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BF Trustees discuss wastewater budgets —

BY BETSY THURSTON
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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, March 22, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed water and sewer budgets for fiscal year 2023.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said there was a concern on the length of training for new employees in the Water Department. Two employees were nearing retirement age, and Pickup told the trustees that training and certification for new plant operators took at least three years. He said, “It might make sense to recruit for that position.” Wade Masure agreed, “This makes more sense to plan ahead.” He said the other option would be to contract out, which is much more expensive.

Pickup said there was also a need for a replacement vehicle in FY23. James McAuliffe asked about the \$7,000 they had set aside each year and if it was in the reserve. Finance Director Alyssa Harlow had spoken with the auditors and found

that it was not reserved. She said it’s been in the budget and they were working on committing FY21 and FY22 into a separate line item.

Pickup said the wastewater budget would reflect no change or increase to service. He explained they had locked in a five-year loan for the sludge dryer and there were two options: ask for voter approval for the funds on the warning for the Village Annual meeting, or pay for the dryer from the current budget, creating a deficit in this fiscal year.

McAuliffe suggested they prepay the loan and add it to the warning. He said it was purchased in this year and it should post this year to give them a realistic number.

Village President Deborah Wright agreed, preferring not to carry it over to the next fiscal year.

McAuliffe pointed out that the dryer for \$268,000 showed a forecasted deficit of \$382,000. He said the loan would offset the \$268,000 and show the department was in the red

by \$110,000. He agreed this would be “a better indication of our operations.” He continued by saying that this fall they should look at adjusting the rates for sewer.

Pickup said they were working with Efficiency Vermont to see if they would offset a part of it, but there were no guarantees on the program. He said they seemed to want to fund it and said, “I think they think it’s important...it’s real sustainability.” Pickup said, “If we can get to the point where we can handle larger material, we can run the dryer over a longer time.” He explained that currently there is more start-up and shutdown times between each drying cycle.

The Village Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m. The Village Annual Meeting is Monday, May 16, with the election on Tuesday, May 17.

BF authors joint reading at Flat Iron Cafe —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls historical fiction authors Eileen Charbonneau and Bill Lockwood, who both live on Westminster Terrace, will present readings from four of their novels at The Flat Iron Café on Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m.

A group of community theater veterans and others, who now call themselves the “Terrace Players,” will read passages from Charbonneau’s “Death at Little Mound,” and “Rachel LeMoynes,” and Lockwood’s “Gare de Lyon,” and “The Monsignor’s Agents.” Readers will be Charbonneau herself, her husband Ed Gullo, Lockwood’s wife Jeanie Levesque, Lisa Bryan, and Samaira Aldrich.

The Flat Iron will have its



Bill Lockwood and Eileen Charbonneau. PHOTO PROVIDED

regular selection of coffee drinks, teas, beer and wine, snacks and pastries available and The Village Square Booksellers, from across the street, will come over to make copies of the books available as well.

Anyone seeking further information can email the Flat Iron Cooperative at flatironcoop@gmail.com or the bookstore at info@villagesquarebooks.com or call 802-463-9404.

Circus adventures at Kurn Hattin —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – It’s March Madness at Kurn Hattin Homes. During this month, the children participate in a variety of creative, challenging, and fun activities. For the past week, they’ve worked with Troy Wunderle, founder of Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures in Vermont, during his residency at Kurn Hattin Homes, to learn a variety of circus stunts and skills. While they were mastering these new skills, they were also practicing equally important traits such as discipline, perseverance, and the ability to overcome



Kurn Hattin students enjoyed Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures. PHOTO PROVIDED

challenges in pursuit of their goals.

The children’s hard work was showcased at the end of the week at a school assembly.

Their performances included juggling, walking on stilts, balancing acts, and plate spinning. It was a job well done, and their

Selectboard meets with Windham Trail Alliance

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, March 15, the Rockingham Selectboard heard a presentation from Windham County Trails Alliance, the local chapter of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association.

WCOTA Board member Conor Floyd stated that the group is primarily a mountain biking club, but that they are also building and maintaining the multi-use trails on Oak Hill.

Floyd shared a map of the existing trails: there were four they were building and had maintained over the last two years while working with landowners, the Town of Rockingham, Village of Bellows Falls, and one private landowner. He said building trails took time, “[It’s] a lot of work.” Susan Hammond agreed and added, “And [the work it takes] to maintain them.”

Floyd said WCOTA hosted weekly workshops for beginner mountain bikers at the Bellows Falls Union High School and advanced rides on Oak Hill.

invited the Board to check out the trail.

WCOTA’s goals for 2022 are to finish and improve trails and improve signage in the forest. The Oak Hill trails are featured on the mobile app Trailforks, which maps out trails in each state. There are 2480 trails listed in Vermont.

Rockingham has 12 trails on the app and visitors can find information on parking at the Rec Center with updates available on Facebook at WCOTA. Floyd had met people on the trail recently who were on their way south from Burlington, but stopped to check out Oak Hill because it was close to the exit.

Rick Cowan asked if WCOTA worked with the Saxtons River Valley Trail Initiative. Floyd said SRVTI was looking at connectivity and WCOTA’s goal was to establish a network of densely located trails on Oak Hill, but they attended each other’s meetings annually.

Bonnie Anderson said there was a loose connection between Oak Hill through residential streets to Route 121, and with signage, it could point people back on the trail toward Saxtons River.

Development Director Gary Fox said SRVTI and WCOTA would be connected through marketing and a wayfinding program. Signs with QR codes would direct visitors to maps for

each level of the trail; from the flat, easier Riverfront Trail, to the steeper Oak Hill.

Hammond asked about multi-use and if the trails were wide enough for both hikers and bikers. Floyd said that it’s definitely multi-use, and a balance. The signs would remind folks to share the trails and he said, “Really, the courtesy is bikes should be moving over for hikers.”

Cowan asked if electric bikes were welcome. Floyd said, for now, WCOTA did not have specific policies and explained that the trails get light usage.

Floyd said, as the number of users grows, “Success may add problems [which are] good problems to have if we have more people using [the trails]...but it’s not like Keene.”

He said they were excited to get an average of ten beginner riders per week, wanting to bring new people into the sport. Floyd said that he started mountain biking two years ago.

For more information on volunteering with WCOTA, joining the kickoff trail building day this spring, or the weekly ride contact windhamcountyclubs@gmail.com and like WCOTA on Facebook.

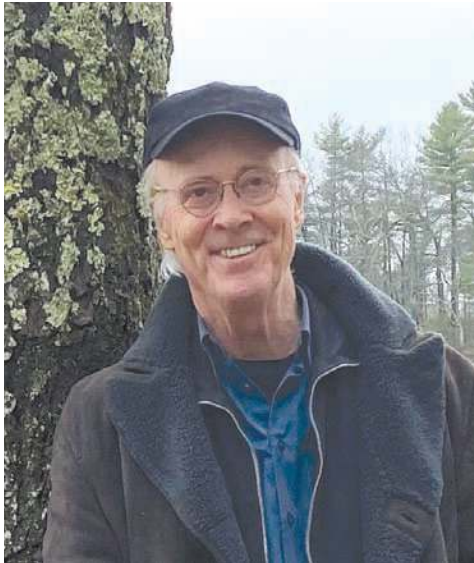
The Rockingham Selectboard meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m.

Rockingham Library offers seminar with poet-photographer —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Join George Kinder, poet-photographer, on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. over Rockingham Library Zoom, as he guides us through four seasons on Spectacle Pond. Kinder has spent the last 30 years finding creative inspiration from

the solitude of living on the edge of this pond. He offers an intimate window into his creative process, culminating in a discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration.

Harvard-educated George Kinder revolutionized financial advice for more than 35 years by training thousands of professionals globally in the field of financial life planning. He founded Kinder Institute of Life Planning in 2003 after 30 years as a practicing financial planner and tax advisor. A mindfulness teacher and author, Kinder’s latest book of poetry and photography “Reflections on Spectacle Pond: The Week-



George Kinder. PHOTO PROVIDED

ly Edition,” available as a free email subscription, is a narrative guide to living in nature’s cycle, week by week and moment by moment.

