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Chester Planning Commission hosts community workshops

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Planning Commission will be hosting the first in a series of up to four workshops on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall and via Zoom.

As many are aware, our state is currently experiencing a shortage of affordable housing. The purpose of these workshops is to gather citizen input to assist in broadly updating Chester's Unified Development Bylaws with a focus on implementing steps to help ease the local housing shortage.

Public participation in

this process is important in helping to shape and refine our zoning bylaws in ways that will benefit the entire community. The workshops will also serve to keep the public informed as this important work proceeds. These workshops will provide an opportunity for our citizens to help shape the future of our town.

"I hope many of Chester's citizens will become involved as well as staying informed through these workshops," said Hugh Quinn, the chair of the Chester Planning Commission during a recent discussion.

The Chester Town Plan, the Village Center Master Plan, and a recent zoning audit will help inform the needed changes to the zoning bylaws. The Planning Commission will also utilize a guide entitled "Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods," which was produced by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development for use at the town level. This guide recommends making incremental changes rather than attempting to fully rewrite a town's zoning bylaws in a single process. Each of

these documents can be downloaded from the town's website at www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html.

This project is funded by a bylaw modernization grant through the state's Department of Housing and Community Development. The grant allows the Town of Chester to utilize the expertise of Jason Rasmussen, the executive director of The Mount Ascutney Regional Commission. Once completed, the overall project will incrementally update Chester's Unified Development



Chester Planning Commission to host community workshops. PHOTO BY BARRE PINSKE

Bylaws with a particular focus on modernizing our bylaws to better address local housing needs and vil-

lage revitalization goals. The Zoom link for any who prefer to attend remotely is www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81029256359.

Okemo Valley TV Producer Awards

UDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV, the community station and media center serving the Black River Valley and Okemo region, has announced the winners of its annual Producer Awards. The awards are given to community members and volunteers who have been active in producing programming over the past year. The four annual awards are given for Producer of the Year, Best Youth Programming, Community Impact, and Outstanding Achievement.

Producer of the Year – Amy Mosher, for her dedi-

cated coverage of Green Mountain Union High School soccer games. In total, Amy recorded 15 games, for both the girls' and boys' teams.

Youth Programming – For the second consecutive year, local librarian Kata Welch is our "Youth Programming Producer of the Year." Kata is the most prolific producer and host of children's programming for Okemo Valley TV. She brings an energetic and entertaining style to "Story Time," reading from a wide selection of children's books. She is leaving

her post as the Cavendish Town librarian in August, but don't worry – she's not going far. She will take over as the school librarian at Chester-Andover Elementary.

Outstanding Achievement – Dr. Linda Thomson, a clinical hypnotherapist, is also a children's book author. Her series "Harry the Hypnopotamus" is a book aimed at helping kids cope with stress and anxiety using techniques of hypnosis. The latest edition, written just a few months ago is, "Harry Goes to Save the

Children of Ukraine," with illustrations from Jane Hart and read in Ukrainian by Svetlana Phillips, a local resident who is from Ukraine. The book reading was recorded in the Okemo Valley TV studio and the production was shared with humanitarian service agencies overseas, with the intent of supporting children who have been displaced and whose lives have been upset by the ongoing war. For this effort, Dr. Thomson received the Outstanding Achievement award.

Community Impact –

For the last two years, yoga instructor Liza Eaton has been offering virtual sessions, held over video conferencing. She then sends the recordings to Okemo Valley TV for sharing with the wider community. The station has received abundant positive feedback about carrying Liza's yoga sessions, which is evidence that she's had an impact. For this, Liza received this year's Community Service Award.

The awards, which are maple plaques made by Rockledge Farm Woodworking, were handed out

during Okemo Valley TV's Annual Meeting on June 23. A short video sampling from the awards ceremony can be viewed on the station's website at www.okemovalley.tv/okemo-valley-tv-awards-night-2022. To view any of the videos from the award recipients, go online to the "Videos" page on the station's website, www.okemovalley.tv/videos, and type in the person's name in the Producer field. For more information about the station and how to get involved, visit www.okemovalley.tv or call 802-228-8808.

Okemo Valley Car Show and Cruise-In

UDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce invites participants for the Second Annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival Car Show and Fifth Annual Benson's Chevy Cruise-In. The car show, sponsored by Coldwell Banker Lifestyles Real Estate, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 in Ludlow, Vt. at the Okemo Field on Route 103. The cruise-in will be held the night before the festival on Friday evening Aug. 19 from 5-8 p.m. at Benson's Chevrolet located at 25 Pond St. in Ludlow Village. Learn more and register at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/cars/.

The Cruise-In on Fri. Aug. 19 is an opportunity to showcase your classic car or truck. Refreshments will also be available. Each vehicle owner will get a Cruise-In t-shirt. Each vehicle entered into the Cruise-In will also get a ticket to the 2022 Best of Vermont Summer Festival. This event is hosted and sponsored by Benson's Chevrolet. The cruise-in rain date is the following Friday evening, Aug. 26.

The Okemo Valley 2022 Best of Vermont Summer Festival Car Show is

scheduled for Saturday Aug. 20 from 12-7 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Showcase your Classic, Antique and Vintage Cars during the festival. Winners will be selected by both participant and spectator judging. Trophies will be awarded to the top three vehicles. Each vehicle owner will also get a Car Show t-shirt. Registration for vehicle participation is free. There is a voluntary suggested donation for festival admission at the gate should you choose to contribute. 2022 gate proceeds will support the Creative Economy sector programming in Okemo Valley. The festival is rain or shine.

If participants need lodging that weekend, please consider one of these fine Okemo Valley establish-



Left to right: the Fifth Annual Benson's Chevy Cruise-In sponsor George Benson Jr. of Benson's Chevrolet, Car Show Sponsor Karen Wilson of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles Real Estate, Okemo Valley Chamber Director Carol Lighthall, Frank Ellison, and Jarrod Jowdy also of CBLRE.

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ments by going to www.yourplaceinvermont.com/where-to-stay/.

The festival, presented by William Raveis Vermont Properties, is still seeking additional vendors. The vendor application deadline is Friday, July 29, 2022. Discounts will be given to participating OVRCC chamber member vendors. The chamber has a special festival webpage where vendor forms are also available. Find them at www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summer-festival.

