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Trustees approve funds for fire and police

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, June 14, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the recreation center summer schedule and capital improvement projects on the public safety building. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the pool is opening on June 22 and summer day camps run from June 27 through Aug. 19. Find more information at Rockingham Recreation on Facebook and www.rockinghamvt.org. At the village annual meeting in 2021, an article for \$40,000 was approved by voters for repairs to the public safety building that

house the Bellows Falls Fire and Police Departments. At Tuesday’s meeting, they requested \$50,000 from the FY22 budget surplus for capital improvement projects. Pickup explained the projects that had been invested in and completed over the last five years which included: drainage work, replacement of a generator, and mold remediation in the evidence room. They replaced the roof top unit that was hit by lightning. The chimney was repaired costing \$30,000 and recently a new parking lot was finished on the south side of the building. Pickup said that upgrades to the elevator had started and they had installed a new front

door with plans to paint and pave the front entrance scheduled for this summer. He said future projects included replacing carpeting and painting. He mentioned that they were looking at heartier flooring options due to the facility having 24/7 use. Pickup said they had developed the basic concept for the Sally Port design to prepare for budget conversations in the fall. He explained that there was more drainage work needed with installation of gutters and ice dams to help with the heavy rain storms where the water pours off the steel roof into the foundation. Pickup said the front apron paving project will

be done this summer and scheduled in August when the town is paving to save on mobilization costs. James McAuliffe asked if the estimate for the planned work was \$50,000. Pickup said the combination of ice dams, gutters, and front paving should be that amount. Jeff Dunbar asked if the dams were for snow restraint, and Pickup said yes. McAuliffe asked if the gutters would be on the police side. Pickup said there were sections they were needed on both the front and backside of the building. McAuliffe noted they were going into next year’s budget and asked Finance Director Alyssa Harlow,

“What the forecast [was] for year-end.” Harlow said there was “a good amount of money left over.” McAuliffe referred to the general fund which showed that revenues were ahead of schedule. Harlow said the fund balance sheet showed \$184,000 in the current year’s budget. McAuliffe asked, “Can we reserve it out of this year’s funds?” Pickup and Harlow agreed that that is what they were asking from the trustees. Pickup explained, “We’re not asking for additional expenditures, we’re asking for authorization for an expenditure on a line we had not budgeted for...” Village President Deborah Wright suggested us-

ing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for these projects. McAuliffe said it would be more appropriate to deal with those separately. Pickup suggested if they were overbudget, but that the current fund balance was higher than policy recommendations of 20%. Harlow said, “If the whole \$50,000 does not get used, it will stay in that capital project fund.” The trustees approved the request, 4-0, Wright abstaining. Harlow said the current capital fund had \$2,500 in it. The Bellows Falls Trustees next meeting is on July 19 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls.

Saxtons River ready for parade

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is geared up and ready for this year’s annual Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration. Parade participants are scheduled to line up on Shepard Lane starting at 9:45 a.m., as the parade will begin at 10 a.m., one half-hour earlier than in previous years. This year’s parade theme is “The Roaring Twen-

ties” and will feature a troupe clef by Matt Peake, and Shanti will dance “the Charleston” at the head of the parade. MSA will also present the phoenix from their recent “Emergence” show featuring characters from “The Book of Alice and Wonderland.” Amber DiBona will sing the National Anthem and the fabulous band, The O Tones, will be performing their unique blend of songs throughout the genres of Swing, Soul,

Blues, and Motown for all ages to enjoy. The parade Grand Marshal honorees are Jim and Celia Bohannon, who have participated in numerous community activities over the years and Saxtons River residents since 1989. “Several weeks ago, Susan Still, a member of the Fourth of July Committee, informed us that we had been selected as Grand Marshals for this year’s parade, which passes right by our house on Pleasant

Street each year,” Celia said in a recent interview. While serving as a Village Trustee, Celia was actively involved in making the Saxtons River Park become a reality. She also led a group of residents to purchase the electronic speed signs that encourage drivers to slow down on Main Street. She has also helped raise funds for the town’s Fire Station Fund. John’s contributions include serving as a founding trustee and chairing

the board of the Community Asylum Seeking Project, as well as serving as chair of the Rockingham Free Public Library board of trustees and of the Our Place Drop-In Center in Bellows Falls. After the parade, cool off under the tent at the MSA Speakeasy. There will be seating available and families are encouraged to bring third lunch and enjoy. Popcorn and lemonade will be served and the MSA String Band will also

perform. There will also be an air-conditioned art exhibit inside, and don’t forget to get a raffle ticket for a chance to win 100 gallons of heating oil from Cota & Cota. Closing out the day, from 5:30–8 p.m., there will be a good truck and dance band at the Saxtons River Rec with all proceeds going to MSA. Special thanks to the Saxtons River Fire Department for sponsoring the water polo event.

“Give Back” Bags to support SAHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to those in need in the local community, all while running routine weekly errands at the local Shaw’s. The Springfield Art and Historical Society (SAHS) has been selected by local Shaw’s store leadership as the benefiting nonprofit in the “Give Back Where It Counts” Reusable Bag Program for the month of July. The Shaw’s “Give Back

Where It Counts” Reusable Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the regular shopping routine. Every purchased reusable “Give Back” Bag sends a donation to a nonprofit that is local to the Shaw’s in which it was purchased. As part of this ongoing program, every month at every Shaw’s location, a different local nonprofit is selected to benefit from the

sale of the reusable “Give Back” Bag. SAHS was selected as the July beneficiary by local store leadership at the store located in Springfield, Vt. SAHS will receive a donation for every reusable “Give Back” Bag purchased at this location in July. For more information about the Shaw’s “Give Back Where It Counts” Reusable Bag Program, please visit www.shaws.bags4mycause.com.

Saxtons River July 4 pie contest

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – In conjunction with the Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration, a pie-baking contest will be held. Bakers are invited to submit their delicious creations for judging by the International Union of Pie Judges, Saxtons River, Vt., a self-appointed cohort of pie connoisseurs. All pies are welcome; we require only a crust and a filling. Please surprise us with your traditional summer stan-

dards as well as unexpected interpretations of the “pie.” Pies are to be delivered to 22 Main St., Saxtons River, Vt., the old St. Edmunds Catholic Church, between 7:30–9:30 a.m. on July 4. Parking on Main Street will be prohibited, so plan to walk your pie a block or so. The judges will sample each pie and give scores for overall presentation, flavor, quality of the crust, quality of the filling, and creativity. Please include the recipe for your pie so it can be included in the upcoming Saxtons River Pie Contest Cookbook, an addition to the contest for 2023. Once here, please stick around for the 5K race, parade, music, and street fair. The winner of the contest will be announced from the bandstand around 10:30 a.m. and awarded a basket

of baking goodies, including an apron with the logo for the 2022 Saxtons River Fourth of July theme, the “Roaring Twenties.” This year’s contest is sponsored by the Saxtons River Village Market. We appreciate the support and contributions made by the market’s proprietor, Brandy Tucker-Crowson. Slices and whole pies will be sold after the judging is complete. Proceeds will benefit the 2023 Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration. To learn more about this year’s Saxtons River Fourth of July celebration, visit www.villagesquare-books.com/event/saxtons-river-4th-july-2022-5k-parade-street-fair-music. Questions about the pie contest can be directed to Anne Manner-McLarty at anne@heurista.com

