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Cavendish allows mask rule to expire; to revise speed ordinance

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CAVENDISH, Vt. – During their Feb. 14 meeting, the Cavendish Selectboard did not renew the town's mask mandate. The Town also plans to revise their speeding ordinance and prepare for upcoming warm weather projects.

The initial mask "rule" had been decided upon in the Selectboard's Dec. 13 meeting and had remained in effect for 45 days but needed to be renewed after that to continue.

The four attending board members were split on the issue, with Bob Glidden and George Timko voting against renewal and Mike Ripley and Sandy Russo voting in favor. Since no vote was approved either way, the mask rule will remain expired.

Town Manager Brendan McNamara said that he felt the majority of people would continue to wear masks on their own as a precaution. Businesses can continue to post mask requirements if they choose.

The town has decided to revise the Town Speeding Enforcement Ordinance, which has been in effect since early 2008. According to the Sheriff's Department, a number of speeding violations are being thrown out because the speed on the town's back roads, which are 35 mph, are not listed specifically in the town ordinance and are not marked with a speed limit sign.

McNamara will redraft the ordinance and include the speed limits of all roads, posted and not posted. The change in the ordinance will require a warning, a public hearing, and then the Selectboard can adopt the change. He expects to have the update completed by the summer.

The town expects to have the budget finalized this week in preparation for Town Meeting. The hybrid meeting is happening via Zoom and in-person at the Cavendish Town Elementary School, on Monday, March 28, with all voting happening via Australian ballot the following day on Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Proctorsville Fire Station. A link to the meeting will be posted on the Cavendish Town website.

The voting on the school budgets, including the Green Mountain Unified School District budget, which encompasses CTES, Green Mountain Union Middle/High School and Chester Andover Elementary School, and the River Valley Technical School budget, is still taking place at the original Town Meeting date of Tuesday, March 1, at the Proctorsville Fire Station from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. The informational meeting for the GMUSD budget is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom or in-person at GMUHS. The link for that meeting can be found on the TRSU website.

Plans have begun for a summertime cleanup of the site of Cavendish's former highway garage, which is next to The Cavendish Historical Society Building on Main Street. Plans include smoothing and leveling out the area, establishing water to the site and to the CHS building, moving a fuel tank and salvageable pieces of the pole barn down to the location of the new town garage, and testing the soil to make sure that a public park might be able to go there.

Cavendish Streetscapes and local landscape architect Tim Calabrese are working on a design for parking and the potential

park, and McNamara said he is working with Regional Planning to help secure funds that may be available for site testing. He said he wants to make sure the possible park location is contaminate-free before moving forward.

In the Town Manager's Report, McNamara said all of the cameras and alarms have been installed at the town garage in response to two break-ins that had happened previously.

A decision on Act 250 has come down from the Vermont Supreme Court, which seems to have reverted back to its original interpretation of the law that any parcel of land over an acre will require an Act 250 review. McNamara said that it gives more control to the towns that don't have any zoning, such as Cavendish.

The town is working with Ludlow Electric to switch the streetlights in Proctorsville to LED bulbs, which will save significant costs. They also should be able to receive rebates from Efficiency Vermont to help with some of the upfront costs.

The E-charger station on the Proctorsville Green is about to cost users money for a charge. The first year, the town was covering all costs for the energy and for the E-charge location to be tracked through a GPS system. A credit card reader is now being installed on the charging unit so those costs will now fall to the users.

The next regular Cavendish Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office.

Superintendent looks to align schedules of all five TRSU schools

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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LUDLOW, Vt. – During the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9, Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman discussed her recommendation to align the school schedules for all five TRSU schools, determining whether to include an early release day every week for all schools, mirroring the one at Cavendish Town Elementary school, or whether to eliminate the early release day for Cavendish altogether.

According to Fierman, there are a couple of benefits to the Cavendish schedule; the primary being an increase of professional development hours, replacing five in-service days, or the equivalent of 40 hours, with the approximate 75 hours that the half-days would allow. It would also allow all teachers within the district to share the same development time, bolstering teachers from the smaller schools especially, and allowing them input from the other teachers in their grade level. She said that teachers and administrators have had so many initiatives that have been disrupted over the last two years that she can "see the benefit to this very clearly."

Fierman also said that with consistent professional development time, the teachers would be able to conquer long-term projects that would otherwise be impossible if they were just meeting for five days scattered throughout the school



Working to align all TRSU school schedules. PHOTO PROVIDED

year. Better test results are also likely, with Cavendish test scores consistently topping those of the Chester Andover Elementary, although Fierman says that Ludlow and Cavendish often have interchangeable leading student scores.

Scheduling is the biggest drawback. Cavendish has a half-day on Tuesdays, which forces parents to arrange for childcare after the early release. That being said, hours are not lost in the classroom. Cavendish adds time on both ends of the school day during the other four days to compensate. A shift like this in the schedule would be manageable, but still disruptive.

Fierman said that the advantages of the Cavendish schedule are clear, and that the question is rather, "does the benefit outweigh the cost to individual families?"

For several years, Cavendish has arranged for an after school program on Tuesdays to help parents. Fierman admits that this type of program may not be a viable solution district-wide since there may not be the staff or facilities available.

Above all, Fierman hopes that both boards, acting on behalf of both districts within the TRSU, will come to one conclusion. This would align schools from GMUSD including CTES,

CAES and Green Mountain Union Middle/High School with those from LMHUUSD, which include Ludlow Elementary School and Mount Holly School. Fierman is therefore proposing that both

school boards agree to a joint meeting to discuss the issue. She will be proposing the same joint meeting to the GMUSD at their board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17.