This festival is a great opportunity for everyone,

including locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits, and brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; awesome live music; hot air balloons; ag demos; children's activities; a car show; barn dance; and more. New this year is a special home Design Tent. The Best of VT Summer Festival will also be promoted throughout the Okemo Valley region, the state of Vermont, New England, and the Northeast.

Peanuts Dog Treats pop-up to permanent shop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A business inspired by a ridiculously cute fur baby hopes to open a bricks-and-mortar store that will offer healthy, affordable pet supplies, enliven Springfield, Vt.'s Main Street, and contribute to the local humane society.



Peanuts Dog Treats grand opening. PHOTO PROVIDED

Peanuts Dog Treats, owned by Charlestown, N.H., resident Samantha O'Gara, recently launched a crowdfunding campaign on The Local Crowd Upper Valley to grow from pop-up shop to permanent Springfield store. The Local Crowd Upper Valley is run by Vital Communities, a White River Junction-based nonprofit dedicated to creating equitable solutions to our region's challenges.

This spring, O'Gara offered a pop-up shop for her pet treat-making business. The immedi-

ate positive response motivated her to pursue expanding her from a pop-up to a permanent pet store. The funds raised will help capitalize this start-up, allowing the business to more fully contribute to Springfield's locally owned retail sector.

"We are looking to turn our pop-up into a permanent pet store," said O'Gara. "Our vision is to provide a store that not only offers high-quality pet products for all types of animals, but also supports the local community shelters through monthly donations."

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Cavendish Library hires new librarian

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library Board is pleased to announce we’ve hired a new librarian for our much loved community-school library.

Amy McMullen resides in Windsor, Vt. and has been the Children’s Librarian at the Hartland Public Library since 2005. Amy comes to us with not only library experience, as she has been the Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union School Board Chair for many years. Since 2018, she has also been the

part-time Town Clerk for the Town of Windsor. So she is very experienced in school and town issues, as well as in libraries and books!

Amy will start her position in Cavendish on Tuesday, July 19. She will work alongside our dear Kata for several weeks before Kata moves on to her new job at the Chester Andover Elementary School Library. Amy will also be working with the TRSU and the Vermont Department of Education as she prepares to take over teaching the library

curriculum to our great students at CTES in the fall.

Kata’s last day at CFCL will be Thursday, Aug. 11. Please plan on attending our annual End of Summer BBQ and Magic Show on Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. to wish Kata well and to meet Amy. If you just can’t wait, please feel free to stop in during the summer, when the library is open, to introduce yourself to Amy and to help give Kata a loving send-off.

Shear Beauty Salon one-year anniversary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Congratulations to Shear Beauty Salon on the celebration of their one-year anniversary. Shear Beauty Salon is located in the Woolson Block at 33 Main St., Springfield, Vt., and is owned and operated by Daryl Turner. Daryl has been working her magic for eighteen years. She spent fifteen of those

years at a local salon, building skills and connections and then a year ago decided to go out on her own.

Shear Beauty Salon provides hair needs for the entire family – from simple trims and cuts, to styles and extensions. Daryl’s specialty is color, so whether you want to go creative or just cover roots, she can do

it all. The salon also offers keratin treatments, perms, and hairstyling. No matter what, you will leave feeling beautiful inside and out.

When Daryl was young, she was bullied, and many times didn’t feel pretty and felt ignored. This was one of her inspirations for becoming a stylist. If she can make one person feel beautiful, get them to smile, or just sit and talk to them and make their day a bit better, she calls it a win.

Daryl and her husband moved to Springfield sixteen years ago. Her husband was raised here, and they decided that they wanted to raise their family here, too. They have enjoyed making friendships and bonds throughout the community.

Daryl hopes to expand and bring in more stylists as Shear Beauty Salon becomes more established in their location. Appointments can be made on their website at www.squareup.com/appointments/book/zpq990fq0v0ugz/LN-BQZ1D704XPC/services.

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BRAM Block Party

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us for hot dogs, cotton candy, and ice cream floats at the Black River Academy Museum Block Party, Saturday, July 9, from 5–9 p.m. The rain date will be Saturday, July 16.

The party will take place on Depot Street. There will be live music from 5–7 p.m. in the parking lot, a bike parade from 5:30–6 p.m., square dancing from 7–8:30 p.m. at the town hall, a cornhole contest

from 6–7 p.m., and the baking contest results at 8 p.m. at Downtown Grocery. There will also be a jellybean contest, raffles, and games and activities provided for kids in the mini park.

“Women of Adventure” comes to Slate Valley Trails

RUTLAND, Vt. – Come Alive Outside has recently collaborated with Garmin to bring the book and message of “Women of Adventure: Being Brave in a Big World” to selected story walks on trails in Rutland County.

The book introduces the Women of Adventure when they were young girls and explores what influenced them to pursue their passions. Each story includes an “Explore” page that teaches readers about maps and wayfinding, rocks and geology, heights and flight, and more. Kids and parents alike will discover the science behind how things work, the tools required for each adventure, and various facts and figures pertinent to each discipline.

One of the characters of the book is Vermont’s very own Mirna Valerio. Valerio, who lives in Montpelier, is an ultra-

runner, author, and advocate for increasing representation outdoors.

“I love to share the joy of being outside on a trail with everyone I meet in person or through words and pictures, because I want them to experience that same feeling,” said Valerio.

Valerio also supports the mission of Come Alive Outside and has helped the organization spread its message. When word got out that Garmin had created the Women of Adventure initiative and a book was coming out that featured Mirna Valerio, Come Alive Outside immediately reached out to Garmin to bring copies of this book to story walks in Rutland County. Garmin responded by not only donating the laminated books for the book paths on the trails, but also donated 25 books for Come Alive Outside to share with local program participants.

The book can be found on the new and improved Slate Valley Trails story

walk at Bumper Cars from July 1 through Aug. 31 this summer. It will also be up again on Pine Hill Park’s Pinecone Adventure Forest Trail Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

If you would like your very own copy of Women of Adventure to keep, “Women of Adventure: Being Brave in a Big World” can be purchased on www.garmin.com. Proceeds from each book purchased go toward the women’s chosen charities, supporting causes that clean up coastlines, empower women and girls worldwide with donated bikes, educate and inspire girls through STEM-related efforts, and more. To learn more about the Garmin Women of Adventure initiative, visit www.garmin.com/womenofadventure.

