pantry through the Everyone Eats program,” said the center’s director, Lisa Pitcher. “Now we are scrambling to find volunteers with vehicles large enough to bring the donations to the center.”

Pitcher said the center is serving record numbers of people with 2,079 breakfasts

and lunches served in September, an average of 99 a day. In addition, 82 different households representing 221 people, including 59 children, accessed the food pantry.

The van is also used to pick up donations from local farms and grocery stores such as Pete’s Stand, Shaw’s, Black River Produce, and the Vermont Country Store.

“We count on it so our employees don’t have to use their own cars,” she said.

The converter was stolen in early August, but replacements

are in short supply because so many have been stolen, and the back up at the docks has made them hard to come by.

“Our insurance covered a rental van for a while, but continuing the rental is too expensive for us,” she said.

Our Place is now soliciting volunteers who can help the center meet its transportation needs, even for only a couple of hours once a week, by contacting them at 802-463-2217 or [ourplace@sover.net](mailto:ourplace@sover.net).

# Emblem Club welcomes new members

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Bellows Falls Emblem Club 153 held its meeting Oct. 12, 2021 at the Bellows Falls Elks Club.

We were very happy to welcome a new member to our club, initiating Diane Beers. Along with Diane, we welcomed eight members from the Brattleboro Club through demits as their club has disbanded. Welcome Marguerite Curtiss, Beverly Davidson, Diane Finnell, Irene Grenda, Linda Hurley, Sandy Mertz, Diana Page, and Connie Weldon.

Following our business meeting and discussion on the club’s upcoming 150 tickets and Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Connie Weldon and Diane Finnell provided delicious refreshments.

If anyone feels they would like to join a club that works for the betterment of area causes, food shelves, etc., please call Simone Crosby at 802-463-3573 or 802-463-3992. Meetings are held second Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Elks.



**Emblem Club president Linda James and new member Diane Beers.**  
PHOTO PROVIDED

# Rising Stars recognized by Vermont Business Magazine

**REGION** – Vermont Business Magazine announced the winners of the Rising Stars recognition award recently. Forty winners under the age of 40 were selected by a panel of judges based on a commitment to business growth, professional excellence, and community involvement.

This year, there were seven winners from Windham County: Juliette Carr of South Newfane, Samba Diallo of Brattleboro, Eric Durocher of Newfane, Conor Floyd of Bellows Falls, Maribeth Fonda of Brattleboro, Zach Rounds of Vernon, and Brittany Schmidt

of Brattleboro.

All 2021 Rising Stars from Windham County were also selected as the 2021 Emerging Leaders of Southern Vermont Award. The Emerging Leaders initiative was created in 2017 to increase regional visibility and support for young leaders and to increase statewide recognition of southern Vermont’s young leaders. All Emerging Leaders who qualify for VBM Rising Stars are nominated. Emerging Leaders is a joint effort of Bennington’s Shires Young Professionals and Southern Vermont Young Professionals, a Brattleboro Development

Credit Corporation program.

Casey Haynes, the BDCC’s talent specialist and new Southern Vermont Young Professional’s Coordinator, says, “Recognizing the amazing work of young professionals in our communities is critical to our long-term prosperity. Elevating our future leaders fosters an environment where creativity, innovation, and collaboration thrive, and we’re proud to have such a strong showing in our region!”

Since the establishment of the Emerging Leader recognition, 105 young professionals have been recognized and the num-

ber of Rising Stars from southern Vermont has increased substantially with an all-time high this year of nine winners from Windham and Bennington counties.

Of the 40 honorees, there are

24 women and 16 men. There are 15 from Chittenden County, seven from Windham County, six from Washington County, four from Rutland County, three from Addison County, two from Bennington County,

one from Caledonia County, one from Orange County, and one from Orleans County. The average age of the honorees is 33 years old. The oldest is 39 and the youngest is 24 years old.

# Savings Bank of Walpole announces annual photo contest winners

**KEENE, N.H.** – Savings Bank of Walpole is excited to announce the winners of their third annual photo contest.

Winners of SBW’s 2021 Community Calendar Contest, which will be featured in the 2022 calendar, include Cynthia Morelli of Keene, Kimberly Drone of Keene, Karen Hope of Marlborough, Michael Dugas of Winchester, Donna Rabide-

au of Keene, Kyla Scheck of Keene, Scott Stevens of Milford, and Betsy Zimmerli of Keene.

Calendars will be available to the public by late November in all branch offices.



**Winning calendar entry “Sunset in the Orchard” from Scott Stevens of Milford. His photo will be the featured image for September.**  
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Some of these winners won multiple photos in our calendar.

The winners of our contest for website and notecard images include Kimberly Drone of Keene, Donna Arseneault of Swanzey, Donna Rabideau of Keene, Dan Millbauer of Peter-

borough, Richard Pastor of Jaffrey, and Melissa Jette of Center Barnstead.

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- The sales tax portion of the revenue will go to undeserved areas of Vermont, NOT Ludlow!
- Up to 30% of the cannabis tax revenue will go to substance misuse prevention programming.
- Towns cannot directly collect local license fees or levy separate taxes on cannabis sales.
- There is no local option tax in Ludlow, and as such the Town will see no revenue.
- The State of Vermont will assess local licensing fees and distribute the proceeds to towns. Since Ludlow is considered a Gold Town, those proceeds will unlikely make it back to Ludlow.
- Meals and Rooms taxes do not apply to cannabis products, even edible products. Therefore, even if Ludlow had a local option tax on meals it would not apply to the retail sale of any cannabis products.
- Municipalities cannot add a local option sales tax solely for cannabis products.
- Retail Cannabis will not bring job opportunities to a region that can’t fulfill its workforce now!
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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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## Cambridgeport stone ruins

Many will know the old stone ruins in Cambridgeport. Several readers contacted me with photos or information they had.

### From Lyman Hayes’ “1907 History of Rockingham”

“In 1836 Earl & Campbell, who owned the woolen mill at Saxtons River, went to Cambridgeport and erected an extensive stone woolen-mill building at a cost of over \$31,000. During the panic of the next year the firm failed and the mill was not utilized for some years.

“In 1857 George Perry, Philip Fletcher Perry, J.A. Farnsworth, B. Scofield and T. Hoit bought the mill and all its belongings for \$5,000. They put in new machinery and an engine for power and under their management the enterprise was successful.

“Under different ownerships the mill had varying success and it was burned down twice. For many years it furnished the major part of business of the village, the only other manufacturing enterprise being a soapstone mill a short distance up the river.

“The stone walls of the original woolen mill are those now holding the saw and grist-mill. After its last destruction by fire about 1878, while owned by Robert Fitton, it was not utilized as a woolen factory.”

### Panic of 1837

The Panic of 1837 was a crippling depression, in part due to actions taken by President Andrew Jackson. The woolen mill was built in 1836. One year later, our economy crashed. All was lost.

I checked the inflation calculator: \$31,000 in 1836 would equal \$914,366 today.

### From Wikipedia

“Panic of 1837 was a financial crisis in the United States that touched off a major depression, which lasted until the mid-1840s. Profits, prices, and wages went down, Westward expansion was stalled, unemployment went up, and pessimism abounded.

“The panic had both domestic and foreign origins. Speculative lending practices in the West, a sharp decline in cotton prices, a collapsing land bubble, international specie flows, and restrictive lending policies in Britain were all factors. The lack of a central bank to



The woolen mill as it was built in 1836. PHOTO PROVIDED

### ry Lyman Hayes:

“From Ussiah Wyman a prominent resident of the locality, who died about 1888 at the age of nearly ninety years, is authority for the following statement in relation to the early history of the place:

“In 1792 a Mr. Adams came from the settlement at Saxtons River, making his way by marked trees, to what is now Cambridgeport, and built a hut, moving his family thereto in the same year. He remained only a short time, however, and for some years no other settlement was made.