To date, parents and staff who answered surveys on the issue have been split, even among Cavendish residents. Cavendish staff are largely in favor of keeping the current schedule, although Fierman did say that there were a few that were opposed. She said that many expressed support as long as the child care was available, but would not otherwise.

GMUSD Board Chair Joe Fromberger, who attended the meeting as an audience member, urged the LMHUUSD board to consider a joint session saying it was "imperative that we all do the same thing at the same time." The LMHUUSD board agreed to a mutual session so they could decide on the issue together with GMUSD.

Fierman is hoping to have the issue decided by March, so that any school or schools that do shift schedules have time to prepare.

The next regular LMHUUSD meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 at 6 p.m., via Zoom or in-person at the Mount Holly School in the Library.

Brooklyn playwright Allison Benko comes to ESBR

LUDLOW, Vt. – As part of the Expeditionary School at Black River's theater program, students have been working with Broadway actor Susan Haefner to write and perform "We Are Nature," a play celebrating the diversity of nature and the dependency of human life on it. In the most recent addition to this program, the school will be partnering with playwright and director Allison Benko to write ten-minute plays for the Weston Playhouse Theater Company's Spring Playwrights Project. The students will be working with Ms. Benko virtually this March to learn about writing plays, developing characters, and creating a script in a professional format.

Ms. Benko, who is based in Brooklyn, N.Y.

has worked with students around the world to hone their playwriting, acting, and directing skills in a creative and professional environment. "As a classroom teaching artist," states Ms. Benko, "I've worked with students of all grade levels in many areas of theatre: playwriting in Vermont, dramatic interpretation in Shanghai, and one-on-one lessons in Elizabethan theatre history online." Ms. Benko has also worked with many professional playwrights as a mentor and co-author. "I am passionate about mentorship," she says, "and I'm always excited to meet with young directors."

The students at ESBR are looking forward to working with the professional playwright. Damian Foley,



BRES to perform "We Are Nature." PHOTO PROVIDED

a ninth grade student who will be participating in the Weston Spring Playwrights Project, is especially enthusiastic about the opportunity to improve his playwriting

and acting skills. "I've never written a full play before," he said, "and it will be beneficial to have a professional's input on my work." Damian aspires to be a pro-

fessional actor, and he is eagerly anticipating showcasing his acting skills in both the Weston Playwrights Project and "We Are Nature." He enjoys practicing improvisation at ESBR, and hopes Ms. Benko will help him establish a more fixed, chronological order to his improvisation-inspired scenes, his ten-minute play, and the school's "We Are Nature" project.

Susan Haefner is also delighted to get to work with Ms. Benko. "Allison is such a kind person," Ms. Haefner noted during a video call. Ms. Benko and Ms. Haefner have worked together in the past through the Spring Playwrights Project (then known as the Young Playwrights Festival). "I really love Allison's approach to playwriting and how she

works with the students," said Ms. Haefner, who herself has been writing her own musical. She is overjoyed about collaborating with her colleague through this project. "I'm thrilled to bring Weston Playhouse, ESBR, and Allison together," Ms. Haefner said. "I believe that Allison will bring a whole new light to our 'We Are Nature' project, and I'm delighted to bring new artists and playwrights into the fold. Allison's gonna tell us how to do it!" Ms. Haefner added, laughing.

For more information, please contact Kendra Rickerby via email at krickerby@esblackriver.org or visit our website at www.esblackriver.org.

Written by Lorien Strange, student at ESBR.

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Author David Rosenfelt at Cavendish Library —

CAVENDISH, Vt. — The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library in partnership with the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society and The Book Nook is delighted to present a visit with author David Rosenfelt on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Cavendish Library.

Rosenfelt is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of more than 20 Andy Carpenter novels, including “One Dog Night,” “Collared,” and “Deck the Hounds;” its spin-off series, The K-Team; the Doug Brock thriller series,

which starts with “Fade to Black;” and stand-alone thrillers including “Heart of a Killer” and “On Borrowed Time.”

A self-described “Dog Lunatic,” David and his wife Debbie have rescued hundreds of dogs and generally have between 15 and 25 dogs living with them at any given time.

He is one of the top circulating authors at the Caven-



David Rosenfelt.

PHOTO PROVIDED

dish Library. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society.

The Book Nook will be pre-selling copies of his books, and two featured titles, “Animal Instinct” and “Dog Eat Dog,” will be on sale during the event.

Contact Kata at 802-226-7503 for more information.

Okemo Valley Chamber hosts 2-part legislative series

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a 2-part virtual 2022 Legislative Forum Series. This is the first of many planned series of business educational programs which will be offered throughout the year.

Part I, Legislative Priorities of Business, will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Megan Sullivan, VP of Governmental Affairs, and Amy Spear,

VT of Tourism, from the Vermont Chamber, will provide updates on legislative issues that might potentially impact the business and tourism sectors. There will be time for a Q&A following the presentation.

Part II, A Legislative Roundtable, will take place Monday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. The roundtable will provide updates on business issues for the current season. Presenters will be a panel of Okemo Valley’s legislative state rep-

resentatives and senators. There will be a Q&A following the presentations. The event will be moderated by George Thomson in partnership with Okemo Valley TV.

Interested parties can RSVP for Part I at info@yourplaceinvermont.com and Part II at www.tinyurl.com/6ypdcr8j.

For more information, contact the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce at www.yourplaceinvermont.com or call at 802-228-5830.

Senior Solutions offers grant to organizations for seniors —

REGION — Mark Boutwell, Executive Director, introduces a new Senior Solutions grant program.