Come Alive Outside will also be giving away books to the first ten individuals who take a photo of themselves on the book path and email them to Arwen@comealiveoutside.com.

DOG

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Peanuts Dog Treats is a start-up business that creates affordable, preservative-free dog treats. The business was inspired by Peanut, O’Gara’s adorable pug. She writes on her campaign web page, “Peanut stole our hearts the moment she was plopped into my arms on pick-up

day. My fiancé and I treat her like gold and want the best of everything for her to ensure she lives a long, happy life. It was my fiancé’s idea to begin making my own dog treats, and I quickly fell in love with it! Now, I am sure most of you know this, but pugs can get pretty chunky fast if they are not on a healthy diet. By making my own treats, I had complete control over what was going into her body and it

gave me peace of mind that I wasn’t filling her up with harmful ingredients. I want other dog owners to feel that peace of mind as well – and that is what sparked turning this into a business!”

This crowdfunding campaign continues through July at www.bit.ly/peanutdogtreats.

For more information, contact Jen Risley at 603-400-9157 or at jen@vitalcommunities.org.



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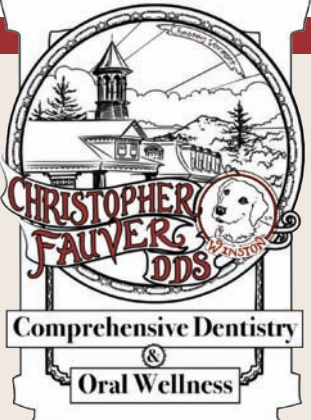
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Making hooch

Over the years, on many occasions, I have drunk hard cider. Hard cider was put up in oak barrels. I recall one place when I was a teenager.

That cider maker had fourteen 50-gallon barrels stacked in his cellar. I sampled several. I remember coming up the stairs on my hands and knees.

“The Last Yankees” by Scott E. Hastings, Jr., 1990

Scott Hastings wrote a wonderful book about the old Yankees. Scott interviewed many old-timers in the Upper Valley in the 1970s.

Below is Scott’s account of making cider the old way:

An interview with Joseph Quinn:

“We never used any keg less than five gallons. Anybody that just wanted some cider to drink sweet, and leave the rest for vinegar, used the 5-gallon keg. Wood kegs make the best vinegar. But the biggest ones were about two hundred gallons. They were hog-heads used for molasses. Father made good hard cider, and he always kept a barrel down cellar.

Company used to stop by, and he’d put a red-hot poker into a pitcher of it, and they’d have a chat. I recall one fellow. He had a habit of making little rhymes. One spring he come and said to father, “I’d like a pitcher of cider, William.” So father sent me down to get it. Father turned him out a little glass, and he drank it and smacked his lips. He kept looking into the empty glass, but father didn’t say nothing. So finally the man, he says, “I had a little hen and she had a wooden leg. That same little hen, she laid a wooden egg ‘Twas the nicest little hen we had upon the farm

I don’t think another drink, would do me any harm”

Cider making today



Nelson Kendall’s still, made from a beer keg. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Today, cider makers have taken the craft to new levels. I know a couple of these people.

Today, glass jars are used. These jars are five to ten gallons, so you can see it’s made in very small batches. These jars are cylindrical, not ovoid (bulbous) in form.

At the top above the neck is an opening an inch or so in diameter. Through this, the jar is filled with cider. Then a rubber stopper (bung) is fitted into the jar opening. Sitting on top of the rubber bung is a plastic cylinder about an inch in diameter and four inches tall. There’s a tube from this plastic cylinder, down through the bung to the inside of the bottle where the cider is. Gas can escape from the cider, but no air gains entry to the cider. Air turns hard cider into vinegar.

There are a few I know in the area making cider the new way. Each has different methods or techniques. Some use Macintosh apples, others wild apples, worms and all.

It takes six months or more for the cider to mature. Now it gets technical. Some cider makers freeze their hard cider. The water content will freeze into a slushy ice. The alcohol doesn’t freeze. The alcohol is siphoned off and bottled. This is applejack and very good. I love it.

Some cider makers distill their hard cider. Nelson Kendall distilled hard cider on his kitchen stove. He used a beer keg that maybe held five gallons of hard

cider. There’s a copper line in a coil attached. Cold water was used in a tank that the coil rested in. This caused condensation.

The distilled alcohol dripped out of a drain-pipe at the bottom. The first run produced 50 to 60 proof. A second distillation resulted in 80 to 90 proof. You can go higher.

Last winter I picked up a 10-gallon glass jar. All I need is the rubber bung. I understand there’s a place in White River that sells this apparatus.

I have friends making hard cider. Sometimes I’m given a sample. Their hard cider is sinfully good. Some is like brandy and some like sherry. It would please any palate.

Talking with these cider makers is interesting. They all have developed different methods.

I’m going to give it a try this fall using fresh cider, not pasteurized. There aren’t many cider presses around these days. Willis Wood, on the Weathersfield Center Road still presses apples.

I’m told I can add honey, maple syrup, sugar, or yeast. Some have experimented with pears. I prefer a dry cider. You should try this yourself.

This week’s old saying: “One minute you’re young and fun. Next, you’re turning down the car stereo to see better.”

Springfield Community Players present, “Gypsy”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – In these times of uncertainty, the Springfield Community Players oft resemble the Vaudevillian stages of the 1920s. A community theater, left empty most days, at night turns into a showcase of talent. Much like our Vaudevillian history, the playhouse welcomes talent from far and wide, as players chase their dreams of becoming a star; but, by day, catch a dime working as teachers, business owners, bankers, managers, health-care workers, and servers.

As the Springfield Community Players come into their second season after 2020, the perspective is different. Uncertainty is a common word, knowing that at any second the show might not go on as we live under the threat of another Covid outbreak. After our opening show, “Puffs,” fell victim to Covid, Springfield Community Players is now thrilled to welcome the audience back inside our intimate theater for the true Vaudevillian expose, “Gypsy.”

Based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the musi-

cal “Gypsy” was a project of David Merrick and actress Ethel Merman. In addition, Jule Stein and Oscar Hammerstein were accompanied on the project to make this story into a show. “Gypsy” saw its first Broadway run in 1959 and became a hit film in 1962.

