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Ludlow’s retail cannabis meeting well attended, respectful

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow’s special informational meeting to discuss the future of adult cannabis retail sale in town drew a large crowd of approximately 80 people Monday, Nov. 1, in anticipation of the vote on whether Ludlow should opt-in to allow sales of cannabis, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Allison Hopkins, senior planner at Mount Ascutney Planning Commission, opened the informational meeting with a short presentation outlining Act 164, cannabis regulation for Vermont. Hopkins was clear that regional planning was neither advocating for nor against whether a town opted in or out, but provided broad facts such as the issues being decided by Vermont’s Cannabis Control Board and the timing for roll out in the state.

Final statewide procedures for adult cannabis sales will be adopted by March 2022, and licenses will be issued in October of 2022 to towns that have voted to opt in.

Hopkins also outlined some next steps once a town decides to opt-in to allow cannabis sales such as establishing a local cannabis control board to establish local licensing fees, determine how many licenses will be allowed, look at existing signage, and create goals and policies related to cannabis sales, including establishing local safeguards.

Moderator George Thomson, who later praised participants for being very respectful, led the group through a well-organized process, allowing everyone who wished to speak a five-minute window. Once everyone had spoken once, a second two-minute timeframe was then allowed. Participants were reminded from the beginning that this was not a forum to debate the pros and cons of cannabis itself, but to discuss the merits or disadvantages of allowing sales in town.

Overall, the crowd spoke in support of approving cannabis sales in Ludlow. Of the 11 participants who asked to speak, seven were in favor of cannabis sales with four against. The level of applause for spoken remarks also seemed to show greater support of the measure.

Residents who spoke against the measure cited concerns that Ludlow would be attracting unwanted additional traffic, would be taking away from Ludlow’s family-friendly atmosphere, and were doubtful they would see any significant tax revenue from cannabis sales – that it would largely go to the state because Ludlow is classi-



Ludlow’s retail cannabis special meeting Monday, Nov. 1, 2021. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

fied as a “gold town.”

Pam O’Neil, president of Black River Area Community Coalition, spoke of BRACC’s mission to prevent substance use, including marijuana prevention. She expressed concern for cannabis being a gateway drug and felt local sales would take away from Ludlow’s family-friendly atmosphere. She also expressed concern that the vote was happening too fast.

Resident Dean Alexander said that Ludlow was a nice community, and he did not think Ludlow needed to be a destination for buying cannabis. Alan Couch suggested the benefits for the town were moot and would be minimal versus the negatives. He said Ludlow could have a nice, symbiotic relationship with a nearby town selling cannabis.

Of those in support of opting in to allow adult retail cannabis sales in Ludlow, many cited direct financial gains for the town, including income to the town through licenses and fees, increased year-round traffic, increased support for other Ludlow businesses, and increased jobs. Others talked about the benefits of having a secure place to purchase safe, legal cannabis with educated workers to help advise users for medicinal applications of cannabis. They also spoke about statistics in other parts of the country selling legal cannabis, that have not seen an increase in youth consumption, crime, or drug abuse or incremental expenses as many have feared.

Laura Bellantoni, a local business owner, who also owns a sister store in a Provincetown, Mass., location, said that cannabis stores near her Massachusetts location are super professional and promote additional traffic in town. She also countered Couch’s claim saying they did not need to send business or “love” to other towns.

Another business owner Charles Rimer said that 90% of people in Ludlow rely on peo-

ple coming to town for their livelihood, and the town should be making money on cannabis, that it was no different from liquor sales.

Gene Jakominich, a cancer survivor who has used cannabis in the course of treatment, said it would be valuable to take advantage of this cash crop and didn’t want for this to be a missed opportunity for Ludlow.

Resident Sarah Elvin, who uses cannabis to treat anxiety, said that she has talked to many tourists who stop at a dispensary in North Hampton, Mass., on their way to Ludlow. “They could spend their money here,” she said.

Andrea Goldman, who along with Meredith Milligan are the duo behind the special meeting and hope to be a recipient of a license for cannabis sales in Ludlow, stressed the safety of legal cannabis versus illicit cannabis, which is prevalent in town regardless. She spoke of the extensive training and regulations required for a dispensary. She also said that the Vermont Cannabis Commission Control Board has just recommended that of the excise taxes, 1 to 2% go to the town, which she believes could reach \$100,000.

Dr. Linda Thomson talked of the well-documented benefits of both CBD and THC in cannabis and those in medical community who are unable to prescribe cannabis due to federal restrictions. She said to have legalized cannabis in the community for those who have a medical need but can’t get a prescription, it would be a great thing if it were legally available and standardized.

The cannabis retail vote took place Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the Town Hall as the newspaper went to press. The results will be announced later.

Boo Bag giveaway winners



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Olivia, Reading.



Levi, Springfield.

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GMUSD move forward with \$20 million in facilities upgrades

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Unified School District Board has decided to move forward with next steps for approximately \$20 million worth of facility improvements for all three schools in the district, based on options presented by Energy Efficient Investments during a special meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Michael Davey from EEI provided four options that outlined recommended upgrades to Green Mountain Union High School, Chester-Andover Elementary School, and Cavendish Town Elementary School. Those options spanned from an “all-encompassing” option that resulted from their previous facilities energy audit, in the form of Option A with a \$28 million price tag; to Option D termed a “strictly energy” option focused on updating HVAC and electrical systems to replace failing equipment, and replacing it with “like kind” with a price tag of over \$7 million.

Option A is an all-encompassing option that provides new HVAC systems and windows, addresses safety code deficiencies, provides new finishes, alleviates space concerns, removes hazardous materials, includes a solar project, provides wish list items from faculty and staff. Other improvements include adding sprinkler systems, replacing the elevator, upgrad-

ing several non-ADA compliant features including lack of ADA-compliant bathrooms, ramp handrails, multi-level drinking fountains, and lack of access to the stage in the auditorium. Other recommended improvements include upgrading floors, kitchen equipment, and doors throughout.

Board Chairman Joe Fromberger suggested starting with Option B with a price tag of just over \$18 million, which focused on the existing building but eliminated additions, parking lot repairs, added storage, the sprinkler systems, and solar project.

The board then embarked on a lengthy discussion outlining the merits of each option and with board members making suggestions for adding items from Option A, which included every recommendation.

Board member Dennis Reilly suggested that they select Option A for GMUHS, since it is in the most need of upgrades and has not had any major renovations since it was built in 1971, and that they go with Option D for both CAES and CTES.

The board then agreed to work from that standpoint, finetuning that basic platform to reach their final consensus, deleting one item from GMUHS Option A, and adding a few items to Option D for both CAES and CTES.

In the final agreement, the board agreed to move forward with the fully comprehensive Option A for GMUHS minus the solar project on the roof; Option D for CAES with the addition of converting the oil

tanks to propane, and adding pavement and bus drop off area modifications; and Option D for CTES with the addition of adding “ERV’s perimeter heat.” The total cost for all three schools totals \$19,666,000 based on the estimates to date.

Documents outlining the specifics of all four options can be found on the TRSU website as part of the documents for the Oct. 25 meeting.

EEI will also investigate how many classrooms at CAES have an egress to the outside to address safety concerns.

Next steps for EEI include flushing out into greater details all the projects selected and returning with comprehensive details and final pricing, which should take several weeks. Davey expects that work to be completed by the second week of December.

Although financing for the project may include a possible bond, the board and Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman were not willing to say that would have to be the case and will explore other options for funding.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union Facilities Director Todd Parah thanked the board for their work in moving the project forward. He said that if renovations were not made, they would be forced to spend money regardless to replace equipment that was on the cusp of failure, as well as continue to make necessary maintenance upgrades.

