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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 loca-

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

Easter Basket winners







William, 8, Chester.
PHOTOS BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

LMHUUSD greenlights "Portrait of a Graduate"-

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - During their April 13 meeting, the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District board agreed to move forward with a program called, "Portrait of a Graduate," presented by Jeff Korchinski from the nonprofit, "Battelle for Kids." The program guides education leaders and community members to jointly "re-envision and transform their school systems" and would be paid for by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Lauren Fierman will now present the same program to the Green Mountain Unified School District board at their meeting this week in hopes of convincing them to embrace the same program in order to implement the district-wide initiative, creating a "Portrait of Graduate" for the whole TRSU. The program would cost approximately \$37,000 in ESSER funding.

Fierman learned of the

program and heard glowing reviews of its effectiveness from nearby superintendents at Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union and Windsor Central Supervisory Union who highly praised the pro-

According to Korchinski, BFK members would facilitate the five-month, districtwide process, helping the district engage a large group of stakeholders including educators, students, parents, community members, business leaders, board members, administration, and those of different religious and cultural backgrounds. These participants, who would be known as a "design team," would then meet four times over the course of several months to establish a vision, articulate priorities, align the organization, and build momentum and coherence, all to "prepare students to be effective and accountable and responsible citizens in our communities." That initial work could eventually lead to a strategic plan and three to five-year roadmap for implementation.

Korchinski said that each

district's goals are unique and that their company doesn't get involved in regulating and devising any particular outcome; instead, they help build a foundation of support and trust among all the stakeholders. He said the tougher work comes after the vision is created, but with the larger group support, decisions can then be made on how to allocate resources, and what things might need to be adjusted or shifted.

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Once complete, BFK provides access to their network, providing opportunities to collaborate with other school districts that are in various stages of implementing changes, and learning from their challenges and successes.

If Fierman receives support from the GMUSD board, she will then work with Korchinski to schedule the program in the coming months.

Two candidates for the LMHUUSD vacant threeyear board seat were being considered and both spoke to the board: Jamie Wilson and Maria Gambino. The board voted twice, both times ending a tie with two board members voting for each candidate and one abstaining. Another two board members, Sebastian Frank and Judith Pullinen, were absent. The board subsequently decided to table another vote until their next meeting when the full board might be

The board also postponed assigning two LMHUUSD board members to the newly forming, dual-district Professional Development Committee until all board members were present next month. The agreement to form this joint district committee resulted from the recent vote to align all district school schedules, effectively eliminating the half-day Tuesday with embedded professional development time that Cavendish had employed for decades. Both boards agreed to form the joint committee to seek new options for district-wide professional development for teachers.

According to LMHUUSD board chair Paul Orzechowski, he and GMUSD board chair Joe Fromberger agreed that the committee would include two board members from each of the two district, one teacher from each school in the five districts, and one parent from each of the two districts for a total of 11 board members. Fierman reminded the board that this group was an advisory committee that would make recommendations to the boards, not decide policy.

District principals, LES Principal Cathy Farman and Mount Holly Principal Craig Hutt Vater, presented the results from a survey they distributed to Pre-K parents with the idea of making some changes to the Pre-K program.

The survey asked ques-

tions about Pre-K participation in aftercare; if parents were open to Pre-K placement in the other school; and if they be interested in five-day or three-days for their four-year-old child.

Seven families answered the LES survey: three preferred the five-day option, one was interested in extending aftercare from 2-4 p.m., and none considered placement in Mount Holly. LES parents were additionally asked if they would still enroll if the day were extended but transportation not provided and five of the seven said no, they would need transportation.

There were 11 families who responded to the Mount Holly Pre-K survey: none preferred the five-day model and two preferred a three-day model; nine said they would likely use aftercare; and three were open to placement in Ludlow.

Based on these results, LES will keep their current program with no changes, and MHS will launch a pilot program next year, for five-days per week for four-year-old children. They will also allow Ludlow families to participate if interested.

The last day of school is Monday, June 20 for students and Tuesday, June 21 for teachers.