“Gypsy” is the tale of a mother, Rose, desperate to break her children into show business. But to what extent will Rose go to make June and Louise into Vaudeville stars? Throughout, the audience will be delighted with original music, played by a live music pit, dances, and dialogue, as we follow Rose and her family through years of life in just a few hours.

“This is a show about love and relationships,” says director Sara Vitale. “It’s about the things we want versus the things we do, and why we do them. It’s about struggling towards a dream at any cost, and the reality of what those costs actually are.”

In these times of uncertainty, what could be a more relevant show to perform,

to invite the community to enjoy? This stunning production, one of such volume and excitement, holds true decades after its creation. The flair, the comedy, and the characters are all reflective of the landscape we live in.

“Gypsy” will run for three weekends, each weekend with three shows. Shows are as follows: July 8–10, July 15–17, and July 22–24. Shows on Friday and Saturday will start at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. Matinee shows on Sundays will begin at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.springfieldcommunityplayers.com, or by calling the theater and leaving a message. We are located at 165 South St., Springfield, VT, 05156

Masks are required for all audience members for the first two show weekends, and suggested for the final three shows.

Written by Taryn Sidney of the Springfield Community Players.

Historian Marty Podskoch presents in Rockingham —

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Saturday, July 16, at 1 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, historian and author Marty Podskoch will talk about Vermont’s 30 Civilian Conservation Corps Camps, including the one in Bellows Falls on CCC Road.

The CCC began on March 31, 1933, under President Roosevelt’s New Deal to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. CCC camps were set up in many Vermont towns, state parks, and forests. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, and dams, stocked fish, built and maintained fire tower observer’s cabins



CCC VT Nick Caputo Mess hall. PHOTO PROVIDED

and telephone lines, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WWII.

Podskoch is a retired teacher and the author of eleven books, whose topics include the CCC camps of Connecticut, Rhode Is-

land, and the Adirondacks. He is keenly interested in meeting individuals who may have Vermont CCC stories and photos to contribute to the book he is currently working on. Those that have information can contact him at 860-267-2442 or podskoch@comcast.net.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt.



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opinion

Dear Editor,

An open letter of sympathy to the Devereux Family. It goes without saying, we will all miss Mr. Don Devereux. He was a great asset to our community of Ludlow over the years.

It was my pleasure to have served with Mr. Devereux on the selectboard for several years, as well as the school board and other community projects. Mr. Devereux was a brother Mason for 62

years. Thank you, Don. We will certainly miss you. Our country loses another veteran. Sincerely, Herbert B. Van Guilder Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

When I look at the ballot, I cast my votes using a sort of mathematical equation for each candidate: supports my values, plus, has “lived experience” to inform their values, plus, has public service or leadership experience, plus, shows integrity, plus, listens to a variety of opinions, plus, educates themselves to develop their own opinions. In adding all of this up, I have (easily) come to the conclusion that I’m voting for Nader Hashim for State Senate. When I was a reporter, I covered Nader’s House campaign. I also had the opportunity to hear him speak at a 2018 event at the Putney Public Library about fair and impartial policing in Vermont. At the library event, I remember Nader saying, “It’s good to get uncomfortable. This is where we make progress.” He encouraged audience members to broaden their perspectives by listening to a variety of people.

In subsequent conversations with Nader, here’s what I’ve noticed about him: He’s thoughtful, intelligent, humble, and even-keeled. He has long been a public servant, and his former line of work exposed him to people when they were often at their worst and struggling the hardest. Nader’s approach to improving Vermonters’ lives involves making real and lasting changes while acknowledging present conditions and utilizing the tools available to us right now. Call it “pragmatic idealism,” if you will. These qualities alone speak to Nader’s qualities as a leader. His voting record further confirms my decision to endorse him. Nader has demonstrated his consistent support, through his Legislative votes and sponsorships, of measures that are important to me personally and to my friends and neighbors. Securing reproductive rights; mitigating climate change; protecting healthcare for

gender-non-binary Vermonters; establishing real, quantifiable improvements for working-class people, especially in housing and childcare; and guarding our right to vote. You don’t have to take my word for it. Read for yourself the list of bills Nader has sponsored by going to www.legislature.vermont.gov/people/single/2020/30973#sponsored-bills. Its breadth is impressive. By sending Nader back to Montpelier, this time as a Senator, we’re demonstrating our care for each other here in this corner of Windham County, and for our neighbors throughout Vermont. Please join me in the polls on Aug. 9 and Nov. 8 when I cast my vote for Nader Hashim for State Senate. Sincerely, Wendy M. Levy Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a homeowner in Plymouth, Vt., I am deeply disturbed by Jay Kullman’s comment in last week’s paper. He has expressed to the citizens in Plymouth that the selectboard is not interested in helping the owners of the dam on Amherst Lake who are dealing with difficult financial decisions. The Plymouth Selectboard has been preoccupied with the expenditure of millions of dollars to renovate and modernize the Town Hall and the buildings,

which support Plymouth’s care and maintenance. There is no question that the town needs improvements. To date, there has been no real discussion within the community regarding the needs of the general population. What should be discussed is the selectboard’s refusal to acknowledge the financial impact of a collapsed dam on the community. This will negatively impact the value of all the lands surrounding this lake. It will also detract from the lake’s value as an attraction to visitors.

What if the Town of Plymouth could make an investment in the dam itself through some negotiation with the owners? We have one beachfront on Echo Lake – why not another one on the beautiful and much larger Amherst Lake? The selectboard will ask voters to agree to another near-million dollar investment in November. I don’t believe that their hearts are in the right place if they ignore this reality. Sincerely, Nancy Kessling Plymouth, Vt.

Evaluating volatility

REGION – Figures that show an average return on an investment are only part of the story. They don’t tell how that return was achieved. Is the investment a volatile one, with a lot of ups and downs in price or returns that varied dramatically? Or was its performance relatively steady, with prices and returns that were very similar month to month or year after year? Understanding volatility measures can help you evaluate whether a particular investment is suited to your own investing style. Volatility measurements can be used to evaluate the performance of mutual funds and investment portfolios as well as individual securities.

Standard deviation This figure measures how much an investment’s return varies from its mean return. The higher an investment’s standard deviation is, the more dramatic its ups and downs. For example, let’s say two stocks each return an average of 6% a year. However, one of those stocks might have a much higher return in some years, but lose a lot of value in others. That stock’s standard deviation from its mean would be quite high. The second stock might achieve the same average without such dramatic price swings, and would therefore have a lower standard deviation.