The next GMUSD meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. at GMUHS library.

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OVRCC member: Vermont Wagyu

LUDLOW, Vt. – Vermont Wagyu at Spring Rock Farm was recently selected as the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month for their appearance on the NBC Today Show with Harry Smith. The Vermont Secretary of Agriculture was on hand for the award presentation and joined in the celebration of their success as he was visiting and touring the farm. Chamber Director Carol Lighthall (second from left) presented Vermont Wagyu owner Sheila Patinkin (center) with the award certificate along with Roger Osinchuk DVM (left), Commissioner of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts (second from right) and Douglas Johnstone of the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (right).



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United Church of Ludlow announces new pastor

LUDLOW, Vt. – Michelle Fountain of Rutland has been called as the new pastor at the United Church of Ludlow. Fountain is a 2007 graduate of the Vermont Academy of Spiritual Training through the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ and a member of their Pastoral Preparation Program. She previously served as Christian education director and moderator for the North Pomfret Congregational Church and later as a deacon and member of both the Learning with Grace and Congregational Engagement Teams for Grace Congregational Church

in Rutland. In addition to serving the United Church of Ludlow, Fountain is an English teacher at Woodstock Union High School in Woodstock, Vt., and was recognized in June 2021 as Teacher of the Year. “I am excited to get to know the parishioners at the United Church of Ludlow, but also the community of Ludlow in general. I look forward to working with community organizations and other faith communities in the area as we seek to support people through life’s challenges and celebrations,” Fountain stated.



Pastor Michelle Fountain. PHOTO PROVIDED



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The United Church of Ludlow, 48 Pleasant St. in Ludlow, handicap accessible, holds services each Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship time. As a federated church of Congregationalists and Methodists, the congregation consists of many who have pursued their faith journeys in other Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions. We welcome all to worship with us.

Whiting Library engages community in conversation

CHESTER, Vt. – On Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 2021, residents of Chester and Andover gathered at the Chester Town Hall to talk about shared aspirations for the community and to envision the future of Whiting Library. Professional library consultant Amy Howlett facilitated these conversations with the assistance of library director, Deirdre Doran. The goal of the meetings was to discuss and choose key library service roles that will be incorporated into a new strategic plan for the library. The participants highlighted three important areas for the library to focus on: creating a comfortable place,

inspiring young readers, and celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion. The programs and services Whiting Library offers in the future will be designed to meet these community needs. “The library’s mission is to serve the learning and leisure needs of people of all ages in a welcoming environment,” said Doran. “We wanted these meetings to allow the community members to have a conversation about how the library can meet that mission.” Everyone on the library staff and Board of Trustees is grateful to the participants who gave their input during this community engagement process. Thank you to everyone who responded to the library survey over the

summer or participated in the community conversation series this fall. These two community outreach efforts were made possible by a grant called Libraries Transforming Communities awarded to Whiting Library by the American Library Association in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries. If you still have suggestions or comments that you would like to be heard, please send that to the library at whitinglibrary1@gmail.com. We will be busy crafting and editing the new strategic plan for the remainder of the year. We will proudly share the strategic plan with the community once it is completed and approved.

Rotary governor plans changes for future growth

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club heard about the plans for the future of the southern Vermont and New Hampshire Rotary District at lunch Tuesday, Oct. 26. Hosted by Ludlow Rotary President Art Randolph, District Governor John Bob Siemienowicz addressed the club accompanied by several other Rotary district officers. John Bob spoke about the importance of change as a way for Rotary to stay relevant in their efforts to be an important vehicle of change in the world. The motto of Rotary International this year is “Serve to Change Lives.” John Bob emphasized the importance of service internationally, nationally, and

locally. John Bob congratulated the Ludlow Rotary Club on the number of new members it has recruited in the past couple of years, the fundraisers it has held, and the support it has offered to Rotary International’s high priority campaign to eradicate polio in the world. Emphasis on service to others is embodied in the work of the Ludlow Club, he said. He also recognized the major contribution of the Ludlow Club, and its incoming president Jim Rumrill, in the area of the international Youth Exchange program, which focuses on improving global relations through this important program. He encouraged those in at-

tendance to look for ways to be more inclusive in recruiting and retaining new members. He encouraged the club to look at all aspects of the organization to make membership more attractive to prospective members and to work to retain its new members. Consider the cost of being a member, as well as welcoming non-traditional members such as younger members of the community, LGBTQ residents, and those who have been excluded for reasons of ethnic or racial heritage. As a thank you for his service to Rotary, President Art presented the District Governor with a gift basket of Vermont foods from Green Mountain Sugar House.

Green Mountain Gardeners, Weston Community Association prepare for spring

WESTON, Vt. – Twenty volunteers from the Green Mountain Gardeners and the

Weston Community Association planted 825 daffodil and narcissus bulbs in Cold Spring

Park in Weston recently. They are looking forward to next spring when their beauty will delight residents and visitors alike.

Organized by Maureen Page and Maureen Brandt of the garden club, groups worked for two days planting in the park on Lawrence Hill Road and in front of the Weston Playhouse on the green. Several visitors to town stopped to watch the planting on the beautiful fall days and vowed to return in the spring to see the results. Dave Raymond, president of the Weston Community Association, which oversees the park and the playhouse, shared the “heartfelt thanks of the entire WCA Board for the mighty efforts of the volunteers.”

Green Mountain Gardeners generously donated the bulbs. Cold Spring Park, a jewel in the center of Weston, is a lovely spot for walking and sitting to watch the stream that flows through it. Deeded to the WCA by the Parkhurst family in 1950, the park was dedicated to the memory of the Weston residents who served in World Wars I and II and to the Parkhursts. The park was severely damaged in Hurricane Irene but restored in 2019 by a community effort funded by local, state, and federal agencies.

The Green Mountain Gardeners foster horticulture, beautification, and conservation in the mountain towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston. In addition, the group also serves their communities through beautification and service projects. For more information, go to www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

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LOCAL
HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Local History: The Yale Forest –

Recently, I wrote about Belmont Cider Days. In that article I mentioned my father spending summers in Belmont when he was a boy with his grandfather, traveling the area together hunting and fishing.

I also mentioned Dad taking me to some of these same locations. One place I remember as a boy is the Yale Forest.

This past Friday, Oct. 29, Dennis Devereux led a hike into Yale Forest. There were seven of us who hiked in, including me. What a morning it was.

The sky was a beautiful blue, cloudless, with a fall chill in the air. I had a good frost that morning. As Dennis led the hike, he explained the history of Yale Forest.

Lt. Joseph Brown Bowen
Joseph Bowen was from Rhode Island. He was Yale Class of 1915, and Yale Forestry School 1917. An aviator in World War I, Bowen was shot down and killed Sept. 7, 1918 by a German pilot.

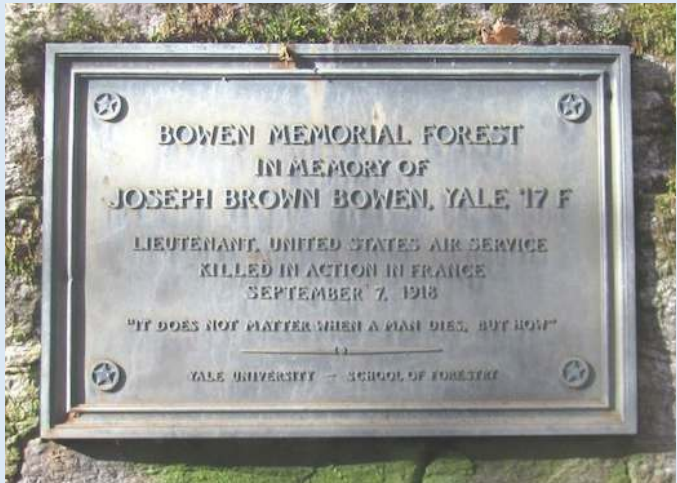
From the June 2021 Mount Holly Chit Chat:

“Bowen flew alone on a voluntary patrol along the Allied side of the lines just west of Cambrai, France. He encountered a German Fokker scout and in the ensuing dogfight he was shot down just weeks before the war ended. Lt. Bowen was buried where his English comrades laid him, near the little village of Pronville, France.

