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Road construction and paving projects —

REGION – Paving on VT Route 131 from Downers to the VT/NH border began Monday, April 18. The project will last throughout the summer and into the fall. Motorists can expect alternating one-way traffic directed by flaggers and minor delays. Crews will work on ditching in several areas as well.

The bridge replacement project continues at Exit 8 on I-91 in Weathersfield. Lane and speed reductions are in effect in each direction as southbound traffic is merged to the northbound bridge using a crossover.

A deck replacement project is underway on VT Route 103 just south of Smokeshire Road in Chester. Expect speed and lane-width reductions, and intermittent temporary road closures and lane closures with alternating one-way traffic along VT Route 103.

Chester to Springfield VT Route 11 paving project has begun, spanning from the intersection of VT Route 11 and VT Route 103 in Chester, and continuing for 6-plus miles to the intersection of VT Route 11 and VT Route 106 in Springfield. Some ditching and drainage work

will be happening simultaneously. Expect minor delays. Project to be completed this summer.

In addition to the above, multiple bridge replacement projects have resumed on VT Route 11 between VT Route 103 in Chester and VT Route 106 in Springfield. Expect one-way alternating traffic at multiple points along this route, with minor delays in several locations.

Please be patient and mindful of crews working on roadways in the area. Plan ahead for delays.

Easter Basket winners



Abi, 5, Westminister.



William, 8, Chester.

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Second public meeting for ARPA Covid funds —

BY BILL LOCKWOOD
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On April 13, the Town of Rockingham and the Villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River held their second public meeting, facilitated by Camoin Consultants, in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Town Hall. This meeting was another step in determining the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds allotted to these three local administrations by the Federal government.

Nationwide, the plan granted \$353 billion to states and local governments to reverse the negative impacts

of the Covid pandemic. Based on population, \$1.5 billion came to Vermont, which has been divided to grant local communities roughly \$300 per resident; that works out to about \$1.4 million for these three communities. The three local administrations must decide, within the guidelines of the act, what to spend the money on. This process, which includes these public meetings, will determine how they will proceed.

Marty Gallagher, Rockingham Health Center Director and participant at the meeting, said, “I’m proud they put it into a public process. Not every town did.”

The first meeting was held in the same location on March 16 of this year. A project team was formed, consisting of Municipal Manager Scott Pickup, Development Director Gary Fox, Bellows Falls Village President Deborah Wright, Saxtons River Trustee Chair Amy Howlett, Selectboard Chair Peter Golec, and BFDDA Director Betsy Thurston. There were 48 projects proposed from various sources, one of which is a needs assessment from a Council on Rural Development visit two years ago. Groups were formed and discussion ensued. The results were then processed by

the consultants and vetted by ARPA regulators. Additional projects were proposed.

Wright noted, “Great participation. We now have over 55 projects and are moving things forward from the 2019 visit now that we have money involved.” She added, “We have until 2026 to see whatever other [matching funding] we can get for these projects.”

For this second meeting, 58 projects were up for consideration and prioritization. These projects ran the gamut from “very expensive” to “not so expensive,” such as relocating the SEVCA facility in an

Opportunity Zone, replacing old or out of compliance sewer lines, Island Street revitalization, solar panels at the gravel pit, renovations to Town Hall, and developing walkable Rockingham. Again, a similar crowd of interested and invested residents filled the room. In a similar process to the one used by the Council on Rural Development, the consultants had participants discuss in groups and then rank projects by priority, placing colored dots on charts that listed the proposals.

The full group reassembled for a report and summary. Various iterations of

a community and cultural center were popular, as were various solar and sustainability projects. The Villas Bridge restoration also ranked high. Rachel Selsky and Alex Tranter, the consultants, will now compile the results of the discussion and interpret the colored dots placed on the charts listing the projects. They will report their findings to a joint session of the three boards on May 31.

Anyone seeking more information can check “Community Projects” on the Town home page, contact Gary Fox at development@rockbf.org, or call 802-376-5425.

Trustees discuss Greater Falls Farmers Market —

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, April 12, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees set the village tax rate and discussed the Greater Falls Farmers Market at Hetty Green Park on School and Church Street.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the Greater Falls Farmers Market committee had wanted to use the green space owned by Great River Hydro located behind the Brown Fuller Memorial Park, but due to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing, GRH is opposed to doing anything that might impact their application. Other locations had been discussed, but the committee decided upon Hetty Green Park for the year.

Pickup said the committee had requested parking for a fundraiser which would take place on May 20 from 5–8 p.m.

Nate Brown from North Wind Farm explained that they wanted to park a two-horse livestock trailer as storage for tables, tents, and signs in the lot to provide easier access, compared where it had been previously stored at the Train Station and Waypoint Center.

Village President Deborah Wright asked if the trailer would remain in the lot. Brown said they wanted to utilize one of the back spots and that it could be moved if needed.

Wright asked if the market would need electricity and Development Director Gary Fox pointed out that there was no power in the park, even for the flagpole. Fox said the bank did not allow power sharing as “it did not work for their corporate security.” He stated that there will be quiet propane generators available if electricity is needed.

Wade Masure asked about the requested market parking. Janice Leary-Jones from Eventide Farm said the parallel parking spaces adjacent to the park would be used for unloading and customer parking. She said that in the past they had blocked the spaces on Thursday evenings.

Jones said the market is transitioning to be a vendor-run market and is still under the Sustainable Valley Group umbrella. She said that now there was a group of vendors working to collaborate to create the market for the community. According to Jones, they had just hired a market manager, Ash Hutton, who is

new to the area.

Brown said that Hutton seems excited about the market and community engagement. Hutton works at HCRS and Fox said she has a background in nutrition education.

Brown shared that Hutton had said, “I’m really excited to do this, no pay needed...”

The season begins on June 17, coinciding with the Bellows Falls Third Friday, BF3F, and runs Fridays from 4–7 p.m. through September. The kick-off fundraiser is Friday, May 20 from 5–8 p.m.

For vendor information, email greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Find the latest updates and more information on the Greater Falls Farmers Market Facebook page.

Pickup presented the village budget, and said there were no raises on water or sewer. The board adopted the budget and set the FY23 tax rate for \$6149.

The village trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Annual Village Meeting is Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m. with the election the following week Tuesday, May 17.