To receive an invitation to this live Zoom presentation, contact programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

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BF Opera House presents night in support of asylum seekers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Wednesday, April 6, the Bellows Falls Opera House will present the film “Babylon: Journeys of Refugees,” a film by Sandglass Theater of Putney. Show time is 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Did you know that 100 Afghan refugees have recently arrived in Southern Vermont, and that for several years a local organization, the Community Asylum Seekers Project, has been helping other people fleeing dangerous conditions in their homelands to

start new lives? The Compass School in Westminster is sponsoring this free event as a way to help us all be aware of the challenges faced by refugees as well as opportunities for us to help.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion with two ensemble members from Sandglass Theater involved in the film’s production as well as representatives from CASP and Rockingham Area Refugee Resettlement, another local volunteer group helping people to find their way in

Windham County. Steve Crofter, who founded CASP in 2016 and is now leading RARR, a grassroots ad hoc group of citizens in the Rockingham area, says, “Reaching out to welcome and support asylum seekers and refugees not only helps them, but the act of befriending our new neighbors transforms us as well. As individuals and as a community, we grow in our understanding of the world and what it means to be human.”

Springfield Elks initiates 15 new members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Recently, the Springfield Elks Lodge held their final new member initiation for Elks year 2021/2022 with fifteen new members attending.

In all of the 21st century, this has been the largest class of new members to be initiated. For the year 2021/2022, the Lodge has taken in 42 new members and getting more applications all the time.

Most new members remark that they see what the Springfield Elks Lodge does for the community and they want to try and help the Elks programs. Programs such as



Newest members pictured L to r; Alex Rumrill, Gabriel Buskey, Josephine Sheldon, Dorothy Hescoth, Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie, Marien Gage, Ginny Ballou, Jennifer Chambers and Heather Olson. Back row; Tyler Rumrill, Christopher Olsen, Gregory Richardson, Jeff Gilcris, Richard Pierce, Brett Jasinski, and Katie Gilcris.

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Grace Cottage earns gold

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has been awarded a Governor’s Excellence in Worksite Wellness Program Award. Presented to Vermont employee wellness programs by the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Vermont Department of Health, these awards are given at three levels. Grace Cottage earned gold, the highest level.

In 2021, Grace Cottage initiated Mediterranean Wellness, an online portal to encourage a healthy wellness culture among employees. The three main components

of the wellness program are behavior challenges, educational offerings, and biometrics/health risk assessments and screenings. Employees have access to a variety of webinars, healthy recipes, and group and individual activities that boost camaraderie, improve morale, and encourage healthier lifestyles.

Organized by the Grace Cottage Human Resources Department, the program has had broad employee participation, with over 60% of employees completing the health risk assessment in the first year; this is especially encouraging in a year that posed so many challenges to healthcare workers.

The Governor’s Award for Excellence in Worksite Wellness was developed 20 years ago and is presented in partnership with VDH to employers across the state. The goal is to create a standard of excellence for worksite wellness initiatives. These annual honors provide an opportunity for the Governor and the Health Commissioner to recognize businesses and organizations for promoting the health of Vermonters and for helping to make Vermont a great place to live and work.

An awards ceremony will be held later this year.

For more information about Grace Cottage, visit www.gracecottage.org.

SFD promotes firefighter to captain

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Jack Potter from Firefighter to the rank of Captain.

Captain Potter has almost thirty years of experience in the fire service while being a member of the Springfield Fire Department for the past twelve. His new duties include being in charge of “D” Shift, station operations, and establishing

a command role on emergency scenes. His professionalism and experience are tremendous assets to the Springfield Fire Department and the citizens of Springfield.

The Springfield Fire Department is a combination department, meaning we have fulltime staff supported by an on-call staff. We are an all hazards response agency with dedicated members.

If interested in serving your local community, feel free to give us a call or stop



Jack Potter, SFD Captain.
PHOTO PROVIDED

by. We are located at 77 Hartness Ave., Springfield, VT. Our phone number is 802-885-4546.

SEON high performance building course well attended –

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – In a two-part course held on March 1 and 8, Peter Yost, one of the founders of Sustainable Energy Outreach Network, delivered SEON’s signature course, “Basics of High Performance Building.” 24 building professionals attended the course held at the Windham Regional Career Center, including members from ten high performance building contracting companies, an architectural company, and a real estate company: Duane Case, Earthshare Construction, GPI Construction, Snowdog Construction, Unity Home Technologies, Grendel


Productions, Mindel & Morse Builders, Appletree Builders, Mathes/Hulme Builders, Sustainable Design LLC, Vermont Natural Homes, Berkley and Veller Greenwood Country Realtors.

Many in the building community pitched in to make this course a success. Additional thanks go to Maribeth Cornell, Adult Education Coordinator at the Windham Regional Career Center; John DiMatteo, Instructor of Architecture & Construction at WRCC; the maintenance staff at WRCC; GPI Construction for use of one of their projects; Jon Saccoccio of JAS Workshop for providing an architect’s perspective of

construction documents; our regional builders for support of this program; and certainly Peter Yost, of Building-Wright, for his exceptional delivery of this complicated subject matter. Subsidy for the tuition was provided by the Vermont Community Foundation.

We have reached a turning point for the residential building community. This type of knowledge once rested solely with the owner, but now business owners are expecting their carpenters, drafts people, and agents to understand and apply the fundamental principles of high performance construction. This includes managing air, heat, and moisture in a building. It has become necessary for people holding positions throughout the field to understand these principles, and in addition to business owners and designers, it is important for the people doing the physical work to be educated in high performance building.

The course, “Basics of High Performance Building,” is the foundation course in SEON’s designation of Level I High Performance Builder Certification. Based on its success locally, it is SEON’s intention to deliver this course and the certification program to other regions of the state.



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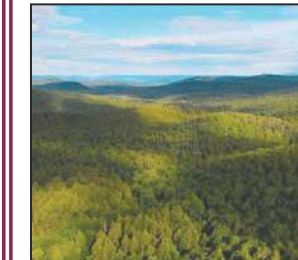


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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Water pipe history

Here's a brief history of different water pipe used in Vermont years ago. This is by no means a definitive history.

Pump logs

Pump logs were an early water pipe we used. From colonial days to the turn of 20th century, water pipe was made of wooden logs. The logs averaged eight or nine inches in diameter and were freshly cut. Balsam was the tree of choice.

Making pump logs was an interesting process. Many readers will know that a "rod" is a centuries old measurement. Read any old deed and you'll see rods mentioned referencing distance along boundaries. A rod is sixteen-and-a-half feet.

Pump log makers used a large wood-frame bench, or a "horse," as it was called, that secured the log. Boring the hole was done with a tool called a "pod auger." The trick was to bore the length of the log and have both end holes centered within. This was accomplished with the pod auger. A regular hand auger of the day, with two cutting edges, would wander with or against the grain. The pod auger stayed true.

Pump logs were made in pairs. One log was eight feet long, the other, nine feet. One end of each log was pointed something like a pencil with a tool called a "sheepshead."

The other end was the female end and made with a tool called a "rimmer." The rimmer created a cone shaped pocket in the end of the log.

Once the logs were bored and each end had a male and female, the pair of logs was ready to be fitted together.

Making one log eight feet and the other nine feet resulted in the two logs being one rod in length when joined together. These men



18 inch soapstone water pipe showing lead connector. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

were pretty clever.

This male-female joint resulted in a watertight connection. As water swelled the joint it became even tighter. As the pump logs were buried, more pairs were added as needed to reach from the spring to the home.

Using balsam, an experienced pump log maker could bore the eight foot long hole in under ten minutes.

Soapstone water pipe

In the mid-19th century, the soapstone water pipe came into being. Soapstone is common in this area of Vermont. Chester had a quarry or two and two soapstone mills.