“Above his grave, his squadron placed a cross, inscribed in his memory, made from the broken propeller of his plane.”

The Yale Forest
In 1912 the Bowen family purchased 462 acres in Mount Holly. Perhaps they bought the property for Joseph Bowen to practice his forestry skills. After Lt. Bowen was killed, his parents donated the Mount Holly property to Yale University. A bronze plaque was installed on a rock outcropping.

The plaque
*Bowen Memorial Forest
In memory of Joseph Brown*



Lt. Joseph Bowen plaque.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Left to right Steve Michel, Craig Fortier, Bob Brandt, Dennis Devereux, Michele Brandt, and Maria Fortier.

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Michele Brandt standing in front of a most unusual rock pile.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

*Bowen, Yale '17 F
Lieutenant, United States Air Service
Killed in action in France September 7, 1918
Yale University School of Forestry*

As I stood before the plaque, I thought of the day Dad and I stood here, each with a rifle slung over our shoulder.

This is how and why this area is known as the Yale Forest today. The plaque is a fitting tribute to this early aviator and forester. Yale still owns and manages the property. It is not posted.

It's almost 60 years since my father took me here. I had not been back since. Our group hiked the old county road, now Hedgehog Hill Road. None of the landscape looked as I remembered it. In the years since I was there, it has been logged off. This logging changed the landscape.

We were walking along when all of a sudden I recognized the terrain: “Dennis, this is starting to look familiar.”

bear came in that evening to feast on apples from what seemed ancient apple trees. At that time the entire area was overgrown with hardhack.

Because of the hardhack, it was impossible to see a bear if he didn't stand to reach for apples, but they never did. As darkness loomed, we could see the tops of the hardhack moving as the bear walked through it on all fours. They were very close. The hair on the back of my neck stood up. It was very exciting for a young boy but scary at the same time.

Dennis will be leading other hikes before deer season starts if you want to go. It's an easy walk, and you'll see some interesting landmarks. There's the cellar hole where the Ray place once stood and a large and interesting rock pile, no doubt built by an early settler.

When you see it, you'll ask yourself, “Why build such a rock pile?” It may be as simple as the owner of the property wanted travelers to take note of his place as they passed by with horse and wagon. Whatever the reason, it's a beautiful thing.

In doing research, I found conflicting squadron numbers for Bowen. I'll ask Tom Hildreth if he can get to the bottom of this. Tom is an aviation historian and has helped me in the past.

This week's old saying is near the bottom of the Bowen plaque: “It does not matter when a man dies, but how.”

SCVBR participates in More Than Pink Walk

REGION – On Saturday, Oct. 23, members of the South Central Vermont Board of Realtors continued their yearly tradition of participating in the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk. Team SCVBR smashed their fundraising goal of \$1,000 and raised \$2,004.40. From left to right is Sandy Laserte, Elyn Bischof, Barbara Butts, admin of Mountain Realty, Gretchen Ward, survivor and admin at FSSIR Stratton, Megan McMahon, Robin Apps, TG Glazer, and Andie Fusco with Onyx up front.

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SEON presents sixth annual Sustainable Home Tour

REGION – On Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Sustainable Energy Outreach Network will hold its annual Home Tour virtually, showcasing homes and the design and construction teams whose work demonstrates a commitment to high performance building, sustainable

materials, durability, indoor air quality, and renewable energy.

It's a “show and tell” opportunity where you'll be taken on a virtual tour of the home and sustainable features. Learn about the technologies and processes that make these homes sustainable. There will be an opportunity to ask questions to the

builders.

This event requires advance registration. There is no cost to register. To register, go to www.seon.info/hometour. This link will also give you information on the three unique homes being featured.

Londonderry AHS receives \$5,000 Cultural Relief Grant

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, like all our local cultural institutions, continues to face unprecedented challenges due to the continuing economic fallout of the pandemic. The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received a Covid-19 Cultural Recovery

Grant in the amount of \$5,000, jointly awarded by the Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Humanities.

The Covid-19 Cultural Recovery Grant Program was seeded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and funded through the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Hu-

manities.

“Since this grant is unrestricted, we can use these funds to increase the hours our archivist works. She will be more available to help the public with questions about Londonderry's history,” says Hilary Batchelor, LAHS president. “We are tremendously grateful for the assistance.”

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opinion

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to news that I was told recently that my community is losing a very valuable person and asset of the community of Chester. Mrs. Edie Brown of Chester Depot will soon be moving out of state for retirement. She's certainly earned her retirement above and beyond.

Edie has spent her life supporting and working programs that helped the poor. For years, she was a big part of our family center, yearly coat drive, and had a career in a surrounding town that helped elderly and disabled people to services that they may have not known about otherwise. She has worn

many hats and never asked for or expected anything in return.

As a person of Chester and very familiar with all the good things Edie has done, if you see her soon before she leaves, please take time to let her know. She has done so much for Chester and underprivileged people, and she will be missed dearly.

This is a case of a valued citizen that lots of people in town won't realize what they're missing until it's gone.

Farewell. Best wishes as always.

Sincerely,
L.A. Naylor
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the towns of Chester, Cavendish, and Ludlow for all the beautiful flowers that are cared for throughout these towns, and special thanks to all the folks who volunteer to care for them.

Thanks to Ludlow Legion for all the flags they've cared for and thank you to our Cemetery

Commissioners and staff for the beautiful flag station in our cemetery.

American POW, Vermont Firemen, and two flags for all our branches of service.

Many thanks,
Herb & Sandy VanGuilder
Ludlow, Vt.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Landed

5 Gearwheel tooth

8 Slightly

12 Sultry Horne

13 "— you serious?"

14 Barn roof spinner

15 Strict disciplinarian

17 Noble Italian family

18 Swift

19 Sculpted trunks

21 Old Olds

22 Doctor Zhivago

23 Wye follower

26 Moreover

28 On edge

31 Sciences' partner

33 Observe

35 Campus VIP

36 "Hogwash!"

38 Finale

40 Water tester

41 Love god

43 Inherited

45 Painter's motion

47 Reduces

51 Nashville's st.

52 Instrument in a Dixieland band

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1 Charitable gift

2 Bound

3 Concerning

4 Spud

5 Big gorges

6 Mine yield

7 Oil tycoon J.

8 Declared

9 Baby's bed

10 Division word

11 Casual tops

16 Notion

20 Ump's call

23 Hit with a ray gun

24 Triage ctrs.

25 System for linking computers

27 Ruby of films

29 — Paulo, Brazil

30 Away from

32 Island wraps

34 Queen's domain

37 Stir-fry pan

39 Entryway

42 Factions

44 Packing string

45 Halt

46 Far (Pref.)

48 Author Bagnold

49 Tear

50 Remain

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obituaries

Eveleth M. Basso, 1923-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Eveleth Mae (Call) Basso, 97, of Chester, Vt., passed away Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at her home, as was her wish, with her family by her side. She was born in Springfield, Vt., Dec. 6, 1923 to Mortimer and Bessie (Wilson) Call. Graduating from Springfield High in 1941, she worked at Brown's Fashion Shop before working at J&L in Springfield.