The American Rescue Plan Act has injected money into states, municipalities, and agencies such as Senior Solutions across the nation. Last fall, Senior Solutions was notified by the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living that we would receive some of this ARPA funding. In concert with the four other agencies on aging in Vermont, we have set up a granting process through which our community partners may

submit funding proposals for projects benefiting our mutual clients. We will be opening the request for proposal process in mid-February.

This ARPA funding program awards grants to community-based service organizations such as senior centers, community centers, Meals on Wheels programs, congregate meal sites, and aging-in-place organizations, among others. Senior Solutions will consider proposals from organizations that are either located in, or who directly serve residents throughout our service area. Preference will be given to

organizations that have 501(c)3 status or have an established fiscal agent. Most importantly, we will be looking for proposals that align with our mission of promoting the well-being and dignity of older Vermonters. Over the coming three years of funding, we look forward to partnering with our community partners on new ways to support older Vermonters. We will open our application process as of March 1. Check www.seniorsolutionsvt.org, for more details as they become available.

Senior Solutions news

REGION — Senior Solutions works with senior centers, housing authorities, health care providers, social service agencies, family and community centers, food shelves, community care organizations, utility companies, fraternal organizations, faith-based communities, town boards, veterans’ groups, private businesses, and more. By working together, we can provide the highest quality and broadest spectrum of services to help older Vermonters live their lives in security and dignity.

Whether you have a

long-term partnership in mind, an idea for a specific project, are seeking training for your staff on an issue related to supporting seniors, or would like a speaker on a topic of interest, Senior Solutions is eager to lend support. Call Executive Director Mark Boutwell at 802-245-3688 to explore the possibilities.

Let’s hear it for 100% Campaigns — Senior Solutions partners with local organizations to raise awareness of food and fuel benefit opportunities. These campaigns last a full month and include mailing to residents, informational brochures, and open hours in the community to assist with food benefit applications and fuel assistance mechanisms. Recent campaigns in Putney, Chester, and Andover saw dozens of families assisted to make “Every Resident Food and Fuel Secure!”

How’s your balance — Two new Tai Chi for Falls Prevention classes have been launched, sponsored by Senior Solutions and free to all 60-and-over adults.

For more information on Tai Chi for Falls Prevention, please call or text Wendi at 802-755-7295, or email her at wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org. A full schedule of ongoing classes can also be found at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Become a Senior Companion — Americorps Seniors through Senior Solutions is looking for individuals 55-years or older to join the Senior Companion Program. Senior Companions should enjoy being with older adults and have several hours a week that they can give to support their neighbors. Companions will receive a small stipend as well as a mileage allowance. They will get support and training and become a part of a wonderful group of volunteers.

Senior Solutions is hiring — We are looking to add teammates that are committed to our mission. We have opportunities for case managers, a case management supervisor, front desk assistant, and SHIP/HelpLine personnel.

February is Heart Health Month — This is the time to have a Home Meds evaluation: a free review of all your medications. Everything you take needs to be screened to identify potential harmful interactions with your system. The data is then sent to a pharmacist who will run tests and alert you and your physician if you elect to do so. This is totally free and you do not have to become a Senior Solutions client. Just be 60 or over and live in southeastern Vermont. Call 802-885-2669 (toll free 866-673-8376) to arrange a meeting.

Read all about us — Senior Solutions now has a monthly newsletter. Go to our website and sign up so you can learn about new projects, programs, benefits updates, and more. These can all be found at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Learn about other benefits — Regional senior centers are hosting Benefits Check Up sessions with Tracy who is our National Council on benefits specialist. You might be surprised how many of us are eligible for ways to boost our budgets.

To book an appointment, contact Tracy at 802-773-7917.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Black River Good Neighbor Services seeks to fill board positions. Must reside within the service area of Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville or Plymouth. Interested parties may contact Lou Krefski at 802-282-1272 or unkalou@msn.com.

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Retirement account rollovers

REGION – A rollover is the movement of funds from one retirement savings vehicle to another. One might want to make a rollover for a number of reasons, some of which include an employment situation change, a desire to switch investments, or the receiving of death benefits from a spouse's retirement plan.

There are two possible ways that retirement funds can be rolled over: The indirect rollover, and the direct rollover.

With the indirect, or 60-day, rollover, one might actually receive a distribution from their retirement plan account or IRA. One can make a rollover at any age, but there are specific rules that must be followed. Most importantly, one must generally complete the rollover within 60 days of the date the funds are paid from the distributing plan. If properly completed, rollovers aren't subject to income tax, but if one fails to complete the rollover or misses the 60-day deadline, all or part of the distribution may be taxed and subject to a 10% early distribution penalty.

With the direct, or trustee-to-trustee, rollover, transaction occurs directly between the trustee or custodian of the old retirement plan and the trustee or custodian of the new plan. One

never actually receives the funds or has control over them, so a trustee-to-trustee transfer is not treated as a distribution. Direct rollovers avoid both the danger of missing the 60-day deadline and the 20% withholding problem. A trustee-to-trustee transfer is generally the most efficient way to move retirement funds. Taking a distribution in one's own hands and rolling it over may only make sense if the holder needs to use the funds temporarily and is certain they can roll over the full amount within 60 days.