The American Soapstone Company was located where the old town garage is today. This was a large complex, producing many different soapstone products. Water pipe was one of the products they manufactured.

There was another soapstone mill on Church Street near the railroad tracks. I don't know what products this company manufactured. Both companies shipped their products by rail to all points of the compass.

Soapstone is a soft stone, so soft that it was cut with saws. Soapstone pipe was cut into 18 to 36 inch lengths with a hole bored through the center. A finished section of soapstone pipe is about two inches square, end-to-end. Section ends were joined together with a round lead connector about an inch long.

Soapstone water pipe was an improvement over pump logs. Soapstone didn't rot when buried as a pump log did.

Grafton also had soapstone

quarries. Years ago an old timer told me that much of Grafton's soapstone came to the mills in Chester. It was about seven miles from Grafton to Chester, ten or more to Bellows Falls to that rail line. Time is money.

Soapstone was drawn in heavy wagons from Grafton to Chester by oxen. Coming up the hill out of Grafton on Route 35 it is very steep. The teamster walked beside his oxen to lighten the load his oxen drew. I was told during the long days of summer sometimes two trips a day were made.

Lead water pipe

Lead water pipe was used extensively in the United States from the late 1800s on. Lead pipe was an improvement over pump logs or soapstone pipe. It was flexible and came in rolls. Sections were joined together with benefit of a flange.

Any digging we did around the back of our house on High Street often turned up sections of lead pipe. Our spring was a few hundred feet up the hill behind us. By the time we moved there town water had been extended to our place.

There must be miles and miles of lead pipe still buried here in Vermont. We have a pump log and soapstone pipe at Chester Historical Society.

This week's old saying: "There are more stones than there are Goliaths."

VAULT celebrates 20 years, reflections from founder

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As soon as I walked in the door of Gallery at the VAULT, I knew Nina had been there recently. A new order of pottery had taken a multi-level center stage with a single wooden spoon set, just so. Her displays draw your attention to the glass cases of jewelry, the quilted table runners draped in the inner vault, the seasonal displays in the window. Painted sap buckets and welcome signs stand next to jugs of maple syrup. Sculptured wire trees and paintings grace the walls nearby, and glass birds overlook their artful habitats.

Gallery at the VAULT is celebrating its 20th year on 68 Main Street in Springfield. I asked Nina to write her reflections on the founding of VAULT (Visual Art Using Local Talent) for interested readers to read.

Nina and her husband Herb will be moving soon. You are invited to stop into the VAULT to write your good wishes in a book they'll take with them. You are also invited to join Gallery at the VAULT's 20th anniversary virtual annual meeting on April 12 at 5 p.m. Sign up on www.galleryvault.org and you'll be sent the Zoom link.

Thank you Nina and all of the community members who make Springfield the creative, active community that it is.

Written by Diane Kemble, VAULT Board Member.

How do you measure the success of a project, a business, or a personal goal?

VAULT first opened in December, 2001. That's 20 years on Main Street. A measure of success for sure, but what were the building blocks that led to success?

In my case, having no experience creating a permanent art venue worked in my favor. I had no negative preconceptions of what wouldn't work and relied on my vision and enthusiasm and the compelling goal of helping to improve the perception of downtown. In October of 2000, a Main Street art project, "Windows on the Arts," was created and, with eventual financial help from Springfield Savings and Loan and the Springfield Historical Society, the first Art Window was installed in Furman's department store.

Start small but think big. "Windows," was the first building block. A goal was realized and it built confidence.



Newspaper clipping from the opening of Gallery at the VAULT. PHOTO PROVIDED

The second building block is enthusiasm that inspires others. A permanent art space was unlocked at a meeting with Steve Greene who owned 68 Main Street.

The third building block is commitment and the sweat equity of volunteers. Local businesses, which were supportive with in-kind materials and people willing to do the unglamorous job of ripping down ceilings and ripping up rugs, were all integral in creating a beautiful venue for art.

In November of 2009, VAULT was honored by Gov. James Douglas with its designation as an official State Craft Center. VAULT was the first new art cen-

ter to gain this designation since the VT Arts Council initiated the process in 1993.

Faces and titles have changed, but VAULT has stayed true to the original mission – encouraging an appreciation of the visual arts and providing opportunities for learning and participating in the creative process.

I am awed by the continued dedication and creativity of our volunteers.

I am very proud of what I initiated and prouder still of the continued creativity and dedication of VAULT's staff and volunteers.

Written by Nina Jamison, founder of Gallery at the VAULT.



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OLLI presents "Abenaki Culture & History"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Bobby Farlice-Rubio will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, "The First Vermonters – Indigenous People, Abenaki Culture & History," on Tuesday, April 5 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Educator Farlice-Rubio will discuss how the Abenaki people have lived in Vermont for thousands of years and how they are still here today. By focusing on the individual lives of seven famous Abenakis from different centuries, he will explore how their culture has survived the centuries and evolved to meet the chal-

lenges of a changing world. Participants will discover how the Abenaki Nation has shaped the present and future of all of Vermont's people.

The next OLLI program on April 19 will be "North Chester: It's More Than Just the Stone Village," presented by local Architectural Historian, Hugh Henry.

Preregistration is highly recommended. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form and an addressed envelope to send in payment after the program.

Nonmembers are wel-

come and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

Registration can be done online by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.

Due to the current Covid situation, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored noncredit events (including OLLI), to be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn at indoor events. For full health and safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.





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opinion

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the issue of early release Tuesdays in the Green Mountain Union School District. As a parent of two CTES graduates, I have navigated early release for nine years. We know the scheduling difficulties between work, school, and extra-curricular activities firsthand. But I didn't send my kids to school for childcare, and I don't think that is why you send yours.

We demand that our schools provide the best education to our communities' children. We must also provide our schoolteachers and staff with the right type of professional learning and team building time so they can meet that goal – the best education for each child.

Any parent knows that kids change from day to day. What a teacher learns at intermittent conferences is useful, but problem solving in real time to do the deep work about our children and their peers' learning is invaluable.

Weekly professional learning time allows for continuity. Take reading for example – one-week teachers and staff look deeply at reading scores, and the plans they make are implemented within a week. They circle back weekly to modify as needed, based on what is working. When they look at scores again,

they can directly pinpoint things that worked, and what didn't.

Weekly embedded time allows staff to build cohesion, which in turn provides wrap around support for students. Together, staff can address an entire family, making sure that each sibling receives what they need. They support each other, creating or practicing words and methods to use with students in particular situations. They problem solve together for kids who are struggling emotionally – and they can address those kids in the classroom, in the lunch line, on the playground, and in specials like art, music, and PE. Many minds working together provides many great options for kids when they need it, not months later.

Did you know that our elementary schools are currently being asked to complete eight different initiatives? Embedded Professional Learning Time once a week makes this daunting task workable and makes it possible for these approaches to be implemented for all learners. Any job that asks its workers to implement new ideas must provide sufficient time for learning, planning, implementation, and evaluation. How many of us have been frustrated when asked to learn an entire new system at work, while continuing

to meet existing production goals? Why would we ask schools to do what we know doesn't work, especially when they are working with our kids?

Finally, a natural by-product of weekly Professional Learning Time is the deep and meaningful relationships built between staff and teachers. A healthy, positive work environment is essential for all workers, no less for those who work with our children. I want my kids attending school with staff that feels good about their job, supported in their mission, and part of the community to which we all release our kids when they grow up.

Please take some time to review this presentation on the benefits of embedded Professional Learning Time in our schools. Work together as a community to come up with abundant high-quality childcare for kids during non-school hours. Don't ask teachers do both.

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Sincerely,
Sara Stowell
Proctorsville, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Act H. 466, a bill that will help the State protect its surface waters, is being considered in the Vermont Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. Its recent passage in the Vermont House represents a significant step toward thoughtful climate-resilient protections for our rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds, while ensuring equitable access for surface water users in the future.