In 1946, Eveleth married William George Basso, and they had 72 years together.

Eveleth was a homemaker with five children and lived in a neighborhood with many children. She was known to have a full tin of chocolate chip cookies to anyone who needed one – even after they grew up! If you were lucky, you might score a big delicious whoopie pie.

Later she did some part-time bookkeeping and started traveling. Member of the Holiday Ramblers and Good Sam Clubs, traveling until 2008 all of the USA and a lot of Canada – only missing Hawaii.

Eveleth was also known for her bedazzled cardigan of the USA with “Been There Done That” on its back.

She is survived by her children William G. Basso II (Margo) of Mt. Tabor, Vt., Robert A. Basso (Linda) of Port Orange, Fla.,



Eveleth M. Basso, 1923-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Cynthia M. Farnsworth (Richard) of Chester, Vt., Anita S. Dregallo (Peter) of Andover Vt., and James Basso of Clayton, Del.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and both brothers George and Robert Call, and by her Husband William (Bill), passing in 2018.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Cancer Society or Bennington Veterans Home. Graveside services will be announced at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Duane W. Muzzey, 1950-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Duane W. Muzzey, 71, passed away Oct. 25, 2021. Duane was born Jan. 27, 1950 in Burlington, Vt. to William and Marguerite (Hovey) Muzzey.

Duane attended Bellows Falls High School and spent eight years in the Army National Guard after graduation. He then went on to become a heavy equipment operator working for many local construction companies.

Duane married Joanne Hardy April 21, 2000 in Bel-

lows Falls. He is survived by one sister Sheila Muzzey Rogers, two sons William Joseph and Roger Webber Jr., three daughters Naomi Webber, An-nalee Webber, and Marjorie Cobb, along with six grandchildren Gregory, Toni, Han-son, and Mason Muzzey, Forest and Katie Wilkinson. Duane is predeceased by daughter Susan Wilkinson and his parents.

Arrangements are being made at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

William B. Lockerby, 1973-2021

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. – William Benjamin Lockerby, 48, of Lockerby Way, passed away Oct. 28, 2021. He was born April 24, 1973, in Rockingham, Vt., the son of Roger and Kathleen (Gallagher) Lockerby. Bill attended schools in Westminster and Bellows Falls and was a 1991 graduate of the Bellows Falls Union High School.

Following high school, he received a bachelor's degree from AIC. He also played baseball for the Yellow Jackets for all four years. He worked as a carpenter with Alan Smith for 10 years and was currently working as an electrician for Lawrence and Lober. Bill was a Cub Scout, enjoyed playing baseball and football, and coached Post 37 Legion baseball for many years. He enjoyed coaching Pee Wee Football for the Packers for nine years. He was an avid Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins, and Dallas Cowboys fan.

Bill's love of his family was immeasurable, and he took great pride working with them to build a new barn at his family's farm. His sense of humor and fun-loving attitude made him a favorite among his nieces and nephews who affectionally called him Uncle BB.

On Sept. 6, 2003, Bill married Jessica L'Heureux who survives. He is also survived by his par-



William B. Lockerby, 1973-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

ents; son Grady Lockerby and daughter Delaney Lockerby; four sisters Beth Kidney (Erik), Amy McCullough (Craig), Laura Lockerby (Scott Wallace) and Kayla Williams (Sean); along with several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as many, many friends that he called family. He was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his daughter Grace.

There will be calling hours Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, from 1-3 p.m., at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. A mass at St. Peter's Church will be held Monday, Nov. 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. He will be buried at the Lockerby family cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football League or Post 37 Legion Baseball.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St. Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St. A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

Marjorie Naylor Constantine, 1926-2021

BALTIMORE, Vt. – Marjorie, a beloved member of the Springfield and Baltimore community since 1964, passed away Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021.

She was born to John F. Naylor and Estelle Fournier Naylor in Newark, N.J., in 1926. She attended Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y., and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education in 1949. She married Francis X. Constantine in 1950, and they began what would turn out to be an adventurous life of service. They had three children Dianne, Nancy, and John and traveled to serve as teachers. Marge and Fran were hired by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, to teach in a village in White Mountain, Alaska from 1960 to 1962.



Marjorie Naylor Constantine, 1926-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

In 1964, they moved to Baltimore, Vt., from New Jersey. Fran died in 1988 but Marjorie remained in their home and served in the Windsor County area through her volunteer work in many organizations: the League of Women Voters, RSVP Senior Center, Senior Songsters, Shape Note Singers, Habitat for Humanity, and Festival of Foods. She was the Baltimore Cemetery Commissioner for many years and served on the town's Bicentennial Committee and volunteer for Green Up Days. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chester and sang in the choir in both. She volunteered at Springfield Hospital and also worked as a hospice volunteer. She worked in the Springfield school system and also was a teacher in Head Start.

She was a conservationist at heart and donated regularly to Arbor Day Foundation and World Wildlife Fund. She kept natural gardens at her home, loved spending time with nature, and taught her children to value conservation. She was an avid bird watcher and participated in the National Audubon Society's Annual Bird Count.

She was a people person who

loved being involved with others and lending a helping hand where she could. She enjoyed traveling and had been to most of the United States as well as Canada and Europe. She spent time on trips with her friend, Cheryl Cox.

She enjoyed arts and crafts, puzzles, reading, and singing and taking Illiad educational courses at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Marjorie is predeceased by her father John F. Naylor in 1970, her mother Estelle Fournier Naylor in 1986, and husband Francis X. Constantine in 1988. She is survived by her daughters Diane Reed of Brandon, Vt., Nancy Cordle of Baltimore, Vt., and her son John Constantine of Baltimore, Vt. When she was at respite care at Mt. Ascutney Hospital, they referred to her as “the Little Lady.”

The family would like to thank VNH/Hospice, Springfield Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to any of the above organizations or the Springfield Vermont Humane Society.

A private graveside service will take place at the convenience of the family. There will be a celebration Marjorie's life in the spring of 2022. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Roy E. Spaulding, 1933-2021

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Roy Ellis Spaulding, 88, passed away due to Covid Oct. 25, 2021 at DHMC.

He was born July 6, 1933. He was the son of the late Harry Spaulding and Ora Guica Spaulding. He was survived by two sisters Janet Moot and Jean Blanchard, and predeceased by a sister Gail Sheldon. He is survived by his wife Barbara Golec Spaulding and their five children, daughter Heidi and her husband Jonathan Agoes, daughter Terry and her husband Bob Fortuna, daughter Valerie Record, daughter Tracy and her husband Wayne Gilcris, and son Roy Spaulding and his wife Kelly, and by 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He grew up in Cavendish on Tarbell Hill. He was a graduate of Black River Academy and after high school, he joined the Air Force. He was a proud veteran who served abroad in Germany during the Korean War.

He returned home to join

the family business Spaulding Service station where he spent 56 years in his business that is now being passed to a fourth generation. Roy loved the garage and the social part of the business that came with it. He worked until two weeks before his death.

Roy met the love of his life Barbara through a mutual friend. They were married Nov. 27, 1955 in Gassetts. Next month they would have been married 65 years. He loved life and all the adventures that went with it. Fast cars, playing cribbage, auctions, hot dogs, yard sales, snowmobiles, traveling the country, and going to NASCAR races in his RV with Barbara.

There will be a private memorial service for the immediate family. There will be a public celebration of his amazing life at the Loft Tavern, Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Joshua R. Druke, 1985-2021

WALPOLE, N.H. – Joshua Ryder Druke, 36, of Walpole, N.H., passed away Oct. 28, 2021 in Walpole in a farm equipment accident.