The LMHUUSD Annual School District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 from 6-6:30 p.m. at Ludlow Elementary School, with their regular monthly meeting immediately following.

Plymouth holds short and sweet meeting —

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Plymouth Selectboard held a brief, 14-minute meeting Monday, April 18, which gave updates on the town building renovation project, discussed flower plantings around town, opening a bank account for tax sale funds, and thanking Randy Kennedy for his hard work over the years.

Selectman Rick Kaminski updated the board on the town building renovations. The architect has issued the plans for the project, and the pre-bid walk through has been rescheduled to this Friday, April 22. Construction bids will then be open at the May 16 selectboard meeting for a group of handpicked con-

tractors that the board felt were fit for the job.

Chair Jay Kullman noted the town had two candidate interviews for the Town Clerk appointment, and will have a third interview later this week.

Resident Abigail Hurlburt expressed interest to plant flowers around town signs. Kaminski agreed this was a great idea, but noted that a plan for maintenance of the garden areas should be part of the approval. The town is seeking any volunteers looking to help plant flowers around town signs and buildings, and to help maintain the plantings throughout the season.

The town's financial advisor recommended they open a bank account specifically to hold the funds from tax sales for the dura-

tion of a year from the sale. A motion was approved to open a new account at People's United

Bank. Kaminski gave a Road Commissioners report, informing the board that Randy Kennedy gave his notice. The town will be looking to fill the open highway department position. Kaminski also noted they are stock piling materials, and have leftover sand they will be able to use next year. The department has been out grading, and they "got a good start on summer work."

Kullman said, "Randy has done good work," and the board wishes to thank him for all of his hard work over the

ESRB students write and perform, "We Are Nature"-

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m., agents from the fictional organization, "The International Time Navigators Association," will be live on stage at Ludlow's Town Hall auditorium.

Written entirely by the Expeditionary School at Black River's student body, "We Are Nature" is

a comedy. The ITNA agents go forward in time to look back and reflect on the ways in which today's climate challenges could have been avoided. Resolving the causes of pollution is the script's overarching theme.

The ITNA agents are determined to figure out how to minimize the destruction occurring to the earth's ecosystem. They find themselves in a school in 2022 trying to blend in and understand how to influence changes in human behavior.

Having had to postpone this live performance a number of times due to con-



ESBR students to perform "We Are Nature."
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cerns regarding the spread of Covid, students decided to incorporate that reality into the script's themes as well. These fictional characters come to the conclusion that developing "informed and integrative thinking skills" is one step toward resolving pollution and saving the planet.

Directed by Susan Haefner, this learning experience was made possible by a Vermont Arts Council grant.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.esblackriver. org/social-fundraisers or at the door.

For additional information, contact Kendra Rickerby, Head of School, at krickerby@esblackriver.org.

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Mountain towns rise up in aid of Ukraine ——

WESTON, Vt. - One thing Vermonters are particularly poor at is sitting around and doing nothing in the face of a storm or other crises. And so it was when two residents of Weston, Wayne Granquist and Jim Linville, were overwhelmed upon hearing of the atrocities happening in Ukraine. What could be done to offer support from far-off Vermont?

In a few days, a small group kicked into gear; they gained access to Magic Mountain, flooded towns with "Help Ukraine!" flyers, arranged food - including hundreds of pirogues and gallons of borscht - and organized live music, which included a Ukrainian "front man." Over 400 people attended Magic Mountain's Black Line Tavern for the event on Saturday, April 9, where more than \$35,000 dollars was raised for the charity, Save the Children's Ukrainian Crisis Relief Fund.

Two of those who spared nothing to help were Will Reed and Lexi Young, both of whom have Ukrainian American mothers. They enlisted local chefs Wes Genovart, Rogan Lechthaler, and Alyssa Prouty to provide all the food, gratis. They also got a Vermont band, The Western Terrestrials, to come play. An opening band, Morning Dewett, also performed.

Geoff Hatheway, President of Magic Mountain, engaged the whole Magic Mountain team, including Kerry Mara and Josh Hearne, and donated the venue and his team's time and creativity for the event. As Geoff noted, "We are a community mountain and make a special point of pitching in to help our neighbors and other good causes." Earlier in March, Magic Mountain donated to "Save the Children" for every lift ticket they sold, as well as matched 100% of customer donations, raising over \$10,000 for the charity's Ukrainian Crisis Relief Fund.