Fall Mountain launches official Alumni Association

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. – Thanks to the ambitious work of a few classmates from the Fall Mountain Regional High School Class of 1975, the Langdon-based high school, which opened in 1967, has officially launched the Fall Mountain Regional High School Alumni Association.

In 2019, a handful of 1975 classmates got together to plan their 2020, 45th-year class reunion, and started to wonder if other classes from their alma mater also organized reunions every five years like clockwork.

“Our group had formed to prepare for our 45th-year reunion that following year,” FMRHSAA President of the Provisional Board of Directors, Earl Gochey, said in a recent interview. “We had been holding weekly Google Meet meetings for a few months, until it became obvious [due to the pandemic] that our reunion would not occur in the summer of 2020 as planned.”

During these meetings, the question of a

possible Class of 1975 gift was raised, to be dedicated at their 50th-year reunion in 2025, as well as the idea of creating an official alumni association for FMRHS. This alumni association suggestion was born out of the recognition that such an entity would address a real need that has been overlooked for many years.

After further discussion, it was also agreed that this new alumni association would create an annual alumni scholarship, to be given to a deserving Fall Mountain senior each year. “I had a plan for an official alumni association fairly developed, going back before the planning of our 40th-year reunion, but it was ultimately put on the shelf,” Gochey said. “When the question was raised five years later, I knew its time had arrived.”

The FMRHSAA was created by a five-person, Class of 1975 reunion organizing team of: Vice President Allegra Miller, Kathy Bascom-Rich, Chris Young, Mike Kolodziej, and the aforementioned President Earl Gochey. “When presented the idea, our team hopped right on it. Miller also had a latent desire to create an alumni scholarship as well.

The two ideas [forming an alumni association and establishing an annual scholarship] were then merged into one.”

After initially not getting much of a response, Miller made a good connection with the FMRHS guidance department after the alumni association scholarship selection process had been firmly established. Consequently, FMRHS strongly supports the efforts of the FMRHSAA Provisional Board of Directors.

“The immediate goal is to now spread the word that the FMRHSAA exists, as our initial rollout was simply a post on the FMRHS Alumni Facebook page, established by Fall Mountain graduate Annalisa Parent in 2009. An email campaign will also start soon to help spread the word.

“We would also like to recruit some fellow Fall Mountain graduates as to help flesh out a board of directors, five standing committees, and to have at least one class agent from each of the current 55 graduating classes from FMRHS.

“Our Provisional Board has expended a great deal of energy to lay a well-

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Springfield's Family Festival a huge success —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — More than 500 people attended the Week of the Young Child Family Festival, sponsored by Mascoma Bank and held at Riverside Middle School, on Saturday, April 9. The Springfield Area Parent Child Center and The Edgar May Recreation and Health Center collaborated to bring the 29th annual event to the community, celebrating young children and those who work so hard to educate and care for them.

The day started at 9 a.m. with cloudy skies, which turned to rain by 10 a.m., but that did not keep families from coming out in droves to take part in all of the fun activities and to talk about resources available to them as a community by agencies like Springfield Medical Care Systems, HCRC, Springfield Parks & Recreation, EMHRC, New World Adventure School, As We Grow, Vermont Department of Children and

Family Services, Springfield Library, Learning Garden, World of Discovery III, SEVCA Head Start, and 211.

Under SAPCC's big tent, the staff also celebrated the center's 30th anniversary, all sponsored by Building Bright Futures and Dragonfly Designs. Eighty activity bags were given out to children in the first hour, seven Welcome Baby Bags went to families with newborns, 400 cookies were decorated, hundreds of birthday crowns were created, and a Scholastic Book Fair with a "buy one get one free" promotion sold out. About 40 people answered SAPCC's community survey that asked what resources they would most like to see offered, and just about everyone shared how pleased they are with the amazing support SAPCC provides, regarding, "You offer everything! You're awesome!"

A total of 250 meals were donated as part of the "Vermont Everyone Eats

Campaign" by Neal's Restaurant, Jamaica Jewell, Preston's Pizza, and Heritage Deli, and food was available for sale by Munchiez.

Celebrities like Superman (SAPCC's Rob Waters), the Easter Bunny (Springfield Rotary Club's Liz Carey), the Queen of the Fairies (211's Carmina Garciadealba), Wizard of Oz's Dorothy, and a beautiful ballerina (volunteers from Springfield Community Players) greeted the crowd, and Troy Wunderle walked high above little heads on his famous stilts.

The Touch-A-Truck event was a great success, with representatives from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, the National Guard, SprayGuard — featuring Hooey the Dog — VTrans, and Cota & Cota. VT & NH Photo Booths, sponsored by Cota & Cota, provided folks with free memorable pictures of their day.

SAPCC and EMHRC together wish to thank everyone who was a part of this event: the volunteers, food vendors for meals both donated and for sale, Riverside Middle School for graciously allowing us to use their grounds, the Parks & Recreation Department for their help in setting up, Perfections Event/Wedding Planners for SAPCC's big tent, Troy Wunderle, our community partners for providing valuable knowledge and fun activities, and especially our community for showing us that these events matter to them. Thank you, all.

Large donation to Bellows Falls food pantry

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Employees from Advantage Truck Group in Westminster, Vt. delivered cases of baked beans and applesauce to the food pantry at Our Place Drop-In Center in Bellows Falls.

The donation was made through Haulin' 4 Hunger, a program ATG launched ten years ago at its Shrewsbury, Mass. headquarters to provide fresh meals to those in need during the holiday season. The program was

expanded to include donations of non-perishable food to help meet ongoing needs in communities near its other dealer locations, including in Westminster, where ATG is located at 6243 U.S. Route 5.

The donation comes at a time when food prices are rising alongside inflation, putting a strain on both local food pantries and the people they serve. Our Place Food Pantry relies on donations to help support food assistance to individuals and families

and making bulk donations, like ATG's, is especially important.

This month, ATG is donating non-perishable food to six pantries across three states through Haulin' 4 Hunger, including pantries near its dealerships in Lebanon, Manchester, and Seabrook, N.H., and Westfield and Raynham, Mass.