Anyone who has a vested balance of more than \$5,000 generally can keep their money in an employer's plan until they at least reach the plan's normal retirement age, which is typically 65-years-old. If they terminate employment before then, they can consider a rollover to either an IRA or to a new employer's

plan. An IRA, in contrast to an employer plan where investment options are typically limited to those selected by the employer, is virtually unlimited. The distribution options in an IRA may be more flexible than the options available in the plan of one's employer. On the other hand, employer-sponsored plans may offer better creditor protection. In general, federal law protects IRA assets up to \$1,362,800 plus any amount rolled over from a qualified employer plan or 403(b) plan if bankruptcy is declared. In contrast, assets in a qualified employer plan or 403(b) plan generally receive unlimited protection from creditors, regardless of whether bankruptcy is declared.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Black History Month – What's in a photo?

Tom Hildreth wrote the following history. Whenever I have an aviation question I always go to Tom. If he doesn't know off the top of his head, he will look it up and get back to me.

Because of my interest in WWII history, I was aware of the 'Red Tails.' I thank Tom for bringing this to our attention. It makes me proud to be an American:

Many people have become familiar with the Tuskegee Airman through the movie of the same name that came out in 1995. This National Archives photo depicts three black Air Force fighter pilots, graduates of the Army Air Force flying school at Tuskegee, Ala. There were nearly a thousand pilots trained at Tuskegee, and most of them eventually served with the all-black 332nd Fighter Group, which began combat operations in Italy in February 1944.

The 332nd was quickly involved in combat missions against the Luftwaffe and German ground forces. The group converted from the nearly obsolete P-39 Airacobra to the P-51 Mustang in June 1944. At this point in the war, the dull camouflage of American combat aircraft was being replaced by bright colors that identified the units in the crowded European skies. The 332nd Fighter Group became known as the "Red Tails." The group returned to the U.S. and was made inactive in October 1945.

Activated a second time on July 1, 1947, the 332nd was stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base, near Columbus, Ohio, a combat unit of the newest American military service branch. On July 26, 1948, President Truman's Executive Order 9981 directed the desegregation of the US military.

The Air Force would be the first of the service



Tuskegee airmen. Capt Alva Temple (left), 1Lt. Henry T. Stewart (center), 1Lt. James Harvey (right).

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branches to desegregate. In 1949, Air Force leadership decided to conduct a gunnery contest for its fighter units that would test their proficiency.

Three pilots from each of the post-war fighter groups would participate in the meet, which took place at Frenchman Flats near Las Vegas, Nev. between May 2, 1949 and May 12, 1949. The men in this photo represented the 332nd Fighter Group. In fact, they won the competition in the propeller-driven category. Who were they?

Capt. Alva Temple, left, graduated from flight training at Tuskegee in July 1943. Temple flew 120 combat missions during WWII. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, which is awarded for "Heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight." Temple was the team leader in 1949. After retiring from the Air Force, Temple opened a Gulf station in Columbus, Ohio. He went on to become prominent in statewide affairs. He passed away in 2004, leaving a legacy of community service.

1Lt. Harry T. Stewart, center. Stewart enlisted in the Army Air Force as an aviation cadet at 17. He graduated from Tuskegee Flight School, and went on to fly the P-40, P-47, and P-51. On April 1, 1945, Stewart shot down two German fighters, and in escaping the fire of a third, caused the enemy pilot to lose control and crash.

He flew 43 combat missions during WWII.

1Lt. James Harvey, right. Drafted in April 1943, Harvey was accepted for flight training and graduated from Tuskegee as a 2Lt. in 1944. Harvey went on to a long career in the Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 1965.

1Lt. Holbert L. Alexander, Alternate pilot at the gunnery meet (not seen in this cropped photo). Alexander remained in the Air Force flying fighters until he died in a crash at Chelmsford, Mass. on March 25, 1953.

The 332nd Fighter Group, winner in the propeller-driven category in the 1949 meet, was never properly recognized for their achievement. The following is an excerpt from an article written by Dave Kindy in the Jan. 26, 2022 Philadelphia Enquirer:

"However, their accomplishment would be lost to time – either accidentally or through intentional oversight – for seven decades. While the jet winners, the 4th Fighter Group, were listed in Air Force almanacs, the propeller winners of the first competition were listed as 'unknown.' That omission was corrected this month when a plaque naming the four Black pilots was installed at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. It acknowledges their accomplishment of earning 'Top Team Honors' at the fighter gunnery meet in 1949."

Tom Hildreth
USAF Enlisted Wing Historian – retired.

The February Chester Historical Society meeting is canceled.

This week's old saying: "When you have a double standard, you have no standard."

Summer Food Program seeks organizations to participate

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Education Child Nutrition Programs is seeking sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program. This program, also known as Summer Meals, is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by AOE Child Nutrition Programs. Funds are available and sponsors are needed to provide meals to children at summer food program sites. The AOE is specifically seeking to onboard non-profit organizations to sponsor the Program throughout the upcoming summer.

Vermont school food service programs have worked tirelessly to continue providing meals to children throughout the pandemic. To reduce the burden on schools while maintaining access to nutritious meals, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply to

participate in the program to continue providing this service to communities throughout the state over the summer of 2022. Non-profit organizations interested in partnering with schools to operate summer meal sites are also encouraged to participate. Interested organizations should contact Jamie Curley.

This program bridges the gap between school years, giving children ages 18 and under the fuel they need to play and grow throughout the summer months and return to school ready to learn. The AOE enters into an agreement with sponsors to provide meals to children at their sites. Sponsors can be supervisory unions or school districts, private nonprofit organizations, government entities, and nonprofit residential camps. Sponsors are reimbursed on a per meal basis for meals served to children. Sites are

the physical location where meals are served. Examples of sites include schools, parks, housing complexes, and libraries. Sponsors often have more than one site. "Open" sites are where any child, 18 and under, can eat a meal, no questions asked. Closed-enrolled sites serve meals to a set population of children. Open and closed-enrolled sites may serve up to two meals or snacks each day. Campsites may provide three meals or snacks a day and must use individual child data to determine eligibility. Children who are members of households that receive 3SquaresVT or Reach Up benefits or meet the income guidelines are automatically eligible to receive free meals at campsites.