Beta Another way to evaluate an investment’s volatility is to look at its beta, which compares an individual investment’s volatility to that of the market. A stock or mutual fund with a beta of 1.0 would have exactly as much market risk as its benchmark – for example, the S&P

500 stock index. A stock or mutual fund with a beta of 1.5 would involve 50% more market risk than the benchmark; if the benchmark went up, the individual security would be expected to go 50% higher. If the benchmark’s return dropped, the security’s return should be 50% lower. Conversely, a stock or fund with a beta of less than 1.0 would involve less market-related volatility than the overall market. If the S&P rose by 50%, an investment with a beta of 0.5 should benefit by only 25%. If the benchmark fell by 50%, the individual security with a 0.5 beta should experience only a 25% drop.

R-squared Beta as a measurement of volatility is useful only if the investment is being compared to an appropriate benchmark. R-squared measures how much of an investment’s volatility depends on the volatility of its benchmark. For example, the performance of an index mutual fund based on the S&P 500 would be almost entirely the result of the performance of the index itself. If an investment’s performance is perfectly correlated with that of the overall market, it would have an R-squared of 1.00. The lower the R-squared, the less the investment’s performance can be explained by the market’s overall performance. For example, a stock with an R-squared of 0.80 would mirror the performance of the S&P 500 index much more closely than a stock with an R-squared of 0.40, which would be much more affected by factors specific to that stock.

Alpha In addition to risk and reward that is linked to market movements, an investment involves risk and reward that is unique to the investment itself. A stock, for example, might benefit from superior management of the company, or suffer


because of a substantial delay in launching an important product. Alpha indicates how well an investor is being compensated for the level of that specific (nonmarket-related) risk. It compares an investment’s returns to the performance an investor might expect given the level of risk indicated by its beta. A positive alpha would mean that for the time period measured, the investment has done better than the return that investors could have predicted simply by multiplying its beta figure times the return of the benchmark index. A negative alpha means just the opposite: that the investment’s returns have been worse than they should have been for the level of risk taken. At the portfolio level, alpha is a way to gauge whether you benefit from active management, compared to simply investing passively in an index.

Measuring overall market volatility One way investors sometimes try to gauge short-term volatility in the market as a whole is to look at the Volatility Index (VIX) created by the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The VIX is calculated as a percentage figure by averaging the prices of options on the S&P 500 index. The figure, which is calculated minute-by-minute based on ongoing options trading, is used to gauge investor expectations for market volatility over the next 30 days. Though past performance is no guarantee of future results, options prices tend to rise when the markets are in turmoil and investor anxiety is high. That pushes the VIX up as well. When investors are feeling more certain about the future, options prices and the VIX tend to drop.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Masks are optional. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ImmanuelEppiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.
Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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

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

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. Masks are optional. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

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

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

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

GRAFTON, VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
Mass services are Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masks are recommended, but not required, for those who are fully vaccinated. Social distancing in every other pew will continue. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

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

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670. Because state restrictions have been lifted, masks are not obligatory.

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

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

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.
Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.
Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. - Holy Days as announced. Services alternate between Clergy Officiated, Traditional Rite I and Contemporary Rite II, Holy Eucharist, and Licensed Lay Led Rites I and II Morning Prayer. All are invited regardless of religious affiliation. Call David at 802-885-2972 with questions.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.
Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to www.youtube.com and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Summer services, in-person and online, on the following four summer Sundays will all be at 10 a.m.: July 10, July 24, Aug. 14, and Aug. 28. Weekly services will resume on Sept. 11, 2022 at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact uspringfieldvt@gmail.com. Join the Springfield UU Meetinghouse in-person or online on Sunday, July 10, at 10 a.m. for "Earth Gratitude as a Meditative Practice," with Julane Deener and the Worship and Arts team. Join us in person at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130779853>. All welcome!

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.
Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary – masks required – or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenhucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

WEATHERSFIELD, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, 146 High St., Perkinsville
Services will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. through Sept. 4. Will Hunter will lead the congregation with invited guest speakers to join at various times during the summer. All are welcome to join in. Daycare will be provided for children at the church. Services will be held outside in the Maple Grove weather permitting. In case of rain services will be held indoors with masks required. The church is located in Weathersfield Center.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

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

WESTON, VT.


The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.
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David Chesley, 1940-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – David F. Chesley, 81, of Henry Street, died June 23, 2022 at the Genesis Lebanon Center. He was born Dec. 2, 1940, in Fairlee, Vt., the son of Nahum Chesley and Ethelyn (Hathaway). He was a 1958 graduate of Bellows Falls High School.

After high school, he went on to study at the Wentworth Institute in Boston, Mass. David served his country in the Vermont Army National Guard. The son of a printer, he worked most of his adult life in local printing and publishing businesses, such as The Model Press, the H.A. Manning Co. – where he was vice president of manufacturing for over 25 years – and as the owner of Freedom Publications until his retirement. David was a member of the Elks, Rotary, the Boy Scouts of America, the Windham County Division Board, and the Chamber of Commerce, all in Bellows Falls. He served on the Bellows Falls Junior League Baseball Board for 25 years.

David enjoyed singing in choirs and would often be a soloist at weddings. He was an avid skier, tennis player, and BFUHS boys' tennis team coach for many years. He enjoyed playing softball

David Chesley, 1940-2022.
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in Brattleboro, Putney, and Newfane.

David was married to Sandra Bain, who predeceased him in 2007. He is survived by his two sons, David C. Chesley of Bellows Falls, and Aaron B. Chesley of Brattleboro, as well as his grandchildren, Jacob, Kiana, Mathew, and Sarah Chesley. He also leaves his companion Judy Konesko of Charlestown, N.H.

There will be a service held at the Walpole Congregational Church on Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. He will be buried with his wife Sandra in the Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

Julia Kiniry
memorial service

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A graveside service for Julia Kiniry, who passed away on Jan. 27, 2022, will be held on July 12, 2022, 1 p.m., at the St. Charles Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt. Reverend John Loughnane will officiate.