Our Place Food Pantry, 6 Island St., is open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Energy Conservation Clinic —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Head to Springfield Town Library on Friday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. and join Julian Leon from Vermont Energy Education Program to explore how we can use less energy. Participants will gain a basic understanding of energy and

the importance of conservation and efficiency. Attendees will engage in hands-on activities to help us explore transportation, basic home appliances, and the difference between human energy and power plant energy, with a focus on simple conservation behaviors that families can

do at home. This program is geared towards children from Kindergarten to grade three. The clinic is free and open to the public. Please call Michelle at the library if you have any questions at 802-885-3108. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

Blood drive at Springfield Elks

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — This past Wednesday, April 13, the Springfield Vermont Elks Lodge #1560 held their American Red Cross Blood Drive. There were many Elk volunteers in attendance, making the procedures run smoothly for the Red Cross traveling staff. Donations of life-saving blood came from both sides of the Connecticut River.

Everyone is encouraged to come out to the next Red Cross Blood Drive, whether in Springfield or elsewhere in the twin states region. All types of blood are



Smokey Aumand donating his 17th gallon of blood with the help of Shaton Lee.

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needed. For more information, call 800-733-2767.

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spectable chunk of seed-funding to set up this organization for success. However, the foundation was also created to be built upon from here.

"Fall Mountain alumni are strongly encouraged to reach out, for the future effectiveness of the FMRH-SAA depends on the imagination and efforts of those graduates who appreciate the valuable friendships created and the education received at FMRHS."

To reach out and learn more, visit www.fmrhsalumni.org or email info@fmrhsalumni.org.

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OLLI, "Vermont Women in the Civil War"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Howard Coffin, noted Vermont author and lecturer on Civil War history, will present the OLLI – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, "Vermont Women in the Civil War" on Tuesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Coffin has written several books on Vermont's role in the Civil War. He researches his information from family diaries and letters. Thus, his stories concerning the role that women played during the war are accurate and detailed personal stories.

Come hear how Vermont women sustained the home front in the Green Moun-

tain State as they managed the operations of the farms and worked in factories to manufacture much-needed supplies for soldiers while the state's able-bodied men were away on the battlefields during the Civil War, years of 1861-1865. Learn how others joined the war effort by editing anti-slavery newspapers, speaking out against slavery, and teaching classes to newly-freed slaves in the South.

Listen to Vermont women's own words as Coffin relates his research from their letters and diaries to tell their stories – including that of one Vermont woman who appears to have secretly enlisted and fought in a Vermont regiment.

The next OLLI program,

just one week later on May 3, will be the final program of the Spring semester. This earlier postponed program, 'Landscape Gardening for Pollinators and Wildlife,' with Henry Homeyer, is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. 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 situation of Covid-19, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events (including OLLI), will be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn at indoor events.

Springfield's Dance Factory returns with Spring Recital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Following two years of pandemic-related disruptions, The Dance Factory will be presenting their Spring Recital on Saturday, May 7 at Springfield High School. Well over 100 dancers will be on stage, some of whom travel up to 40 minutes to attend classes. Performers aged preschool to adult will be showcasing their proficiency in ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, tap, acro, and yoga.

The recital marks a joyous return to staged, costumed performances for Dance Factory students. The 2020 recital was canceled completely in compliance with Covid protocols. In 2021, the studio arranged a week of casual outdoor performances at North School in North Springfield in lieu of a traditional performance.

"We are so thankful that we are able to have an indoor recital with costumes, lighting, and music," says studio owner Kate DeRosia. "Everyone has worked so hard this year, and it's time to celebrate!"

While ballet students at

The Dance Factory have the opportunity to perform in the studio's annual production of "The Nutcracker," the studio's Spring Recital is the main performance opportunity for students who study all other dance styles.

"There is so much excitement about getting to perform on stage again," says Dance Factory teacher Ashley Hensel-Browning, who is also dancing in the recital. "The joy and enthusiasm radiating from our students is sure to be contagious."

To accommodate audiences and dancers – most of whom are performing in multiple pieces – The Dance Factory will host performances at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advanced teen and adult dancers will perform in both shows, while younger classes will be split up between the two times.

The studio faculty wishes to extend their appreciation to Springfield High School for hosting the recital, with special thanks to Theater Department head Becky

Skrypeck, lighting director Velcea Kae, and all the wonderful custodians.

The Dance Factory, located on Main Street, is an inclusive, community-centered dance studio that has offered classes since 1984. The studio's highly-trained faculty welcomes dancers of all ages and ability levels. Preregistration is now open for summer dance sessions for ages preschool through adult. For more information, please visit www.dancefactoryvt.com.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Historical donation

Recently, the Chester Historical Society received a wonderful donation of historical artifacts from a lady in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A former Chester resident, last living in Nova Scotia, requested that her early family documents were returned home to the Chester Historical Society. It's an interesting lot, as you shall see.

The deeds represent Andover and Hillsboro County, N.H. properties. The families represented are Carlton, Larkin, Kingsbury, Peabody, and others. The donor's name was Lucille Carlton Stewart. Lucille Carlton graduated Chester High School in 1939.

Included is a Kingsbury family genealogy record beginning in England in 1539 and ends here in Vermont in 1822. There are many early deeds. The earliest handwritten deed I have found so far is from 1779. Here are a few details from that deed:

"Know all men by these presents that I, John Keyes of Wilton in the County of Hillsboro and state of New Hampshire, yeoman for... Consideration of the sum of five pounds, paid to me in hand by Isaac Peabody jun..."

This deed is interesting. In 1779 the colonies didn't have their own currency, so payment was British pounds. In those days European coinage was in circulation here. Circulating in the colonies at the time were British, French, Irish, and Spanish coins. This is the birth of America.

At this time a word such as "presents" could be spelled with an "f" instead of an "s." Often, when you see "f" instead of "s" is when the word had two s's. An example would be "witnefs."

As I held this 1779 deed I found the last line moving. "In the fourth year..." I felt I was there.

"...John Keyes have here unto set my hand and seal this six day of September AD 1779 in the fourth year of American independence..."

The Carlton family
Lucille Carlton lived in the brick house on the right up Goldthwaite Road. Included with this



Fifth grade at the Academy Building. Lucille front row, third from right.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

donation are two old photo albums. One album includes many photos of Lucille's childhood. There are photos of her as a baby, in grade school, and eventually at Chester High School.

There are numerous photos of the Carlton house, its barns and a round wooden silo. Of particular interest to me are photos of the soapstone quarry on the property.