For more information, please refer to the SFSP New Sponsor Overview or contact the Vermont Agency of Education at 802-828-2010.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

I have known Mary Krueger for most of the 15 years I have lived in Vermont. We have raised our children together in this town together, and I have always appreciated her commitment to our town. I am so thrilled to see her running as a candidate for Springfield School Board.

Mary has so much to offer our community, but what stands out to me the most is her dedication to our schools and our larger community. Mary is an active part of our community, and she and her family patronize Springfield businesses, participate in community improvement efforts, and are active supporters of our schools. Because of this, she is acutely aware and involved in the work and continued conversations around helping our schools evolve and becoming more inclusive and safe environments. As a parent of a

Springfield student, she is also invested in improving our school outcomes, reputation, and internal climate.

Mary also brings a wealth of professional knowledge and experience that will benefit our school. Her work as an attorney for New Hampshire Legal Assistance has given her experience helping low income members of the community with issues like housing, income maintenance, youth law, health law, and safety. As the families in our community are facing many of these same issues, I am confident she will have both the professional knowledge and understanding of these issues and how they impact our community's most vulnerable people. Through her work, she is also acutely aware of the issues facing women and minorities in our area, and is actively involved in supporting these populations through her

work. I am confident that she possesses both the empathy and the mediation skills to help our community grow, and to help our schools improve and make decisions around being welcoming and positive places for our students and families.

I urge you to support Mary Krueger for Springfield School board. As an educator and a fellow Springfield parent, I know that Mary possesses the knowledge, skills, and the heart that will make her a positive instrument for change in our schools. Please vote for Mary Krueger and help our town and schools continue the work of moving forward toward a brighter future.

Sincerely,
Deborah Velto
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Parent for Springfield School board.

It just so happens that her name is Parent and that she's also a parent. A parent of two and a wife of an Army combat veteran. These aren't unique in the midst of those living in Springfield who want to see our children and grandchildren succeed, not only at school, but after they leave school. What is unique is that she's not using the fluffy buzzwords that others have been touting.

The reasons I fully support Katie is that she has a deep desire and drive to see that the families and children of Springfield are getting a better education and support system than we've been given over the last number of years. To help bring transparency and ac-

countability to the school district when it comes not only to fiscal issues and WHERE our tax monies are going but, how can the school board members be our advocates and human gateways to the rest of the parents and grandparents for all of our good.

I've been involved in a number of community events with Katie since last summer including a parent's forum that opened up a dialogue on "Critical race theory" and its many components and a veterans appreciation flag wave event, that SHE organized (even getting the fire department to bring the massive ladder truck and giant flag for the event).

I've also seen her involved at almost every school board meeting since

last summer, whether in-person or by virtual meetings put on by the school district. She's asking questions of the district leadership that haven't been properly addressed in the past. Questions on issues that affect many aspects of the schools in town.

My quick resume is: Resident of Springfield for 16 years, raised two kids through the Springfield school system and have grandkids that are currently in Springfield schools. Mentor for about 3 years and substitute teacher at three of the schools over a number of years.

Please support Katie in this endeavor for our kids.

Sincerely,
Scott Frye
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Vermont Town Meeting Day is coming up soon and I would like to point out that the Springfield Art and Historical Society's funding request for \$9,500 (Article #26) will be on the Springfield, Vt. ballot again this year. This funding request covers almost 50% of the operating cost of the Society. Annually we sell calendars,

have a yard sale, and sell some items in-house; memberships and donations help make up the remainder.

It is important that the town residents understand that this is a totally volunteer organization. There is no paid staff, just dedicated local citizens who want to preserve Springfield's unique history. Thank you

for supporting the Society in the past and I ask you to please continue that support this year.

I invite you to visit the facility and museum at 65 106-VT, North Springfield, at the Cota and Cota building. We are open Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Sincerely,
Roseanne "Bunni" Putnam
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Susan Leader. I would like the opportunity to give back to our community by serving on the Andover Selectboard.

I was born and passed my early childhood in Andover, attending the Peaseville one-room schoolhouse in the 1950s.

I also raised my own children here. For over forty years, my husband and I have run an artisan pottery making business on my family's original prop-

erty. Pre-pandemic I regularly taught clay-throwing workshops in local schools.

As a decades long vendor at several local farmers markets, I have kept abreast of the many changes occurring in our area. As a current board member at one of these markets, I have honed my mediation and communication skills.

If you elect me as an Andover select person, I pledge to listen to and respect all points of view as

we chart Andover's future. Our community can work together to maintain an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere, even as we engage with challenging issues and make important decisions.

Thank you in advance for your support at the polls on Tuesday, March 1, or earlier by mail-in ballot.

Sincerely,
Susan Leader
Andover, Vt.

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Springfield Selectboard's meeting regarding retail cannabis, I wanted to respond to Kyle Laurita Bonometti's coverage of the meeting in the Feb. 2 article. In the article, Bonometti writes, "Concerns about an uptick in youth marijuana use were also voiced, to which Silberman pointed to statistics showing that there has been virtually no proven link between the presence of local cannabis sellers and an increase in youth use." While this comment was stated in the meeting, myself and other professionals in the field refuted this statement with evidence that was then shared by me with Town Manager Mobus via email. The article presented on Feb. 2 failed to mention the counter statement.