“In 1810 some parties by the name of Bulling purchased a tract of one thousand acres of land in this vicinity, including the present site of the village and extending over into the town of Athens, upon which they erected mills, where the village now is.

“In 1812, Nathaniel Bennett purchased the mills, erected two dwellings and the following year the first school-house was built.

“In 1814 Simeon Evans built the first store and commenced trade. During this year the first road was laid through, running east of the present factory pond, and over the hill to Grafton. Mr. Evans also built the old tavern, which he occupied a few years. He died in 1819...

“It derives its name from J.T. Cambridge, who commenced the clothiers business here in 1825.”

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## Howard Coffin will present “1800 and Froze to Death”

LANDGROVE, Vt. – Howard Coffin will present his popular talk “1800 and Froze to Death” at the Landgrove Town Hall, 88 Landgrove Rd., Thursday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. The talk is about the year 1816 when much of the Northern Hemisphere experienced unusually cold weather

following the massive volcanic eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia.

There were frosts every month of the year in Vermont and New Hampshire resulting in significant crop failures. Unaware of the underlying cause, some people felt this was the

result of vengeance by a higher power, which led to the building of many new churches. The talk is sponsored by the Landgrove Historical Society and the Landgrove Meeting House. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Rob Badger at 802-779-6797.

## “From the Parlor to the Polling Place”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Linda Radtke will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, “From the Parlor to the Polling Place: Stories and Songs from the Suffragists,” Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Join singer and historian Linda Radtke dressed in period garb wearing a “Votes for Women” sash to celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment, specifically highlighting the decades-long persistence of Vermonters, both women and men.

Music was essential to the movement: each state convention of suffragists began and ended with songs as well as rousing Christian hymns. Radtke will

also trace the movement’s alignment with other social justice initiatives such as temperance, labor conditions, wage equity, peace, and children’s welfare.

Touring the state in 1870, suffragist Lucy Stone urged resistant citizens to see women’s involvement in civic life as “Enlarged Housekeeping,” expanding women’s traditional efforts to nurture hearth and home to a wider focus to improve the greater community.

Both the songs and stories in Radtke’s engaging presentation, accompanied by pianist Cameron Steinmetz, highlight Vermonters’ efforts from 1840-1921, as they lobbied in churches, at “parlor meetings,” at town halls, and at the Statehouse for total enfranchisement.

This program was originally

scheduled for last fall to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. So, we will still celebrate it a year later.

Due to the changing current situation of Covid-19, the University of Vermont requires that all attendees wear facemasks regardless of their vaccination status.

This is a membership series of programs offered by the University of Vermont. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend for a single program fee. We can no longer take any payments at the door or onsite. All attendees must preregister prior to the start of the program. Registration can be done online at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield](https://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield). For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.



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## Fuel Assistance, Medicare Enrollment information at Senior Solutions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions has updates regarding the Home Meds and Pill Map program, fuel assistance, and Medicare Open Enrollment.

**Home Meds and Pill Map**

Home Meds and Pill Map with Anne White is a free medication review for anyone 60 or over in Windham or Windsor counties. The program helps seniors manage their medications at home. Participants do not need to be involved with Senior Solutions to qualify. For more information or to make an appointment with Anne, please call our local Help Line at 802-885-2669.

**Seasonal Fuel Assistance**

Seasonal Fuel Assistance is available for older adults whose incomes are below \$1,969 for a single person or \$2,659 per month for a couple. Applications need to be submitted before the end of November for full benefits. Benefits are issued directly to your fuel service provider, whether that fuel is propane, oil, or electric. Those who heat with wood or wood pellets can receive a direct payment.

This program is also open to those who rent and whose heat is included in their rent payment. Renters can receive a single personal check to help offset those costs. Please call the Senior Solutions Help Line

at 802-885-2669 to request an application. When you call, please be sure to indicate if you have not earned income from employment, as this application is even shorter and easier than the general application.

**Medicare Open Enrollment**

Medicare Open Enrollment started Oct. 15 and closes Dec. 7. Senior Solutions wants everyone to have as much information as possible when they select the plan that suits them best and saves them the most money. Call us at 802-885-2669 for assistance. We do not sell any products or charge any fees for our information and assistance.

Okemo Valley TV recorded an episode on the Volunteer Visitor Program. To see the episode, go to [www.okemovalley.tv/senior-solutions-giving-family-care-givers-respite](http://www.okemovalley.tv/senior-solutions-giving-family-care-givers-respite). For more information about any of Senior Solutions programs, call 802-885-2669 or go to [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org).

## HCRS announces six winners of Covid-19 vaccine incentives

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental-health agency, announced the winners of their Covid-19 vaccine raffle drawings. In order to help expand Covid-19 vaccines in their local communities, the agency held separate raffle drawings for both community members and staff.

In partnership with Rescue Inc., HCRS hosted two vaccine clinics, three weeks apart, in Brattleboro, Springfield, and Hartford during the month of September. Rescue Inc. administered both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccines. Anyone who was fully vaccinated at one of these clinics was automati-

cally entered into a drawing for \$500. The three lucky winners of the community vaccine raffle drawings are Jessica Reeves in Brattleboro, Jessie Webster in Springfield, and Denise Lecaroz in Hartford.

Anne Bilodeau, HCRS Chief Human Resources Officer, states, "We are thrilled to have been able to provide the Covid-19 vaccine at our three community clinics in collaboration with Rescue Inc. As a health-care organization, we take the vaccine seriously and wanted to do our part in making access easy and available with the added bonus of entry into our raffle drawings. Congratulations to each of these winners!"

In addition, to the community drawings, HCRS also drew the names of three staff members who were fully vaccinated

as of Sept. 30 for a \$1,000 prize. The winning staff members are Karen Whitney, billing specialist in the Springfield office; Lance Cutler, program coordinator of Kindle Farm School in Townshend and Newfane; and Cuyler Cunningham, Children's Division team leader I in Brattleboro.

According to Bilodeau, "The staff vaccine raffle helped us achieve a staff vaccination rate of more than 90%. We're pleased to have this level of vaccination across our agency. The greater the number of staff who are vaccinated, the better we are able to support the needs of our clients."

Each winner received their prize in the form of an e-giftcard to Giftogram, which is redeemable at hundreds of retailers.

## CCV summer 2021 honors list

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The following students at the Community College of Vermont were named to the summer 2021 student honors list. This honor recognizes

part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

Aleksander Antosiewicz of Springfield  
Taylor Cole of Springfield  
Ashley Jewell of Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) recently filled a new mental health clinician position. Dominique Rondeau has been hard at work providing mental health services to families accessing our programs and coordinating new opportunities to bring parents together for support.

October is pregnancy and infant loss awareness month.

SAPCC hosted a memorial ceremony Oct. 15 to honor those lost and their loved ones by lighting luminaries, sharing songs, and reading poems. A new support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss will be taking place on the first Thursday of every month, starting Nov. 4, 2021, from 6-7 p.m., at SAPCC.

Additionally, a new moms' group is starting Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., at SAPCC for four weeks. If you have a baby under the age of 16 weeks and are looking for some support and community, this opportunity is for you. Attendance includes free diapers, wipes, and a gas card. Postpartum mood disorders, infant development, self-care, and healthy relationships will be discussed.

For more information and to register for either of these groups, please email Dominique Rondeau at [dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org) or call 802-886-5242, ext. 258.