Those my age will remember swimming in the quarry. Some of us painted our names on the rock face on the opposite wall. There's another photo of a man holding a six-foot long soapstone core sample from the core drill. This is the first time I have seen photos of any others.

I know of two different occasions when men were killed here.

Old letters
There are a few letters and handbills from the mid-1800s. One letter is from a Civil War soldier from Andover. It was written by Charles H. Larkin when he was at Fortress Monroe, Va., May 19, 1861.

Being such an early war date, hostilities hadn't heated up yet. In this letter home, Larkin comments on his pleasant accommodations. Food is good, but he doesn't like guard duty.

"...I wrote to you that we were going to change quarters. Well, we moved over here the day before yesterday, and are now in as comfortable quarters as soldiers can get. It is a first class hotel and is a very pleasant place. Our room is on the west side of the house. Under our window is a yard with gravel walks and so many flowers. I am sitting now with my paper on the window stool and my arm at the open

window. In the road the soldiers are walking and talking and laughing in the style peculiar to soldiers.

We have been down on the beach watching a conflict between our war vessels and a secession battery. The firing has stopped now for it is too dark to fire with effect now. They kept up a brisk firing there on both sides, but the Steamers are not injured in the least..."

Fort Sumter had only been fired upon the month before. Larkin reenlisted in February 1864 and was mustered out of service in March of 1866.

Larkin served in Company G of the 7th Vermont Infantry Regiment 'til war's end. The 7th fought at the Siege of Vicksburg in June and July 1862, Baton Rouge, La.; Aug. 5, 1862, Gonzales Station, La.; July 15, 1864, Mobile Campaign and Spanish Fort, Ala., March 17 to April 11, 1865; and Whistler, Ala., April 13, 1865.

This week's old saying:
"People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses."



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

The Gill Odd Fellows Home wants to thank all the taxpayers of the Town and Village of Ludlow for approving our Property Tax Abatement for the next five years. This is such a help to us. On behalf of the

residents, the employees, and the Board of Trustees, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Theresa Southworth
Administrator
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am the State Representative for the Cavendish/Weathersfield district W2. With the new redistricting, W2 will also include the town of Baltimore.

reelection as your representative in 2022. I look forward to working with my successor in the future on the issues of the day.

First I want to thank all my constituents that supported me in the 2020 election. I will not be seeking

Sincerely,
John Arrison
Representative
Ascutney, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The class of 1971 is in the process of planning their 51st class reunion. Listed below are classmates that we need to find current addresses for, as previously our reunion letters were returned with no known address:

- Edward Bingham
- Susan Hemingway
- Dennis Lynch
- Gerald Martel
- Rosanna (Morse) Drexler
- Judy (Robbin) Morel
- Richard Sileski
- Sylvia (Start) Thomas

Patty Sylvester
Ann (Taylor) Currier
Martha (Waite) Wisnoosky
Laurie (Wareing) Shelly
Richard Williams

We are asking family members or people in the community who may know the current addresses of any these classmates to email Brenda Lynch at brendi67@yahoo.com or call her at 802-354-0134. Thank you for any information you can give us.

Sincerely,
Mary Trombly
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

“Hometown”
I remember whispers of parties back home
And all the girls I wanted to be like
Resentful and bitter ‘cause I didn’t get an invite
No, I’ve never been to a party in my hometown
You either want to fit in, or can’t wait to get out
But these days I look back and smile instead
And wonder if they think about me now and then

And when I leave
It’s not the first time, it won’t be the last
And everyone says the years go fast
Running far sure is harder than I thought

When every road leads back to southern Vermont
And though I’m not the same girl as when I first flew out,
Things never do change in this two-street town

To go from
Far away places to familiar dirt roads
I’m lucky to be one of the few who know
Mud season and fires shining through summer nights
Streets flying flags of purple and white
And while my soul tends to go wherever it’s called,
I know it always has a place there in Bellows Falls

Sincerely,
Nina King
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Fraud Watch Network: Social Media Scams

REGION – Do you recognize the names Kuaishou, QZone, or Sina Weibo? Maybe not, but most people around the world at least recognize most of these: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok. Welcome to the growing world of social media. User numbers are astounding. Facebook alone identifies nearly two billion people accessing its “service” daily; that

is almost one-quarter of the population of the planet. Social media is a gold mine for scammers.

In 2021, the Federal Trade Commission reported losses of greater than three-quarters of \$1 billion to social media scams; almost 100,000 victims. Those numbers are just from the FTC and don’t include what is reported to other agencies or state governments, let

alone what is not reported.

Almost one-half of the scam complaints received by the FTC involved online shopping; attractive ads promoting in-demand items at low prices from brand name companies. Facebook and Instagram accounted for nearly 90% of the fraudulent ads. Criminals even used the services provided to advertisers that allow for commercial targeting based on individual habits. The ads lead to copycat websites featuring deep discounts and favor payment with money transfer programs such as Zelle and Venmo. In the end, no product is received and the criminal profits. Four recommendations: 1) Don’t shop from social media ads; 2) Check with the Better Business Bureau or conduct a browser search of the company attaching the word “scam” or “complaint” to the name; 3) Don’t click the link that is provided. Enter the retailer’s name on the search line and go the official website. If there is a sale, it will show up there. Brand-name companies do not offer deep discounts to billions of social media users; 4) If you decide to take a chance and make a purchase, use a credit card and not a debit card, as credit cards offer numerous protections from fraud.

Investment scams are also growing at a rapid rate through social media. Some

involve crypto currency like Bitcoin to invest in traditional categories including stocks, bonds, precious metals, and real estate. Quite often, the criminal uses social media to “friend” victims and develop a relationship with them before setting the investment trap. In 2021, the median loss in an investment scam was over \$1,800. Losses as high as \$40,000 are common, but in most cases easily preventable.

Don’t be lured by the promise of high returns or guaranteed protection from losses. It may look great, but the promises may be too good to be true. Legitimate investments must be registered with your state, usually the Secretary of State or Department of Financial Regulation, and the brokers must also be registered. Don’t succumb to urgency or the need to transfer money by cash services such as Zelle, Venmo, or wire transfer.

When dealing with social media, remember that every entry you make is being watched by someone or something – a computer. Be discreet when sharing personal information. Innocent comments about health, preferences, or family becomes ammunition for the con artist. Carefully consider any requests from strangers to “friend” you or enter your circle of contacts.