Gun Burns of South Londonderry sewed Ukrainian flags for the event, including a huge one which was used as a backdrop for the bandstand. She also organized and ran a silent auction of donated items. Local children pitched in at the Peru Town Hall by making over 200 Ukrainian buttons, which they sold at the fundraiser. The kids brought in over \$1,000, and gave event goers beautiful little keepsakes.

Maryann Morris and others from The Collaborative enabled all the credit card and Venmo charges, and manned the check out desk. As for getting the word out about the event in record time, a number of other charitable organizations were tapped - from libraries and churches to Neighborhood Connections and other local organizations. Folks came out of the woodwork to donate food, auction items, and time. In short, the entire community was enlisted and energized.

Save the Children's Ukrainian Crisis Relief Fund was chosen from a large number of other excellent options simply because it's been in Ukraine for years and is currently equipped to help Ukrainian refugees who are scattered throughout the many European countries accepting them. For anyone wanting to offer further support, please feel free to write a check to the fund and send it to P.O. Box 299, Weston, VT 05161. All donations





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Fundraising dinner for Grenier family —

BELMONT, Vt. - Colfax Lodge No. 21, IOOF, will be joined by several other local groups to offer a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, April 30 at 5 p.m. at the hall in Belmont. Takeout meals will be available starting at 4:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to support the Grenier family, as Mrs. Grenier has started some medical treatments.

The food has been donated by members of local area organizations and grocery stores. The meal will include salad, bread, and a dessert, with a suggested donation. You certainly may contribute any amount to help the family.

Please contact Dennis at 802-259-2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net with any questions.

Hilda Davis Scholarship —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. -The Second Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Londonderry, Vt. invites applications for this year's Hilda Davis Scholarship Fund. The Hilda Davis Scholarship Fund was started by Davis' family in 2017 to help commemorate Davis' effort in educating and guiding family

and children. Hilda Davis grew up in London, England during World War II, in a working-class family and was married to her husband Edward for 66 years until her death in 2012. Hilda worked hard to improve her environment and help her family better their surroundings.

Hilda led her life based on Christian principles and felt it was important to pass these on to her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. Hilda spent hours teaching the children; she put family above all else and believed that children should be given every opportunity to improve their lives through a good education. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to students entering their first year of college or vocational school. Award winners can reapply in subsequent years.

Applicants must reside in the greater Londonderry area and should be active in a Christian community through participation in

church, a Christian education program, Christianbased mission work, or a Christian Youth Group.

A letter of recommendation from a minister, Christian educator, or Youth Group Director is required. Applicants will also be asked to write an essay on how Christian principles or the teachings of Jesus Christ have played a role in their

More information may be found at the website of the Second Congregational Church at www.2ndcongregational churchvt.org or by calling the church office at 802-824-6453.

Applications are due May

Rotary hears from Ludlow **Ambulance Director**

LUDLOW, Vt. - The April 12 meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club featured Stephanie Grover, Ludlow Ambulance Director, speaking to Rotarians and guests about the state of ambulance services in Ludlow and their nearby service district.

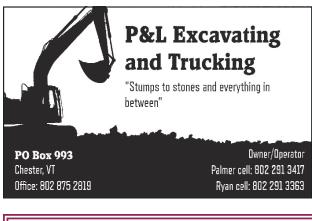
Grover expressed gratitude for the support of Ludlow voters, who again approved the Ambulance budget request of \$312,000 for FY 22-23. The budget will support paying two people to work 24/7, year-round, in an effort to reduce the number of missed calls. Missed calls have been a major issue for Ludlow Ambulance, as they have relied strictly on volunteers to respond. Missed calls occur most often during the winter months when there are so many from Okemo Mountain Resort.

It is increasingly difficult for residents to devote the time required to meet all the volunteer training requirements when they also work full-time. An advantage of paid staff is that they are compensated for the six months of entry level-EMT training required. Paramedic training requirements are even more extensive, requiring two years to complete.