“Little Free Library” auction benefits FOSTL

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Friends of the Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) is auctioning six wonderfully decorated little libraries that are currently on display at the Springfield Town Library. Auction proceeds will be used to purchase equipment to better host in-person and online programs in the library. You can participate in the auction by visiting www.32auctions.com/FOSTL2022. Donations will also be accepted through the same portal. Springfield Rotary Club created this “Little Free Library” project as a way of supporting FOSTL and fur-

thering its goal of increasing literacy in the community. The Rotary Club purchased materials for the libraries, which were constructed by Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers Karl Riotte and Chip Longo. The six local artists who donated their creative talents are Donna Cummings, Mona Frye, Wendi Germain, Karen Longo, Corey Mitchell, and Becky Tucker. Winners of each “library” will be able to take them home and set them up at their choice of places (post and installation are not included). If bidders do not have a location but still

wish to support FOSTL, the Springfield Housing Authority has offered to

place one or more of them at their facilities for families to enjoy. It is hoped that



Free library. PHOTO PROVIDED

those who purchase the Little Free Libraries will stock them with books for exchange by the public. The online auction will be available until 9 p.m. on July 20. The auction will resume as an in-person event at the Springfield Town Library on Thursday, July 21 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. during the library’s July Patron Appreciation Day. Plans are in the works to bring a DJ, games, and refreshments to

the library from 5–8 p.m. on the same day. Keep an eye out for specific details on all the festivities. For more information, call 802-885-3108 and ask for Sue. FOSTL and the library thank Springfield Rotary Club for their support. The time and talents of the builders and the artists are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing the “free-braries” throughout the community.

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Rockingham Library summer programming —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Celebrate the start of the Rockingham Free Public Library’s annual summer reading program, “Oceans of Possibilities,” with a kick-off event on July 6, at 5 p.m., at the library with a live, in-person performance from Modern Times Theater and the 13th Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

Back with a brand-new show, Rose and Justin of Modern Times Theater continue to update a classic puppet show full of laughs and music which follows the troubles and travails of puppetry’s favorite loudmouth, Mr. Punch. The skillfully operated hand puppets are made of upcycled materials, and are full of surprises and tricks, as is the elaborate stage. It’s a low-tech, old-time spectacle, entertaining to the young and the young at heart. By taking the best from the long tradition of Punch and Judy shows, and bringing the art form into the 21st century, this classic remains alive, vital, and hysterical to both children and adults today.

Don’t forget your stuffed animal.

The 13th Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover will also help launch the summer reading program on July 6. What would your stuffed

animal do if it spent the night at the library? Find out by bringing one of your stuffed animals to the library anytime between Wednesday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 6. When the library closes for the day on July 6, the stuffed animals will spend the night (not the people). We’ll create a video of how your stuffed animal spent the night in the library. Find the RFPL Youth Department’s YouTube channel online to see videos from previous years. Don’t forget to pick up your stuffed animal on July 7.

In addition to special events, the library will feature regular programs including: Monday morning playgroups at 10:30 a.m. for infants and toddlers with free play and a light activity; Tuesday and Thursday Storytimes at 10:30 a.m.; STEAM activities Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., for ages 7–12; Make and Take Crafts on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., for ages 9 and over; Friday 5 p.m. Minecraft Club; and Friday Night Movies at 6 p.m.

Come for a program and pick up a lunch. The library is once again partnering with the WNESU to be a summer lunch site. This free program is open to youth 18 and younger, no registration



Justin and Rose of Modern Times Theater. PHOTO PROVIDED

or qualifications necessary. Simply stop by the library and pick up lunch. We’re pleased to be a summer food site this year. Not only do we get to help feed kids, we help our families stretch their summer dollars farther. This program will run for the duration of the summer reading program.

Of course, there will be lots of reading this summer. Signing up is simple: stop by the library and put your name on a reading log. Then start reading. When kids update their reading logs at the library, they will be able to select a free book to keep – each week. Very young children are also invited to sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a year-round program supported by the Friends of the

Rockingham Library to encourage family reading.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Modern Times Theater performance is supported by a grant from VTLIB. The public movie site license, which permits the Library to legally show films publicly is provided by IMLS and VTLIB. The Summer Lunch Program is provided through a partnership with the WNESU Farm to School Café; this institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Elks honor Carolee Murchie

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 recently recognized their Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie for her service to the Lodge during Elk year 2021/2022. A presentation was made to Ms. Murchie for her year as Exalted Ruler.

Pictured: Present Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras (left), Past Exalted Ruler Carolee Murchie (center), and Esquire Jim Morse (right).

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First Friday Supper at First Baptist

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., Bellows Falls, July 1 menu: BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, potato

salad, green salad, dessert, and beverage. Vegan and gluten free available. Serving 5–6:30 p.m. Suggested donation. Net proceeds to go to the local Diversity Group.

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CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Westmoreland Town Band will perform a free concert from on Friday, July 1, from 6:30–8 p.m. at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, Charlestown, N.H. Refreshments

on sale will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, popcorn, cold and hot beverages, and a sweet something. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun evening of entertainment.

Gill Odd Fellows raffle and yard sale

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Gill Odd Fellows Home will be having a basket raffle and yard sale on Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., outside. Stop by to get your raffle tickets from Aggie. At the end of Saturday, July 16, the winning baskets will be drawn at 3 p.m. Cold drinks and cookies will be provided.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Happy Fourth of July

July 4th beckons. Most readers will know I collect antique postcards. I have written about real photo postcards in the past. This week I write about another category. These postcards are known as Patriotics.

Patriotics often depict Abe Lincoln, George Washington, flags, or cannons. There must be hundreds of varieties. These cards are brightly colored. Many were printed in Germany.

The photo with this article is a July 4th card dating to the early 1900s. Washington's portrait is framed with a laurel wreath. At the top is, "JULY FOURTH." This appears just above the figure of a winged lady with helmet and cape. She holds the wreath in her hands.

She has Art Nouveau influence. This card is nicely embossed, creating more of a three dimensional feel. Below Washington are red and white stripes with, "GREETINGS." Surrounding the wreath is a blue field with gold stars. This is a beautiful card.

Carlton quarry

I was recently invited by the owner of Carlton quarry to pay a visit. It's been over 50 years since I was last there.

In my day, this was a favorite location for kids to swim. Some of us painted our names on the rock face. All names have since eroded away, except one. That name is, "I'm Pete." I have no idea who Pete was.

My memory fades with time, but I thought I remembered a large derick. Sure enough, it's still there today. I took many photos. The homeowner gave me a few samples of soapstone and talc.

Kim Kendall got to laughing when he told me about the day he went to the quarry with a few friends. Of course they were drinking beer. They put an inner tube over Kim's raised arms and head, down under



A July 4th Patriotic postcard. PHOTO PROVIDED

his armpits, "And just threw me in the quarry!" Kim said. Some may know Kim is in a wheelchair. Kim never let his disability prevent him from having fun.

"Local History, Volume 3"

I just had "Local History, Volume 3" printed and took possession last week. It's full of interesting histories, most with photos. You will find some of your favorites.