"H.466 should be of particular interest to all of those who rely on surface water for their business and those who enjoy numerous outdoor activities including fishing and swimming. In the face of increased droughts due to climate change, this bill will ensure equitable access to surface water for users, while protecting the ecosystems of our streams and rivers. Vermont is behind our neighboring states in providing this protection," said Kathy Urffer of the Connecticut River Conservancy.

"As the climate crisis threatens watersheds across Vermont, it's critical that we take decisive action to protect this invaluable resource," said Conservation Law Foundation attorney Mason Overstreet. "This bill will protect our waters and ensure their resilience for years to come, and the

legislature should pass it."

As H.466 moves through the Vermont Senate, Jon Groveman of the Vermont Natural Resources Council stated, "It is important that Senators understand that Vermont has little to no knowledge of the overall impact of these unregistered and unregulated water withdrawals from our rivers and lakes."

"Unregulated water withdrawals from rivers and lakes have been a simmering issue for fishers for a long time because we see them while participating our sport and know that no one is paying attention to them," said David Deen, former state representative and council member of the Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited.

As periods of drought increase and seasonal weather patterns grow more erratic, we face increased demands for surface water brought on by development pressure from industrial, agricultural, and municipal users. Simultaneously, no standards exist under Vermont law to protect downstream users access to the amount of water they need if insufficient water remains in a stream after the upstream withdrawal.

Only a few select surface water users are required to report and apply for a permit, including ski ar-

eas withdrawing water for snowmaking, public water supplies, and those withdrawals triggering a federal water quality certificate review. Otherwise, the State has little to no knowledge of the impact of water withdrawals.

In response to this issue, two years ago, the Legislature passed Act 173, which convened an expert study group to investigate and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the environmental, economic, and recreational impacts of surface water diversions, including the transfer of surface water between watersheds. H.466 is the product and recommendation of that study group, which sets forth future actions that will be informed by registration and monitoring data from existing withdrawals.

A coalition of environmental organizations have been helping to move the issue, they include Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited, Connecticut River Conservancy, The National Wildlife Federation, and the Conservation Law Foundation.

Sincerely,
David Deen
Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited
Westminster, Vt.

Dear Editor,

With each passing year, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department becomes more entrenched in its support of archaic laws regarding wildlife. The problems start at the top.

When FWD commissioner Porter resigned last year, I hoped for a new Commissioner with modern values that takes animal ethics into consideration. Instead, Governor Scott appointed yet another commissioner who lacks any credentials in environmental sciences or wildlife management. Ethics don't seem to be too high on his list either. In the Commissioner's lackluster debut in front of the legislature earlier this year, he testified stating that wildlife could be killed solely to be used as "fertilizer" to meet the criteria under the new wanton waste ban efforts under bill H.411. Fortunately, the Commissioner's idea was rejected.

FWD's opposition to three Senate wildlife bills that seek to modernize Vermont's wildlife governance with an eye towards better wildlife protections demonstrates their allegiance to an entrenched, biased agenda. Given that FWD's prior commissioner wouldn't even support a bill to ban coyote killing contests a few years ago, we shouldn't be surprised when the new commissioner didn't support efforts to ban coyote hounding (bill S.281), which is legalized dog fighting. When the FWD's "biologist" engages in theatrics while testifying in opposition to bill S.201, a ban on leghold traps, by quickly placing her thickly gloved hand in a leghold trap to try and convince legislators that traps aren't inhumane, you know they've reached an all-time low. On the House side of the Statehouse, the Commissioner insisted on excluding coyotes from bill, H.411, that seeks to address the wasteful killing of wildlife – this comment was in addition to his fertilizer comment.

Speaking of the legislature, an ongoing concern is that FWD doesn't disclose their biases. For example, FWD staff testified in opposition to the ban on leghold traps using their "biologist" credentials without disclosing their inherent biases towards trapping as

a recreational opportunity. FWD is given too much deference by legislators and other decision-makers who view them as unbiased experts and not as lobbyists for their customers: hunters and trappers.

The governor, his commissioner, and FWD senior management seem determined to keep Vermont's wildlife policies stuck in the 1950s despite opposition from the public as evidenced in the 2017 Center for Rural Studies' Vermont Poll here: www.protectionwildlifevt.org/_files/ugd/5073cd_c349bfa0bfb-4458b46919436a9afa8e.pdf. As evidenced in this poll, very few Vermonters support the use of leghold traps, for example, but FWD ignores public sentiment and animal welfare concerns and plows ahead with their agenda.

"If state Fish and Wildlife Agencies fail to adapt, their ability to manage fish and wildlife will be hindered and their public and political support compromised" – Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, www.fishwildlife.org/application/files/8215/1382/2408/Blue_Ribbon_Panel_Report2.pdf. I agree.

Sincerely,
Jane Fitzwilliam
Vermont Coyote Coexistence Coalition Lead
Putney, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The people of the Ukraine are all suffering more than most of us have ever experienced and hopefully ever will. That was the impetus that resulted in the United Church of Ludlow and the Ludlow Area Rotary Club joining forces to raise money to support Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief. A lasagna dinner was planned with proceeds to go to this effort.

We were overwhelmed by the response we received from the community. As a result of the generosity of locals, we had zero overhead and 100% of the

money, presently in excess of \$16,500, went to help the relief cause.

We are so appreciative of the support from Black River Produce, Vermont Family Farms, the culinary arts department of River Valley Technical Center, People United Bank, Reading Greenhouse, the students at Cavendish Town Elementary School, and the Okemo Valley Woman's Club, all the volunteers who worked the night of the event, all of the people who turned out in record numbers to purchase dinners, and everyone who


made a donation to the cause.

Although we have already distributed the money we have in hand, more is coming in and we welcome additional donations, which will be distributed later. Checks can be made to the United Church of Ludlow, c/o Anne Oakes, 145 Merrill Rd., Ludlow, VT 05149 or to LARCF (Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Foundation) at P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149 or through the web at www.portal.clubrunner.ca/2939.

We are so grateful for all this community has done and sincerely thank you, as do the refugees of the Ukraine.

Sincerely,
George and Linda Thomson,
Ludlow, Vt.

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Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.
Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Maureen Adams. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. For more information, email alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com, call 603-835-6358, or go to www.facebook.com/Third-Congregational-UCC-Church-of-Alstead-NH-120645387960916.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children’s Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Facebook page and YouTube. Services can also be found at www.sopatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CAVENDISH, VT.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email chestervtuu@gmail.com. Sunday services run from September to early June.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry
Worship service is Sunday at 10 a.m. at the church. Masks are suggested. Services will still be live streamed at www.firstbaptistslondonderryvt.org/streaming-worship.html. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Please be safe and care for each other. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.
Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. In-person and via Zoom. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional Liturgy is the first and third Sundays of the month. Rite II, contemporary Liturgy, is the second and fourth Sunday. Both are at 8:30 a.m. The rare fifth Sunday of the month will be Congregation’s choice. Holy Days as announced. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy via Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.
Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5
Sunday services are online. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.
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Beatrice Louise Allen, 1922-2022

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Beatrice “Bee” Allen of Rockingham, Vt., passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Bee was 99 years old. She was the daughter of Herbert and Louise Allen of Westminster, Vt.
At age 19, Bee married George Everett Allen of Claremont, N.H., and together they raised four children. The family lived in Claremont and Lebanon, N.H., before moving to Westminster, Vt.

Everett and Bee were married for 59 years before Everett’s passing in November of 2000.

In addition to raising her family, Bee worked as a salesperson for Allen Brothers Farmstand, a business created by her brothers John, Russell, Frank, and Raymond. She also worked for the nearby Tip-Top bakery store. Bee loved working with people in the marketplace. She collected tolls with her husband Everett at the Cheshire toll bridge, connecting Charlestown, N.H. and Springfield, Vt. And during her retirement years, she served as a caregiver and companion to elderly seniors in their homes.