## SAPCC needs pajamas

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Welcome Baby Bag Program is one of the SAPCC's essential concrete supports for the community. Over 100 Welcome Baby Bags are given out each year to provide much needed supplies and information about available resources to families with babies under one year old. A nurse at Mt. Ascutney Hospital said to the coordinator, Celeste, "You're the person who brings the Welcome Baby Bags! The new mothers love them!"

Please consider donating new pajamas for ages newborn to one year to this valued community program. You can also send a tax-deductible monetary donation to support the Welcome Baby Bag Program. If you have questions, would like to get involved, or make a donation, please contact the Springfield




Welcome Baby Bags need pjs. PHOTO PROVIDED

Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242, drop by our Center at 6 Main Street, North Springfield, Vt., or visit our website at [www.sapcc-vt.org](http://www.sapcc-vt.org). We thank you for your support.

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20 "No way!"  
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22 "Now, where — I?"  
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# obituaries

## Terrence M. Crowley, 1939-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Terrence M. Crowley, 82, passed away at his home in Springfield, Friday morning, Oct. 22, 2021. He was born May 26, 1939 in Barre, Vt., the son of Leo and Ethel (McAllister) Crowley. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1957.

On July 7, 1972, he married Susan Blair in Springfield, Vt.

He was employed as a machinist with Jones & Lamson, Parks & Woolsons, Chamberlain Machine, and Belfon Tool.

Terry loved dogs, enjoyed sports, and was a fan of all the New England teams. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Springfield Elks Lodge BPOE 1560 and the Loyal Order of Moose Springfield Lodge 679.

He is survived by his wife Susan of Springfield; son BJ Crowley and wife Beverly of Springfield; sister Billie Capotosti of South Carolina; grandchildren Jason Crowley of Florida, Megan Bonham of California, Jordon Crowley of Texas, and Blair Crowley of Massachusetts; and great-grandchildren Bonnie Crowley, Maddy Crowley, Marleigh Stearns, Jason Crowley, Baylee Bonham, and Kayla Bonham.



Terrence M. Crowley, 1939-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

He was predeceased by his son Ross Crowley and his siblings Claire LaFreniere, Maureen Eastman, Janet Barrile, Betty Bobrowski, Jack Crowley, and Tim Crowley.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at the Springfield Elks Lodge at 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, 2021. A private graveside service will be held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156, or to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Rd, Suite 107, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

## Carol H. Daniels, 1942-2021

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Carol H. (Hall) Daniels, 78, passed away peacefully Oct. 21, 2021 at her home in Weathersfield, Vt., with her husband by her side. She was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Springfield, the daughter of William J. Hall and Agnes E. (Wing) Hall. She attended North Springfield Graded School and graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1960.

On Aug. 31, 1963, she married Peter M. Daniels of Weathersfield. She was employed as a secretary at Fellows Gear Shaper following graduation, where she met Peter, until her daughter Kimberly was born in 1965. She and Peter operated Springfield Mailing Service from their home for several years until Kim and Matt were old enough to take to work with her at Wellwood Orchards for a number of years until she was elected as a lister and also appointed assistant town clerk for the town of Weathersfield, then soon after was elected town clerk, a position she held until she retired in 1997. Soon after retirement, she and Peter purchased Running Bear Camping Area in Ascutney, which she ran until she retired again in 2007.

Carol was an avid collector of vintage dolls, miniatures, Santas, and Dept. 56 collectables. She enjoyed her dolls, flower gardens, camping, and their many trips to the Maine coastline. She enjoyed her family, especially her two grandsons and in later years her great-grandson.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years Peter, one daughter Kimberly A. Farrar of Cavendish, Vt., one son Matthew J. Daniels and daughter-in-law Colleen (Moore) Daniels of Quechee, Vt., one grandson Kevin W. Atwood of Springfield and his Partner Chelsea Lynn Carleton, and her great-grandson Michale Joshua Carleton Atwood. She is also survived by two sisters Judith E. Hall of Minot, N.D., and Deborah R. Hall and brother-in-law Alvin K. Hall of Middleburg, Fla., one brother David M. Hall and sister-in-law Sheryl-Kay Hall of



Carol H. Daniels, 1942-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Springfield, two brothers-in-law Neil H., Daniels and Anthony J. Daniels, both of Weathersfield, also nine nieces, four nephews, and their families, and a number of cousins. She is also survived by an extended family: a special adopted granddaughter Monica Russo and great-granddaughter Adelyn of Chester, adopted grandson and granddaughter PJ and Erica Pierce and great-grandson Ethan and great-granddaughter Mackenzie, all of Hartland, and Carol's very special caregiver Marianne Jones of Springfield who has assisted taking care of her over the last eight months.

She was predeceased by her parents and one grandson Joshua R. Atwood of Springfield, and one brother-in-law Lawrence J. Daniels and his wife Carolyn of Claremont, N.H.

She will be bringing with her on her final journey two very special doll friends, Jimmy and Mikey, who have kept her constant company in her world over the last year.

Visiting hours will be held 6-8 p.m., Oct. 30, 2021 at Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer St., in Springfield, Vt. A graveside service will be held at a later date in the spring at the Weathersfield Bow Cemetery and announced at that time.

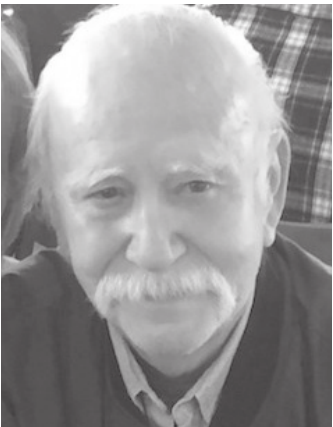
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 91, Ascutney, VT 05030.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Phillip W. Gilbert, 1938-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Phillip W. Gilbert, 83, of Springfield, Vt., passed away in his home after battling long-term health complications in the early hours of Oct. 21, 2021. He was born Jan. 29, 1938 in Brocton, Mass., to George and Dorothy Gilbert. He attended school in Bethlehem, N.H. and enlisted into the U.S. Army at the age of 17. He served from Jan. 11, 1955 until Jan. 11, 1958 when he received an honorable discharge. After a brief homecoming, he then reenlisted into the U.S. Navy, where he served from Sept. 25, 1958 until Sept. 21, 1962. He then served in the Navy Reserves for a few years. He viewed his service to his country as an honor to his brothers, both of whom also served.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brothers Paul and Jack Gilbert, and his sisters Elsie Rollins and Louise Burnell. He is survived by his wife Janice Gilbert (Kinsman) of Springfield, Vt., his sister Barbara, his three daughters Debra Cooper, Abbie Gilbert, and Amy Gilbert along with his sons Andrew Gilbert and Charles Gilbert. He grandfathered nine children Sean Dorsey and Kristen Waddell, Peter and Isaiah Fredyma, Cole, Stella, and Tulula Gilbert, and April and Charles Gilbert Jr. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren: Emma, Knox,



Phillip W. Gilbert, 1938-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Arabella, Hudson, Sam, Cole, and Jesse.

Phillip married his wife Janice Oct. 25, 1969, and they were married 52 years. He was known as a man of honor who would often donate his time to his community and church family. Notably, he offered his energy to relief efforts in Nicaragua where he helped to build shelters and other needs. Phil was also a volunteer in New York following the attacks on 9/11. A loving father and always the hardest worker, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him for who he was.

Services will be held at a later date and announced at that time.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Joan Shirley Hornung, 2021

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Joan Shirley (Fitzsimmons) Hornung passed away Sept. 20, 2021 in Manchester, Vt., at 98 years young. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., raised her family in Brentwood, N.Y., and retired in Clearwater, Fla., and Manchester, Vt.