Ludlow Ambulance serves a portion of Plymouth and Cavendish in addition to Ludlow. They would like to add the two additional paid staff to cover a second ambulance from December through April to address the high number of missed calls during the ski season.

In other business, the Rotary Club continued preparing for the 64th Annual Penny Sale to be held April 30 at the Ludlow School

Anyone interested in learning more about joining the Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman, at 802-228-8877 to receive an invitation to a meeting.

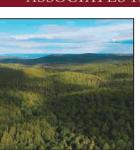




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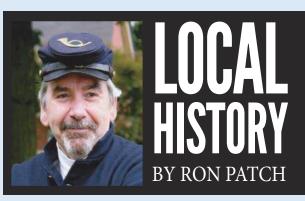




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window. In the road the

soldiers are walking and talking and laughing in the

style peculiar to soldiers.

on the beach watching a

conflict between our war

vessels and a secession bat-

tery. The firing has stopped

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both sides, but the Steam-

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been fired upon the

month before. Larkin re-

enlisted in February 1864

and was mustered out of

service in March of 1866.

Company G of the 7th

Vermont Infantry Regi-

ment 'til war's end. The

7th fought at the Siege

of Vicksburg in June and

July 1862, Baton Rouge,

La.; Aug. 5, 1862, Gon-

zales Station, La.; July 15,

1864, Mobile Campaign

and Spanish Fort, Ala.,

March 17 to April 11,

1865; and Whistler, Ala.,

This week's old saying:

"People who live in stone

houses shouldn't throw

April 13, 1865.

glasses."

Larkin served in

Fort Sumter had only

least...'

We have been down

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 prefents that I, John Keyes of Wilton in the County of Hillfboro and state of New Hampshire, yeoman for... Consideration of the sum of five pounds, paid to me in hand by Isaac Peabody iun..."

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 the quarry. I am unaware 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

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 Mountain 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 cosponsored 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.



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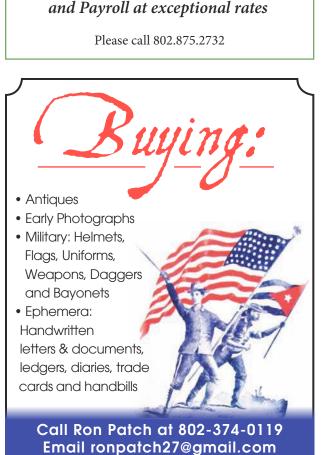
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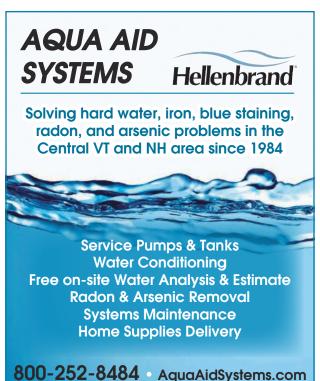






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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

First I want to thank all my constituents that supported me in the 2020 election. I will not be seeking reelection as your representative in 2022. I look forward to working with my successor in the future on the issues of the day.

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) Thom-

Patty Sylvester Ann (Taylor) Currier

Martha (Waite) Wisnoosky

Laurie (Wareing) Shelly Richard Williams We are asking fam-

ily 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 in-

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

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.

PROJECT LISTING SPRINGFIELD, VT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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

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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 threequarters 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

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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 Vemno. 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

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tections 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, petroleum exploration, 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,

When dealing with social media, remember that every entry you make is being watched by someone or something – a computer. when sharing Be discreet 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 Net-



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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 Tinmouth barn dance and became a lifelong resident of Weston in 1951.

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

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;



Lucille Hart, 1933-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

21 grandchildren; 28 greatgrandchildren, 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 greatgranddaughter, 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 Lake- Florida National Cemetery land, Fla., passed on March in Bushnell, Fla.

She will be laid to rest at

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing required. Join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

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.

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Betsy Jane Foster, 1954-2022

SPRINGFIELD, 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 (Todriff) 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 neph-

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. Surviv-(Larry) Goodrich of Puy- ments.