I think it is important that the public is aware that there are multiple documented studies ranging between June 2015 and October 2021 from already legalized states of Washington, Oregon, and California (having had cannabis

retail in place since 2013 onward) that refute Mr. Silberman's claim. These studies show the following:

- Greater retailer availability of cannabis is positively associated with use among adolescents.
- Past 30-day use of cannabis among youth increased in counties of Oregon where retail outlets exist relative to downward 30-day youth cannabis use in counties that did not allow retail cannabis (study: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6986306/).
- Greater availability of cannabis and alcohol are positively associated with co-use among adolescents, and with beliefs favorable for cannabis and alcohol (study: www.pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33435786/).

While not specific to youth, a Washington State study from February 2020 finds that as retailers open closer to where people live, more individuals use cannabis more frequently. These effects are concentrated among young adults (age 18-26), for women, and for rural residents. (study: www.pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34712040/).

It is my hope that you will print these facts for people to better understand the public health implications that retail cannabis has on a community.

Sincerely,
Maryann Morris
Melanie Sheehan
On Behalf of the Green Peak Alliance

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMISSIONS
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by Linda Thistle

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

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor
The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow
Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Go to Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch. For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, and keep your hands clean. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

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

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.ludlowbaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.
Sunday service is 10 a.m. in person. For more information, go to Facebook @TysonCommunityChurch, call 802-522-8249, or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday services are streamed online at 10 a.m. For more information, go to Facebook @SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist.

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

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.
Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and to meet our Interim Pastor, Joanne Thomas. Masks are encouraged, and we have ample space for social distancing. Our hope is to make Jesus known in our church and community. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106
In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

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.

John J. Collins Jr., 1939-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – John “Jack” J. Collins Jr., 82, of Ludlow, Vt., passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2022, surrounded in love. Jack was born on Dec. 7, 1939, in Springfield, Mass. to John and Mary (Murphy) Collins.

Following his graduation from Cathedral High School in 1957, he attended Western New England College and his work career led him from Springfield, Mass. to Wayne, N.J. He eventually settled in Ludlow in 1972 as the manager of the Fox Run Resort and Golf Course. He worked as the Financial Director for Ludlow Electric in 1986, through to his retirement in 2009.

Jack married the love of his life, Anne “Nancy” Smith, on Sept. 30, 1961, and together they raised four children John “Jack” J. III, Peter, Susan, and Margaret. They enjoyed 50 joyful years of marriage, traveling across the country, visiting many golf courses and sandy beaches, and making friends wherever they went.

Jack was a strong, loving, and supportive father and grandfather. His knowledge, confidence, and guidance were the foundation of his family. Jack shared his love of sports with his children and enjoyed discussing the scores and highlights of the day with anyone who asked. Jack was extremely proud of his six grandchildren and it brought him joy to share in their many accomplishments. He would take time to research the subjects they were interested in or learning about so as to enrich their conversations.

Jack was an avid golfer, playing competitively from a young age through retirement. He won many tournaments and club championships but was especially proud to be the 1998 Vermont Senior Amateur Champion. He was an active member of the Church of the Annunciation, serving as the Director of Religious Education, and, in addition to being a member of the

Parish Council, he was Lector for over 20 years and a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed serving his community and was an active member and former President of both the Ludlow Rotary Club and the Ludlow Chamber of Commerce, as well as a board member for the Fletcher Farm Foundation.

In addition to his parents, Jack was predeceased by his wife Nancy. Jack leaves behind two sons, John III “Jack” of Ludlow, and Peter and his wife Raye Lin of Mount Holly; two daughters, Susan DeVarney and her husband James of Austin, Texas, and Margaret Ferro and her husband Richard of Milton, Vt.; as well as six grandchildren, Melissa DeVarney, Patrick DeVarney, Alyssa (Collins) Yamartino, Kateri Collins, Morgan Collins, and Michael Ferro. Jack is survived by two brothers, Donald (Carol) Collins and Stephen (Asri Masran) Collins, a sister, Mary Lynn (Collins) Meunier, and several nieces and nephews.

Jack always strived to ‘Live His Life’ – job well done!

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow, Vt. Visitation will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Church of Annunciation Parish Hall. Burial will be held at a later date.

The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to Dr. Ripple, Dr. Goodney, Visiting Nurses, Gill Odd Fellows Home and the many friends for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Black River Valley Senior Center 10 High St., Ludlow, VT 05149, or Visiting Nurses and Hospice of VT & NH 88 Prospect St., White River Jct., VT 05001.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, Vermont. An online guest book is available at www.cabotfh.com.

Francis E. Edden, 1932-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Francis Earl Edden, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Ludlow, Vt., passed away on Jan. 28, 2022 after a stay at a hospice facility.

Born on May 30, 1932 in the Bronx, N.Y. to Earl and Margaret Edden, he graduated from Santa Clara University followed by two years of service abroad as an artillery officer with the U.S. Army. He later earned a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and worked extensively in computer systems engineering, advancing aircraft defense technology.

In 1965, “Frank” married Joanne Welcyn, and together they raised six children in Huntington,

N.Y., and frequently visited their lake house in Ludlow. He will be remembered as a fixer of all things, an avid golfer and sportsman, a maker of pancakes, a truly humble, generous, and jovial friend, and most of all, a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joanne Edden; six children, Anne Marie Edden, Elizabeth Vidulich, Christin Edden, Joseph Edden, Timothy Edden, and Catherine Edden; five grandchildren, Jake, Luke, Caitlin, Sydney, and Matthew; his brother Joseph Edden and his sister Elaine Stillwell.