She was the wife of the late Leo Paul with whom she shared a 60-year love affair. She was the beloved mother of Terri Bertolini (Sal), Leo Hornung Jr. (Janet), Bryan Hornung (Judi), and Patricia Gagnon. Loving grandmother of seven children and eight great-grandchildren. Shirley also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she cherished.

Services will be held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 29 2021 at Alexander-Rothwell Funeral



Joan Shirley Hornung, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Home in Wading River, N.Y., followed by Mass of Christian Burial and Internment at Calverton National Cemetery. Visit Shirley's memorial page at [www.alexanderrothwell.com](http://www.alexanderrothwell.com).

## Shirley M. Wheeler, 1924-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Shirley M. Wheeler, 96, of Bellows Falls, Vt., died Oct. 22, 2021. She was born Nov. 24, 1924, the daughter of the late Annie Brown and Clarence Bush.

She attended Bellows Falls schools and graduated high school in 1942. At this time, she was employed at the telephone office for five years. As the war was fought in the East, she worked in Oakland, Calif. for a year.

On Aug. 13, 1947, she married Hollis W. Wheeler of Langdon, N.H., who died in an automobile accident Jan. 20, 1956.

She is survived by a son Peter and wife Pat of South Carolina, a daughter Pam Clarke and husband Ira of Charlestown, N.H., four grandchildren Jesse, Kim, Paul, and Connie along with seven great-grandchildren.

At her request, there will be no funeral. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery.

## Winifred R. Hitchcock, 1937-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Winifred Rose (Parkhurst) Hitchcock, 84, of Golden Hill Road, passed away at home Oct. 20, 2021 surrounded by family. Winifred was born Aug. 12, 1937 in Rockingham to parents Floyd and Ellen (Dunlap) Parkhurst.

On Dec. 23, 1955, Winifred married Leslie Hitchcock in Brockway Mills, Vt. Happily married for 57 years, Leslie predeceased Winifred in March of 2012. Winifred spent 30 years working for Mary Meyers as a stitcher and sales representative of the stuffed animals beloved by so many.

Winifred is survived by four daughters Annette Douglass, Dianne Lawlor, Theresa Benson, and Zena Lescord. She also leaves nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one



Winifred R. Hitchcock, 1937-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

great-great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., Nov. 5, 2021 at 2 p.m.

## Kimberly J. Johnson, 1956-2021

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Kimberly “Kim” Johnson, age 65, of Charlestown, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends Oct. 21, 2021, at the Jack Byrne Hospice Center in Lebanon, N.H.

She was born June 5, 1956 in Norton, Mass., to the late Frances and Les Norton. Kim grew up in Mansfield, Mass., and graduated from Mansfield High School in 1974.

Kim's life and memory will forever be cherished by her husband, Eric of Charlestown, her son Aaron Duffy of Charlestown, and her many faithful friends in the Upper Valley, Manchester, and Nashua areas. Kim was a kind, loving, and generous soul who was adored by so many people, especially her family and dear friends, both near and far.

Kim lived life in accordance with her Christian values. Her faith and spirituality were an important part of her life. She displayed love, kindness, and acceptance to all without reservation. She served as a mentor to many younger people throughout her time, providing wisdom and guidance in times of need. She was a special friend who made those around her feel grateful to have her in their lives.

Kim was a devoted and ardent animal lover who cared for many of her own animals. She worked as a veterinary technician at the Humane Society in Nashua for many years where her love and compassion for the animals shined through on a daily basis. For quite a few years Kim worked for Headlines in Nashua where she cultivated lifelong friendships as she often



Kimberly J. Johnson, 1956-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

did no matter where she was.

Kim was a lover of music, a trait she shared with her husband, which she passed on to her beloved son Aaron. A passion which she shared with her family and friends in attendance at countless live performances throughout the decades. She loved the ocean and greatly enjoyed getting away to one of the islands or to the Florida Keys. She also had a great passion for jewelry and art, and a love of pelicans. Kim will always be remembered for her warm smile and easy laughter that would energize others. Her loving personality brought out the best in everyone she met.

A Celebration of Life and remembrance of her life will be held in spring of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kim's memory to the Upper Valley Humane Society. Gifts can be made over the phone by calling Carrie at 603-448-6888, ext. 100, or a check can be mailed to UVHS at P.O. Box 789, Lebanon, NH 03766.

## Thomas J. Perrino, 1938-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Thomas John Perrino, aka “Tom,” “Tommy,” and “Dad,” died peacefully, Oct. 10, 2021 at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab where he had been residing.

An avid outdoorsman and sportsman alike, he has now embarked on the path of fully stocked fishing holes, peaceful rivers for those long casts, and ballgames where his beloved Celtics and Red Sox are always announced the winners!

Thomas was predeceased by his parents Anthony and Stephanina (Gurdak) Perrino and siblings Anthony, Paul, and Patricia (Perrino) Tofferi.

Born Aug. 24, 1938 in Ludlow, Vt., Thomas shined as a baseball star, basketball sharpshooter, and All-State player for Black River High School, State Champions 1955-1956. He later went on to play basketball for the U.S. Air Force. Thomas studied at Castleton and Lyndon State Colleges and ran two successful businesses in Ludlow: An ARCO (Atlantic Richfield Corporation) Gas Station and a Ski Doo snowmobile shop. He also made and sold fly fishing rods and flies.

He later moved to the Northeast Kingdom where he became a well-loved realtor and broker, first at Farrington Real Estate on the historic covered bridge in Lyndonville, Vt., and until retirement, Key Realty in the town center.

Thomas loved hunting, fishing, canoeing, and had a soft spot for stray kitties who more times than not managed to worm their way into his heart and home. He was a kind and loving father and a man of few words except when sharing tales of his many adventures



Thomas J. Perrino, 1938-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

accompanied with his boisterous laugh, playful smile, and twinkle in his eye.

He leaves behind his loving wife Barbara Perrino of Newark, Vt.; brother Peter Perrino (Valerie) of Mount Holly, Vt.; son Tyler Perrino of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands; daughters Laurel Jung (Sam) of Buffalo Grove, Ill. and Theri Davis (Christopher) of South Burlington, Vt.; two stepdaughters Shauna Hill of Burlington, Vt. and Kasea Hill of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; six grandsons Finn (Lindsay) and Ian (Devon) Davis, Thomas (Ellyn), Michael (Kayla), and Aaron Jung, Colby Hill; one granddaughter Bellamy Hill; two great-grandsons Grayson Davis and Daniel Jung; and one great-granddaughter Ava Davis, as well as two nephews and four nieces.

The family will gather privately the weekend of Nov. 13, 2021, per his wishes, to pay their respects and to share memories. His ashes will remain in Newark, Vt.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.guibordfh.com](http://www.guibordfh.com).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**OCT. 28 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow American Legion Post 36 Early Bird Dinner, Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. for all 2022 paid up American Legion members. Reservations required prior to Oct. 20 for planning purposes. Call 802-228-9708. All paid-up members by Oct. 28 are welcome.

**OCT. 29 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Trunk or Treat at Riverside Middle School, Friday, Oct. 29, from 4-7 p.m. Register to drive by and Trick or Treat at [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ca5ae29aafd0-drive](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ca5ae29aafd0-drive). Register your trunk for the event at [www.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0e4ca5ae29aafd0-trunk1](http://www.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0e4ca5ae29aafd0-trunk1). For more information, email [tstagner@ssdvt.org](mailto:tstagner@ssdvt.org).

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Haunted Harvest Fest at the West Townshend Country Store Friday, Oct. 29, from 4-7 p.m. Join us for tricks, treats, and pizza from our brand new wood-fired oven. Live music, local vendors, kids’ activities, and best costume wins a free pizza.