Over the years, Lee Kendall has written some of his memories of growing up in Bartonville and Chester. Lee is a gifted writer. Where I struggle, Lee just puts pen to paper and writes.

Included in "Volume 3" are six of Lee's stories. One or two are a little too risqué to include in this newspaper. You'll read about Alan Farrar and Lee buying two cases of Ballantine ale, in quarts, at the store in Peru, when they were seniors at Chester High School.

But, in my mind, Lee's best story is, "Wrestlin' and Drinkin' Cider." This is a story that took place at the Kendall farm here in Chester, 60 or more years ago. This story will have you laughing out loud! It's Vermont justice.

Lee's cousin, Frank Kendall, now in his eighties, has taken to writing poetry. I have included a few of Frank's poems in "Volume 3." I like Frank's poem, "New Hope" the most.

It's a poem about Frank as a young boy, first becoming aware that someday he will die. His mother comforts him and explains death need

not be the end. Written in simple verse, it's a very touching poem.

The best thing about Lee and Frank's writings is that they record a chapter of Vermont's history largely ignored today. Life was a lot simpler in those days.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Dorothy: "In Arlington, as in most small, old, close-knit communities, everyday chat between neighbors is not limited to the present. The past is part of today."

A week ago, with a lady friend, I drove to Perkinsville. I turned down Maple Street – down into the flood control area. It's probably 50 years since I've been down there. What a beautiful area. My friend pointed out the large patches of Angelica growing everywhere.

As Dorothy said, "The past is part of today." Without my even being aware of this fact, I told my friend how they used to stock pheasants down here for bird hunters. A Chester boy was accidentally shot by another hunter one year. He survived, but I think this ended pheasant hunting. The past is part of my today.

"Local History, Volume 3" is available at: Blair Books & More, Stone House Antiques Center, The Framery of Vermont, Smitty's, and Lisai's in Bellows Falls.

This week's old saying: "An expert, ex-spurt, is a has-been, drip, under pressure."

Sammy Pierce Scholarships

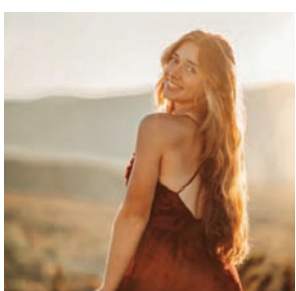
REGION – Kimberly Cummings, Green Mountain Union High School 2022 Class President and Student Government Officer, was awarded a \$1,000 Sammy Pierce Scholarship for her volunteer activities as a Junior Counselor at the Green Mountain Conservation Camp for the past four years, and her work as a peer tutor for students in grades 7–12 in all levels of math, including AP Calculus.

In her junior year, Kimberly participated in the Governor's Institute of Engineering and collected and analyzed solar data, designed and built wind and water turbines, and planned a renewable energy grid for Vermont. This year, she is a recipient of the NASA Space Grant Undergraduate Scholarship.

Kimberly will be attending the Polytechnic Institute for Computer Science. Kimberly is the daughter of Angela Hurd and John Cummings



Kimberly Cummings. PHOTO PROVIDED



Ariana Wunderle. PHOTO PROVIDED

of Chester, Vt.

Ariana Wunderle, a graduating senior at Bellows Falls Union High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of her volunteer activities with children and youth as a participating member and mentor for current and new members of the nonprofit organization, Circus Smirkus.

From an early age, growing up in a family of circus and performing artists, Ariana has performed throughout New England and raised funds for outreach programs

such as Make-A-Wish and Children's Hospitals. Her performances and interaction with audiences of children of all ages and local community families has brought joy to others and a deep sense of satisfaction to herself, at being able to make a positive impact on the world.

Ariana will be attending Ithaca College's Exploratory Program in September, and will declare a major at a later date. Ariana is the daughter of Troy and Sara Wunderle of Chester, Vt.

LAHS history show

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's 2022 history show features photos, paintings, and artifacts chronicling the history of North Londonderry. Also on exhibit will be items that pay tribute to two adored Londonderry legends, Doctor Pingree, who was the town's only doctor for many years; and Jim Twitchell, town clerk, town treasurer, firefighter, and community cheerleader.

The show will be on display at the Custer Sharp House, the headquarters for the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, from July

2 to Aug. 13. The Custer Sharp is located at 2461 Middletown Road. Hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or by appointment. Admission is free.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is to be a beacon, helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town. Bringing stories of the past to

light. Igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived. Presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area.

Visit the www.LAHSVT.org for more information on other events and programming. To schedule an appointment, email us at lahs1780@gmail.com.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of two candidates for the new Windham-3 District – Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun and Rep. Leslie Goldman. Many folks in Rockingham and Brookline know Leslie because she has so ably served them in the State House this biennium, but may not be as familiar with Michelle, who has also served this biennium but from another district. I write as a way to introduce Michelle to you and encourage you to vote for both of them in the Primary and the General Election.

I have known Michelle Bos-Lun for nearly twenty years, initially as a constituent, later as director of a high school career development program, as a volunteer and advocate at Windham Elementary School, and for the past two years as a colleague in the Vermont House of Representatives.

Michelle has worked with people in many different

roles in our community. She has worked with youth in schools as a teacher and program director. She has worked in restorative justice with people returning to the community after incarceration. She has worked with people who lacked stable housing at Youth Services. She has worked with youth from places like Iraq, Ireland, Chicago, and Washington, DC, as well as with students from all over Vermont with the Governor's Institute for Global Issues and Youth Action.

Michelle has real life experience with a wide range of people from around Vermont and around the world. One of the reasons I support Michelle as she seeks election to one of two seats in the new Windham-3 district is the wide range of professional and personal experiences with individuals facing many challenges. I know she understands many complex problems and works hard to seek solutions.

Michelle has served as a board member for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She has volunteered as a community educator regarding mental health and the family, as well as serving as a family support group

facilitator. She seeks to learn about challenges facing our communities and to constructively find ways to address those challenges, both individually and systemically.

Michelle lives in Westminster with her family and due to redistricting, the towns she will serve if re-elected will include Rockingham and Brookline. I have served these towns for over 20 years and am confident that she will do an excellent job listening to the needs and concerns of people and representing them effectively in the Vermont State House. I know Michelle works very hard to improve the lives of people in her community.

I know that the voters of the Windham-3 District will be well served by electing Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun, as well as my current district-mate, Rep. Leslie Goldman. Please join me in supporting Michelle and Leslie in the Aug. 9 Primary Election and the General Election on Nov. 8. Your vote is your voice!

Sincerely,
Rep. Carolyn Partridge
Windham-3

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Gerald Malloy for United States Senator from Vermont.

Gerald graduated from West Point in 1984, and served as an active duty field artillery officer and a paratrooper. He served our great nation honorably and with distinction for 22 years. He has a MBA from Temple University.

I have met Gerald and his wife Stacey at their home in Weathersfield. I have spoken with them at length about the grave issues facing our constitutional republic and the bad economic direction we are heading.

Dear Editor,

Stu Lindberg makes several false claims in his June 7 editorial "Big Pharma." I will address two.