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

**PROJECT LISTING
SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Project: VCT Flooring Replacement – Riverside Middle School
Location: Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT.
Description: Install VCT Flooring
Specifications available from Martha Tarbell, 802-885-5120

Proposal Due Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., submitted to owner (below) in a sealed envelope marked “RMS Tile Project” on the outside of the envelope.
Mandatory site inspection and walk through must be scheduled no later than May 5, 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

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14 "Peter Pan" pooch
15 "No problem!" Darkens
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28 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
31 Missing
33 Pouch
35 Shri!l barks
36 Toy (with)
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40 Make lace
41 Beer, slangily
43 Capote nickname
45 Black Sea port
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51 Accomplishes
52 "Yes?"
54 Garfield's pal
55 Napoleon's

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25 "In my view ..."
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CHURCH SERVICES

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Florence Gomez memorial service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Memorial service for Florence Gomez will be held Saturday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Church of Christ at 972 Chester Rd.,

Springfield, VT 05156. Due to current health concerns, the family requests masks be worn during the service; they will be provided at the entrance.

Lucille Hart, 1933-2022

WESTON, Vt. – Lucille (Wood) Hart, 89, of Weston passed away peacefully at her home on April 12. She was born in Rutland, Vt. on April 10, 1933 to William and Beatrice (Devino) Wood. Her fondest memories were of living on the farm and attending high school in Vergennes. Lucille met her husband, Harry Hart, of 48 years at a Timmouth barn dance and became a lifelong resident of Weston in 1951.



Lucille Hart, 1933-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

A caregiver by nature, she dedicated her life to nurturing people. She provided what we now know as “home daycare” to her grandchildren and area residents. Family was very important to her and she was always there to listen, feed, and comfort in times of need. She was our “Dr. Hart” and will forever be missed.

As a younger gal, favorite past times included fine spirits, playing cards, and listening and dancing to old time country and bluegrass music. In her later years, Lucille enjoyed baking, reading, flower gardens, word search puzzles, and rolling dice.

She is survived by five sons and one daughter; Harry Hart Jr. of Weston; Anthony (Lydia) Hart of Pownal; Stephen and Jeffery Hart of Weston; Brian (Monica) Hart of Peru; Veronica (Ken) Bolton of S. Londonderry; two brothers, Leslie and Glen Wood;

21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Lucille is predeceased by her husband, a daughter, Deborah Roby, a son, Gregory Hart, a granddaughter, Hannah Bolton, and a great-granddaughter, Ellie Hart, a companion of 13 years, Dale Scarborough; five siblings, Edith Raiche, Beverly Derby, Bruce, Malcome, and Melvin Wood.

Per Lucille’s request, there will be no services. She will be laid to rest with her husband in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148.

A special thank you to everyone who helped us complete her journey in the comfort of her home.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Moria Romeo memorial service

LAKELAND, Fla. – Moria Romeo, age 94, of Lakeland, Fla., passed on March 26, 2022.

She will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Betsy Jane Foster, 1954-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Betsy Jane (Freeman) Foster, 67, of Springfield, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at her home.

She was born on May 23, 1954, in Rutland, Vt. to Lawrence and Shirley (To-driff) Freeman.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Theodore Foster, Warren Foster of Orlando, Fla., her mother, Shirley Freeman of Springfield, Vt., her brothers, Ricky Freeman of Claremont, N.H. and Jim Freeman of Brookfield, Vt., as well as nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Danny Foster, daughter, Mandy Foster, father, Lawrence Freeman, and beloved sister, Marlene



Betsy Foster, 1954-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Freeman.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. in The Great Hall, 100 River St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Freda B. Howe, 1935-2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Freda B. Howe, 86, of Ludlow, Vt., and former Rutland and Brandon, Vt. resident, died Aug. 12, 2021 at The Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born March 12, 1935 in Potsdam, N.Y., daughter of Frances Laraby and Freeman Webster.

Freda married Harold LaComb, and the couple had two daughters before divorcing. Freda married Gene P. Scott, the love of her life, and they had a son. Gene passed away in January of 1978. Freda married three more times.

Freda was a short order cook for several restaurants in the Potsdam area and worked many factory jobs before becoming a bookkeeper at several companies. Freda was President of the Ladies Auxiliary at the American Legion in Brandon Post #55, and her service carried over to Rutland Post #31. Freda loved to dance and travel to Vegas and the Caribbean with her gal pals.

Freda suffered a stroke during her marriage of 21 years to Leslie Howe, who predeceased her in February of 2021. Surviving are her children, Linda (Larry) Goodrich of Puy-



Freda Howe, 1935-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

allup, Wash.; Gloria (Tom) Abelgore of Fulton, N.Y.; and Daniel (Suzanne) Scott of Springfield, Vt.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Freda is also survived by her sister, Evelyn Johnston of Potsdam, N.Y., and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on April 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. A burial will follow at the Oakland Cemetery. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

The family wishes to thank all the dedicated healthcare staff at The Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow for her excellent care.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Victoria Golec, 1959-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Victoria J. Golec, 62, of Westminster Street, died Friday, April 8, 2022 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H. She was born May 17, 1959 in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Francis and Shirley (Moore) Denno.

Victoria graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1977. She went on to work at McGirr’s, Hill House, Brook Wood, Davis Home, and Sterling House. Her career as a caregiver was filled with passion and led her to touch the lives of many. Victoria loved to be on the boat on the Connecticut River with her dogs. She loved her dogs and they were like children to her.

She is survived by her dog Hunter, her mother Shirley, her sisters Sue Wirta, Catherine James, and Kim Denno, along with many nieces and nephews. Victoria is predeceased by nieces Alicia Marie and Ashley Jane James, as well as her



Victoria Golec, 1959-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

father, Francis.

There was a funeral mass at St. Charles Church, Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. with calling hours from 10 – 11 a.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT. A burial followed in the St. Charles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ASPCA in Victoria’s Memory; go to www.ASPCA.org to make a donation online, or send a check to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090.

Abby M Krim, 1961-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Jan. 14, 2022 the world lost one of its kindest to heart disease. Abby M Krim was born on April 10, 1961 in New Rochelle, N.Y. and had been living in Ludlow, Vt. for the past few years. She was the cherished daughter of Carol and the late Michael Krim, of Trumbull, Conn., Abby’s hometown. Abby is also missed terribly by her sister Risa, brother-in-law Gary, her niece Dana and nephew Eric, both of whom she adored, as well as by her dear Aunt Barbara, special cousins, and very close friends. She was the granddaughter of her proud grandparents, all no longer here, Ida and Samuel Krim, Dorothy Mirsky, and her namesake, who never got to meet her, Abraham Mirsky. A private service took place on Jan. 16.