**OCT. 29-31**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – Walpole Town Library Annual Book Sale is happening Friday, Oct. 29, from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Walpole Middle School. Bellows Falls Women’s Club food and bake sale will join the event Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Masks please. For more details, call 603-756-9806.

**OCT. 30 –**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Post 37 American Legion Kids’ Halloween Party Saturday, Oct. 30, from 1-3 p.m.

There will be games and prizes along with treats provided. Ages from newborn to 11 are invited. Please practice Covid-19 protocols. Masks are not mandated but encouraged. Costumes are not required but we would love to see what you got.

GRAFTON, Vt. – The author of “Reading the Forested Landscape” and “The Myth of Progress” joins the Nature Museum for an early autumn morning talk on co-evolution and a walk through the local woods Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8-11:30 a.m. Tom Wessels is a local ecologist and professor at Antioch New England, where he founded the Conservation Biology program. Registration required for the walk at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

**OCT. 31 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester author Joe Citro talks about local haunts Sunday,

Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. at the First Universalist Parish in Chester. This event is sponsored by Blair Books and More. For more information, call Blair Books at 802-875-3400.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Benson’s Chevrolet in Ludlow will host their annual Trunk or Treat Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sponsor a truck or just join the fun.

**NOV. 4 –**  
LANDGROVE, Vt. – Howard Coffin will present his popular talk “1800 and Froze to Death” Thursday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Landgrove Town Hall, 88 Landgrove Rd. The presentation is free and open to the public. In 1816, much of the Northern Hemisphere experienced unusually cold weather following the massive volcanic eruption of Mt. Tambora in Indonesia. Unaware of the underlying cause, some people felt this was the result of vengeance by a higher power, which led to the building of many new churches.

**NOV. 6 –**  
CUTTINGSVILLE, Vt. – The Laurel Glen Cemetery Association is having a historical marker presentation for Bowman Mansion and mausoleum Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. on Route 103 in Cuttingsville. The building will be open for tours once the dedication is completed.

GASSETTS, Vt. – Green Mountain Express Band and Gassetts Grange, junction of Routes 103 and 10, are inviting you to their Saturday Night Round and Square Dance Saturday, Nov. 6, from 7-10 p.m. There are snacks, water, and sodas for sale. We have a 50/50 raffle. If you are not vaccinated, it is recommended but not required to wear face coverings. It protects you as well as others. We do ask for a donation at the door. If you have questions, call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

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

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

**DAILY –**  
REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aavt.org](http://www.aavt.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

**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.

**Administrative Assistant to the Conservation Commission**  
Part-time (~ 2 hours per week) assistant to the Londonderry Conservation Commission, to provide notices, attend and take minutes of meetings, often held on evenings, and provide administrative services as necessary.

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.

**ACT 250 NOTICE  
APPLICATION 2W0394-4  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111**

On August 17, 2021, Hitchcock’s Firewood, LLC filed an Act 250 application for a project generally described as the use of an existing permitted commercial/industrial property for an outdoor firewood processing business. Processing is proposed for an existing paved parking lot, and does not involve the use of existing buildings on site. Logs are proposed to be cut and split into firewood using portable equipment. The project is located at **3992 Route 121 East in Cambridgeport, Vermont**. This project will be evaluated by the District 2 Environmental Commission in accordance with the 10 environmental criteria of 10 V.S.A., § 6086(a). A copy of the application and plans are available for review online at the Natural Resources Board website (<http://nrb.vermont.gov>) by clicking on “Act 250 Database” and entering project number 2W0394-4.

Pursuant to Act 250 Rule 16, the Commission is convening a prehearing conference (“PHC”). A PHC is designed to identify the parties and the issues. The PHC will be followed by the issuance of a Prehearing Conference Report and Order (“PHCRO”), which may prescribe any filing requirements, preliminary party status rulings, and the scheduling of a merits hearing.

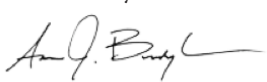
Pursuant to Vermont statute and Act 250 Rules, any person seeking to participate as a party to this proceeding **MUST** make such a request “on or before the first prehearing conference.” Accordingly, all prospective parties must attend the PHC scheduled below, or file a written party status petition (including email address, street address, and mailing address) in advance with the Commission at [NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov). **Failure to timely appear at the PHC, or to timely file a written request by the date of the PHC might result in the forfeiture of your rights relative to this matter.**

Pursuant to Act 250 Rule 20, the Applicant is ordered to make the proposed wood splitting equipment available onsite during the PHC for a live demonstration of the equipment in operation.

**The prehearing conference shall be held on Monday November 8 at 9:30 AM at the project site.** This PHC will be conducted outdoors. Please dress for the weather. Participants should arrive prepared to observe equipment operations from both onsite and nearby offsite locations. The property is located 500 feet east of the intersection of Route 121 and Route 35/Athens Road in the village of Cambridgeport. Attendees should park in the warehouse parking lot.

**If you would like further information regarding this PHC, please contact the State Coordinator (see below) by no later than November 5, 2021.** If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible.

Dated this 18th day of October 2021.

By: 

Aaron J. Brondyke, State Coordinator  
District 2 Environmental Commission  
100 Mineral Street, Suite 305  
Springfield, VT 05156-3168  
[NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov)

**Town of Londonderry, Vermont  
Notice of Adoption of Amended Traffic  
and Parking Ordinance**

The Town of Londonderry Selectboard hereby gives notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972(a)(1) that on October 18, 2021, the Board voted to adopt an amendment to the Londonderry Traffic and Parking Ordinance. The amendment clarifies the road names of Town highways #2 & #5, and establishes speed limits on Landgrove Road, Winhall Hollow Road, Hells Peak Road, Spring Hill Road, Winhall Station Road and Goodaleville Road in order to promote public safety and provide appropriate flow of traffic.

The complete text of the amendment to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance can be examined on the Town’s web site ([www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org)) or at the Londonderry Town Clerk’s office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance can be directed to Town Administrator Shane O’Keefe by phone at 802-824-3356, by email at [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org), or by US Mail at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Notice is hereby given of the right to petition for a permissive referendum vote on this ordinance amendment at an annual or special meeting as provided for in 24 V.S.A § 1973. Such petition for a permissive referendum must be signed by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Londonderry and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption. Absent such a petition, the Ordinance amendment shall take effect 60 days following the date of adoption.

**Green Mountain Unified School District  
Invitation to Bid  
For Snow Removal Services at  
Cavendish Town Elementary School,  
Chester-Andover Elementary, and  
Green Mountain Union High School**

**Bid Requirements:**

1. Bids must include per storm cost of plowing and sanding costs as well as seasonal contract cost; bid should also include cost to removal snow from around buildings.
2. Bidder must meet with Director of Building, Grounds and Security to discuss the school’s needs.
3. Bidder may also submit a separate bid for roof shoveling.
4. Bid should also include payment requirements.
5. Bid must be for 3 years.

**Bid Due Date:**  
All bids must be receive no later than 11:00 AM on Monday, November 1, 2021. All bids are to be submitted to the following address with the words “GMUSD Snow Removal” clearly stated on the envelope. All bids must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope. E-MAILS will be accepted; please send them to [cheryl.hammond@trsu.org](mailto:cheryl.hammond@trsu.org).

**Send Bids to:**  
Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager  
Two Rivers Supervisory Union  
609 VT Route 103 S  
Ludlow, VT 05149  
(802) 875-6433

**For Site Visits, please contact:**  
Todd Parah, Director of Building Grounds and Security  
Two Rivers Supervisory Union  
609 VT Route 103 S  
Ludlow, VT 05149  
(802) 875-4246

**Contract Award:**  
The Green Mountain Unified School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids which may be submitted. It also reserves the right to award a contract to the bidder who, in the opinion of the Green Mountain Unified School Board, will best meet the needs of the schools.