First, he makes the anti-vaxxer claim that vaccines are "experimental." All science is to some degree experimental, but tens of thousands of subjects participated in the thoroughly reviewed clinical trials of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, showing both vaccines to be very safe and effective, and we have data from over 200 million Americans who are fully vaccinated. According to the NY Times (www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html), the unvaccinat-

Gerald has an abiding passion for the principles upon which our nation was founded. He will unapologetically defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Vermonters and every American, regardless of background. Gerald understands we all share a common humanity. He will defend our natural rights as enshrined in the Bill of Rights of our great Constitution. He will also pursue proven, common sense and constitutional solutions to out of control inflation, our unsustainable national debt, and energy costs.

Gerald has the proven character, leadership skills, and experience in defend-

ing our nation that makes him the preferred candidate to represent Vermonters in the United States Senate. To learn more about Gerald Malloy's candidacy please visit his website at www.deploymentmalloy.com/.

Please join me in supporting and voting in the primary election for Republican Gerald Malloy for United States Senator from Vermont. In-person voting for the primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 9 at your local polling station. Early voting by mail is available starting Friday, June 24.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.



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obituaries

Donald Devereux, 1935-2022

LUDLOW, Vt. – Donald Devereux, a lifelong Ludlow, Vt. resident, passed away June 23, 2022, with his family by his side.

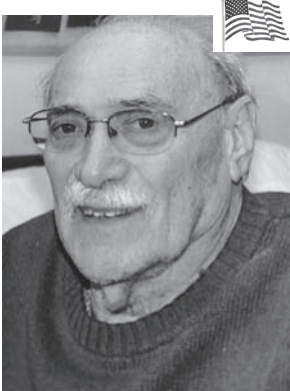
He was born in 1935 to the late Reginald and Rena (Tucker) Devereux.

In June 1958 he married his wife Jacqueline (Foster), who predeceased him.

Don was a Property Manager for Okemo Trailside Condos for 30 years, retiring in 1998. He was a Ludlow Selectboard member for many years, a member of the American Legion, a member of the Masons, and he served in the Army during the Korea Era, 1952 to 1955.

During his retirement years, he spent his summers at the family's ocean side cottage in Five Islands, Maine and winters in Big Pine Key, Fla. and in between seasons he spent time at his home in Ludlow.

He is survived by his three daughters, Michelle and her husband Robert Brandt of Ludlow, Charlene and her



Donald Devereux, 1935-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

husband Scott Baitz of Ludlow, Pamela Devereux of Big Pine Key, Fla., his grandson Matthew Devereux of Mt Holly, Vt., and his brother Vern Devereux of Barton, Vt.

Besides his wife, he was also predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Hunt.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Richard Dwinell, 1938-2022

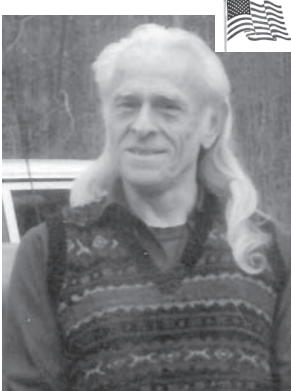
BALTIMORE, Vt. – Richard D. Dwinell, 84, of Baltimore, Vt., passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 19, 1938, in St. Johnsbury, Vt. to the late Edward L. and Maisie I. Adams-Dwinell.

Richard served eight years in the Army National Guard, starting in the 1960s. He worked at the Fellows Gear Shaper for 37 years as a machine tool repairman.

He enjoyed fabricating anything he could, and fixing his own vehicles.

He is survived by his companion, Velcea Kae, his two sons, Bradley Dwinell and his wife Kathy Jo, Danuel Dwinell and his companion Lisa Thomas, and the mother of his sons, Margaret K. Dwinell. His grandchildren, Kyle Dwinell and his fiancé Lisa Abbott and her son Ryan Bublat; Kris-



Richard Dwinell, 1938-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

ten McMillen and her husband Christopher; Brenden and Camden Dwinell, as well as his great-grandson, Carter Labarge. Also step-daughter, Tabatha Gonyo.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Gilbert and Sterling Dwinell, and by his sister, Connie Davis.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family, at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Bradley Litchfield, 1950-2022

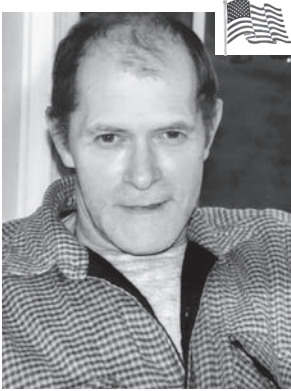
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Bradley V. Litchfield, 71, passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2022 at his home in Perkinsville, Vt. He was born Oct. 30, 1950 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Claude S. and Maxine (Lee) Litchfield. He attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1970. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era.

On Sept. 4, 1970, he married Bonnie Farrar.

Brad worked as a machinist with the Lovejoy Tool Company in Springfield, Vt. for 15 years. He worked with Great Brook Furniture in North Springfield, Vt., in maintenance with Mt. Ascutney Resort, and later with Imtec in Bellows Falls, Vt.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, carpentry, building homes, and cabinet making.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of Perkinsville, Vt.; son Bradley Litchfield and his wife Melissa; daughter Heidi Mazzeral and her husband Paul; two sisters, Marjorie Fimble and hus-



Bradley Litchfield, 1950-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

band Fran, and Brenda Cormier and her husband Ed; six grandchildren, Michaela Shattuck (Chris), Brittany Nelson, Alex Litchfield, Emily Litchfield, Hollee Litchfield, and Jake Litchfield; one great-grandson, Bradly Daniel Millay; and also by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, and siblings, Ray Litchfield, and Barbara Ward.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements

Robert Mitchell, 1934-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert Adams Mitchell, 87, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022, with family at his side. He was born on June 24, 1934, the eldest among three surviving children of Wilbert and Florence Mitchell.

He is survived by his children, Eric Mitchell and Sandra Gau, as well as his son-in-law, Scott Gau, and his grandchildren: Dylan Mitchell, Alyssa Gau, Zuri Mitchell, Alex Gau, and Anna Gau. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers William and James, and his beloved wife, Katherine Burton Mitchell, to whom he was married for 60 years.

Following graduation from UVM and a position at Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut, Robert served as a longtime employee with Bryant Grinder Corporation as an engineer, and remained active with volunteer activities such as Springfield Hospital Board of Directors, Bryant Grinder Charitable Foundation, collegiate athletics, volunteer coach, Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and piano accompanist and



Robert Mitchell, 1934-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

vocalist with the Senior Songsters at the Springfield Senior Center. Robert was a non-combat veteran of the Korean War, serving in post-WWII Germany with the U.S. Army in legal support.

Graveside services will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. on July 17, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Senior Center or Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield (both located at: 139 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156).

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

James Fisher Jr., 1954-2022

READING, Vt. – James A. Fisher Jr., 68, of Reading, Vt., died peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in Bennington. James was born on May 30, 1954 in Neptune, N.J. to James A. Fisher Sr. and Alice (Gorham) Fisher. In his last years, Jim battled early onset Alzheimer's disease, and while he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, they are grateful his mind and body are now at peace.