Bee was a lifetime member of the Christian Family Circle Church, which was founded by her father, Herbert, in Westminster. She was active in the church as a Sunday school teacher, and a volunteer with Camp Blessing, a ministry of CFCC. Throughout her life, Bee loved and nurtured her various flower and vegetable gardens, staying active into her late 80’s.

Bee is predeceased by eight of her siblings: William, Raymond, Walter,



Beatrice Allen, 1922-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Frank, John, Russell, Margaret DeFredo, and Gladys Trombley. Bee is survived by her sister Daisy Jean French of Brattleboro, Vt.; her sons, Ronald Allen of Stephens City, Va., and Donald Allen of Springfield, Vt.; daughters, Jane Lafayette and Becky Matthews of Rockingham, Vt.; her grandchildren, Rhonda Lancaster and Todd Allen; Sarah Allen Jean Gilles, Moses Allen, and Ira Allen; Angela Lawrence and Daniel Lafayette; and James Matthews. In addition, she is survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT, on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. A memorial service for Bee will be conducted at Christian Family Circle Church, now the Redemption Church, Back Westminster Rd., Westminster, VT, Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1 p.m., to be followed by a graveside service at the Westminster Cemetery. In lieu of floral gifts, donations should be sent to the Victory Christian Children’s Home at Charles Trombley Ministries, P.O. Box 140207, Broken Arrow, OK 74014-0002.

Albert George DeCell, 1930-2022 2022

WESTON, Vt. – Albert George DeCell, age 91, passed away quietly at Cedar Hill Health Care in Windsor, Vt. on March 19, 2022. Albert was born in Weston on Nov. 19, 1930. His parents were George and Julia (Gabert) DeCell. He attended Weston Schools, Chester High School, and Vermont Technical College. He served during the Korean Conflict.

Albert married Karnie Goller of Londonderry on July 24, 1955. They established DeCell

Painting and DeCell’s Christmas Trees. He served on the Weston Fire Department as

Overseer of the Poor, on the Selectboard as chair of the Weston Bicentennial Commission, with the Weston Recreation Club, the Wantastiquet Rotary, the Church on the Hill, the Masons, the VFW, the American Legion, and local snowmobile clubs.

Albert was a lifelong resident of Weston. He was predeceased by his siblings Helen Jaquith, Dwight and Ar-



Albert DeCell, 1930-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

nold Pease, and Marvin DeCell. He is survived by Karnie, his wife of 66 years, and his children, Greg DeCell (Barbara Austin) of Bridgewater, Judy Stevens (Will) of Shoreham, and Verlene DeCell (Don Edgar) of Andover, as well as his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston, Vt. A reception will follow at the Weston Rod and Gun Club. Donations may be made to a Weston organization of your choice.

Ruth Ellen Hart, 1942-2022

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Ruth Ellen Hart, 79, died Wednesday morning, March 16, 2022 at the Loretto Home in Rutland, Vt.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1942 in Bridgewater, Vt., the daughter of Lawrence and Anna Mae (Howard) Bellimer.

Ruth went to Bridgewater Elementary School and graduated from the Woodstock Union High School. Ruth spent time as a chambermaid in Killington and many years as a valued caregiver.

Ruth had many interests. She was a talented artist and enjoyed painting, sketching, and drawing of all types. Ruth loved to celebrate every holiday. She was well known for making cakes for birthdays, graduations, and weddings.

She is survived by her children: David Hoisington, Lawrence Lynds, Mary Ellen, Michael Lynds, and Arthur Lynds; her sister Sandy Truman Bellimer, second husband Glenn



Ruth Hart, 1942-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Lynds, as well as many grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Ruth is predeceased by her first husband, Reginald Hoisington, and her third husband, Roger Hart.

Service for Ruth will be held privately.

Those wishing may make memorial donations to the Loretto Home Activity Fund, 59 Meadow St., Rutland, VT 05701.

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Local ski racer competes in Alpine National Championships

CHESTER, Vt. – Ava Anderson, 14, of Chester is a dedicated ski racer. She is in eighth grade and attends Stratton Mountain School at Stratton Mountain Resort. Ava races as a U16 within the Vermont Alpine Racing Association. She had a very successful 2021-22 season, competing throughout the state and finishing most of her races in the top 15, a few in the top 5, and she has even been on the top of the podium twice. Vermont State Championships were a big success as she finished 14th overall in the state. That finish qualified her for U16 Eastern Championships where she competed against the best skiers in the East at Burke Mountain. At the completion of the Eastern Championship series, Ava was ranked 12th over-



Ava Anderson, 14, will be competing in the U16 Alpine National Championships. PHOTO PROVIDED

all in the East. She finished 12th in the Super G and 6th in Giant Slalom. As a result, she has qualified for U16 National Championships at Sugarloaf, Maine. Nationals will be held April 2-6, 2022, where she will compete

against the best U16 girls in the nation. Ava is one of the youngest skiers in the age group, competing as a first year U16. Ava has been skiing since age two at Stratton Mountain, where her dad Michael is the Assistant Ski Patrol director. She made the decision to race at age eight and has been achieving her goals since she started. Stratton Mountain School is an independent boarding and day school that focuses on college preparatory academics and competitive winter sports. Located at the base of Stratton Mountain, SMS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. Since 1972, SMS has had 51 Olympians and 119 National team athletes.

Donation allows for more BRAT river testing

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – We love our rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds... as do the fish! Healthy water is vital to the recreational enjoyment of our waterways, as well as their ecological integrity and shoreline property values. Volunteers with the Black River Action Team will once again be collecting data on water conditions around the region in

2022, as part of the group's tenth year of "River Dipping." Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, BRAT's River Dippers will be able to perform several field tests at more than 50 sites this year, starting at the end of April, 2022. GUVTU's donation allowed BRAT Director Kelly Stettner to purchase kits for testing nutrient levels as well

as pH, and will also cover the lab fees for a whole summer of bacteria testing at Twenty-Foot Hole, a popular swimming hole in Reading on the North Branch of the Black River. Learn more about BRAT's many programs by email at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com, or leave a voice mail at 802-738-0456. Check out Greater Upper Valley Trout Unlimited at www.greateruppervalley.tu.org.

Trout season opens April 9

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's trout fishing season opens Saturday, April 9. While Vermont offers excellent and diverse fishing opportunities for wild trout, stocking also occurs in many lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers where wild trout pop-

ulations are low or absent. This generally happens in April and May each year, once the ice has melted and following spring runoff. Check the Vermont Fish & Wildlife department's website frequently, as updates are made to the Trout Stocking page. "This is a great tool for anglers to see

what nearby waters have been stocked, as the page gets updated several times per week," said State Fisheries Biologist, Shawn Good. Visit www.anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/FishStocking-Schedule.aspx and click the "See What's Been Stocked" button to stay informed as the spring progresses.

VINS spring schedule

QUECHEE, Vt. – The Vermont Institute of Natural Science, which is turning 50 this year, is welcoming the spring season by extending open hours at the VINS Nature Center and offering new daily programs. Beginning April 1, VINS Nature Center will be open to the public from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily live bird programs at 2 p.m. are available now, led by VINS' environmental educators, and on April 11, 2022, programs will take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., throughout spring. On the Nature Center

campus, the public also has access to the exciting VINS experience:

- Raptor Enclosures: 17 habitats for many species of eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls.
- Wild Songbird Aviary: Newly renovated home to many species of native songbirds and former rehabilitation patients, opening at the end of May.
- Birds Are Dinosaurs: Explore the journey of how birds evolved from dinosaurs.
- Forest Canopy Walk: Elevate your perspective and experience the beauty of the landscape by seeing the world from an eagle's vantage point.

- Adventure Playscape: A natural place for kids with elements for creative play.
- Nature Trails: Traverse several acres of forest along the wetlands of the Ottauquechee River, including our new Farrar Trail (including an accessible section for people with varying mobility levels).
- Nature Store: Field guides, nature-inspired gifts, science kits, educational books, and more.
- Scavenger Hunts: Search for answers and explore the marvels of Mother Nature.