Elvin Parker, 1956-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Elvin Lawrence Parker, 66, of Westminster, Vt., died Thursday, June 9, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born May 5, 1956, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Leonard and Winifred (Hall) Parker. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School, and worked at Putney Paper Co. in Putney, Vt. He was a kind, gentle man who was loved by all. His greatest joy was his family.


On Feb. 1, 1987, in Bellows Falls, Vt., he married Dorothy Jane Woodward, who survives. He is also survived by three sons, David Dunn, William Parker and his wife, Julie, and Dana Parker; three daughters, Tammy Dunn, Jennifer Parker, and Mandi Parker; one daughter-in-law, Edna Parker; two sisters-in-law, Ruby

Elvin Parker, 1956-2022.
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Parker and Shirley Dunn; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by four brothers, Allen, Aden, Wayne, and Clarence, and one sister, Rita Parker.

Services will be held at a later date. Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., are assisting with the arrangements.

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JULY 9 –
N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society will be holding a Tag Sale on July 9, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. All proceeds will go toward building renovations and property maintenance. The sale will take place at 5 School St.

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 11 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center will be hosting a Game Day with coffee on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The BRVSC is located at 10 High St., Ludlow, Vt. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

JULY 12 –
MANCHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning (GMA) 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. 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 802-867-0111 or visit www.greenmtnacademy.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 14 –
CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Summer Music Series will open with Luminous Crush, playing original bluegrass, country, post-punk, indie, dream pop on July 14, from 6:30–8 p.m. at the Academy Lawn, across from the Chester Common. The American Legion Post 67 is the rain venue. Bring a picnic, lawn chair, and blanket.

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.

AUG. 20 & 21–
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the dates for the second annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival! This two-day event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon - 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Ludlow. The event will take place at Okemo Field on Route 103. Enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits, and brew tastings; artisan products; fine art; awesome music; hot air balloons; agricultural demos; children’s activities; and more. For details, visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

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

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

games start at 1 p.m.

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.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

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-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us at Fletcher Memorial Library every Wednesday from 10:30–11 a.m. for Summer Outdoor Story Time. Bring a blanket, a snack, and your kid and come to the library side lawn for a relaxed summer story time.

CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, 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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting

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

THURSDAYS –
WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

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.

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

DAILY –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Summer Reading will run from through Aug. 5. The program is open to all kids and teens ages 2–18 and includes activities such as Wednesday Morning Outdoor Story Times, Tuesday Morning Crafts, Thursday afternoon Family Programs, and other fun activities and events. Sign up at www.fmlnews.org/youth.html.

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.

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TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town Charlestown is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Transfer Station Attendant. This position is part time and year-round.

Duties include but not limited to:

1. Maintaining the recycling area and insuring the proper disposal and classification of all recycled materials.
2. Assisting residents and commercial users in the appropriate placement of refuse and recyclables.
3. Assist the Road Agent in all matters related to the operation of a solid waste/recycling facility.

Additional requirements are a good working ethic, positive attitude, hard worker and a team player.

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

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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.

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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
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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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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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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.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 7/20/22 at the Londonderry Town Offices 100 Old School St. to hold a public hearing on an application from Jill and Craig Smith for outdoor seating at an existing restaurant at 3928 Rt.11, from Michelle Perri for an accessory dwelling at 1221 Goodaleville Rd, and from Gary Kleiman for a coffee shop at 2309 N Main St.

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

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

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Lans Christenson has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 35 Depot Street in the Town of Chester. The proposed use is retail and tourist lodging.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 35 Depot Street and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 25, 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 29th day of June 2022.

TOWN OF GRAFTON

The Town of Grafton, Vermont is seeking qualified applicants for a working Highway Road Foreman. This position is responsible for day-to-day operations as the working supervisor of a 2-person Highway Crew. Experience in highway maintenance and repair, mechanical ability, computer, and record keeping skills, strong leadership, and a team player is required. CDL required.

Duties include year-round routine maintenance of highways and roads, minor bridge repairs, and equipment. Developing a strong highway team, positive relationships with co-workers in town government, and communication with the Select Board and public are also required.

The starting wage for the position is \$26-\$32/hour based on experience and includes an excellent benefits package.

Application including resume must be received at Grafton Town Hall no later than 3:00 PM Friday July 15, 2022.

Applicants may seek further details or submit a resume by contacting Grafton Town Clerk, 843-2419 or by email krecord@graffontownvt.org or Grafton Administrator, 843-2552 townadmin@graffontownvt.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

Grief support groups

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Brattleboro Area Hospice is offering a grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. This is an 8-week group, meeting on Tuesdays, July 12 through Aug. 30, 5:15–6:30 p.m. Brattleboro Area Hospice is also offering a grief support group for parents, step-parents, or guardians who have experienced the death of an adult child. This is also an 8-week group, meeting on Thursdays, July 21 through Sept. 8, 5:30–7 p.m. The groups are limited to ten people. Please be able to commit to six out of the

eight weeks and attend the first session. John Everest, a BAH trained volunteer, will be the facilitator for the grief support group, and Lars Hunter, a Bereavement Program Coordinator at BAH, will be facilitator for the child loss support group. The groups will meet at the Brattleboro Area Hospice office, 191 Canal St., Brattleboro, and masks will be required. The groups are free of charge. For more information or to register, contact Lars Hunter at 802-257-0775 ext. 104 or lars.hunter@brattleborohospice.org.



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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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The Village of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant Operator. This is a full-time, year-round position working under the direction of the Municipal Manager and the Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator.

An Associate's Degree with study in water and/or wastewater treatment with experience in secondary water and wastewater operations and supervisory experience is preferred, but not required. Applicant must possess Grade 3DM Wastewater Certification and Grade 3 Water Certification within two years from the date of hire. Must be available some weekends, holidays and on-call and hold a valid driver's license. Applicant must be able to perform other municipal duties as directed.

Operation of the Water & Wastewater Treatment Facility includes, but is not limited to plant operations and maintenance, preventative maintenance, laboratory testing, record keeping, budget and cost control and sampling and testing as required by the State of VT Water Supply Division and VT Department of Environmental Conservation.