As a youth, Jim attended Mount Herman Prep School in Massachusetts. He loved winter vacations with his family in Vermont at Okemo Mountain. His summers were spent on the beach at Allenhurst Beach Club at the New Jersey shore. In his early twenties, Jim became a ski instructor at Okemo and went on to become an accomplished builder of custom homes. He married Cathy Thaefer on June 8, 1991, and they, with their son Briland, built a wonderful life together in Cavanaugh, Vt. Jim loved riding his cherished Harley and was an avid road and mountain bike rider. Jim was passionate about family barbecues, firework displays, and hosting renowned 4th of July parties.

James is survived by his wife, Catherine (Thaefer) Fisher of Reading; son, Briland J. Fisher and fiancé Alexandra DeRosia of Walpole, Maine; sister, Diane (Dee Dee) Despo and husband William of Blufton, S.C.; sister-in-law, Barbara Thaefer of Reading, Vt;



James Fisher Jr., 1954-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

sister-in-law, Anne Thaefer of Aiken, S.C.; sister-in-law, Susan Goodhouse and husband David of Reading, Vt.; brother-in-law, Richard Thaefer; brother-in-law, John Thaefer and wife Kathleen of Kennett Square, Pa.; nephews, Christopher, Adam, and Timothy Despo, David Goodhouse, and Matthew Thaefer; nieces, Jessica Hathorn, Brittany Goodhouse, Katie and Jacqueline Thaefer; several grandnephews and grandnieces, other relatives, and friends. James was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Black River Good Neighbors at 37B Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149, 802-228-3663, The Prouty, or your favorite charity.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be in early August with details to follow.

Knight Funeral Home of Windsor, Vt. is honored to be entrusted with arrangements and online condolences are appreciated at www.knight-funeralhomes.com.

Richard Nash, 1936-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Richard E. Nash, 86, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2022, surrounded by his family at the Veterans' Home in Bennington, Vt., where he was a resident. During his time there, he developed close friendships with Laurie Dix, Nurse Manager, Corey McCann, LCSW, and Christine Weeden, LNA, along with the many other dedicated staff.

He was born May 3, 1936, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Stillman and Edith (Sawyer) Nash. He had six brothers and one sister.

He attended schools in Langdon, N.H. and Charlestown, N.H.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army in May of 1953 and completed recruitment training at Fort Drum, N.Y. Additional assignments included an aircraft mechanic training at Fort Eustis, Va., and a one year overseas tour in Germany. While serving on active duty, he achieved the rank of SP3. Awards and decorations include: Marksman carbine, National Defense Metal, and Good Conduct Medal. Richard served three years active duty and five years of active reserve service. He was honorably discharged at the completion of his enlistment.

In 1961, he married Joyce Bingham. They went on to have a family of five children. They parted in 1997.

He worked for Frank W. Whitcomb Construction Corporation for many years. After that, he worked at Silver Forest and then became a "handyman" for many people. Work was an important part of his life and he took great pride in it.

He was an avid gardener



Richard Nash, 1936-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

of which included, vegetables, flowers, fruit trees, and shrubs. Additionally, he enjoyed landscaping his gardens and the property around his home. Some of his hobbies were buying, restoring, and showing steam engines with his sons, fishing, driving to Greenfield, Mass. to buy lottery tickets with his family, eating out, and socializing at local restaurants.

He is survived by his former wife, Joyce Nash; his son, David Nash of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; his daughter, Tammy Nash of North Walpole, N.H.; his daughter, Donna Kilburn and her husband James (a special son-in-law); and his son, Brad Nash of Walpole, N.H.. He had nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Tracy Nash of Walpole, N.H.

As per his request, there will be no calling hours or graveside service. A small, private memorial will be held at a later date with his immediate family. Donations in his name may be made to the Vermont Veterans' Home, 325 North St., Bennington, VT 05201, Attn: Activities Department.

Gilbert Gay, 1936-2022

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Gilbert "Gibby" Elwin Gay, of North Walpole, passed away on June 9, 2022, surrounded by his three children who loved him dearly. He was 86 years old. He was born in Bellows Falls on March 22, 1936, along with his twin sister, Gloria, to Marguerite (Harrington) and Robert L. Gay Sr. He attended school in Gageville and was a 1955 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. Gibby served in the U.S. Air Force, which included a tour in Korea.

Gib loved his wife, Janice Mae Bushway Gay, and convinced her to marry him. They were married on May 14, 1960. They had a wonderful life together, and provided the best upbringing that any kid could ask for. At a recent wedding, they were the couple who had been married the longest.

Gib owned Gay Brothers Fuel Service with his brothers, Robert and Richard. He and Richard went on to purchase BDR Transport. Many family members worked in these businesses and were happy to be able to be together on a daily basis. Many of the employees felt like they were family too.

"He loved us almost as much as he loved his cars," his daughter joked recently, and none of us saw any negativity in that remark. Gibby played with toy cars much later than most kids. He built soapbox derby-type cars on his own at age nine. He used to go out and start his sister's car for her on cold winter mornings when no one else could get it going. His brother had two cars, but only one engine. When his brother wanted to drive the other car, Gibby would move the engine to the other in one afternoon, working in the backyard of their home. He once was let out of class in high school so that he could get a school bus running to bring the kids home that afternoon. Gibby loved cars, trucks, antique cars, hot rods, antique trucks, and racecars. He drag raced for several years, and loved stock car racing, attending the Daytona 500, Talladega, Pocono, Dover, and Claremont Speedway on an annual basis.

Gib drove oil trucks, milk trucks, propane trucks, tractor trailer trucks, and dump trucks. He owned many of them, but regardless, he was respectful of the equipment. He would only operate it as hard as he thought it could handle, and very rarely broke anything. He even brought a truck home



Gilbert Gay, 1936-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

once that had lost the fan belt by fashioning one out of his bootlaces. Gibby was one of the two people who started the Antique Truck Historical Society, Vermont Chapter, and he and Dave Durling organized their Bellows Falls Truck Show for 20 years.

Some parents raise their kids until they are 18, and then they are on their own. Some parents give their kids money for many years after they have grown. Gibby supported his kids by providing them with time and labor throughout their lives. He would help his daughter, Susan, with dairy farming, horse farming, haying, and was always there for her. He was proud of his daughter, Cheryl's service to this country in the USAF, and for providing him with beloved son-in-law, Chris, and his only grandchild, Cassie Sherwin, who he was immensely proud of. Gibby helped son, Greg with numerous car projects, and as Greg says, "He put his faith in me to run his businesses, and ultimately purchase his businesses, and supported me in so many other ways."

Gibby had so many friends. Everyone who met him liked him. We don't know of a person who didn't. Gib had a great life. He spent 20 years in retirement doing what he liked most: restoring his old cars and trucks.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Helen Hurley, Anne Curtin, and Nancy Sullivan; five brother-in-laws; and his stepfather, Will Harlow. In addition to Jan, Greg, Sue, Cheryl, Chris, and Cassie (Stefan), he is survived by his brothers, Robert and Richard, his sister, Jean Ostrowski, twin sister, Gloria Quinn, brother-in-law, Jerry Bushway (Linda), sister-in-law, Joanne Gay, and numerous nieces and nephews.

There were calling hours on Tuesday, June 28 at Fenton & Hennessy Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. Gib's burial will be private.