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

Chester-Andover Elementary School
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2022/2023 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2022.

Please contact the school office at 875-6832 or kim.leonard@trsu.org to let us know your child will be attending.

Ludlow Elementary School
Kindergarten Registration

Will be March 31st from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (802) 875-5151 about registering your child for the fall. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2022. Please bring a birth certificate and all immunization records.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District (LMHUUSD) seeks One Ludlow Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 7th 2023. The Board meets regularly, the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

LMHUUSD Board
c/o Lauren Fierman
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

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(06/14/22 - 52)

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LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

• Ludlow Town Meeting LIVE on April 4th at 7PM

• Update from Expeditionary School at Black River

• Weekday & Weekend Forecasts from West River Weather Guy

• VNH "Let's Talk" program on Fad Diets

• Yoga with Liza

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
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(05/11/22 - TFN - 13)

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(04/13/22 - 13)

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES

MARCH 31 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River is proud to host a fundraiser featuring “100 Years of Everest,” presented by Jake Norton on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Join us for a live Community Watch Party at the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore. For those who can’t attend in person, there will also be a live stream link. For more information, please contact Kendra Rickerby via email at krickerby@esblackriver.org or visit the school’s website at www.esblackriver.org.

APRIL 2 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Take-out turkey supper, hosted by Charlestown Senior Center, on Saturday, April 2 with pick up from 4-4:45 p.m. Menu includes turkey, potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Please call 603 826-5987 on Friday, April 1 between 9 a.m. and noon, or the day of the supper, Saturday, April 2 from noon to 2:30 p.m. to order, for cost details, and to schedule your pick up time. Food will be handed through car window.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Crystal, Sound, and Energy Healing Journey on Saturday, April 2, from 6:30–8 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

APRIL 3 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Reiki I Certification on Sunday, April 3, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

APRIL 6 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Opera House will present a free screening of “Babylon: Journeys of Refugees,” a film by Sandglass Theater of Putney on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Hosted by the Compass School, the film will be followed by a panel discussion to raise awareness for Afghan refugees in Vermont.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Reiki Practitioner Share on Wednesday, April 6, from 6–8 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration at www.jasperforest.com. Donation suggested.

APRIL 9 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 Children and Youth Breakfast on Saturday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. Kids under 12 eat free. Come meet first responders and see the vehicles that keep you safe. Enjoy games, face painting, giveaways, and American Flag discussion. Surprise Easter Bunny visit and egg hunt finish the day.

APRIL 10 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Kirsten Manville and Tim Foley will co-

headline the Stage 33 Live listening room at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls on Sunday, April 10 in a limited-seating 3 p.m. matinee. There is a recommended donation for the performers; advance donations through www.stage33live.com double as chair reservations.

APRIL 13 –
WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Monty Python’s Spamalat at Northern Stage opening Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. and running through May 15 at the Barrette Center for the Arts in White River Junction. Experience the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as you’ve never seen it before. For details and tickets, visit www.northernstage.org.

APRIL 16 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Organic master gardener Henry Homeyer is hosting a free webinar on growing vegetables in VT on Saturday, April 16 from 9-10 a.m. via Zoom. Free to attend but donations accepted to support garden education programming offered by the Southeast Chapter of University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardeners. To register, go to www.henryhomeyer2022.eventbrite.com Participants must be signed into Eventbrite to participate.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – “The Perennials,” a six-piece jazz ensemble, will perform in concert on Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at St. James Methodist Church in Proctorsville. Enjoy cool jazz and good old tunes. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted.

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.

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. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Tracy Blanchard from The National Council on Aging will be at the Black River Valley Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to help Medicare

recipients find and apply for eligible assistance programs, services and support. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. For details, call 802-773-7917.

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 –
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.

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.

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, 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.

SATURDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. This free program will continue to run as long as there is interest from the community. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

GASSETTS, Vt. – The Gassetts Grange and Green Mountain Express are 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 snacks and drinks on sale in the kitchen and a 50/50 raffle drawing. We do ask for donations to be paid at the door. For more information, please call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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.

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

Invitation to Bid
Town Office Repairs

The Town of Londonderry, VT is seeking bids for general contractor services for building repair work at the Londonderry Town Office. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids is 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Shane O’Keefe, Town Administrator
March 24, 2022

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 4/20/22 at the Londonderry Town Offices, 100 Old School St in South Londonderry, to hold a public hearing on three zoning permit applications.

An application from Jessica Putnam-Phillips and Kevin Phillips for an accessory building and a cottage industry on Middletown Rd in Londonderry.

An application from Londonderry Beautification Committee for a finding that new Welcome to Londonderry signs should be allowed because they will have artistic or cultural merit.

An application from The New American Grill to convert the Rekindle shop from retail to a bar/restaurant space.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

Application materials and information on how to attend remotely are available by emailing the town’s Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org or calling (802)824-3356 ex.102.

Town of Londonderry, VT
JOB OPENINGS

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

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

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

Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: www.londonderryvt.org. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is welcome. Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: Exterior Doors - Riverside Middle School
Location: Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.
Description: Remove and Replace Exterior Doors
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: Friday, April 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked “RMS Exterior Door Project” on the outside of the envelope.

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled no later than April 6, 2022.
Documents Required: Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications

Owner/Contact:
Richard Pembroke
Springfield School District
Central Office
60 Park Street
Springfield, VT. 05156
Telephone: (802) 885-5120
rpembroke@ssdvt.org

PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: Exterior Painting - Riverside Middle School
Location: Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.
Description: Clean, Repair and Paint Exterior Wall of Middle School
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: Friday, April 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked “RMS Exterior Paint Project” on the outside of the envelope.

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled no later than April 6, 2022.
Documents Required: Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications

Owner/Contact:
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Springfield, VT. 05156
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PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project: Carpet Replacement at Springfield High School
Location: Springfield High School Library, 303 South Street, Springfield, VT.
Description: Remove, Prep & Install Carpet Tile and Cove Base
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: Friday, April 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked “SHS Carpet Project” on the outside of the envelope.

Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled no later than April 6, 2022.
Documents Required: Proof of Insurance, Details per Specifications

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TOWN OF ANDOVER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing at the Andover Town Hall on Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following applications for subdivision:

Application#: 8.2/38/22/2/24 **Applicant/Owner:** Albert C. & Alice M. Lindquist **Location:** 228 Mansion Rd. **Application for:** A minor subdivision of one existing lot into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 23rd day of March, 2022

Jonathan W. Stevens
Andover Assistant Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

Gov. Scott, DCF announce additional fuel benefits for families

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott and the Department for Children and Families announced Tuesday, March 22 that approximately 10,000 households will get an extra fuel benefit through the Seasonal Fuel Assistance Program. Given high oil and kerosene prices, a one-time \$350 benefit will be paid to providers to help offset additional costs for program participants.

“The impacts of high energy costs on Vermont are affecting everyone, but especially those with lower income, which is why must continue focusing on making Vermont more affordable, while supporting those in need,” said Gov. Scott. “Although this one-time payment will help, we know there’s more work to do.”

To receive the benefit, households must have received an oil or kerosene benefit issued between Nov. 9, 2021 and Feb. 28, 2022. They must have also been active fuel households as of Feb. 28, 2022. Vermonters with questions about the extra benefit can call 1-800-479-6151.

DCF will also provide an additional \$500,000 to the five community action agencies in Vermont so they can help more households that are facing heating emergencies.

Seasonal Fuel Assistance helps eligible Vermonters pay part of their home heating bills, whether they own their homes or rent, pay for heat directly or as part of rent. Find more information and apply at www.dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel-assistance.

Expungement clinic to serve Bennington County

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Attorney General T.J. Donovan, along with Bennington County State’s Attorney Erica Marthage, will host a free expungement clinic on Friday, April 8, 2022, with appointments available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Expungements wipe specific convictions and dismissed charges from your record after a certain period of time has passed. Under Vermont law, many misdemeanors, 14 different felony offenses, and all dismissed charges can be expunged. The free clinic will focus on expunging criminal charges and convictions from Bennington County and will be open to the public by appointment.