Donations can be made to their parish church, www.Saintdavid.org.

Gail G. Weiss, 1941-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Gail Greenslet Weiss, 80, of Summerville, wife of Jerrold “Jerry” Weiss, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at Roper Hospital in Charleston, S.C.

Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 12 to 1 p.m. at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church located at 28 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483. Mass will follow at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at a later date at Mepkin Abbey.

Gail was born on Sept. 2, 1941 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of the late Richard and Carmella Greenslet. Gail sang in the choir at St. John the Beloved and volunteered at the Second Chance Thrift Store. Throughout her life she enjoyed traveling, fishing, running, biking, clam digging, and snow skiing.

Survivors in addition to her husband are: Stepchildren: Kim Finn (Hank) of Deatsville, Ala., Jamie Feilen (John) of Dayton, Ohio, and Jeffrey Weiss (Diane) of McKinney, Texas. Grandchildren: Will



Gail G. Weiss, 1941-2022.
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Finn (Brittany), Jake Finn, Jessie Feilen, Jodie Feilen, Jill Feilen, Landon Weiss, Abby Weiss, Bailey Weiss, and Chloe Weiss. Great-grandchildren: Sawyer Finn, Beckett Finn, and Brother Loran Greenslet (Marilyn) of Ludlow, Vt. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Randy Greenslet.

Arrangements by James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main St., Summerville, SC 29483, 843-873-4040.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

Gail W. Woods, 1948-2022

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Jan. 31, 2022 Gail Wanda Parker Woods lost her courageous battle to Alzheimer's at the young age of 73. She passed peacefully while at home, surrounded by her family.

Gail was born on Nov. 26, 1948 in Springfield, Vt. to Doris Wendell and Thomas Sheehan. She was raised by Richard and Mable Parker in Proctorsville, Vt. She attended grade school in Proctorsville and graduated from Chester High in 1966.

Gail spent her early working life doing clerical work and as a bank teller. She also worked for a time for the Acousti-Phase stereo speaker company and finally as the Comptroller for the Windham Foundation.

She enjoyed sewing, baking, genealogy, puzzles, snowmobiling, and touring the country in her travel trailer. Most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gail lived a full life and was an avid member of her community, spending a lot of time at the historical society, working in the cemeteries, and was one of the early pioneers in snowmobiling and the local Snow Fleas. She was also the treasurer for VAST and was awarded their lifetime achievement award in 2008.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Leon (Woodie) Woods, and her son Richard Woods



Gail W. Woods, 1948-2022.
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and his wife Kristina; her grandchildren, Tristin Woods, Whitney McDonough and her husband Alex, Madeline Woods and her fiancé Joe Moore, and Joshua Woods; her great-grandchildren, Miya Gracia, Gregory Bachison, Avery Bushee, Keoni McDonough, Kane McDonough and Mason Moore; her brother Peter Sheehan and his wife Susan, her sister Paula (Sheehan) Johnson and her husband Greg, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation hours were held on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Gail's memory to the Cavendish Green Mountain Snow Fleas, P.O. Box 139, Proctorsville, VT 05153, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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FRI, FEB. 18 –

Girls basketball – Bellows Falls at Rivendell Academy, 7 p.m. White River Valley at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

SAT, FEB. 19 –

Boys basketball – Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 2:30 p.m.

Girls basketball – Leland & Gray at Poultnery, 11 a.m.

MON, FEB. 21 –

Boys basketball – Fair Haven at Springfield, 7 p.m. Mill River at Leland &

Gray, 7 p.m. Twin Valley at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

WED, FEB. 23 –

Boys basketball – Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 7 p.m.

THUR, FEB. 24 –

Boys basketball – Bellows Falls at Rivendell Academy, 7 p.m. Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.

SAT, FEB. 26 –

Boys basketball – Leland & Gray at Mill River, 12 p.m. Green Mountain at Mill River, 7 p.m.

FEB. 20 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, from 8 – 10 a.m. Beginning Sunday, Feb. 20. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MARCH 6 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Milkhouse Heaters will play the Stage 33 Live listening room in Bellows Falls on Sunday, March 6 at 6 p.m. Twice canceled by COVID-19, the third time's the charm. Stage 33 Live, is located at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls. Performance will be recorded and filmed. Seating is limited to 40. A donation is suggested for the band, but nobody will be turned away for lack of money. Advance donations made through the stage33live.com website double as chair reservations.

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

MONDAYS – 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.

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

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

WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole,

N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

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

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit www.okemo.com.

SUNDAYS BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls from 8 – 10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

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on Senior Night, 41-39
“It was a barn burner.” That is how Fall Mountain head coach Mitch Harrison described the game as the Wildcats avenged an early season 23-point loss.

Down by five points late in the game the comeback started when Carmine Sweeney drilled a 3-pointer then Foster Willett hit two free throws to tie the game.

Then it was the senior Brady Elliott who buried a mid-range jump shot to give Fall Mountain the go ahead hoop with less than

20 seconds for the win.

Elliott led Fall Mountain with 13 points while Sweeney finished with 12 points. **Cold shooting haunts Terriers, 42-20**

While the Terrier shots couldn't find their mark, the Rebels sophomore Maggie Parker had no such issues as she poured in nine first-half points to give Leland & Gray a 20-9 lead at the break. With freshman guards Abigail Emerson and Samantha Morse pestering Bellows Falls with quick feet and hands, the

flow favored Leland & Gray over the second half.