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JULY 2 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Wojcicki will celebrate the release of their second album, “Failure to Illuminate”, with a concert at the Stage 33 Live listening room in Bellows Falls, Vermont, on Saturday, July 2 at 7 p.m., with special guests S6 Sol. Tickets are available through www.stage33live.com, or at the door. Limited seating.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On July 2, 2022 from 5–8 p.m., Art Around Books will host the exhibition “From There to Here,” curated by Nelle Martin at 5 Canal St., Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be a poetry reading by Chard DeNiord and music by the Yellow Barn Music Haul.

JULY 9 & 10 –
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Westminster Garden Tour will be on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days. The tour will feature the stunning gardens of Gordon and Mary Hayward, the gardens of Cheryl Charles, Obe and Lonnie Lisai, and the Westminster Center School’s vegetable garden. The Westminster Garden Tour is a fundraiser for Westminster Cares. For tickets and information, visit www.westminstercares.org. Tickets are also available the weekend of the tour at the Westminster Institute.

JULY 12 –
MANCHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning (GMALL) is delighted to welcome back Derek Boothby to talk about “mad” King George on Tuesday, July 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Burr and Burton Acedemy, Bell Tower Room at Founders Hall, 61 Seminary Avenue, Manchester. In the Declaration of Independence, King

George III was accused of a long list of transgressions. Did he really deserve such treatment? He was alleged to be a tyrant and unfit to be ruler of a free people. The colonists were understandably angry at the laws and taxes imposed on them from London, but should their anger be laid at the door of King George? All shall be revealed in Defence of King George. This talk will be available as an in-person event as well as an online presentation via Zoom. There is a fee to register, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit www.greenmntacademy.org.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Starting July 12 and running for seven sessions, the American Precision Museum will be hosting a summer inventor’s program for girls. Sessions will take place every Tuesday from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Windsor, Vt. Girls going into 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are encouraged to attend. Visit www.AmericanPrecision.org/Events or call 802-674-5781 for more information.

JULY 16 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, July 16 from 1-4 p.m. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, queen assessment and requeening, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. Look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road, 18 MacLean Road, first on right, Alstead, N.H. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. Register at lindenamel@

gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the third of four workshops.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Garden Tour will take place Saturday, July 16 from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., beginning at the Green across from the Belmont Store in Mount Holly, Vt. Buy tickets the day of the event to participate. Call Patrick and Pam McLaughlin at 802-228-8811 for more information.

JULY 18 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Monday, July 18 from 12–5:30 p.m. at the Ludlow American Legion Hall, 133 W Main St., Ludlow, Vt. There are no walk-ins available at this time. Call 100-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

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

MONDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Tracy Blanchard from The National Council on Aging will be at the Black River Valley Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to help Medicare recipients find and apply for eligible assistance programs, services and support. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. For details, call 802-773-7917.

THURSDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

DAILY –
REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO BROWNFIELDS REUSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT PROGRAM

Please take notice that BF Community Bike Project, Inc. whose mailing address is PO Box 883, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, is applying to the Vermont Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Program (10 V.S.A. §6641 et seq.) in connection with the redevelopment of property known as BF Community Bike Project, 30 Henry Street in the Village of Bellows Falls. A copy of the application, which contains a preliminary environmental assessment and a description of the proposed redevelopment project is available for public review at the Town of Rockingham Clerk’s Office and at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Montpelier. Comments concerning the application and/or the above referenced documents may be directed to Sarah Bartlett at (802) 249-5641 or at sarah.bartlett@vermont.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620; attention: Sarah Bartlett.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MECHANIC

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Qualified Mechanic to work for the Highway Dept.

Must have a CDL Class License. This position is full time, year-round reporting directly to the Highway Superintendent.

Previous mechanic experience a plus, as well as any combination of education and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skill and ability. Must pass a physical and a drug & alcohol test. High School diploma or equivalent is required.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectman’s Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, or mailed to Selectmen’s Office, P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603 or emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/LABORER

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Highway Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer.

This position is full-time, year-round. A CDL License is required. Duties include but not limited to snow plowing with plow and wing, and general labor. Previous experience with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Additional requirements are a good work ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player. Must pass a physical, and a drug & alcohol test.

Applications can be dropped off at our Selectman’s Office located at 233 Main Street Charlestown, NH or mailed to P.O. Box 385 Charlestown, NH 03603, or emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Deputy Building Inspector. This position is a part-time position with no benefits.

This position is responsible for inspection of commercial and residential buildings during various stages of construction and remodeling to ensure compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.

Inspect foundation, concrete, steel, masonry, wood construction, framing, plastering, routine plumbing, heating and electrical installations and a large variety of other complex and routine building system elements.

Respond to citizen complaints and concerns; serve due process letters to violators as necessary.

Issue notices to comply on violations; maintain records of history of facts for possible legal actions.

Signing and issuing of permits and certificates of occupancy.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.
2. Proven work experience as a Building Inspector - Specialized training in the building trades and/or code enforcement desirable.
3. Possession of an appropriate, valid building inspector certificate – or ascertain within the first year of employment with the NH Building Officials Association
4. Knowledge of construction design techniques
5. Advanced mathematical skills
6. Ability to make difficult decisions
7. Ability to read and understand blueprints and construction designs
8. Ability to travel and work irregular hours

Interested candidates should complete an application and/or resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email it to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

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FULL-TIME and PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER OPENINGS

Full time/Part time certified in New Hampshire and/or eligible for certification through the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council.

The Town of Charlestown Police Department is seeking a motivated, team oriented person who possesses good problem solving and communication skills that is interested in working in a tight knit community where community policing is a priority. The candidate selected will perform criminal investigations, crime prevention and community involvement assignments along with traffic enforcement.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen; must be 21 years old by the anticipated date of the agility test. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Candidates must meet the Physical Fitness Testing minimums and will be re-tested once every three years if hired. Must be a full time certified police officer in New Hampshire, or if certified in another state, must be eligible for certification with law package through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. The hiring process consists of a medical screening, physical agility test, Police Oral Board, polygraph examination, in depth background investigation, psychological evaluation, and drug screening. Salary is based on experience and your time in law enforcement is transferable.

Full time positions are benefit eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chief Patrick Connors at 603-826-5747.

To Apply: An application can be found on the Charlestown Town Website at <https://www.charlestown-nh.gov/> employment.

Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

~The Charlestown Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer~

PART TIME POLICE OFFICER/EMT

The successful candidate will possess the following minimum requirements:

- Must be a US Citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Driver’s License
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Must be able to perform the essential duties of a police officer
- All are encouraged to apply but preference will be considered for those with valid EMT licensure

Inquire by sending your resume along with a Town of Chester Application to: Town of Chester PO Box 370 Chester, VT 05143

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

Joshua Gorham has applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment for a property located at 187 Church Street in the Town of Chester. The proposed Boundary Line Adjustment will result in the property owned by Joshua Gorham being reduced by 0.22 acres, the property of Nicholas and Beverly Boke located at 50 Meadow Road increasing by 0.14 acres, and the property of Andrew and Elizabeth Brothers located at 70 Meadow Road increasing by 0.08 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 187 Church Street and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 22nd day of June 2022.