“Expunging criminal records gives Vermonters a fresh start by providing greater educational, economic, and social opportunities,” said Attorney General Donovan. “My office is committed to creating continued access to expungements for all eligible Vermonters. I thank State’s Attorney Marthage and Code for BTV for partnering with my office on this important effort.”

Attorneys from the Attorney General’s Office will offer free assistance with petitions for Vermont-specific “qualifying” criminal convictions and dismissed charges. Vermonters should schedule appointments in advance by calling the Attorney General’s Office’s ex-

pungement clinic line at 802-828-0033 by April 4, 2022. All appointments will be conducted by telephone on the day of the clinic.

The State’s Attorney Office reminds residents of Bennington County who are unavailable on the clinic date that they do not need to wait until the next clinic for assistance, they may instead contact the expungement assistance program at the Center for Restorative Justice by calling 802-447-1595.

More information on expungements generally is available at Vermont Legal Aid’s website at www.vtlawhelp.org/expungement.

Fraud Watch Network: Scam Roundup

REGION – Scam Roundup: Here are some of the current scams appearing in our region.

Vehicles: Availability of vehicles is an issue for consumers and dealerships. Shortages are seen throughout the region when driving by dealership display lots. Sadly, some car dealers have charged buyers extra fees or required the purchase of special features. Others have raised vehicle prices well above the suggested manufacturer’s retail prices and some have used “bait and switch” tactics. Beware of flood-damaged vehicles: new cars that were repaired after suffering flood damage. Ask for and check the vehicle history before signing on the dotted line. This will tell you where the car or truck has been on its route from manufacturer to get to you. If you are the target of any of the tactics noted here, walk away from the deal and report the dealership to your state Attorney General’s office and the vehicle manufacturer.

Artificial Intelligence Calls: The phone rings and “Jennifer” asks if you want to lower your credit card in-

terest rate. Say yes and she continues asking questions and then forwards your call to an agent. The conversation to this point has actually been between you and a computer programmed to recognize specific words or prompts and respond appropriately. If the call recipient responds with a comment that is not programmed into the software, “Jennifer” may say, “Could you repeat that?” The best way to handle this situation is to simply hang up. The call is most likely a scam.

Medicare Advantage Plans: Medicare Advantage Plan promotion is back. Nightly TV advertisements promote the benefits of these plans but some offers are received on the phone or on a computer may be scams. Medicare Advantage Plans must be approved by Medicare. Determine the legitimacy

and cost of plans at the website www.medicare.gov. Use the link that is provided for your state to compare all available plans. Responding to advertisements opens you up to some unwanted issues. Your call grants the advertiser permission to market programs to you without restriction. Reaching out to any one program will also result in receiving information for that program. You would need to contact each of the other available programs in your state in order to compare shop for what is best for you.

Questions or concerns?
Contact egreenblott@aarp.org. Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of a Part-Time Police Dispatcher. Applicant must be organized and able to communicate effectively in written and in oral form. Must be able to work all shifts, including midnight. Computer experience is required. Send resume in confidence with references to the Chief of Police, Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149 or email to: Jeffrey.Billings@vermont.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold three public hearings on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Mingovits Family has applied for a two-lot subdivision on Brockways Mills Road – minor subdivision review and approval is required. The Bellows Falls Firehouse LLC at 17 Rockingham Street has applied to replace several building windows – this is their 2nd hearing for downtown design review. The Mullen Family Trust has applied to modify an existing subdivision decision – amending the length of road needed to be constructed to town highway specifications. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode ‘DRB’

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Springfield Hospital receives Governor’s Award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is pleased to announce that it has received the 2022 Governor’s Excellence in Worksite Wellness-Gold Level Award. This award is presented each year by the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Vermont Department of Health to worksites that encourage their employees to establish a healthy environment in which to work and create programs that help reduce chronic disease and support emotional wellbeing. “Having a supportive, healthy environment at work is beneficial to both employees and their families,” says Janet Lyle, Springfield Hospital’s VP of Human Resources. “We are pleased

with this recognition by the State of Vermont and will continue to promote positive healthy initiatives for our employees,” Lyle continued. “We thank you for your commitment to health and wellness at your workplace, especially during these unique times,” says Ashwinee Kulkarni, Public Health Specialist with the VT Department of Health.

Gov. Scott announces \$2.83 million for brownfields

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Gov. Phil Scott and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development announced that an additional \$2.83 million of the \$10 million appropriated for brownfield site remediation has been committed in 2022 for projects across the state. The largest cleanup award to date, \$1,233,305, was to Edgar May Health and Recreation Center in Springfield, Vt. In total, the state is investing \$25 million in brownfields this fiscal year.

“Economic revitalization has been a top priority of my Administration since day one, and cleaning up brownfields – sites that once helped support their communities but have become unusable – and turning them into opportunities once again is an important piece of that work,” said Gov. Scott.

The Edgar May project in Windsor County includes the remediation and reuse of two existing buildings – the foundry and former J&L Plant – which will be connected to house expanded offerings including childcare, group exercise, multi-purpose space, lifestyle medicine offices, indoor rock climbing and walking track, and a basketball court. A redevelopment project on this site has been envisioned and worked on since 2006, as ANR’s Department of Environmental Conservation studied the contamination and sought funding to properly address, clean up, and redevelop it. The Brownfields Revitalization Fund proposed by Governor Scott and supported by the legislature, helped fulfill the funding needs to clean up the site after 16 years of work.

In the five months since the Brownfields Revitalization Fund received funding, \$4.53 million of ACCD’s \$10 million portion of the funds have been awarded to 14 projects in four counties – Chittenden, Washington, Windham, and Windsor. The 14 projects combined are anticipated to clean up nearly 17 contaminated

acres and create 490 jobs, 202 units of housing, and 80 new hotel rooms. Additional awards committed since the start of 2022 include the Lineage Reality Group in Montpelier and Black River Crossing in Springfield, which support the expansion of residential and commercial uses in the recreation, food and beverage, clean energy, and hospitality sectors.

A full list of approved cleanup projects and their economic impact, program details, FAQs, and the application form can be found on the Brownfields Revitalization Fund State Program webpage.

Warning Special Meeting Town of Plymouth

The Town of Plymouth will be holding a Special Meeting on May 2, 2022, Monday, at 6:00 pm, at the Town Hall, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, to discuss discontinuing a road, TH 39.

There will be a site visit at 4:30 pm at Hale Hollow Road, Plymouth.

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, April 4 2022 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY April 29 2022.

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

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

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

TOWN OF WESTON

Cemetery Commission
PO Box 98
Weston, Vermont, 05161

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Cemetery Commission of the Town of Weston is seeking bids for the maintenance of the three town cemeteries for the next three years (through the summer of 2024). Work includes regular mowing, spring and fall major clean – ups, and brush clearing as necessary throughout the year. Bids will be accepted at the Weston Town Hall until noon on Friday, April 15.

MAY 16, 2022----- ANNUAL BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION BUSINESS MEETING IN THE BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE AT 7:00 PM

MAY 17, 2022-----VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 61 WESTMINSTER ST, BELLOWS FALLS VOTING HOURS 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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Nomination petitions are ready for those who wish to run for Bellows Falls Village office. The petitions may be picked up at the Town Clerk/Village Clerk’s office any weekday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. They must be returned to the Clerk’s office by April 11, 2022 at 4:30 pm (six Mondays before the election) and contain a minimum of 19 valid signatures.

The last day to file petitions signed by at least five percent (5%) of Village voters with the Village Clerk for articles to be included in Annual Meeting Warning is April 2, 2022 (forty-five days before Annual Meeting).