The height of Bellows Falls' Tela Harty and Laura Kamel could have been a big advantage but the Rebels dropped players into the paint with every shot and boxed out the Terriers on their end.

The 28-14 Rebel lead grew to open the final quarter as a 6-0 run put the game out of reach for the Terriers.

Bellows Falls stands at 3-12 while Leland & Gray sits at 6-6.

BF improves to 11-3
“Tough contest with a good White River Valley team,” said Bellows Falls coach Evan Chadwick. “We prevailed in the end by hitting our last six free throws.”

Jonathan Terry had a huge steal and layup to give Bellows Falls the lead. Jackson Goodell iced it with four straight, and Owen LaRoss' hustle play on the o-glass limited White River Valley's ability to come back. Bellows Falls was led by Goodell's 13 points, LaRoss had 12, and Jamison Nystrom had 11 points and nine boards in the 56-52 victory. Terry finished with 10 points, 10 boards, and six assists.

The Terriers are 11-3 and go to Poultnery on Saturday.

JV Wildcats roar back
The Wildcats knocked off Stevens, fell to Hopkinton, and then proceeded to clobber Mascenic.

After a week off from Covid 19, the Fall Mountain junior varsity boys team returned to the win column with a 49-23 victory over the Cardinals. Ledger Willett and Owen Riendeau led the scoring with 15 and 14 points

Against Hopkinton, the Wildcats found themselves trailing 19-17 at halftime. A disastrous second half saw multiple mistakes and turnovers for Fall Mountain that were capitalized on by the Hawks in the 40-24 match. Owen Riendeau led Fall Mountain with eight points.

Fall Mountain is now 12-3 with their win over the Mascenic Vikings, 63-53. A 31-point explosion by Owen Riendeau led the scoring followed by Ledger Willett with nine points.

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NW Village Commissioners.

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WESTMINSTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to James O.G. Drake, Trustee of the James O.G. Drake Trust dated February 13, 2003, by Warranty Deed of James O.G. Drake, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded on February 27, 2003 in Book 61 at Page 464 of the Weston Land Records. [unimproved land off Trout Club Road; Parcel #080055.00].

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5254, so much of said property will be sold at public auction at the Weston Town Office, a public place located at 12 Lawrence Hill Road in the Town of Weston, on the 22nd day of March, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Weston, Vermont this 7th day of February, 2022

Sandra M. Goodwin, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD ANIMAL LICENSE NOTICE

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Student show at Gallery at the VAULT. PHOTO PROVIDED

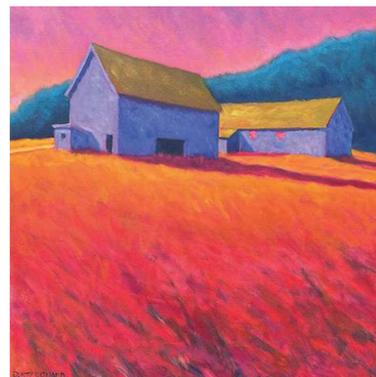
Gallery at the VAULT is on 68 Main St. in Springfield. Hours are Wednesday and Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until March 5.

DaVallia Gallery displays Batchelder paintings

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia invites you to a new fine art exhibition. "Our Radiant Landscape" will feature a new collection of contemporary colorist paintings by Peter Batchelder from Feb. 10 through March 15. This exhibition will feature Batchelder's art differently from how his work has been shown before.

DaVallia Gallery is pleased to feature artist Peter Batchelder. From an artist's perspective, Batchelder is interested in the nature of architecture, how it sits within its landscape, color and light. From a personal perspective, he finds himself often curious about the story of the building: who built

it and why; the many people who have lived or worked in the building; and how the landscape may have changed around the structure over the course of years. His art has a radiant luminosity that captures the essence of our rural landscape in a new light. DaVallia's avant-garde lifestyle-based approach to presenting art allows viewers insight and inspiration into how to live artfully.



"Twilight," by Peter Batchelder. PHOTO PROVIDED

This exhibition for Batchelder will be unique as it will allow his collectors to see his work in the context of a home setting.

To schedule an appointment for a private viewing, call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900.

Townshend Winter Fun Fest

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – This year's Winter Fun Fest will be filled with sledding, snowshoeing, storywalks, s'mores, and more on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Townshend Lake Recreation Area on Route 30 in Townshend, weather permitting.

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"RBG" at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as portrayed by Sheryl Faye in her one-woman show, is coming to the Springfield Town Library on Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in September 2020. She was the second woman and the first Jewish woman ever appointed to the Court and became the longest-serving Jewish justice.

She championed fairness and equality and objected to different expectations for men and women, prejudice against minority groups in places like hotels and restaurants, and women having fewer job opportunities than men. Ginsburg served on the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union and launched The Women's Rights Project. She continued to be a leading voice for gender equality, women's interests, and civil rights and liberties throughout her life.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life continues to be one of achievement: as a lawyer, professor of law, a judge, and then a Supreme Court justice, she stands out because she was not afraid to dissent, disapprove, and disagree with conditions of unfairness and inequality. This show is the inspiring story of how she changed her life and ours. "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." – Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact 802-885-3108 or check the website at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.

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The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will host their Touch-a-Truck event in conjunction with the Family Festival. Wunderle's Big Top Adventure will entertain all ages. There will be booths, activities, resources, and lots of fun provided by area childcare providers and organizations.

First established in 1971 and sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, "The Week of the Young Child" is an annual event celebrated across the country that recognizes that the early childhood years lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. It is a time to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet the needs of young children.

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