LEGAL NOTICES

AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held July 2, 2022 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Ayla Hodge #82 Stan Chess #14 & #15 Felicia Surething #79

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held July 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. at 368 River Street, Springfield, VT. 802-289-7117. To be Auctioned: Mary Rickert – Unit #8.

BUYING/SELLING

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

FIREWOOD

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Firewood for sale, free delivery, \$200 green, \$300 dry. Call 603-558-1289.

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WESTON, Vt. – Attractive one bedroom. 10 Landgrove Road. Walk to center. \$1,000 monthly plus security. References requested. Call Chris 302-762-4626 daily, but no later than 3 p.m.

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PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4X4. Original owner car. Stone white, Light Frost Beige w/Blk interior, Luxury Group II, Hemi V8, trailer hitch, Dual-Pane Panoramic Sunroof, new brakes, new tires, mint shape. A beautiful car, and an excellent driver. 179,000 miles \$15,000. Bill 203-240-6696.

FREE

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GUNS WANTED

REGION – Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top

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HELP WANTED

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace’s General Contractor seeking lead carpenter, experience building garages, decks, and porches. Pay \$28 and up. Call 802-674-5892.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Grace’s General Contractor seeking experienced sheetrock/painter. Pay \$25 and up. Call 802-674-5892.

NEW \$2.00 Evening Shift Differential for Dietary Department!

Openings for Cook and Dietary Aides. Also openings for House-keeping and LNAs. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT. oddmain@gofhvt.net. EOE.

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

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Part-time, light duty work available. Retired and looking for additional income? Need a summer job? We have an opening for a position to apply special tape to helicopter

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold three public hearings on Wednesday, June 13, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (1) A gymnastics training center is proposed for 9 Spencer Drive. (2) The Rockingham Sunoco proposes 24-hour fuel service at 809 Rockingham Road. (3) A retail clothing shop is proposed for 154 Westminster Street. Zoning applications are available online at rockinghamvt.org. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode ‘DRB’

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Information Presentation for the Andover Bridge #9 (over Trout Brook) Replacement Project

Selectboard Meeting Monday, July 11, 6:30 PM Andover Town Hall 59 Town Hall Road, Andover, VT 05143

The Vermont Agency of Transportation invites you to attend a Public Information Presentation for the Andover Bridge #9 (over Trout Brook) Replacement Project. Construction for this project is scheduled to begin this summer and will be completed by early June of 2023. During construction, the bridge will be closed for a 74-day period between August 22 and November 4, 2022.

The presentation will include a project overview, traffic detour, anticipated construction schedule, and construction impacts. An opportunity to ask questions will follow the presentation. If you have questions or would like additional information about the project, please contact the project Public Information Consultant, Delia Makhetha, at delia.makhetha@wsp.com.

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Part Time School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Part 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.

Job Type: Part-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at Michael.Ripley@trsu.org.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT REQUEST FOR BIDS ONE (1) 2022 or 2023 10,500 MINIMUM GVW ¾ TON HEAVY DUTY CREW CAB 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK

The Town of Springfield Vermont is accepting sealed bids for the above referenced equipment.

Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Jeffery F. Strong, Public Works Director at dpwjf@vermontel.net or 802-886-2059. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Bid-2022-2023 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck”.

Bid Submission: Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to: Town Manager “Bid-2022-2023 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck” 96 Main Street Springfield, VT 05156

Bid Deadline: Thursday July 7, 2022 at 10:00 am Bid Opening: Immediately following deadline

The Town of Springfield, Vermont reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed in the best interest to the Town of Springfield. The Town of Springfield also reserves the right to make any modifications in any bid if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Springfield as well as the right to waive any formality.

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FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC Dr. Denise Natalie 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Tuesday 1pm-6pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm. (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. (08/10/22 - 13)

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- High School Graduations- GM & Woodstock
- 6th Grade graduations- LES, MHS, CAES, CTES
- Mount Holly School Concert
- Senior Solutions / Nat’l Council on Aging Benefits
- Local church services

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 guide) Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv (08/10/22 - TFN - 13)

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BRISTOL PAWN SHOP Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWI and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033. (07/27/22 - 13)

Perennials

HALE HOLLOW PERENNIALS \$4 perennials. 189 Richmond Hill Road, Bridgewater Corners. Open May 1-Aug. 31. Daily from 9-5. Closed Mondays. 100 Vari-eties wintered over. Call 802-770-9445. (08/10/22 - 15)

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chet for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788. (09/14/22 - 13)

arts & entertainment

Fletcher Farm School Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will hold the first of its two summer Arts and Crafts Festivals on July 2, 2022. The Festival will be held on the school campus on Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vt.

There will be over 25 art and craft vendors, food, music by the Bluegrasoles, and ice cream. In addition, there will be a number of demonstrations in such disciplines as Creative Metalworking, Punch Needle Rug Hooking, and Silk Shi-

bori. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., rain or shine, and admission is free. The school was established in 1947, and this is a kick-off for our 75th anniversary summer.

Community Band “Children’s Concert”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Vermont Community Band’s popular “Children’s Concert” will take place on Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. at The Com-

mon, a park on Summer Hill St., Springfield, Vt. Children will be able to conduct the band. There will be free ice cream for all. Costumes are encouraged.

The evening’s program will feature vocal-ist Grace Thompson performing a medley of songs from the movie, “The Sound of Music.” Another highlight will be flutist Danielle St. Amand as the featured artist in the spirited “Carnival of Venice.” The remainder of the program will be various selections that children will immediately recognize. Bring your own chair. Planned programs are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Summer Concert lineup—

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association, on behalf of the Town of Cavendish, has announced the final lineup of bands that will play at the annual Summer Concert series in Proctorsville.

The season starts on July 6 at 6 p.m. with local favorite, Gypsy Reel. On July 13, Rick Davis and Friends reprise their

outstanding performance from last year. New to the lineup on July 20 is Morning Dudes, celebrating the repertoire of The Grateful Dead. On July 27, also new to the Summer Concert series, we will hear from Sammy Blanchette. Then on Aug. 3 another group new to our location, Beecharmer, an acoustic duo from Wilder will entertain us. Closing the series is another regular and favorite, The Gully Boys,

who will appear on Aug. 10.

Each week the music starts at 6 p.m., and is always on the Svec Memorial Green. In case of rain, check the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association Facebook page for postponement and re-scheduling information.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, email CavendishCommunity-Conservation@gmail.com.

Floral Impressions at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – After all our winter white, Gallery at the VAULT is proud to honor the beauty of spring and summer with a show of floral impressions by our exceptional artists, on view through July 27.

See the works of Jeanne Carbonetti, Jean

Cannon, Robert Carsten, Richard Cofrancesco, Dan O’Donnell, Len Emery, Richard Emery, Rick Hearn, Bradley Jackson, Gene Parulis, Rob O’Brien, Gil Perry, and Lynn Van Natta.

For more information, call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main

St., Springfield, Vt. We are open Wednesday and Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Contact 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit Facebook or our web page, www.galleryvault.org. Handicap accessible. Masks requested for reception.

Open Wall Show for all artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well, as well as for seasoned artists. The next show’s

theme is “Nature’s Splendor.” You can bring in two works if they are 18” x 20” or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc. are appreciated just as much as wall art. The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages.