Josh is survived by his wife Jamie Crotty Druke; his children Everly, Eloise (Lucie), and Oliver; his parents Edward and Terri Druke; his brother Ryan Druke and wife Angela and their children; his in-laws Pat and Heidi Crotty; and his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and their children.



Joshua R. Druke, 1985-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Josh was born March 20, 1985, in Townshend, Vt., to Edward and Terri Druke. He graduated from Leland and Gray in 2003. He played basketball at Western Connecticut State University and graduated from Keene State College with a degree in business management and a minor in computer science.

Josh married the love of his life, Jamie Crotty, June 6, 2009 in Walpole, N.H. They welcomed their daughter Everly in 2013, their daughter Eloise in 2015, and their son Oliver in 2019. He was an incredible husband and father and treasured his family. They were the most important part of his life.

Josh was in charge of business development and was the lead salesman and sales manager at WW Building Supply in Newfane and Wilmington, Vt. He was president of the Vermont Retail Lumberman's Association and the NRLA director. He served on the board for South Eastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies and River Valley Tech Center.

Josh was a talented athlete and avid sports fan. He was a 1,000-point scorer at Leland

and Gray and went on to play college basketball. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, hiking in the woods with his family, and splitting wood with his grandfather. He loved skiing with Evie, coaching Lucie in soccer, Ranger rides with Ollie, and date nights with Jamie. He was involved at Elm City Church in Keene. He was selfless and always there to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by not only his family and friends but by all those who knew him.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Josh Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at Grace Community Church in Spofford, N.H. with a reception to follow.

Josh's family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Michael and Levi Hubbard and the entire Walpole Fire and Rescue team.

Foley Funeral Home of Keene has been entrusted with the arrangements. To express condolences or to share a memory of Josh, please visit www.FoleyFuneralHome.com.

Michael B. O'Donnell, 1955-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Michael Brendan O'Donnell, beloved brother, uncle, and friend passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021. Michael was born Oct. 27, 1955 in Detroit, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents Daniel F. O'Donnell and Mary M. McDermott.

Michael is survived by brothers and sisters Neil O'Donnell, Daniel O'Donnell (Gabriella Holl), Kathleen Lauritsen (Tom), Mary O'Donnell, Eileen Aijluni (Victor), and Timothy O'Donnell. He was the beloved uncle of Miles O'Donnell, Sean Aijluni, and Ian Aijluni. He also leaves behind a cherished partner Dierdre Pecquet.

Michael was a longtime resident of Springfield, Vt., where he treasured his life on the Connecticut River with his faithful dog Anabelle.

After graduating from Cape Cod Community College, Michael became a member of International Union of Elevator Constructors Local Four and worked for Delta Beckwith Elevator Company, Payne Industries Company, and TyssenK-



Michael B. O'Donnell, 1955-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

rupp Elevator, serving the New Hampshire and Vermont areas.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Thursday, Nov. 4, from 5-7 p.m.

A funeral mass will be celebrated Friday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Masks are required at the services.

Geraldine Laflam, 2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Geraldine Laflam, age 92, passed away peacefully Oct. 26, 2021 at her home in St. Albans, Vt., surrounded by friends and family. Private services will be held in St. Albans at a later date.

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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.

NOV. 5 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of Celtic music by Kalos, featuring bagpiper Dan Houghton and harpist Rachel Clemente, Friday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at www.nextstagearts.org.

NOV. 6 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center is holding a takeout turkey supper Saturday, Nov. 6, from 4-5 p.m. Menu includes turkey, potatoes, squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Call 603-826-5987 to place your order starting Friday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or Saturday, Nov. 6, from 12-3 p.m. Just drive through and pay, and we will hand you your meal through your car window. Gift baskets will be on display in the parking lot. Feel free to park, look them over, and buy some raffle tickets.

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, at the 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. Snacks and beverages 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.

WESTON, Vt. – Come out for the Weston Rod & Gun Club’s Game Supper to be held Saturday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. at 982 Route 100. Venison, moose, bear, goose, and ham, with mashed potatoes and desserts. Takeout orders are available. Pay for the meals with either cash or check. Annual memberships are available. For takeout orders, call 802-824-6824 between 12-5 p.m. Nov. 6 for pickup after 5 p.m.

NOV. 11 –
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Veterans Day Ceremony Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Perkinsville, hosted by

Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee.

NOV. 13 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – On Nov. 13, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the Third Congregational Church, 14 River St., in Alstead, will be holding the Guild’s Holiday Bazaar. There will be Daddy’s Girl soaps, art and felt Christmas ornaments, wood crafts, quilted items, photography, bib and blankets for children, sewing, mittens and fleece items, Christmas terrariums, maple products, Pampered Chef, baked goods, the Guild’s Granny Table, and more. Refreshments and lunch will be sold throughout the day. There are limited spaces available. If interested, call Dot Brehio at 603-445-5552 or Cindy Heath at 603-835-6366.

GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange’s monthly breakfast is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, home fries, blueberry or plain pancakes, toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, juices, coffee, and tea. Eat in or take out. There is a cost per person at the door. For more information, please call 802-875-1051.

WALPOLE, N.H. – First Congregational Church of Walpole’s Thanksgiving food drive is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Drive up and drop off canned goods – squash and potatoes are encouraged. The food fills Fall Mountain Food Shelf’s Thanksgiving baskets.

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

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. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

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.

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

TUESDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

LEBANON, N.H. – Dumbbells and Diapers: A Parent and Baby Workout Series by Sunflower Postpartum Care Tuesdays at 10 a.m. 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.

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!

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

WEDNESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

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

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – New moms group meeting Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, for four weeks Nov. 3-24 at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street, in N. Springfield. 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 details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time.

A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the “monkey mind” and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

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 for details and to register.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

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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. Free and open to the public.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

SATURDAYS –
GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are excited to be holding their Round and Square Dances the first Saturday of every month from 7-10 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Donation per person. There are French fries, hot dogs, and snacks on sale in our kitchen. We will hold a 50/50 drawing also. For more information, please call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

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.

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The second installment of the 2021-2022 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable November 15, 2021.

Payments can be made as follows:

- In person or through the mail.
- Dropped into our mail slot located in the white door that faces Main Street.
- Dropped into our mail slot located in the brown door on the second floor at the top of the outside stairs.
- Electronically on the town’s website at <https://springfieldvt.gov>. A fee is charged for this method of payment. Payment receipts available in person or by including a stamped self-addressed return envelope or an email address. Town Hall is open M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 2021, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law by ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, December 7th, 2021, at the Plymouth Municipal Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted will include:

Article 1.

To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to assign fund balances in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

Article 2.

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$950,000.00 for repair of the town hall roof, completing deferred maintenance, performing energy/weatherization upgrades, and the addition of solar, as outlined in **Option D**, as prepared by William MacLay Architects.

Article 3.

To see if the Town will approve a short-term rental ordinance.

Video calling available via ZOOM please check the Town website for details

Voice calling : 1 (312) 6266799 (Chicago) 1 (929) 2056099 (New York)
Meeting ID: **836 8962 4802** Passcode: **486405**

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this 18th day of October, 2021.

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Rick Kaminski

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Invitation to Bid**

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for plowing and sanding at both Pingree Park and the Town Hall for this and the following winter. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Shane O’Keefe, Town Administrator

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The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 11/17/2021 at the Londonderry Town Offices to hold a public hearing for an application from One Londonderry Recreation Committee to build an outdoor ice rink at 5700 Rt 100 (the Plaza), and another from Heritage Family Credit Union for a variance and a site plan review for an Interactive Teller Machine at 2826 Rt.100, and another from Heather Stephenson and James Chittenden to build an accessory dwelling at 624 Barker Rd. Application materials are available by emailing the town’s Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org.