Freda Howe, 1935-2021.

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 ing are her children, Linda is assisting with arrange-

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,

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, Jancewicz, 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 family: four



Daniel Martinez, 1965-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

brothers - Dario Jr., David (Machelle), Dean, and Diego (Eileen); one sister Diana; 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, grandnephews, and nieces. A celebration of life will be held June 4 in Florida.

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

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.ASP-CA.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, brotherin-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 rketing, 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

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,

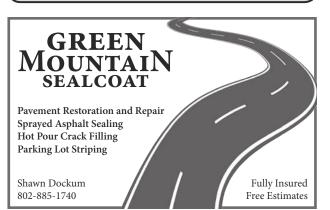
all the better.

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,

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APRIL 23 -

CHESTER, Vt. - Erskine's Grain and Garden is hosting the Purina Mills & Triple Crown "Grand Opening" Event, on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Enjoy Purina Mills & Triple Crowns special promotions, along with representatives on site to answer questions. The day also includes pony rides from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., live music by local favorite Sammy Blanchette, and a raffle for great door prizes. Chester Boys Little League will also be selling hot dogs and other treats.

APRIL 30 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound Investment is performing Classic Rock and Country music on Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m. at the VFW Post 771, 191 River St., Springfield, VT. General public is welcome. Call 802-885-6008 for more information.

MAY 3 & 4 -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Auditions for the Main Street Arts performance of "The Books of Alice and Wonderland," are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Bellows Falls. For more information, visit www.mainstreetarts.

MAY 7 -

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Female Charitable Society Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Church on the Hill in Acworth, N.H. This event will be outside except for clothing that is hung up. Drop off contributions call Alva Grant 603-835-6848 or Liz 603-835-6313 to make arrangements. All donations must be clean

and in good condition. No electronics please. There will also be a box for eyeglasses and frame donations.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. -Mother's Day weekend comedy show, "Momologues," comes to Main Street Arts on Saturday, May 7 from 3-5 p.m. Fifteen comics from around New England, a mix of mothers, fathers, and children, have prepared their funniest "mom-themed" comedy in an all-ages event that is a celebration of the incredible humans who brought us into this world. Doors open at 3 p.m., and until the show starts at 3:30 p.m. audience members can peruse local goods from vendors like Halladays Flowers and

width remains adequate.

Wild Perennial Jewelry to find the perfect gifts for mom. Every VIP, or mom, in attendance also gets a special gift upon entry. Advance tickets available at www.comedyformom.com.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Fred Gillen Jr. will perform at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls on Sunday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Gillen's music illustrates diverse influences from growing up in the 1970s. His live performances are spontaneous and full of storytelling. There is limited seating and a recommended donation. More inforomation at www. stage33live.com. Carl Beverly opens with his distinctive rhythmic fingerpicking style that grooves without straying far from his

solid folk grounding.

SUNDAYS -

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

MONDAYS -

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

TUESDAYS -

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

WEDNESDAYS -

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

THURSDAYS -

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SATURDAYS -

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.

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Town of Grafton, Vermont 117 Main St., P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146 Invitation to Bid

Town of Grafton, Vermont

117 Main St., P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146

Invitation to Bid to replace Culvert #20

on Ledge Road

The Town of Grafton (herein Town) is seeking sealed

proposals for the construction/installation of three-sided

box culvert having an open bottom, an interior width of 14,

and height of 5' minimum above the stream bottom, and a

length of 30'. The structure requires footings for the culvert

legs, which extend 6 feet below stream bottom or to ledge

to prevent scour. The box culvert must match the natural

stream profile. Alignment may be adjusted as long as road

Bid shall be conditioned on and shall include a maximum

road closure not to exceed 10 working days (2 weeks) from

beginning to end, and work must be initiated this 2022

building season and must be concluded no later than the

construction period ending December 31, 2022. Certificate

of Insurance must accompany bid. Non-mandatory site visit

Thurs. April 28, 2022 @ 12 Noon. Park in the trail head lot

about 0.3 of a mile east of the site. Sealed bids in plainly

marked envelope "Ledge Road Culvert #20 Bid" brought

or sent to address above on or before 4 PM Thurs. May 12,

@ 6 PM at Grafton Town Hall, upstairs. For Grafton Pur-

chasing Policy, or details of bid process and requirements,

https://graftonvt.org/?page_id=2509.