Though she worked in marketing, Abby was an exceptional photographer, always with camera in hand and always excited to learn new advances in photo and printing technologies. She was also a wonderful writer and a skilled potter.

As a high school junior, Abby spent her summer studying with current Harvard students and getting a taste for college life. She graduated from Colby College where she met some of her dearest friends. She had also earned her MBA. All of this education paid off when she and her uncle would challenge each other to finish the Sunday NYTimes crossword puzzle first – in pen.

Abby loved both of her parents very much. After losing her father, she continued to visit her mother as often as she could. Throughout her life, Abby enjoyed traveling to National Parks, which her parents first introduced her to on childhood family vacations, as well as to Europe. Knowing how much her mother loved to travel, with the loss of her dad, Abby stepped in and the two shared many wonderful trips together.

She loved being with her family and friends. She loved sharing Starbucks and



Abby M Krim, 1961-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

stories with her niece and a common sense of humor with her nephew - usually at her sister’s expense which made it all the funnier (but she was always a good big sister). She had a great chuckle, which was heard during the telling of stories. She cherished her friendships, some spanning over 50 years. Whenever possible, she met up with cousins or friends and looked forward to all family gatherings – even if she had to do the drive (sorry). It wasn’t uncommon that during one of her many photography trips, she would detour a few hours to meet up with a friend. We wish there was more time for talks around the table and if the table could be at Rovers Return, all the better.

Abby was a true and loyal friend who cared about what interested the people who surrounded her, whether a close friend or casual acquaintance. One of her friends may have said it best, “Abby was a good friend with a kind heart. She was one of the most civic minded, good citizens I ever met. She gave blood (as often as the Red Cross would allow), voted, and was responsible in her actions. She could find joy in small things – a good cup of coffee, a good picture or painting. Because of Abby, I had adventures and met people I otherwise would not have known, for that I will be forever grateful. The world is a poorer place without her.” – CH

The next time you smell a strong cup of black coffee, think of her. We miss you, Ab.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

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CHESTER, VT.

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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.

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.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org.

Daniel Martinez, 1965-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Daniel Martinez, 56, of LaBelle, Fla., died March 28, 2022 after a period of failing health. He was born the third of six children to Dario and Maria Martinez on May 1, 1965 in Naples, Fla.

For a short time the family lived in Michigan but the children returned to Florida and Dan attended school in LaBelle. He married Sherry Edwards 1984-1991 and moved to Vermont. He later married Nealia Barnes 2000-2013 and lived in New Hampshire. Dan worked construction for Ingram, Janciewicz, Everard, himself, and also with good friend Eric Clark before returning to Florida in 2017 where he continued in construction. When not working, he enjoyed time with friends and family, making furniture, sports, bicycling, hiking, drawing, camping, music, and movies.

Dan is survived by his Martinez family: four



Daniel Martinez, 1965-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

brothers – Dario Jr., David (Machelle), Dean, and Di-ego (Eileen); one sister Di-ana; three sons, Daniel Jr. (Rachel), Jacob (Jennifer), and Anthony; two daughters, Emelia and Elicia; three grandsons, Peyton, Jaxon, and Cayden; three nephews, David Jr., Lenny, and Mateo; four nieces, Jennifer, Kelly, Sierra, and Erikka; his Aunt Rosa; and many cousins, grand-nephews, and nieces. A celebration of life will be held June 4 in Florida.

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YARD SALE

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Huge Yard Sale Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 22-24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Antiques, furniture, collectables, kitchenware, bakery/restaurant equipment, books, tools, construction materials, office supplies

and much more. No early birds please. 1214 Branch Brook Rd.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Moving Sale, all must go. Small furniture, bedding, queen bed, king bed, snowmobile stuff, wall mirror, kitchen stuff, knick knacks, decorations, snow shoes and more. Sat, April 23, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 275 Heald Rd.

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 May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following applications for subdivision:

Application#: 9/34/22/3/9A **Applicant/Owner:** Chris Carlock **Location:** 87 Trombley Rd. **Application for:** A minor subdivision of an existing parcel annexed to an adjacent parcel, creating one continuous lot.

Application#: 9/34/22/3/9B **Applicant/Owner:** Chris Carlock **Location:** 91 Trombley Rd. **Application for:** A minor subdivision of one existing lot into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 14th day of April, 2022

Jonathan W. Stevens
Andover Assistant Town Clerk

Invitation to Bid The Town of Andover is seeking Winter Sand bids for the 2022/23 season

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Dated at Andover, VT this 1st day of April, 2022.
Jeanette Haight, Clerk

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM Request for Proposals 16 x 20 foot Recycling Shed

Monday April 18, 2022

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting lump sum submission for the construction of a 16 x 20 foot shed at the current Recycling facility 7446 US Route 5.

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Construction to begin by 7-1-22, with completion no later than 8-15-22.

A copy of additional specifications will be available on the town website.

Scott D. Pickup
Municipal Manager
Town of Rockingham

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Town of Plymouth Seeks to appoint a Town Clerk. The position is a 1 year appointment and would then be required to run in the election next March. Interested persons must be a resident of the Town of Plymouth. This position requires being informed of all aspects of Town business and is generally the public interface, fielding questions from residents and other interested parties. The Clerk duties are include but are not limited to: Setting up elections, recording deeds and licenses, warning meetings and posting minutes, dispersing information to other town departments, grant application and reporting. Must work closely with the Treasurer, Selectboard, Listers, Zoning administrator, and participates as a member of the Board of Civil Authority. This Selectboard is open to discussion as to whether this is a full or part-time position, and will discuss salary and benefits with applicants.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for summer maintenance of several Town parks for the coming three summers. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Monday, April 25, 2022.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

School Bus Driver

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

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VT FULL-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION

The Town of Springfield is seeking to fill a Dispatcher position. This is a Full-Time position with an excellent benefit package. The starting pay is \$20.29 per hour for no prior dispatch experience (training rate). Otherwise, starting pay is \$20.63 depending on prior experience level. This is a second shift position, 3:00 to 11:00 PM. Training will be provided. Applications and additional information on the position, benefits, and union contract may be picked up at the Springfield Police Station, 201 Clinton Street, or by calling the Department's Administrative Assistant at 802-885-2113. Applications may also be downloaded at www.springfieldvt.org. Complete applications should be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Mark Fountain at the Springfield Police Department. Applications will be accepted until April 22, 2022 or until the position is filled. The Town is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 202218 Peter & Patricia Fuller Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Site Plan Review (30-722) to establish a camp store, camp kitchen and to host small sized outdoor hospitality events and activities to include weddings. The property is zoned RA-5 acre and is located at 481 Parker Hill Road.