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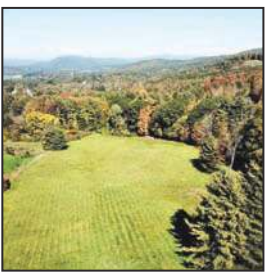
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Regular deer season starts Nov. 13

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day regular deer season that begins Saturday, Nov. 13 and ends Sunday, Nov. 28.

A hunter may take one legal buck during this season if they did not already take one during the archery deer season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit. A map of the WMUs is on pages 22 and 23 of the 2021 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide available from license agents statewide.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in western regions of the state and other valley areas," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's deer biologist Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer more of a big woods experience with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season and a late season bear tag for Nov. 13-21. Hunters under 18 years of age can receive a discount. Licenses are available on Fish & Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide.

Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record.


A 2021 Deer Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at www.vtfishand-wildlife.com. The guide in-



Report your deer at a biological check station.
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cludes a map of the WMUs, season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.


Hunters who do not go to a biological reporting station are asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent. Each tooth will be cross sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish & Wildlife website next spring.



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CSB grant funds storage shed for BRAT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A dozen coolers of varying sizes, nets on long poles, buckets, wading boots, kayaks and lifejackets, tools for tree planting, totes of trash bags, work gloves, and tee shirts – these are just some of the items stored long-term by the Black River Action Team, according to founder and director Kelly Stettner.

While Kelly keeps more perishable items in her home, the durable items accumulated over two decades of water-related projects are in need of secure, dry storage. The existing metal shed has served its basic purpose but is roughly 15 years old. The roof leaks despite

treatment with special rubberized paint a few years ago, the particle-board floor gets damp and soft, and small rodents find their way in to find shelter.

Local builder Randy Gray will be able to custom design and build a taller wooden shed with rugged features that should help it last for decades. At Kelly's direction, Randy will incorporate salvaged windows and doors to help keep costs down as well as provide for potential winterization of the shed in the future, so that projects can be worked on in all kinds of weather. While Kelly wishes to extend her gratitude for a generous \$2,000 grant from the Claremont Savings Bank, another \$500 is needed to see the project through to completion, which is scheduled to wrap up before Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

To assist in the fundraising effort, Kelly encourages everyone to consider dropping off their redeemable cans and bottles at either the Springfield Redemption Center near Riverside Middle School in Springfield, or the Brewfest Beverage Co at 199 Main Street in Ludlow, Vt. Make sure to tell them to donate the money to the Black River Action Team!

If 100 people each drop off 100 cans over the course of the month of November, that will cover the full \$500. BRAT can also collect used or broken cell phones and digital cameras for a fundraising program, as well as empty HP or Brother brand inkjet and LaserJet cartridges.

Donations are always gratefully welcomed at 101 Perley Gordon Rd., Springfield, VT 05156, made payable to "BRAT" for tax purposes. Please contact Kelly Stettner directly for further information on how to support "The Big Build." Email her at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-738-0456.

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Kirkpatrick receives Young Pharmacist Award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Caroline Kirkpatrick, Pharm.D., was awarded Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company’s 2021 Vermont Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award at the annual Vermont Pharmacists Association meeting in Burlington, Vt., Sunday, Oct. 24.

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist award was created in 1987 to encourage newer pharmacists to become involved in association activities and community service. This award recognizes one pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions.

The 2021 Vermont Pharmacists Association recipient was selected by a committee of her peers as this pharmacist exemplifies and exceeds the required criteria. Prior to graduating from Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences in 2016, Caroline served as the president of the Vermont Pharmacists Association Student Chapter, including service as editor of the VPA newsletter, and student-coordinator for the annual Vermont Pharmacists Day in Montpelier. Post-graduation, Caroline joined the VPA and became an officer of the board soon thereafter.

As the VPA treasurer for five years, she helped the VPA organize and stabilize its financial picture. Additionally, Caroline’s enthusiasm and active efforts for the profession and the association have manifested in numerous gatherings and social events. She organized several joint pharmacy-student and pharmacists “meet-and-greets.”

Professionally in her role at Springfield Hospital, Caroline is known as a competent, calm practitioner. She serves as a valuable liaison between pharmacy and the medical staff at the hospital. Caroline is currently chair of the Pharmacist and Therapeutics Committee, sits on the Policy and Procedures Committee, and has initiated a Patient Safety Committee at Springfield Hospital.

Due to Caroline’s efforts, a pharmacist is now embedded in the emergency department to not only provide relevant information and consultation in real time, but also to participate in direct patient care as part of the emergency department team. When Caroline’s supervisor was called to active duty by the Army Reserve in response to the Covid crisis, Caroline, with skill and professionalism, shouldered an increased work load and work hours while successfully serving as the interim department director.

Caroline’s assistance led to the U.S. Marshall Service court security of Rutland and Burlington’s federal courts being able to obtain Covid vaccinations. Caroline and her pharmacist-mother Jane, with their own time and money, created interesting and fun medical masks early in the pandemic as a means to help pharmacists and technicians stay safe.

Former VPA Executive Director, James Marmar, RPH, commented, “In conclusion, Caroline Kirkpatrick, as the Pharmacists Mutual’s Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award recipient, embodies all the qualities one looks for when evaluating individuals for this award.”

Springfield Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Robert Adcock, commented, “On behalf of our Board of Directors and all staff at Springfield Hospital, we extend our thanks and gratitude to Caroline for her skill and dedication to our hospital and our patients, and our congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.”

Senior Solutions does not schedule vaccine appointments

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, does not schedule vaccine shots. We give out information on how to access the vaccine through the Vermont Department of Health who oversees the Covid-19 vaccine program.

You can contact your local pharmacy or your healthcare provider to ask about getting a booster shot, or make an appointment by going to www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine or calling the Vaccine Call Center at 855-722-7878. For people who are deaf or hard of hearing, you can make a TTY call to this number by dialing 711 or 1-800-253-0195.

The Vaccine Call Center is open Monday to Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AARP Fraud Watch: Time for season’s cheatings

REGION – It’s November, and lest you forget, Christmas is less than eight weeks away. Celebrating Hanukah? Less than four weeks to go. For con artists, it’s time for Season’s Cheatings, so here are a few of the ways criminals work for your money.

Previously, I wrote about the numerous shopping scams, but here are two more things to consider: substitute products and identity theft.

A number of fraudulent websites offer brand-name items at deep discounts or advertise included gift cards as incentives. Shoppers find that the products are counterfeit or “knock off” items and the gift cards are invalid. Some websites merely hope to obtain data that can be used for identity theft including names, addresses, and credit card information.

Unveiling these scams can be as simple as calling the Better Business Bureau, visiting their website, or conducting a web search using the business name with the word “rating” attached.

Social media is another potential danger for shoppers. Criminals post items for sale or attempt to lure you into fraudulent websites by asking you to complete surveys. Why? Financial and identity theft.

Gift cards are popular presents and gift card scams are easy pickings for scammers. One con artist trick is to copy the card numbers and pins on cards by scraping the screening layer. An unsuspecting buyer gives the card as a gift only to find out that the value of the card is \$0. Your best protection is to examine the back of the card for any tampering such as revealed numbers or scratch marks. Give that card to a store employee and purchase one that is “clean.”

Another criminal favorite this season is package theft. Increased online shopping means increased business for companies like FedEx, Amazon, and UPS. Deliveries are often made when people are working or at school. Criminals observe delivery trucks and steal packages that are unattended.