**STATE OF VERMONT**

**SUPERIOR COURT**  
Windsor Unit

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
Docket No.: 21-PR-04820

In re ESTATE of :

SUSAN WESCOTT

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: SUSAN WESCOTT


Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD

Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: 10/19/21

Signature of Fiduciary  
  
Tammy Nelson

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address
Tammy Nelson		c/o Parker & Ankuda, P.C., P.O. Box 519
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip
802-885-2582		Springfield VT 05156

Name of Publication: The Shopper

Publication Date: October 27, 2021

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green  
Woodstock VT 05091

**WARNING**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2021  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Heald Auditorium in the Ludlow Town Hall at 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT on Monday evening, the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2021 at 6:00 PM for a Public Information Meeting and on Tuesday, the second day of November, 2021 between the hours of ten o'clock AM, (10:00 AM) in the forenoon and seven o'clock, PM, (7:00 PM) in the afternoon to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021: Australian Ballot - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

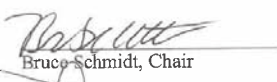
**ARTICLE 1**

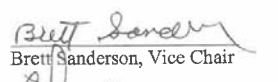
Shall the Town of Ludlow authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions of integrated licensee establishments in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?


The legal voters of the Town of Ludlow are further notified that voter qualifications and registration for the Special Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Town of Ludlow in order to vote at this Special Town Meeting. Voters may request an early/absentee ballot from the Town Clerk’s Office by calling (802) 228-3232 or email to [treasure@ludlow.vt.us](mailto:treasure@ludlow.vt.us).

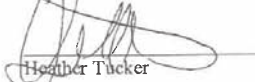
Dated at Ludlow, Vermont on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VT  
SELECT BOARD**

  
Bruce Schmidt, Chair

  
Brett Sanderson, Vice Chair

  
Justin Hyjek, Clerk

  
Heather Tucker

Scott Baitz



HELP WANTED

classifieds

AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Nov. 6, 2021 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Jessica Norton Unit #63.

FOR SALE

GRAFTON, Vt. – Windmere Garage Door. 10' x 7' 6". White. Glass window section. Decorative hinges and handles. Complete with panels, rails, rollers, cable. \$250. Call 802-843-1021.

GRAFTON, Vt. – DR Chipper. 18 HP. As is. Needs some work.

\$400. Call 802-843-1021.

GUNS WANTED

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

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Stebbins Spectacular Painting is looking for an experienced Project Manager to help run our Vermont Branch. We offer a competitive salary and great benefits. Go to StebbinsPainting.com to apply.

MASON/TENDERS WANTED. Pay based on experience. Contact Moore Masonry at 802-824-5710 or email mooremasonry802@gmail.com.

SNOW REMOVAL

LUDLOW, Vt. – Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

Looking for local plowing and sanding in Ludlow area? Call or text Sanderson Contracting 802-384-4677 or email sander-soncontracting@gmail.com.

STEVENS ELECTRIC

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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School Bus Driver

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

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at michael.ripley@trsu.org

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We offer a competitive salary with paid time off, 401(k) with employer match, health insurance with HRA, dental, vision, company paid life & disability insurances, plus tuition reimbursement. Qualified employees are eligible for participation in the ESOP plan.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resumes to: HR@Polyonics.com

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Food Service Worker

The Ludlow Mount Holly School District is looking for a school Food Service Worker. This position requires transport of food from Ludlow to Mount Holly daily. Some food preparation at the Ludlow site is also required.

- Responsibilities for Food Service Worker
- Create simple food items such as salad and sandwiches.
  - Help out in the kitchen as needed
  - Cooks and prepares hot and cold meals
  - Deliver food orders
  - Keep the kitchen clean and orderly
  - Follow food safety regulations at all times
  - Other duties as assigned

Hours are 7 am until 1 pm  
Background check is required.  
Please send resume or application to foodservice@trsu.org

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featured pet



Bruno is one of several dogs that recently came to Springfield Humane Society from Arkansas; and though they all deserve a home, Bruno has been waiting over a year for his! Bruno knows sit, enjoys walks, loves to cuddle, and is dog-friendly, making him the perfect dog. We know he will not wait a year in our shelter to find a home. If you want to be the lucky person to adopt him, call or fill out an application on our website. We are open by appointment only.

Springfield Humane Society  
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802-885-3997  
www.spfldhumane.org

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11/6 - *Painting the Fall Landscape* with Rob O'Brien. Register by Oct. 30.  
12/4 - *Joyful Calligraphy* with Jorika Stoddard. Register by Dec. 1.  
12/11 - *Make Your Own Winter Holiday Crafts and Gifts* workshop with Christine Mix via ZOOM. Register by Dec. 8.

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(09/20/22 - 52)

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Green Mountain Union HS soccer (incl. milestone game vs Woodstock)
- Mill River Union HS soccer
- Local church services
- Vintage films- incl. Nosferatu (the original Dracula)
- Governor Scott weekly press conference

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

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(11/30/21 - 13)

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(03/22/22 - 13)



sports/outdoor

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Lions Club 8th fishing tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 19, the Springfield Lions Club held their 8th annual fishing tournament at Hoyt’s Landing in Springfield. This year’s event featured a live “catch and release” style tournament with prizes award for bass, perch, and northern pike. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Lions’ many philanthropic endeavors in the Springfield community and surrounding area. The Springfield Lions

would like to acknowledge the over 45 anglers who participated in the tournament, marking a very successful day out on the Connecticut River. Winners in the perch category included Louis White taking home first prize with an 8-ounce catch. White also tied for second place with Mike Kingsbury with 6-ounce catches. Don Randall was the sole winner in the northern pike category, reeling in a pike weighing in at 4 pounds, 3 ounces.

In the bass competition, Brian Koschinski took home first and third prize with his catches of 3 pounds, 15 ounces and 3 pounds, 8 ounces respectively. Robert Brace took second prize with his bass weighing 3 pounds, 8 ounces. The Springfield Lions Club would also like to thank the following generous local sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible: Chroma Technologies, Stanley Patch, Alva Waste

Services, HB Energy Solutions, Ken Millay, Bibens Home Center, Cota & Cota Oil, Hillside Auto, IVEK, Lawrence & Wheeler Insurance, Mascoma Bank, Muse & Associates, Ultimate Auto Body, VTel, Youngs Furniture, Vermont Timber Works, Willow Farm Pet Services, All Seasons Construction, Davis Memorial Chapel, Dr. Brian Spigel DDS, Finn & Stone Insurance, Gurney Bros Construction, One Credit Union, Parker & Ankuda, Red House Press, 802 Credit Union, Beardsley Inc, Tree Farm Campground, and Springfield Food Co-op. For more information about the Springfield Lions Club programs, donating to the Springfield Lions Club or Vermont Lions Charities, or becoming a Lion, please email springfieldvermontlions@gmail.com or visit the Springfield Lion’s Club Facebook page.