Application 202219 Town of Springfield / Michael Schmitt Design Review (Section 30-724), Conditional Use (Section 30-723) and Site Plan Review (30-722) to establish outdoor seating for Black River Coffee Bar at 5 Main Street

Application 202223 Jessica Jesiolowski Conditional Use (Section 30-723), Site Plan Review (30-722) and Agriculture and Forestry Product Processing (Section 30-580) to establish a Tier II Cannabis Cultivation Business. The property is zoned RA-5 and is located at 15 Baltimore Road. There will be a SITE VISIT prior to the hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Assist with preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov. Please return applications/resumes to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Traditional Chinese Calligraphy with Jonathan Root, April 23. Register by 4/20.

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- Black River Academy Museum promo
- Gov. Scott's Weekly Address
- We're now streaming BOTH of our TV channels 24/7- Okemovalley.tv

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sports

HELP WANTED/LEGAL NOTICES

SPORTS SCHEDULE

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game

or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

Thursday, April 21 –

Boys Baseball
Bellows Falls at Burr and Burton, 4:30 p.m.
Windsor at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 –

Boys Baseball
Springfield at Leland and Gray, 11 a.m.
Green Mountain at Bel-

lows Falls, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 –

Boys Baseball
Woodstock Union at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.
Mill River at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Leland and Gray at Arlington Memorial, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28 –

Unified Basketball
Hartford at Springfield, 4 p.m.
Boys Baseball
Springfield at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Green Mountain at Proctor, 4:30 p.m.
Woodstock at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30 –

Boys Baseball
Otter Valley Union at Springfield, 11 a.m.
Leland and Gray at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 3 –

Boys Baseball
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.
White River Valley at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Poultney at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT WINDSOR UNIT PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-01870

In re ESTATE OF: ABBY M KRIM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To The Creditors of: ABBY M KRIM, late of Ludlow.

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

Dated: April 16, 2022 Signature of Fiduciary *Risa Sorge*

Executor/Administrator: Risa Sorge Mailing Address: c/o Estate of Abby Krim P.O. Box 152 Ludlow, VT 05149

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Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Probate Division 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

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 LUDLOW, VERMONT TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Truck Driver/Laborer. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow from roads and sidewalks, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Most possess a valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, dump body and sander, loader and backhoe. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, equipment operation and mechanics required. Municipal Benefit Package including health/dental/life/and disability insurance. Send resume, call Ron Tarbell, visit our website www.ludlow.vt.us or come into the Municipal Office for an application form: Ludlow Highway Department, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting is on May 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:
Applicant: Maria Ferraro
Application No: 292-06-CU AMD 1
Property Location: 185 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 230403.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to change the use from a Veterinary Clinic to a retail store - Chocolate/Biscotti Shop

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the ZOOM ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk, DRB

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The ZOOM electronic DRB board meeting will be held on May 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:
Applicant: Off the Rails Restaurant
64 Pond Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Application No: 84/85-199-CU, AMD 5
Property Location: 64 Pond Street
Ludlow, VT 05149
Parcel Number: 030363-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit for Off the Rails Restaurant to construct an outdoor deck. The deck is for outside dining for up to 50-seats. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us with the ZOOM ID no. and the URL link.

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

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Unified Basketball, Springfield vs. Brattleboro



Springfield Unified Basketball team plays Brattleboro. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Unified Basketball team rang in their second win on Tuesday, April 12 at Dressel Gym April 12 at Dressel Gym to give them a 2–2 record. The Cosmos welcomed the Brattleboro Colonels in their fourth game of the season. Community members, teachers, and parents again filled the stands to watch the contest.

Under the hoop for the Cosmos was Emily Toner, Lexy Bills, Isaiah Short, and Sam Bailey, rebounding offensively and defensively to help the Cosmos lead the team in baskets. Leading Springfield with points were Lexi Bills with 14 points, and Emily Toner and Isaiah Short with eight points. Patrick Toner, Josh Graves, and Kaitlyn McGrath each

chipped in with two points. Williams and Gultekin's offensive setup dished the ball to Toner, Bills, and Short throughout the night. Assists from Carl and Bennett to their teammates helped the Cosmos ring in the big win.

At the half, the Cosmos and Colonels were tied at 16–16. Emily Toner's six points gave the Cosmos the lead at the end of the third quarter with a 28–22 lead. Bills finished out the fourth quarter with six points, and a basket from Graves gave the Cosmos their final score of 36 points.

Coaches Gultekin and Pinter-Petrillo have been working with the team this week on rebounding and fast break layups. The drills paid off. Sam Bailey was a speed demon up and down the court to position offensively and defensively. Bailey was not able to sink a shot during the game, but with his determination baskets will soon fall. Keep shooting Sam! The Cosmos, as Gultekin said, is a young team. It was so exciting to hear the athletes want to stay on the court and play. Isaiah Short was so into the game that he wanted to stay on the court the entire time. Toner also commented, "Put me back in, put me back in." I have been coaching the team for seven years and each year I have fun, see growth, and always look forward to next year. Covid set us back, but we are back now. This young team will keep growing and growing, in skills and enthusiasm. Thank you team for giving me the opportunity to coach all of you.

Lexy Bills earned many points throughout the night with her fast breaks and jumpers. Isaiah Short focused tonight on dribbling to the hoop to earn his eight points. Emily Toner is a powerhouse under the basket. Her motivation helped lead the Cosmos to their win.

For Brattleboro, Jonie Tuttle led with ten points, and Justin Wegiel and Bobby Petrie both added four points. Ashley Cleveland, Tyler Bolduc, Kyle Simuro, and Justin Anderson each chipped in two points. Thank you Brattleboro for the visit. We will see you on May 4 on your court. Enjoy the rest of the season and have fun.