Anyone whose name does not appear on the Bellows Falls Village checklist must register with the Village Clerk on or before Tuesday May 17, 2022. You may come to the clerk’s office to register to vote Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 am – 4:30 pm. For more information, call the clerk’s office at 463-4336 ext 1102 or 1103, or by email clerk@rockbf.org or asstclerk@rockbf.org

The “Holistic wellness practices” article in the March 23 edition in the Health & Wellness section was shortened for space.

Visit www.jasperforest.com to read the complete article.



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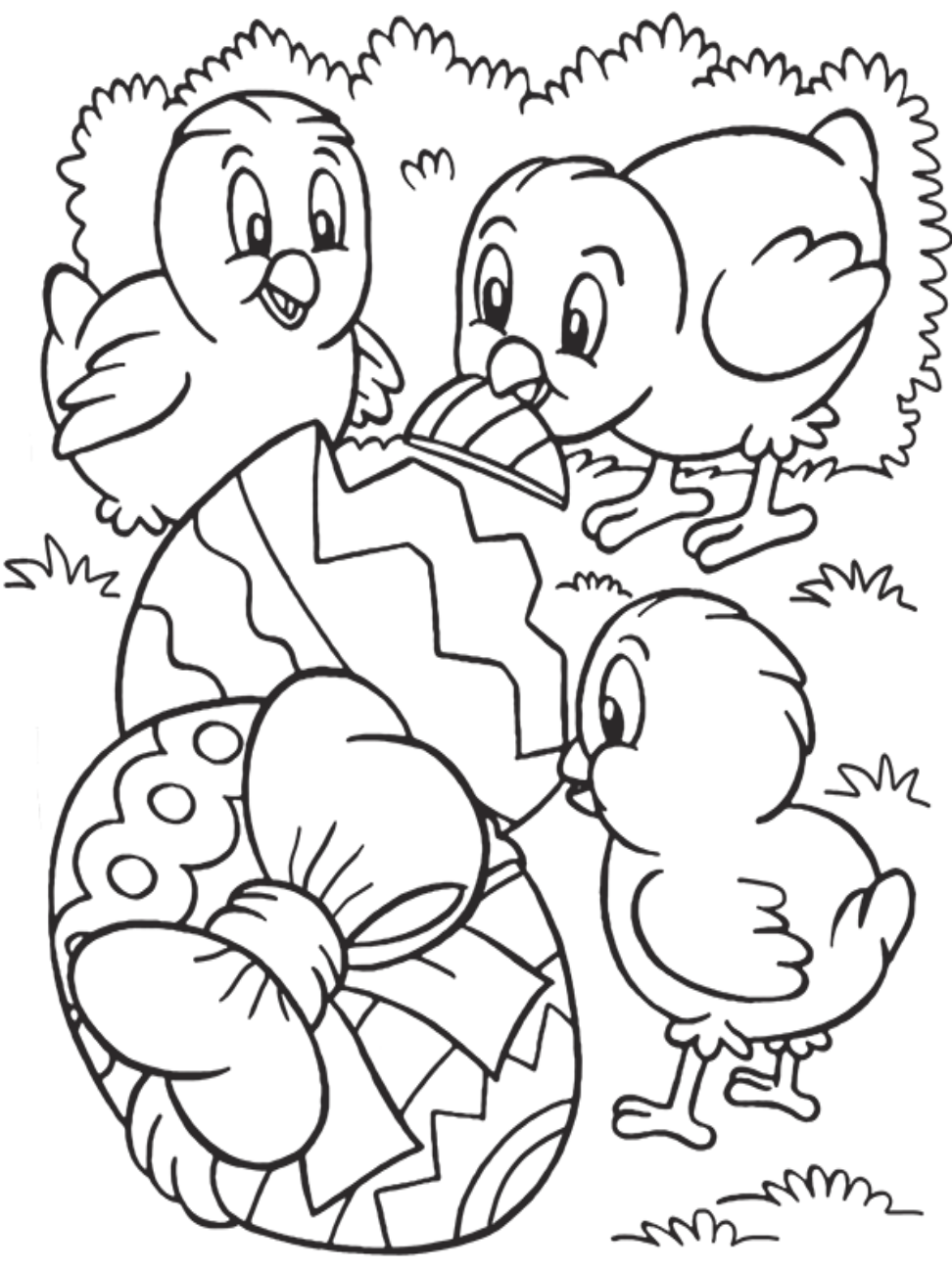
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 4. _____

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The Rules

Fill out your name, age, town, and phone number.
Color the Picture and Complete the Easter Egg Hunt.

Tear out this page and mail it to The Vermont Journal,

P.O. Box 228, Ludlow, VT 05149 by April 11, 2022 for a chance to win an Easter Basket! All entries must be received by mail. Two winners will be notified by phone.

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arts & entertainment

Zentangle at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to offer a Zentangle workshop with Lyn Parker Haas on Friday, April 1 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create delightful images by drawing structured patterns.

Attendees will draw the patterns using a combination of dots, lines, curves, and orbs to make interesting and beautiful images. The Zen in zentangle refers to the relaxation that comes from the practice of making delib-



Lynn Haas Bird. PHOTO PROVIDED

Workshop goers will be introduced to eight to ten tangles and will create two or more finished products.

Registration was due Wednesday, March 30.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield, VT. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Call 802-885-7111, email gallervault@vermontel.net, or visit www.gallervault.org or the VAULT Facebook page for information. Handicap accessible.

Kirsten Manville and Tim Foley in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Kirsten Manville and Tim Foley will co-headline the Stage 33 Live listening room on Sunday, April 10, in a limited-seating 3 p.m. matinee. Manville’s music has been described as a blend of Americana, folk, coun-

try, and blues whose verses sound like they come directly from journal entries. Foley lived in New Orleans for a number of years, and his music is heavily influenced by that city’s traditions of experimentation and fusion. Kirsten and Tim will

perform both separately and together. Seating is limited to 40 people. The performances will be recorded and filmed. There is a recommended donation; advance donations through www.stage33live.com double as chair reservations. Nobody will be turned away for lack of money.

Photo-Poet show at Canal Street Art Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents, “The Spaulding Dunbar Photo-Poet Solo Show.” The show opening is April 8 from 5–7 p.m., and is on view to the public through May 7. Join us in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls on Friday, April 8 to meet and learn more about the artist, celebrate local art, and be a part of the festive opening of this show.

“The Spaulding Dunbar Photo-Poet Solo Show” presents archival and UV coated original prints of photographs taken by the artist on Anjali Farm in Vermont, along the New England coastline, and while visiting family in India. The collection tells tales of cycles, rhythms, order within chaos, familiar connections, comforting realities, and obvious similarities we all experience. The “Solo Show” shares the artist’s passion for his land stewardship experience through narrative images and por-

traits, telling stories of the natural environment and the daily experience of human habitation in it. Installed in parallel with the prints is poetry written by the artist. The poems express the narrative of Dunbar’s process and practice using the camera to capture the photo-poetry of the natural and built world.



“Sandhya.” PHOTO PROVIDED

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal St., Bellows Falls, VT, and is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the “Spaulding Dun-

bar Photo Poet Solo Show,” or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Berklee World Strings presents “Bright Colors on Dark Canvas”

PUTNEY, Vt. – On Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m., Berklee World Strings, directed by Eugene Friesen, will present a program of original work at Next Stage Arts.

The concert will include an original suite for soloists and strings by Palestinian composer and cellist Naseem Alatrash, music that will spotlight Naseem’s extraordinary improvising in Arabic style, along with jazz virtuosi pianist Chase Morrin, and percussionist George Lernis.

Berklee World Strings is made up of string players

from all around the world who bring unique musical backgrounds and styles into a cohesive and original whole. The orchestra’s Vermont program will include new work by three current members: Chilean violinist Brian Urrea’s “Dignidad Para Todos;” violinist and violist Rebecca MacInnes will be featured in her spirited arrangement of Transylvanian folk melodies; Maine fiddler Helen Newell will be the soloist in her original piece “7:08.”

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