The 2021 Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Annual Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap to benefit Okemo Mountain School is the place to gear up for the winter with new and used gear at great prices. You will find everything you need to get out on the hill this season: skis, snowboards, boots, bindings, helmets, goggles, outerwear, and more. The best part about it is that all proceeds go to benefit the Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow, Vt. As in 2019, the OMS Ski Swap will once again take place in the Round House at the Jackson Gore Inn of Okemo Mountain. This year’s swap dates and times are Friday, Nov. 19, 4-7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Also, if you are interested in selling your old gear, you can sell it on consignment at the swap. A portion of the


selling price goes to Okemo Mountain School – the remainder you will receive in a check about three weeks after the swap. You may also choose just to donate your equipment – all donations are tax-deductible. All gear must be dropped off on the following days and may not be brought to the swap during sale hours. Equipment drop-off is at the Round House at the Jackson Gore Inn of Okemo Mountain. For drop off, please drive around the back of the Round House by going past the main entrances to the Spring House and Hotel and past the loading docks toward the ski slopes. Drop-off dates and times are Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Okemo Mountain School is a nonprofit educational institution dedicated to the academic and athletic development of

serious snow sports athletes. Student athletes are given the opportunity to train in alpine ski racing, snowboarding, and freestyle skiing, while pursuing a rigorous course of academic study. Okemo Mountain School relies heavily on fundraisers like the swap to help keep tuition affordable. Come to the swap and gear up for the winter while supporting a great cause. For more information, please contact Ashley Belcher at abelcher@okemomountainschool.org or 802-228-1514.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife 2022 calendar available

REGION – Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s colorful 2022 calendar is now available. The calendar is filled with stunning photos of Vermont wildlife, including the red eft, Eastern brook trout, black bear, moose, and osprey as well as scenes of Vermonters engaging with some of our most treasured species and landscapes. It highlights work by well-known Vermont photographers including Nancy Anisfield, Jim Block, Josh Blouin, Ian Clark, Dale Cockrell, Roger Irwin, Jeff Parsons, and Tiffany Soukup. “Vermont’s wildlife, habitats, and people are interconnected – this calendar celebrates that,” says Wildlife Program Director Mark Scott. “It showcases raptors and amphibians alongside game species like white-tailed deer and wild turkey, as well as the Wildlife Management Areas that support these species and uses ranging from hunting to wildlife photography.” The calendar includes hunting, fishing, and trapping season dates for each month, along with beautiful photography, and it makes the perfect gift for any outdoor recreationist. The calendar is available from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with a printable free-shipping mail-in order form on their website, www.vtfish-handwildlife.com.

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This New England style home has an interior that has been carefully updated. Includes spacious, bright rooms throughout. Comfortable living room, dining room (or first floor bedroom), Laundry, bath on the first floor. Second floor offers 2 bedrooms (oversized master) and an attic/ closet area that could be turned into another bath. The improvements carry on in the basement with upgraded mechanicals. Situated on a level lot with a concrete pad if constructing a garage or placing a shed is of interest. Within walking distance to schools and amenities. \$125,900



Picture perfect. Major renovations from top to bottom, everything new in the living space including an open concept living/dining/kitchen (kitchen with new appliances, butcher block counter top, farmers sink, sliders to the deck) and laundry/half bath on the first floor; three bedrooms (master bedroom with 3/4 bath and walk-in closet) and two baths on the second floor to a new furnace, well pump and hot water heater in the walk-out basement. Attached one car garage has oversized headroom. 3.4+/- acres with expansive side yard with long river frontage. Access to snowmobile trails across the street and close proximity to Grafton & Saxtons River. A must see. \$299,900




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# arts & entertainment

## Vermont author Joe Citro to speak on local spooks

CHESTER, Vt. – Not long after dark on Halloween, you’ll be able to feel those glorious chills running down your spine. But if collecting Snickers bars with your kids or grandkids who are dressed as C3PO or Eminem is a bit too tame, join other ghouls as Joe Citro, Vermont’s “curator of the curious,” explores some of his local haunts.

Sponsored by Chester’s Blair Books, former Chesterite Citro will speak at the First Universalist Parish of Chester in Chester’s Stone Village Sunday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. Citro will take listeners through the dark, sometimes disturbing, and often sinister landscape traditionally portrayed with sunny skies above quaint villages.



Sharing spooky tales of local haunts. PHOTO PROVIDED

His Halloween presentation will include some Chester tales that have inspired his fiction as he reads selections from his novels, such as “Lake Monsters,” “Deus-X: The Reality Conspiracy,” and a short-fiction collec-

tion, “Not Yet Dead.” It’s no secret that the setting of his first novel, “Shadow Child,” was loosely based on Chester.

His Halloween presentation will also discuss his experiences collecting the state’s strangest stories for Vermont Public Radio and his nonfiction such as “Passing Strange,” “Cursed in New England,” and most recently “The Vermont Ghost Guide.” A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

The program is free and open to the public. Citro’s books will be available. This presentation will not be available by Zoom. For more information, call Blair Books at 802-875-3400.

## Register early for holiday wreath-decorating at St. Luke’s

CHESTER, Vt. – Get ready for the holidays by decorating a pre-made evergreen wreath with specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other embellishments, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary to make the decorating fun and successful. Open to the public, the workshops will take place Nov. 18-20 in Willard Hall at St. Luke’s Church, 313 Main Street in Chester, Vt., and will again benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee’s youth environmental camp scholarships.

Space is limited, so partici-

pants must preregister and are encouraged to bring clippers and glue guns if they have them. Choose from eight different workshop sessions to enable social distancing: Thursday, Nov. 18 at 9-10:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., or 6:30-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 19 at 9-10:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., or 6:30-8 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

Each session will offer all the essentials to create a very personal, one-of-a-kind wreath. Men and women are welcome to come alone or register with a friend or group. Masks are presently required.

An early-bird discount on the fee per wreath will apply to those who preregister and pay by Friday, Nov. 5. Checks should be made out to St. Luke’s Church, designated in the memo line for the wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis at P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information and registration, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

This is a great opportunity to support two good causes, start getting ready for the holidays, and have fun doing it!

## CTES Parent Teach Group presents Trunk or Treat

CAVENDISH, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 30, from 4:30-7 p.m., the Cavendish Town Elementary Parent Teacher Group will offer a Trunk or Treat event at the elementary school. The event will also include a Snack Shack, bonfire, and a Spooky path. The PTG needs trunk hosts. Each trunk should have a theme that is approved by the PGT – nothing



Trunk or Treat at CTES.

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too scary. Plan to have enough candy for 200 kids. The candy must be prepackaged. Arrive at 4 p.m. to set up your trunk and be ready to go by 4:45 p.m. For more information or to sign up, email CTESPTG@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat is a Halloween fundraiser for the Cavendish Playground Fund.

## Painting the colors of fall in watercolor with Robert O’Brien

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert O’Brien is offering a one-day watercolor workshop painting the fall landscape of New England in all its splendor at Gallery at the VAULT, Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The class will begin with a demonstration by the instructor who will explain his techniques for capturing the vibrancy of autumn colors through a layering process and for creating light and shadow. Students will paint for the remainder of the class with hands-on assistance from the instructor. A critique and discussion will be held at the end of the session. All levels are welcome. A materials list will be provided at registration.

Please register by Nov. 3 so we can make arrangements for the best space. Masks

required. Covid protocols are observed.

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.