2022, for opening at Selectboard meeting Mon. May 16, 2022

email Town Administrator townadmin@graftonvt.org or see

The Town of Grafton (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for the removal of existing culvert (81"x59"x 50' long) and headwalls and installation of a CONCRETE BOX CULVERT, HINKLEY BROOK ROAD, GRAFTON, VT, TH 6, Culvert #17: Labor, material and equipment to remove existing culvert and supply and install a concrete box culvert 50' long x 12' wide x 7' high width and height are inside dimensions, with 6-inch high bed retention sills in the bottom, includes headwalls, cutoff walls, wingwalls, 'V' shaped bottom, E2 stone for infill, 24" embedment. The box culvert must match the natural stream profile. Alignment may be adjusted as long as road width remains adequate. 50 ft. of guardrail is to be installed. Culvert should allow for guard rail attachment on both ends. Bid shall be conditioned on and shall include a maximum road closure not to exceed 10 working days (2 weeks) from beginning to end, and work may be initiated this building 2022 building season, or the 2023 season, and must be concluded no later than the construction period ending Oct 15, 2023. Certificate of Insurance must accompany bid. Non-mandatory site visit Thurs. April 28, 2022 @ 10 AM. Culvert site is just west of 609 Hinkley Brook Road. Sealed bids in plainly marked envelope "HB Road Culvert #17 Bid" brought or sent to address above on or before 4 PM Thurs. May 12, 2022, for opening at Selectboard meeting Mon. May 16, 2022 @ 6 PM at Grafton Town Hall, upstairs For Grafton Purchasing Policy, or details of bid process and requirements, email Town Administrator townadmin@graftonvt.org or see https://graftonvt.org/?page_id=2509.

Warning of the Annual meeting of Cavendish Fire District 2 to be held Tuesday May 17th, 2022
at 7:00 pm at 2154 Main Street, Cavendish, Vermont 05142

The legal voters of Cavendish Fire District 2 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Cavendish Volunteer Fire Department fire station on Tuesday May 17th, 2022 at 7:00 pm to act on the following articles.

Article 1: To hear and act on the Auditor's report(position vacant)

Article 2: Election of Officers

Current officers are:

Moderator for one year: Abraham Gross

Prudential Committee member-Stu Lindberg (2022)

Prudential Committee member Scott Ranney (2023)

Prudential Committee member Bob Evens (2024)

Article 3 : Election of Prudential Committee members as follows

Tax collector for one year.

Treasurer for one year-Maureen Savage

Clerk for one year-Matt Seaton

Auditor-Currently vacant.

Article 4. To see if the legal voters of Cavendish Fire District 2 will raise money and in what amount for the purpose of defraying expenses for the year July 1,2022 to June 30, 2023

tracticle 5: To conduct any other business to come very the the meeting.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont, the 11+ day of April 2022

re District Clerk Matt Seaton

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

BUYING/SELLING

BUYING-SELLING Coins, Paper Money, Vintage Sports-Postcards, Comics. See our displays at AN-TIQUE CENTERS in Chester and Quechee. Open 7 Days. 802-379-2353. House calls available.

EMOTIONAL HELP

REGION - For those in need of reassurance in their emotional being can call 802-875-6960 from 7am - 9pm only.

FIREWOOD

REGION - Quality hardwood. One cord for \$220, two cords for

\$400. Delivered within 10 miles of Weathersfield. 802-263-9416 or 802-376-3041.

FREE FIREWOOD - Hardwood & softwood. Free to pick up at Landing in Windham, Vt. Call 802-875-2646 evenings.