Written by Margaret Gultekin, Unified Basketball Coach, Springfield High School.



Spring Home Improvement

Prepare your property for spring -

LUDLOW, Vt. - The weather is shifting from winter to spring, making it a great time to prepare your home for the changing season. Whether your house feels stuffy from having the windows shut all winter or you're looking to spruce up some things, we have tips to help you accomplish your spring-cleaning list.

Clean Gutters - Gutters are great for directing rain away from your roof, but they also collect leaves and other debris. Check your gutters and downspouts for any blockages to ensure there are no water backups anywhere. You'll also want to make sure there aren't any holes or cracks.

Check the Roof - While you have the ladder out, check your roof for any damage. Be on the lookout for any damaged or missing shingles. It's also a good idea to check your attic for any signs of water damage. If you aren't comfortable checking yourself, there are many professional services that can inspect your roof.

Clear Area Around AC Unit - Pretty soon you will be turning on your air conditioning, if you haven't already. One key outdoor task some homeowners overlook is clearing out the area around the AC unit. Leaves, weeds, and other debris can build up over the season and it is important to make sure it's clean in order to run properly.

Check Siding/Foundation/Window Seals - With snow melted and plants not yet in bloom, spring is a good time to check the structure of your home. Take a walk around your property to check for cracks in your foundation, siding, and window seals. If you find any damage, you will want to get them taken care of before too many spring storms arrive.

Clean Outdoor Social Areas - Give your outdoor furniture and appliances a good refresh so that the spaces are guest-ready when warmer weather hits. Clean buildup off of your grill so can host your first

barbecue of the season and clean up your outdoor furniture so your friends and family have a place to sit.

Change Filters - When was the last time you replaced any of the filters on your appliances? Customarily, homeowners should be changing the filters around their home every 3-6 months. This includes cooling and heating systems, dryers, range hoods, and refrigerators, among others.

Clean and Repair Screens - Window and storm door screens collect dirt and debris throughout the year. Spring is a great time to take them out and hose them off to start fresh this season. They may also get damaged from weather or general wear and tear.

Consider repairing or replacing any torn or damaged screens.

Replace Detector Batteries - Changing the batteries in detectors around your home is both a good habit and safe practice. Replace your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries at least once a year.

Clean the Fireplace - Call your local chimney sweep because you probably aren't cleaning your fireplace as often as you should. Spring is a good time to have your chimney inspected for hazards like creosote buildup or flue damage. Whether you have a woodburning or gas fireplace, proper maintenance will go a long way toward keeping you and your home safe from fire damage.



Clean up inside and out in preparation for spring. STOCK PHOTO

In Summary - Tackling an entire list of spring-checkup tasks can feel overwhelming. Spread your spring cleaning out over a few weekends and be sure to have some fun in between. *Written by Prime Lending.*

VLCT, Efficiency Vermont to expand municipal energy efficiency programs



Grants will help fund projects to improve energy efficiency. STOCK PHOTO

REGION - The Vermont League of Cities and Towns and Efficiency Vermont have launched a new partnership to lower municipal energy costs and climate impacts. The partnership, part of VLCT's recently launched Business Alliance Program, is focused on helping municipalities access the support they need to reduce their energy costs and save taxpayer dollars.

Vermont's share of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allocated over \$200 million to its towns. Other state and federal funding opportunities are on the horizon. Towns can work directly with VLCT experts to understand how to leverage these dollars. One option is to invest in energy efficiency projects that can reduce energy expenses and support their climate goals.

Municipalities that are interested in saving energy can sign up for a free energy assessment from Efficiency Vermont at www.efficiencyvermont.com/towns. During this consultation, an Efficiency Vermont energy consultant will work with town staff to identify and prioritize energy-saving projects for their buildings.

This session, the Vermont Legislature is considering bills that would create additional energy-related opportunities for municipalities. Should these proposals pass into law, the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services would be able to offer grants of up to \$250,000 per municipality to undertake energy efficiency projects like fuel switching and weatherization using state-allocated ARPA funding. VLCT, the Department

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arts & entertainment

Yarn Workshop at the VAULT—

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gallery at the VAULT invites you to join fiber artist Julie Crabtree for a workshop entitled “Letting The Yarn Speak” on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn hand-embroidery, a free approach to embroidery stitches. Learn several stitches and explore those stitches in a creative way, using various threads and yarns over themselves to create texture in a new concept. After making a sample, three to four stitches will be chosen to create a textured piece based on a photo or

picture of tree bark, water, or ice, etc., basing the design on the image, building up stitches using a limited pallet but a variety of yarns, to create the texture and finally adding beads to finish the piece. Some stitches taught will be Cretan, Bullion, Raised Chain Band, Double Knot, Twisted Chain, French Knot, and Couching. Samples will be shown and you will have lots of hands-on help.

A supply list is provided upon registration. Register by Wednesday, April 27.



Julie Crabtree's yarn art. PHOTO PROVIDED

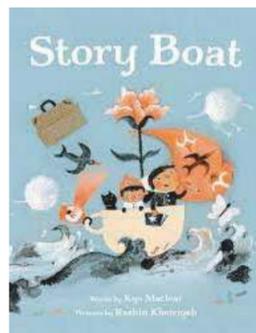
For more information please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible. Masks required for workshops.

StoryWalk on Toonerville Trail

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Town Library has partnered with the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, the Vermont Department of Libraries, and Springfield Parks and Recreation, to celebrate Fair Housing Month.

Grab your family, friends, and pets, and take a walk along Toonerville Trail. While walking, stop to enjoy the book, “Story Boat,” by Kyo Maclear and Rashin Kheiriyeh. This

StoryWalk book tells the story of a little girl and her younger brother who are forced along with their family to flee the home they've always known. They must learn to make a new home for themselves – wherever they are. And sometimes the smallest things – a cup, a blanket, a lamp, a flower, a story – can become a port of hope in a terrible storm. As the refugees travel onward toward an uncertain future, they are buoyed up by their hopes, dreams, and the stories they tell – a story that



Read “Story Boat.” PHOTO PROVIDED

will carry them perpetually forward.

The StoryWalk on Toonerville Trail will be up until May 2. If you have questions or need more information, please call Michelle at Springfield Town Library, 802-885-3108.

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