Competitive wage with municipal benefit package and training opportunities. Return a completed job application, available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or at www.ludlow.vt.us with references, to the Municipal Manager at PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 or email them to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Village of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 1, 2022 to consider the following:

Application # 22-33
22-34

Application #22-23 & 22-24 David Walter (Owner & Applicant) – properties located at 545 & 575 Daigel Road. The Applicant is requesting a Minor Subdivision on both properties with a Lot Line Adjustment and the R.O.W to be moved to an existing location. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential District; Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor Subdivision); of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 22-35

Application # 22-35 Anthony Perri & Elaine Ingraham (Owner & Applicant) property located at 3366 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting to renovate the building (Brown Building) into a Child Care Facility. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Historic Village District; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application # 22-36

Application # 22-36 Anthony Perri & Elaine Ingraham (Owner & Applicant) property located at 3338 US Route 5. The Applicant is requesting a minor subdivision & renovation of the existing framed structure into a Bed & Breakfast. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Historic Village District; and Article IX Historical Preservation Overlay District; and Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor Subdivision) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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• VNH "Let's Talk" on Alzheimer's

• Repeats of school graduations (Mill River, GM, Woodstock)

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Traffic Update

REGION – The following construction updates will affect traffic in the region.

Chester-Springfield
One-way alternating traffic patterns will be in effect at various locations along Route 11 throughout the week of July 5, 2022. The public should expect delays in more than one area along this route.

Roadway surface preparation, sign installation, and guardrail operations are scheduled for completion the week of July 5, 2022. Paving of the final, or wearing course, of asphalt is scheduled to begin Thursday, July 7 or Friday, July 8, 2022, weather permitting. Paving operations will begin on the Chester side of the project, near the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103, by Pleasant Street, and progress towards Springfield.

Weathersfield
Substructure repairs on Bridge 30N will continue. Shoulder closures will be required on VT Route 131. Bridges 30N and 30S over the Exit 8 interchange on I-91 have been affected. They span VT Route 131

in Weathersfield. The projected completion for these projects is October 2022.

Motorists will encounter a lane reduction and a lane shift in the Northbound and Southbound lanes of the interstate. A crossover traffic pattern has been installed and traffic has been reduced to one lane of travel in each direction within the construction zone. This pattern will remain in place throughout the construction season, into the fall.

Fraud Watch Network: Apartment scams

REGION – Many college students are busy preparing for the start of the academic year. Part of that preparation includes decision making around housing. While many schools offer on-campus dormitories, many do not, and apartments may come at a premium. This is often true for schools located in small communities such as Middlebury, Vt., Williamstown, Mass., or Hanover, N.H.,

but the housing scarcity is also in larger communities such as Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles. The same can be true for schools in resort or vacation destinations such as Tampa or Orlando, Fla.

Scarcity or perceived scarcity of any type can result in panic reaction (remember the great toilet paper shortage of 2021?). The college housing shortage provides criminals


with opportunities. College housing scams are often developed through social media and targeting can be based on what students innocently post on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, or WhatsApp to name a few. Comments about going to school or looking for an apartment open up the possibility of “Spear Phishing,” targeting potential victims based on personal profiles.

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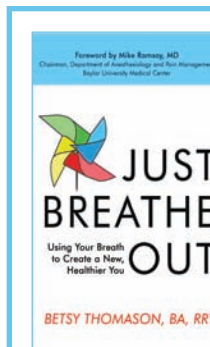
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A and B flights ensure that golfers compete at their own level and increase the number of winning teams. Winning team members will receive a cash prize.

There are hole-in-one prizes on all par three holes, including a new vehicle or \$10,000 cash. Participants can compete for the longest putt and straightest drive.

A four-player scramble, the Springfield Hospital Challenge has a 1 p.m. shotgun start with registration starting at 11:30 a.m. The hospital will be following the current State of Vermont, VT Golf Association, and CDC guidelines at the time of the event. Players can enter as a team or as individuals. There is an entry fee for the tournament, with a reduced price for teams of four.

The event offers an opportunity to raise funds for the important services of Springfield Hospital, while also providing valuable exposure for sponsors. Sponsorship packages range in size and value. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be used to support the Springfield Hospital's Annual Giving Infusion Pump Campaign.

To enter or sponsor this year's Springfield Hospital Golf Challenge, visit www.springfield-hospital.org/golf-challenge-2022, or contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or by emailing speplau@springfieldhospital.org.

Community honors Coach Lockerby at season's start —



The Lockerby Family. PHOTO PROVIDED

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Lakes Region defeated Bellows Falls Post 37, 14-3 on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in a game abbreviated to five innings by the 10-run rule. But this night at Hadley Field was about much more than baseball. It was about community, love, and paying tribute to a great man, intertwined in that community in so many ways.

Post 37 coach Bill Lockerby was killed in a hunting accident in Ohio between seasons. The Bellows Falls community showered his family with love in a pregame ceremony.

Lockerby's No. 17 Post 37 jersey was retired in a stirring part of the ceremony and plaques were presented to Lockerby's family members.

Shawn Burke, who replaced Lockerby as coach, was emotional as he spoke to the Lockerby family and the large crowd.

Burke thanked the Lakes Region organization for its heartfelt gestures during a difficult time for the Bellows Falls Legion team and community.

Burke said that two American Legion Posts, Fair Haven Post 49 and Castleton Post 50, which are both part of the Lakes Region team, each donated \$500. Not only that, but Lakes Region will dedicate the game program to Lockerby at the Vermont State Tournament to be held at Castleton University and Rutland's St. Peter's Field.

"They are a class act," Burke said of Lakes Region. Doug Roberts represented Post 37 in retiring Lockerby's No. 17 jersey. "The jersey will hang in the hall [of Bellows Falls Post 37], and be there for everyone to see for years to come," Roberts said.

Roberts and Lockerby were teammates with the Saxtons River Pirates and Roberts called Lockerby "the best player I have ever played with."

Roberts spoke of Lockerby not only being an outstanding baseball coach, but also praised him for his contributions in coaching youth football in the community.

The plaque was presented to Lockerby's parents, Roger and Kathy.

Written by Tom Haley of the Rutland Herald.

VINS opens new Songbird Aviary —

QUECHEE, Vt. – The Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) announces the opening of a new walk-thru exhibit: the Songbird Aviary.

The new exhibit replaces the existing songbird aviary with a larger space, greater visibility, and includes enhanced interpretation to educate our visitors, campers, and students.

The new space safely houses non-releasable songbirds native to Vermont. Small trees and shrubs planted for food and cover fill the space, along with a water area. A double door entry and exit and a path through the structure allow visitors to quietly observe the birds as they go about their lives.