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Town of Plymouth Seeks to appoint a Town Clerk. The posi-

tion 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 gen-

erally 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

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

position, and will discuss salary and benefits with applicants.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Invitation to Bid

for summer maintenance of several Town parks for the

coming three summers. Bid documents can be viewed

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a

part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsi-

bilities 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

Excel. Previous experience with Business Management

and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and

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,

Please return applications/resumes to Ddezan@charles-

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.

on the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org. The

deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on

Monday, April 25, 2022.

charlestown-nh.gov.

town-nh.gov.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids

open to discussion as to whether this is a full or part-time

information to other town departments, grant application

CHESTER, Vt. - Concrete Laborer. Full-time, seasonal. Must have valid drivers license, be able to do heavy lifting up to 150 lbs, work 40-60 hours per week, and have dependable transportation to get to and from work. We offer competitive starting wages, overtime pay, performance bonuses, 401K and paid holidays. If interested, contact Charlie at 802-875-3702 or recordconcrete@yahoo.com.

FENCE INSTALLER - Lots of variety installing all types of fences. Driver's license and chain saw experience required. Some overtime. Benefits after qualifying. Springfield Fence, 50 Rte 106, N. Springfield, Vt. 802-886-2221.

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

Aumands Furniture - Full Time Sales/Clerical and Full Time Furniture Delivery/Laborer. Drivers license required. Wednesday and Sunday off. Call 603-445-5321 for details or stop in at 2 Church St., North Walpole, NH.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Vermont Academy seeks a full-time maintenance technician to join our facilities and grounds team. General custodial and landscaping experience required. Electrical and mechanical experience preferred. This is a full-time 12 month position. Call 802-869-6210.

WANTED

WANTED – Looking to buy Model 'A' Fords, in pieces is OK(unrestored). Call Frank 603-

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.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$22.87 per hour

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

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.springfieldvtpd. 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.

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

Submit bids for 3,000 yards of winter sand both FOB and delivered. The sand must be available for our trucks to haul as of July 1, 2022 and meet town quality specifications. Please indicate whether more will be available if needed.

Bids will be received until May 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Selectboard Meeting on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall.

Please mail bids to: Andover Town Office - Winter Sand 953 Weston Andover Road Andover, Vermont 05143 or email to: clerk@vermontel.net

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all

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 Recycling facility 7446 US Route 5.

A pre-submission walk-through for interested bidders will take place on Monday May 9th, with submission to the Town Manager, Town of Rockingham VT PO Box 370, Bellows Falls VT 05101 by mail on May16th, or by e-mail at manager@rockbf.org by 4:30 PM on same day.

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

Art Crafts Gifts

Weekly SUDOKU —

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GALLERY AT THE VAULT Vermont State Craft Center

68 Main St., Springfield Open Wed. & Sat. 11-5, Fri. 11-7 www.galleryvault.org 802-885-7111

Traditions of Lakota and Abenaki Peoples Photography show by Kathryn Adams, 5/14 1:00 Artist talk and stories

Treasures of the Earth Open Wall Show until 5/11 Traditional Chinese Calligraphy with Jonathan Root, April 23.

Register by 4/20

Letting Yarn Speak with Julie Crabtree April 30. \$65.

Paint a Spring Village Scene in Acrylic with Debra Craigue May (04/27/22 - TFN - 13)

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Handcrafted jewelry made on site, full jewelry repair service. Locally crafted gifts, cards, and much more!

Builders/Contractors

1 Ton dump and mini excavator for hire. Driveway repair, regrading, and resurfacing in Plymouth, Ludlow, and Mount Holly. Call 802-558-2920 or email handymanvt@gmail.com. (05/25/22 - 13)

APEX VENTURES, LLC

House Painting. Booking exterior painting for the Spring and Summer in the Ludlow area. Houses, decks, porches, garages and/or barns. Email: adam@apexventures.one for free quotes. (05/11/22 - 13)

Builders/Contractors cont.

HAMMER FOR HIRE LLC 802-376-3275 ~ "Not just for bangin' nails."