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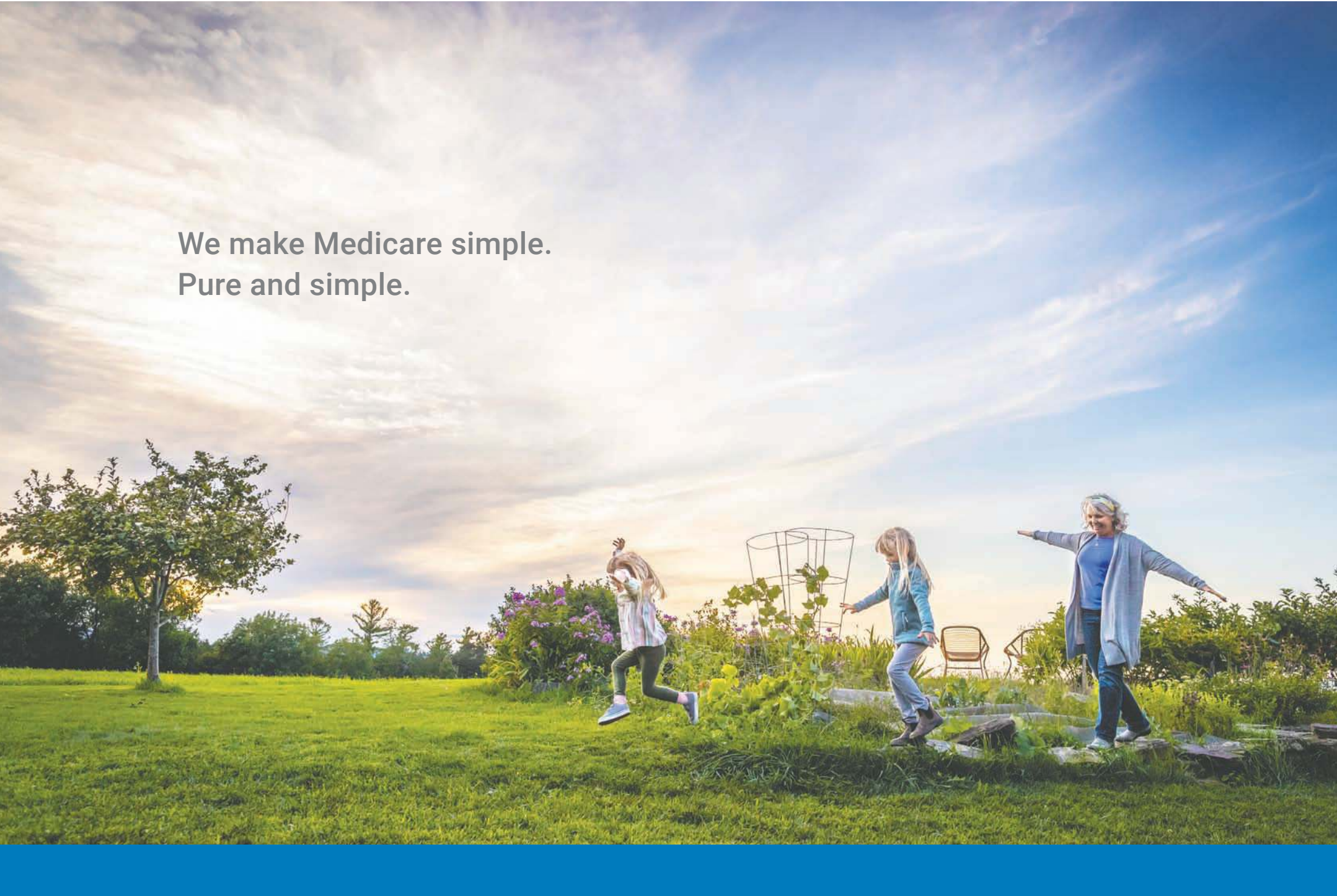
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# Fall Home Improvement

## Burning dry firewood saves money, improves air quality

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – With wood stove season rapidly approaching, it is time to make sure you have enough dry firewood ready to go for this winter.

Evaluating the moisture content of firewood can be tricky. Wood can be purchased when it is “green,” “seasoned,” “dried,” or “kiln dried,” but these are relative terms and wood is only ready to be burned when its moisture content is 20% or less. Wet wood is a waste. Instead of creating heat for your home, burning wet wood means that that energy goes into boiling off residual water so that the wood can ignite, and in the process releases pollution into the air and creosote in your chimney, which can lead to a fire hazard. Burning dry wood saves you money and improves air quality.

When talking with firewood dealers, always be sure to ask

how they define the terms they are using to describe their products and try using a moisture meter to test the moisture content of your firewood. Moisture meters are available to borrow from 60 public libraries around the state – check with yours or see the entire list at [www.dec.vermont.gov/wood-burning](http://www.dec.vermont.gov/wood-burning).

Here are a couple of general guidelines to keep in mind when talking to a firewood supplier:

“Green wood” is fresh cut and should not be used for fuel until it has had time to dry properly. This is the least expensive to purchase and will require 6-12 months to dry properly depending on species and conditions.

“Dry wood” refers to air-dried wood that should be an immediately burnable product at the time of delivery. Dry wood should never be stored uncovered as it will reabsorb rain and snow.

“Kiln dried wood” has been dried through the introduction of heat in a deliberately controlled environment – a process that drastically shortens the drying time. As with dry wood, kiln dried firewood should be an immediately burnable product at time of delivery. This is the most costly to purchase, but is of a very high quality that many people prefer.

“Seasoned wood” is the least well defined of any of the terms associated with firewood. “Sea-

soning” is synonymous with “drying” but the key to the wood’s actual moisture content is how long and under what conditions the wood has been “seasoned.” When purchasing “seasoned” wood, always be sure to ask your dealer how long the wood has been split, as opposed to just felled, and if it was stacked under cover to facilitate drying. You should assume that seasoned wood is not ready to burn without further drying.

If you are not planning to buy dry wood, the best strategy is to plan and allow plenty of time for your wood to dry under cover and with ample airflow around it. Order wood during the winter or early

spring for the following year, then stack and cover it to dry during the spring and summer for burning the following fall. This is the most reliable and economical way to ensure your supply of properly dried firewood.

Vermonters interested in burning less wood altogether should consider upgrading an old wood burning stove for a newer, cleaner burning model. A stove change out rebate is available from Efficiency Vermont and stoves with at least 75% efficiency are eligible for a 26% federal tax credit. For more information on these and other current wood heater rebates, visit [www.fpr.vermont.gov/woodenergy/rebates](http://www.fpr.vermont.gov/woodenergy/rebates).



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## Bats are on the move with a reputation to improve —

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The onset of fall sends Vermont’s bats into motion, which makes it an important time for conservation-minded Vermonters to learn about and help conserve our nine native bat species.

If you have noticed bats roosting in your attic, barn, or office over the summer, fall is the perfect time to safely evict these uninvited guests from your property. This is because summer groups of bats that roost in buildings begin to scatter in the fall in preparation for migration or hibernation. You

can learn how to safely evict bats from your building at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s best management practices page.

You can also help bat conservation efforts by reporting large colonies of bats living in structures to the department’s website. Locations with rare

colonies of one of our endangered species, the little brown bat, are eligible for free bat houses from Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Bat houses provide an alternative location for safely evicted bats to remain in your yard and continue eating huge quantities of insects that may be forest, agricultural, or human pests. Bat houses can be put up any time of year but do require some simple maintenance. Late fall or winter is the time to look up inside your bat house and make sure all the bats have left before cleaning out any abandoned wasp nests and planning any needed caulking or repainting.

“Fall also means Halloween, and scary images of bats, but this presents an opportunity to bring positive attention to bats as well,” said Vermont Fish & Wildlife small mammals biologist Alyssa Bennett. “So,

we celebrate ‘Bat Week’ in the days leading up to Halloween.” Bat Week takes place Oct. 24-31 and aims to raise awareness about the vital ecological function of bats and to dispel the many myths and misinformation about them.

Anyone interested in learning more can visit the official Bat Week website at [www.BatWeek.org](http://www.BatWeek.org), or email Alyssa.Bennett@vermont.gov for more information about what they can do right here in Vermont to promote bat conservation.

“Vermont is home to several species of threatened and endangered bats that we are working to conserve and recover – we hope Vermonters will support these efforts and come to enjoy seeing bats in their natural environment,” added Bennet. “Bats are a very important part of our natural world and now, more than ever, they need our help.”


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