Songbirds provide valuable services to the ecosystems they inhabit and to humans by dispersing seeds, pollinating plants, and consuming copious amounts of insects. In keeping with the VINS mission, we plan to incorporate education into every aspect of our work. We see our role as interpreters of the most relevant environmental science for our visi-



Songbird exhibit at VINS. PHOTO PROVIDED

tors, empowering them to make the best choices and take the steps necessary to improve the world for birds.

This improved exhibit will help us to communicate and educate our visitors daily on the importance of wild bird populations. Come enjoy in intimate experience as you watch birds move about in this naturally landscaped exhibit.

VINS is headquartered in Quechee, Vt. at the VINS Nature Center, 149 Natures

Way. VINS is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. for the summer and fall seasons.

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WTC presents “Marry Me A Little”

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Theater Company (WTC) will be presenting the Sondheim musical, “Marry Me A Little,” on July 6 through July 30 at Walker Farm, 703 Main St., Weston, Vt.

Directing the musical will be Tony and Olivier Award-nominated actor Michael Berresse. He has worked several times with WTC,

including in the world premier of “Analog & Vinyl.”

The cast features longtime Weston veteran David Bonnano as The Man, an aspiring novelist, and Margo Seibert as The Woman, a singer-songwriter who is stuck in the ‘70s. Berresse said of the piece, “The immense charm, insight, and beauty of these extraordinary Sondheim songs also

offer a timely reminder that from moments of isolation can emerge great joy, humor, and inspiration.”

Discounts for tickets are available for students, veterans, and Vermont residents. Call the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288 for prices. Visit www.westontheater.org for more information.

Sundays On The Hill Concert Series

WESTON, Vt. – The Sundays On The Hill Concert Series welcomes back Counterpoint Ensemble on July 17.

The concert will be held in the Church on the Hill (Community Church) in Weston, Vt., at 4 p.m. Thanks to the generous support from Patrons of Sundays on the Hill concert series and other anonymous donors, the admissions fee has been reduced. Children 12 and under may attend at no charge. Please be aware that the doors open at 3:30 p.m. and there are no reserved seats, no advance tickets, and ad-

mission is paid at the door. Like the Weston Playhouse, the concert series requires proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 72 hours, and masks are required when inside. Find more information at www.SundaysOnTheHill.org.

The Counterpoint Ensemble was founded by legendary choral director and arranger Robert De Cormier in 2000, and based in Montpelier, Vt. Counterpoint is dedicated to performing choral chamber music and are praised for their “clarity, skill, [and] sophisticated musical expressiveness.” The July 17, 2022 concert celebrates the rivers and forests of New England

and places more remote, including the Prelude to Benjamin Britten’s operetta “Paul Bunyan,” movements from a cantata by American romantic and New Hampshire native Amy Beach, and a setting by Joan Szymko of a Hopi text, along with a new work by Vermont composer Travis Ramsey and Vermont poet Jim Schley and an extraordinary musical reimagining of passages from Hermann Hesse’s novel “Siddhartha” by San Francisco composer Jude J. Navari. More information about Counterpoint can be found at www.counterpointchorus.org.

CCCA presents Rick Davis and Friends

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Town of Cavendish will continue its summer music series with a concert by Rick Davis and Friends on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville, Wednesday, July 13 at 6 p.m.

Rick Davis has been a staple of the Vermont ski scene, on his own and with the Davis Brothers Garage Band, since the

1970s. The band is famous for covers of Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan, and the Doobie Brothers, among others.

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is coordinating the concert series on behalf of the Town of Cavendish. All concerts are free and open to the public, so grab a lawn chair, a picnic, and a cold drink, and join your friends and neighbors to

enjoy plenty of good music from the gazebo. Singleton’s, Murdock’s, and Outer Limits each serve take-out food and drinks for your picnic.

As always, the concerts will be held unless severe weather threatens. In case of rain, alternative plans will be announced on the Cavendish Community and Conservation Facebook page.

Represented Artist Show

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Canal Street Art Gallery, Represented Artist Show at Main Street Arts opened July 1 and will be on view to the public through Aug. 12. The show is a collaborative exhibition, featuring artwork from the CSAG’s roster

of represented artists and curated by MSA in their Bellows Falls gallery.

To celebrate the collaboration and support the arts in Rockingham, CSAG will donate 15% of the total sales of artwork included in the show to MSA. Visit the art exhibit on Friday and Saturday,

from 12–5 p.m. There will be a reception on Friday, July 8 from 5–7 p.m. where the public is welcome to come meet the artists.

Visit the websites www.canalstreetartgallery.com and www.mainstreetarts.org for additional hours and information.

Nordic Harmoni chorus singers

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Singers are needed for the Nordic Harmoni chorus, which is back with rehearsals most Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, Main St., Londonderry, Vt. We are happy to announce our new director Christo-

pher (Mowgli) Giannitti, who is energetic, patient, and knowledgeable.

Nordic Harmoni is the only Swedish-American chorus in Southern Vermont. We welcome all interested singers and sing in both English and Swedish. You do not need to know Swedish to join. We

will help with all pronunciations.

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Pianist tours the state, stopping in Saxtons River

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Pianist David Feurzeig, with Community Concerts for a Cooler Climate, will be performing on Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Arts, 35 Main St., Saxtons River. Admission is free.

This May, Feurzeig embarked on a mission to “Play Every Town,” a journey to play 251 free concerts in each of Vermont’s 251 towns to combat climate change through the power of community and music. With this project, Feurzeig will become the first musician to perform in every Vermont municip-

ality. He is traveling in his solar-charged electric vehicle throughout the state, offering free concerts to bring attention to the interrelated issues of climate and community, while bringing the joy of music to his audiences.

“I want to support Vermont’s local communities,” says Feurzeig, “with

live performance in village centers and downtowns, and fulfill UVM’s mission to serve as a resource for the whole state.”

Each concert includes local customization, such as collaborations with local artists or music by a local composer. At his concert at Main Street Arts on July 8, Feurzeig will

accompany two local singers, Rockingham student Kaylee Desmarais, and Alyssa Becker, a former student of Rockingham’s Julane Deener.

Follow Feurzeig on his journey on Instagram, find up-to-date events for your town via Facebook, or visit the website at www.playeverytown.com.

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