We offer a variety of sevices, ranging from handyman projects, through small restorations to full blown renovations. Our clients expect a great experience from start to finish. Our professionalism matched with proficiency, customer care, and quality hit that mark. We are fully insured and ready for your next project, big or small

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ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT Booking for spring 2022 projects. Also offer carpentry, interior

& exterior painting, window & door replacements, storm door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, and odd jobs. 802-591-0019. Caven-(06/29/22 - 26)

PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION

Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-558-5267. (06/15/22 - 13)

Chiropractor

FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-

226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Fri-(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

Cleaning

RAINBOW CLEANING SERVICE

Houses, offices, apartments, and auto. We clean everything! References on request, fully insured, free estimates. Contact Verina Field at 802-289-9188 or stoneart49@gmail.com (05/04/22 - 13)

Cleanouts

A BARE CLEANING

Basements, attics, houses, barns. Household items and junk removed. Free estimates, insured. Call Reg at 802-376-4159. (09/21/22 - 26)

Masonry

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MOORE MASONRY

Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK • Local religious services-Ludlow Baptist, St. James United Meth-

odist, Calvary Church, Catholic Mass

- Legislative Update from Rep. Charlie Kimbell • Black River Academy Museum promo
- Gov. Scott's Weekly Address
- We're now streaming BOTH of our TV channels 24/7- Okemovalley.tv

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167 (TV.Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program auide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv

Property Management

GREAT BROOK LLC

Property Maintenance & Small Engine Repair. Call Chris at 802-886-2700 or 802-376-3150.

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chet for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.

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.

STATE OF VERMONT

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

Signature of Fiduciary

RugSage Mailing Address: c/o Estate of Abby Krim

P.O. Box 152

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

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Executor/Administrator: Risa Sorge

Phone: (203) 258-9745

email: risakrimsorge@gmail.com

The Shopper April 20, 2022

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 Commer-

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

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

Rosemary Goings Board Clerk, DRB

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-

Perfect for Students
We are now hiring for our

Grafton, VT

summer tennis season

802-869-2333

Please call from 9-4, Mon-Fri

lows Falls, 12 p.m.

Boys Baseball

Woodstock Union at Springfield, 4:30 p.m. Bellows Falls at Windsor, 4:30 p.m. Mill River at Green Moun-

Tuesday, April 26 –

tain, 4:30 p.m. Leland and Gray at Arlington Memorial, 4:30 p.m.

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Family Operated Country Store
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Manager - Food Products
Responsibilities include fudge making,
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Please contact Steve @ 802-824-5477
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Experienced CDL A truck driver to drive low bed and

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The ideal applicant should be extremely reliable, hard work-

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or, to complete an application, visit our office at:

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ESOP, paid vacation and holidays.

Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc.

2425 Back Westminster Road

Westminster, VT 05158

THE WESTON VILLAGE STORE

660 Main Street • Weston, VT 05161

(802) 825-5477 Email: info@westonvillagestore.com

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.

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 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 Kailtyn 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 iter-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 Tutle 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.

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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 hole 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 you 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 preperation for spring.

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In Summary – Tackling an entire list of springcheckup tasks can feel overwhelming. Spread your spring cleaning out over a

few weekends and be sure to have some fun in be-

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VLCT, Efficiency Vermont to expand municipal energy efficiency programs



Grants will help fund projects to improve energy efficiency. $\begin{tabular}{ll} STOCK\ PHOTO \end{tabular}$

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 of Buildings and General Services, the state's regional planning commissions, and Efficiency Vermont would work together to develop and implement the grant

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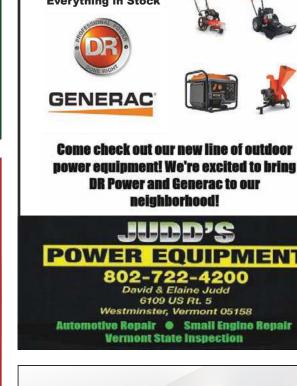


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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT invites you to join fiber artist Julie Crabtree for a workshop entitled "Letting The Yarn Speak," on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

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

of hands-on help.

Couching. Samples will be

shown and you will have lots



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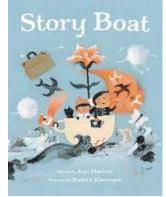
For more information please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible. Masks required for workshops.

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 Kylo 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

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will carry them perpetually

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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