Protect your packages by having them held until a convenient time for delivery or arrange to pick them up elsewhere.

Holiday scammers count on victims being distracted and emotional. A few simple precautions can ensure happy holidays.

Have questions or comments? Contact me at egreenblott@aarp.org.

Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and the Vermont coordinator of the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

Springfield Hospital welcomes Dan Collins

LUDLOW, Vt. – Springfield Hospital welcomes Dan Collins, P.T., to the Springfield Rehabilitation Department. Dan will be providing services at Mountain View Physical Therapy, 8 Main Street, in Ludlow, Vt., co-located with the Ludlow Dental Center.

Dan graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in 1994 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy from Northeastern University in 1999. Dan most recently worked with the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice for the Southwest Region and prior to that worked in private practice.

We are pleased to have Dan join our team of skilled therapists. He will be working with patients needing post-operative care, improved generalized weakness, or recovery from workplace or repetitive injuries.

Springfield Hospital’s Rehabilitation Department has therapists in three locations: Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield; Rockingham Health Center, 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls; and Mountain View Physical Therapy in Ludlow. For more information or to schedule an appointment in Ludlow, please call 802-228-4840.



Dan Collins, P.T.

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Little Yellow House Studio’s “Out of Control” album release weekend

ANDOVER, Vt. – Little Yellow House Studio Events presents “Out of Control,” a virtual album release weekend featuring singer-songwriter Eva Rainforth, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21 at 4 p.m. Hosted by Broadway veteran and Andover resident Susan Haefner, Eva will perform songs from her new album “Out of Control,” as well as other favorite songs from her repertoire.

Currently living in Pitts-

burgh, Pa., singer-songwriter Eva Rainforth has performed with Pittsburgh Symphony, River City Brass Band, Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, the Mendelssohn Choir, and currently sings with the Pittsburgh Opera Chorus. Regional credits include Papermill Playhouse, Florida Studio Theatre, New England Lyric Opera, Paper Bag Players, City Centre Theatre in NYC, and Pittsburgh Playhouse, among others. Originally from Sayville,

Long Island, Eva started out as a composition major at Fredonia State University and continues to write many styles of music. Eva currently teaches private voice in the conservatory at Point Park University.

“Most of the songs on ‘Out of Control’ were written before the pandemic, when I was unable to create the time and space to arrange and record them,” says Eva about her new album. “But, as you know, our world drastically changed in 2020, and the much needed slow down and time to focus presented itself. Within this craziness, I am grateful. It is definitely a ‘Covid-19 baby.’ These songs are different perspectives on where I’m coming from and where I am now, spiritually. I hope these sounds and words give viewers some enjoyment.”

“Eva’s music is surprising and thought-provoking,” says Haefner, Little Yellow House Studio founder. “When I began forming a team of studio artists, Eva was one of the first people I thought of. Not only is she a gifted musician, her songs are humorous, gut-wrenching, and often-times delightful.”

The performances are “pay what you can,” with a recommended ticket price. Visit the Little Yellow House Studio Events Page for more information and to purchase tickets. Upon purchase, a Zoom link will be provided to join the event. For more information about Little Yellow House Studio, visit www.littleyellowhousestudio.com.

Fletcher Farm School partners with Expeditionary School

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has entered into a partnership with the Expeditionary School at Black River to provide art and craft instructors to the Expeditionary School’s students.

As set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations: “ESBR intends to be a hub from which a creative economy in the Okemo Valley Region (and possibly beyond) can evolve. This means that ESBR will partner with venerable community organizations whose resources both benefit student learning and strengthen the community at-large.

“To enhance existing and forthcoming learning opportunities, this agreement provides ESBR with the opportunity to utilize the arts and crafts resources at FFSAC for the purposes of arts education. In so doing, ESBR will be able to offer middle and high school age students with multiple opportunities to engage with various artistic mediums and forums. Students will be exposed to artists-in-residence on a continuous basis, allowing them to learn from a wide array of working professionals.”

Fletcher Farm School receives Cultural Recovery Grant

The Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Humanities have given the Fletcher Farm

School for the Arts and Crafts a \$5,000 grant to assist in recovering from the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The grant is to be used to support operating and administrative costs. Funding for the grant is provided through the American Rescue Plan from the National Endowment for the Arts.

We are grateful to the Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Humanities for providing this assistance to our school.

November classes

- Nov. 5-7: “Quilter’s Choice” with Susan Balch
 - Nov. 8-9: “Weave a Necktie Chair Seat” with Joyce Fuller
 - Nov. 11-12: “Setting Custom Cabochons” with Debi Orton
 - Nov. 13: “Making a Bucket Basket” with Meg Kupiec
 - Nov. 13-14: “Carving an Elf or a Gnome” with Wayne Miller
 - Nov. 14: “Making Birch Bark Ornaments” with Penny Hewitt
- We are seeking new instructors. If you are at all interested in teaching at Fletcher Farm School, please visit our website at www.fletcherfarm.org/about-us/become-an-instructor. You can email schooldirector@fletcherfarm.org if you have any questions.

Both of our raffles are still open. Our annual raffle, to be drawn Dec. 1, features an afghan, a rug, and a bench with



Birch Bark ornaments.

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a woven necktie seat. Any of these items would make a great holiday gift. We are also running a special raffle for a hand-applied Baltimore Album Quilt, appraised at \$6,500. This raffle will be drawn on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, 2022. Tickets for both raffles can be purchased on our website.

Gift certificates are the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with friends and family members. You might also consider giving a gift membership. Both gift certificates and memberships can be purchased on our website.

There will be a special membership meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Proxies were sent out to all current members via email. Changes to membership categories, which require a membership vote, are the primary reason for this meeting.

Live stand-up comedy with the Vermont Comedy All Stars

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts and the Vermont Comedy All Stars have partnered up for a night of live stand-up comedy at the Next Stage Theater in Putney, Vt., Friday, Nov. 12, from 7:30-9 p.m. Featured performers will include several contest-winning and touring comedians most often seen in the Burlington area.

While Next Stage has hosted many national and international music acts, this will be their first foray into live comedy at the refurbished theater in Putney. “We are delighted to bring some great stand-up comedy to the beautiful Next Stage theater, and to southern Vermont,” said Gordon Clark, the producer and host of the show, and coordinator of Vermont Comedy All Stars. “For too long Burlington has been a lone focal point

of great comedy in the Green Mountain State, and we plan to change that with this show!”

The cast of stellar performers includes Tracy Dolan, who has been featured in Boston’s Women in Comedy Festival and the New York’s She Devil Comedy Festival and has opened for national acts including Gary Gulman, Hari Kondolu, and SNL alums Tim Meadows and Jim Bruer; Jared Hall, a two-time finalist in Vermont’s Funniest Comedian contest held annually at the Vermont Comedy Club in Burlington, who has opened for Michael Ian Black, Jen Kirkman, and Todd Barry; and Marlon “Big Fish” Fisher, a Moth Story Slam Host and another finalist in the Vermont’s Funniest Comedian Contest. Local Brattleboro comedians Marisa Imon and Paul Manza

will round out the line up, along with Troy, N.Y., comic import Gwen Lockwood.

Local comedian, performance artist, and owner of SoBo Studio in Brattleboro, Toni Nagy, who is co-producing the show, noted that it is more important than ever to maintain our sense of humor as we head into the cold winter months, particularly during difficult times. She added, “It is often said that laughter is the best medicine, and this night of comedy is designed to heal the hole in your soul!”