Bring your creations in on Wednesday, July 13, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, July 15, from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., or on Saturday, July 16, from 11

a.m. – 5 p.m. if you cannot come during the week. The show will be on display from July 20 to Oct. 12, 2022.

For more information please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield. Contact at 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit our web page at www.galleryvault.org, Facebook, or Instagram. Wheelchair accessible.

New exhibitions at Hall Art Foundation

READING, Vt. – The Hall Art Foundation in Reading, Vt. has just opened two new exhibitions. Known for expressive figurative paintings that explore man’s relationship with the dynamics of power, the Leon

Golub survey includes approximately 70 works that span Golub’s career from 1947 – 2003. The show has been installed between three of our buildings, and includes several of Golub’s powerful and monumental paintings on unstretched

canvas.

In two of our other buildings, we are presenting a survey of paintings by Lois Dodd. Known for creating intimate and deceptively simple, yet acutely observational paintings, this survey brings together approximately 50 works that span Dodd’s career from the late 1950s to paintings completed last year. We are very fortunate to be able to include a number of early paintings on loan from the 95-year-old artist herself.

Converted from a former dairy farm, the Hall Art Foundation’s campus of converted galleries make up approximately 6,000 square feet of exhibition space. Our buildings abut a tributary of the Black River and are surrounded by approximately 400 acres of pastures, hayfields, and woodland.

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A COMMUNITY PRESCRIPTION:

DR. FOX DAY

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Saturday, July 9, 2022
1-4 PM, 2:30 Presentation
Peru Town Green

The Mountain Valley Health Council invites all well-wishers to come together in tribute to Dr. Fox in honor of his 47 years at Mountain Valley. Sign the guest book, leave a card, or just say thanks!

We are preparing a commemorative book for Dr. Fox. To include your tribute please go to:
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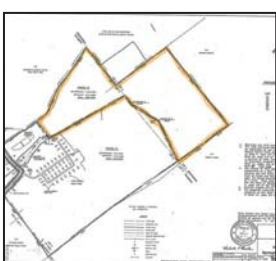
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Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The 15th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 17.

This is a self-guided tour of diverse high-altitude gardens that display truly creative landscaping ideas. The gardens are designed around Vermont's natural features, such as huge rock formations, ledges, hills, and valleys. Several gardeners are focused on sustainable organic practices to raise vegetables, fruit trees, and herbs. Others create garden sanctuaries that feed the senses with mountain vistas and fragrant flowers. This year's tour also includes a working Dairy Farm and a Topiary Elephant.

Tickets include entry into our Garden themed Raffle Drawing, featuring Floral Artwork, Garden Supplies and Landscaping Plants. They can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library/Community Center on The Green in Belmont.

All proceeds benefit the

ongoing restoration of the Mount Holly Library and Community Center.

There are several designated picnic spots, so bring your own or pick up a special garden tour lunch at the Belmont General Store.

Come enjoy a summer day full of garden inspiration and community spirit in the lovely town of Mount Holly, Vt.

Information at leahknoll@yahoo.com

SAPCC's Fit 'n Fun Duck Run

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center is pleased to announce the "Fit 'n Fun Duck Run and Wellness Fair" on July 16, 2022 with a rain date of July 17, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event will be held at SAPCC's campus at 80 Jack and Jill Lane, North Springfield, Vt.

This annual community event will include food, games, activities for kids, a gift shop, health and wellness resources, a "Decorate-a-Duck" contest, and, of course, adorable rubber duckies racing down the Black River. All proceeds will

support continued family programming provided by SAPCC which reaches thousands of people each year by building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers.

At 11 a.m. there will be a Children's Duck Run, which will be for the youngest attendees. Children can pick their own tiny rubber duck, watch it race down the Black River, and then keep it. Winners get a prize.

At 12:30 p.m. hundreds of tiny rubber ducks will be launched into the Black River off the Route 106 bridge for a race to the finish line. You can sponsor a duck for a small fee by logging on to www.SAPCC-VT.org in advance, or at the door on the day of the event. You do not have to be present to win. The first three ducks to cross the finish line will win cash prizes. The last place duck wins free swimming lessons at The Edgar May Health & Recreation Center.

Enter the Decorate-a-Duck Contest at www.sapcc-vt.org and have it back at SAPCC by July 8 to be submitted for online voting. An entry fee gets you a large 11-inch rubber duck to get creative with for a chance to win a cash prize. Winners will be announced at the Fit 'n Fun Duck Run.

You do not have to be present to win.

This event is sponsored by McGee Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram of Springfield, Vt. Sponsoring the event allows us to offer the best activities and prizes possible to grow this fundraiser. Please contact SAPCC if you are interested in being a sponsor.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to have a booth to display your wellness information at the event, please contact the Springfield Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242 or sapcc@sapcc-vt.org.

Rockingham softball undefeated

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Recreation 12u girl's softball team won their championship game on June 21 at Dorsey Park in Ludlow. The team was undefeated, 12-0. Players are Hannah Ainsworth, Emily Smith, Callyn Lisai, Elyse Thurber, Ella Griffin, Avery Maxfield, Gracie Patterson, Jazmyne Lescord, Natalye Lescord, Karlie Weir, Johannah Kissell, Kaitlin Kurkul, Makenna Applegate, Riley Applegate, and Aalya James.

Coached by Steve Bostwick, George Smith, and Meghan Weir.

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Community solar works differently than having panels installed on your home. As the sun shines on the panels at our Westminster office, they pro-

duce electricity and create Renewable Energy Credits. These credits turn into dollars that are paid toward your Green Mountain Power electric bill. SEVCA will make those credits available to approximately fifty households in our service area in order to reduce their energy burden.

To apply for the program, you will need to complete a short two-page application and provide information about your household income and electricity account. Applications are available at our offices in Westminster, Springfield, Brattleboro, and White River Junction. You can contact our front desk by dialing 802-722-4575 and

pressing ‘0’ to have an application mailed to you. For questions about the program please contact Daniel Quipp at 802-246-3006 or by email at dquipp@sevca.org.

For information about all of SEVCA’s programs and services, and to get help navigating and accessing available resources, visit www.sevca.org, email sevca@sevca.org, or call 800-464-9951. All of SEVCA’s services, and the vast majority, if not all, of the services SEVCA will refer you to or help you access, are provided free-of-charge to all eligible individuals and households.

Rockingham Library passes to parks, museums

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Looking for something fun and educational to do with the family? The Rockingham Free Public Library offers cardholders passes to museums, parks, and institutions throughout the state and in nearby communities.

Passes can be reserved up to a month in advance and provide free or greatly reduced admission. Each pass can be checked out by library cardholders aged 18 and older for three days at a time. The library recommends that all pass users call or check the institution’s website before going. Some may require masks.

Park and Museum

passes available at the library include:

- Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, Vt.
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- Vermont’s History Museum, Montpelier, Vt.
- Vermont Historic Sites, Multiple Sites
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This summer the Rockingham Free Public Library invites you to discover Vermont’s treasures with trips to museums, parks, and historical sites. This exciting service is provided by the financial support of the Friends of the Rockingham Library, the Vermont Department of Libraries, and individual institutions. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go online to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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