There will be a cash bar for the show. To ensure everyone’s safety during Covid, Next Stage is requiring that attendees present proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test upon entrance and that masks are worn while inside.

Come support your local community of comedic artists. It will be a night of organic, fair-trade, local, biodynamic, home-grown Vermont comedy! Tickets can be purchased at the door or at www.nextstagearts.org.

CTES Parent Teach Group presents Trunk or Treat

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Town Elementary PTG has rescheduled the Trunk or Treat for Nov. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m., at the elementary school. For more information or to sign up, email CTESPTG@gmail.com.





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Springfield Garden Club to hold Christmas Shop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Garden Club is sad to announce the cancellation of the Festival of Trees fundraising event again this year due to health concerns. The club is, however, looking forward to a new adventure. Thanks to the Springfield Housing Authority and Springfield on the Move, the public is invited to visit the Garden Club Christmas Shop at 39 Main Street in Springfield, Vt.

“In place of the usual festival, the board has come up with an exciting new idea that will allow us to exercise our creativity, follow social distancing guidelines, and still keep us connected with the community,” stated Cheryl Pierce, co-chair of this year’s fundraising event. “The shop will be fun and in the spirit of the holidays.”

Fresh green wreaths, some plain and some trimmed, some large and some smaller, several sizes of boxwood trees, fresh centerpieces, and more will be for sale for five days after

Thanksgiving. The shop will be open Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and again Dec. 2, 3, and 4 while supplies last.

The club will be participating in the Springfield on the Move Holiday Children’s Program and will be open until 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3. Raffle tickets will be available at the shop. That Friday, the club will draw the winning ticket and someone will go home with the Money Tree and \$100 cash!

The club hopes to be back at the Great Hall again in 2022 for all of the usual festival events. If you can’t visit the Christmas Shop but would like to make a donation to the Garden Club, you will find a donation link on the home page of the



Springfield Garden Club will host a Christmas Shop for five days after Thanksgiving. PHOTO PROVIDED

website: www.gardenclubof-springfield.org.

The Springfield Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donation is deductible to the extent allowable by law.

The Edgar May Sensory and Swim Playgroup

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In November, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is offering two Sensory and Swim Playgroups for parents/guardians and children ages of 6 months to 5 years. Young children who engage in water play develop confidence and an eagerness to learn how to swim – even from a very young age. The sensory activities in and out of the water also foster the development of their gross and fine motor skills.

The playgroup session will begin and end with singing, storytelling, and free swim. There will also be two to four different

stations with sensory play activities that engage children using their five senses – sight, touch, sound, taste, and smell – as well as movement. The activities will take place in the Edgar May’s wading pool, where children may enter at their own pace and familiarize themselves with a natural water entry, and the therapy pool, which is maintained at a comfortable 92 degrees.

Playgroup instructor Olivia is a certified lifeguard and swim instructor at the Edgar May. She is passionate about youth body and mind development through structured play and programs

that start at a very young age.

This one-hour class will be offered Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. All children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is able to be involved in all group activities. This program is free for Edgar May members. Non-members are invited to participate for fee for a drop-in or all four classes.

For more information about this and other aquatic swim programs, email osat@edgarmay.org, call 802-885-2568, or go to www.edgarmay.org.

The Brattleboro Words Projects receives Hathaway Award

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Vermont Historical Society recently announced the winner of the 2021 Hathaway Award: The Brattleboro Words Project.

Honoring the memory of Professor Richard O. Hathaway for his innumerable contributions to the study of Vermont history, this award recognizes one outstanding project in that field completed, released, published, or presented during the previous calendar year.

This year’s recipient, The Brattleboro Words Project, is a community collaboration initiated in 2017 between the Brattleboro Literary Festival, Write Action, Marlboro College, Brooks Memorial Library, and the Brattleboro Historical Society. With the leadership of Lissa Weinmann, Jen Austin, and Mary Ide, the organizations rallied around the goal of preserving and celebrating the legacy of written words, printing, and publishing in the region.

One of BWP’s efforts, an illustrated book tracing Brattleboro’s significance as a printing and publishing town, is the focus of this year’s award. “Print Town: Brattleboro’s Legacy of Words” is a 247-page collection of stories covering almost 300 years of local history. Many of the narratives will ring familiar with local history buffs, but the publication is peppered with lesser-known tales that contribute to the breadth and diversity of the finished product. Among the collection from over 30 local historians and published authors who engaged in three years of research are profiles of famous local authors such as Saul Bellows, Rudyard Kipling, and Clarina Howard Nichols, as well as information about lesser-

known but equally important authors like 17th century African American poet, Lucy Terry Prince.

BWP gathered information, oral histories, and other leads through two years of monthly public Roundtable Discussions and Zoom events. BWP released “Print Town” in December 2020.

In addition to “Print Town,” BWP also launched the Brattleboro Words Trail, a website and mobile app complementing the publication.

The Hathaway Award was presented to BWP at the Vermont Historical Society’s Annual Meeting in September 2021.

Inside the Dance Factory’s “The Nutcracker”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Rehearsals are underway for the Dance Factory’s “The Nutcracker,” and their Main Street studios are a flurry of choreography, costumes, and excitement. Ballet students from Springfield, Chester, Weathersfield, Bellows Falls, Ludlow, and beyond forgo two months of Sundays to rehearse the perennial holiday favorite, which delights upwards of 800 attendees each season. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the full-length professionally costumed production.

While other regional dance schools stage their own versions of “The Nutcracker,” the Dance Factory’s approach is unique in that the focus is creating an experience for the dancers as much as for the audience.

“Many people don’t realize that other dance schools audition and hire professional dancers from outside the school for soloist roles,” explains Ashley Hensel-Browning, the show’s director and choreographer. Here the opportunities are reserved for students. The faculty makes a holistic assessment based on their students’ performance in class. As the dancers’ aptitude advances through the years, they are offered increasingly challenging roles.

“Dancing in ‘The Nutcracker’ is magical,” says Sabyn Tennis, a ninth grader at Springfield High School, who has been dancing since kindergarten. “I love that you get to dance different parts every year with people that you may not have danced with before. It feels like family.”

The experience has lured back adult Dance Factory alumni like Shannon Aubin, performing this year as a Snowflake and a Flower. “‘The Nutcracker’ is a heartwarming tradition for me,” says Aubin. “As a young dancer, I had such a positive experience with a diverse range of folks, it made me feel welcome to return and share the joy of dance with a



The Dance Factory rehearsals for “The Nutcracker.”

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supportive community.”


This sense of community has even encouraged entire families to participate, such as the Yuenglings, who have been on stage and behind the scenes of “The Nutcracker” for over a decade. “It’s a delight to be able to dance with my teenage daughter,” says Erica Yuengling of her daughter Anneka. “The Dance Factory does an amazing job of encouraging dancers of all shapes, sizes, abilities, and ages.”

This spirit of inclusivity and acceptance underscores the Dance Factory’s belief that dance is not a one-size-fits-all pursuit, and their understanding of the financial, physical, social, and logistical considerations that can challenge a dancer’s progress. In encouraging students to work toward their personal best, the Dance Factory has cultivated a com-

munity where dancers forge friendships and support one another.

Nowhere is this more evident than at “Nutcracker” rehearsals. “You can often hear dancers cheering each other on during the rehearsal process, both to support their peers, but also because they can empathize with how hard that dancer has worked to find their best performance for a specific part,” says Hensel-Browning. “That energy continues backstage at performances, where I can’t stop smiling while witnessing how these dancers celebrate each other.”

“The Nutcracker” will be performed Dec. 11 and 12 at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt. Tickets will be available in mid-November. For more information, please visit www.DanceFactoryVT.com.



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