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Kurn Hattin Homes opens state-of-the-art technology center

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – With a transformative bequest from the estate of John A. Hubbard of Walpole, N.H., Kurn Hattin Homes for Children has a state-of-the-art technology center. Kurn Hattin Homes' John A. & Carol A. Hubbard Technology Center's new SmartLab is a STEAM classroom (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) developed by Creative Learning Systems. The motto is "Learning is different here."

SmartLab ribbon cutting.

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This amazing lab offers students an opportunity to explore a wide variety of subjects through challenge and kit-led learning, as well as a true makerspace where arts, crafts, and designs can come to life. By leveraging modern technology, our students can explore, plan, do, and reflect, then share their finished projects and the lessons they learned along the way. Our SmartLab is the first of its kind in New England. Topics include robotics, structural engineering, digital arts, 3D modeling and printing, computer programming, sensors and data science, simulations, critical thinking puzzles, and games. Taught by SmartLab Facilitator Ben Weiner, the classes will give students a strong foundation in a variety of subjects, allowing the students to often choose their own area of focus, and facilitating their development into curious scientists, savvy technologists, skilled engineers, creative artists, and industrious mathematicians. Our goal is to help our students grow to be responsible citizens of the rapidly changing technological world, learning about digital citizenship, empowered learners, and knowledge constructors, taught to ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) standards.

Kurn Hattin Homes' Trustees, Incorporators, and staff attended the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony and SmartLab presentation after the Homes' Annual Meeting on Sept. 28. Kurn Hattin Homes' President of the Board Mark Bodin and Executive Director Stephen Harrison held the Technology Center entrance ribbon. John and Carol's daughter, Susan Hubbard Johnson, cut the ribbon while her husband, Pete Johnson, and their daughter Rachel looked on.

John and Carol Hubbard were very dear friends to Kurn Hattin Homes. John was an Incorporator, a Trustee, President of the Board, and Trustee Emeritus. In 2015 he and Carol were recipients of the Charles A. Dickinson Award for their unwavering dedication to Kurn Hattin Homes. He also served as chair of the annual golf tournament committee for over 15 years.

This is a very important program addition and exciting time for everyone at Kurn Hattin Homes. We are so appreciative of this truly amazing gift and brand new opportunity for the children in our care.

Isabella Stoodley, BFUHS Elks Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Isabella "Izzy" Stoodley has been named the September Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Izzy, a sophomore, is the daughter of Ryan and Karen Stoodley of Westminster, Vt.

Isabella Stoodley.

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Izzy works hard in her classes and sets high expectations for herself. Detailed orientated, she is engaged in class, attentive, and always eager and willing to participate in group activities and class discussions. She is a dedicated student who attends school eager to learn.

Always positive, Izzy strives to do her best. She advocates for others who may be struggling, and is often the first to offer an encouraging word to someone who might be feeling down. A good role model for others, she appropriately takes initiative in situations to assist others. Izzy is friendly and always willing to brighten someone's day with her huge smile.

Izzy has been a valued member of the BFUHS field hockey, softball, and basketball teams, and has served on the Student Council. She has also served as the Secretary for the Class of 2025 for two years.

Not only dedicated to her academics and extracurricular activities, but Izzy is clearly dedicated to the BFUHS community as she has already logged 169 hours of community service. Some of her volunteer hours include helping with the Youth Field Hockey program, Terrier Hall of Fame dinners, the Rockingham Recreation Summer Camps, and the Easter Egg Hunts.

Clearly deserving of this award, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Izzy represent us as Student of the Month. Congratulation, Izzy.

Leland & Gray engages in Project Based Learning

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Students at Townshend's Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School are slated to begin a 10-week Project Based Learning (PBL) curriculum. As defined by The Buck Institute for Education, PBL is "a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge."

Leland & Gray (L&G) Principal Bob Thibault sees PBL as a way for students to be creative and stay engaged while developing transferable skills, which are included in graduation requirements. All L&G students will develop skills in clear and effective communication, self-direction, creative and practical problem solving, responsible and engaged citizenship, and informed and integrated thinking.

Project Based Learning Coordinator, Jesse Riemenschneider believes that "in order for our students to be successful students and people in the world, it will be incredibly important that they develop project design and implementation skills." Thibault echoes these sentiments and adds, "Project Based Learning engages all types of learners and offers opportunities for every student to develop the skills they will need to become confident and creative thinkers and doers."

Projects offered to L&G students include: slam poetry, community garden design, ghost stories and local folklore, theater set design, middle school unity, elementary outreach, documentary filmmaking, rocket building, study abroad program design, grant writing and fundraising, trail building, creating a rock band, Dungeons & Dragons, and international cooking. Students will spend 100 minutes every Wednesday working on their projects and in December will showcase their final products.

Reimenschneider hopes to have experts in the disciplines listed above to engage with students about their chosen project. She explains, "Outside experts encourage students to take on their projects proudly and with ambition, knowing that a professional in the field is taking them seriously while giving them examples of how the project topic shows up in real life." Experts with experience related to the project topics are encouraged to reach out to Jessa Harger at jharger@windhamcentral.org for more information.

Rockingham Selectboard looks at erosion

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the Rockingham Selectboard heard a presentation from Watershed Consulting Associates (WCA) Principal Hydrologist Andres Torizzo on proposed mitigation solutions for drainage at Imtec Lane and Spencer Drive.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup notified the board that the town is finalizing an Environmental Mitigation Grant application with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). Pickup said that this started with the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project, looking at the damage around Sonnax from July storms, and led to a larger field investigation on water sources causing rapid erosion. Pickup said that the challenges were managing the sources impacting Spencer Drive and the Railroad.

Torizzo highlighted areas where substantial erosion had occurred, including the northern gully near Chroma and the southern gully on Spencer. WCA came up with design solutions to mitigate the stormwater flows to both gullies, involving underground chamber systems called StormTech systems. He said, once buried, it "functions like a leach field," with all mitigation underground and the site is restored.

At Imtec, a combination surface infiltration basin and subsurface chamber system would be used. Torizzo said that Spencer Drive was more complicated, due to the amount of runoff and the rapid erosion that that location has experienced. The project would add three chamber systems and four drywells as open catch basins, which he said will "substantially reduce the amount of erosion and sedimentation occurring in the gully."

Board member Bonnie North asked about the life span of this system. Torizzo said the State uses a 30 year life span, but said that the systems can last much longer if maintained. Maintenance required the use of a Vactor truck, he said, and was generally performed annually, with frequency depending on the amount of sediment.

Chair Peter Golec asked if there were brooks or streams adding to the run-off. Torizzo said that the run-off primarily came from rooftops, paved surfaces, and most notably from Route 5.

Torizzo shared the preliminary overall cost of $1.325 million, which included stabilization of rock lined gullies on the south, originally designed to mitigate a 50 year storm, and a rock lined pool on the north end designed to mitigate a 100 year storm. He said that with federal funding of $1.06 million, the municipal match would be 20%, or $265,000. Torizzo explained that the grant required a letter of support from the town, acknowledging the source of local match and commitment for future financial responsibility.

Vice-Chair Susan Hammond asked if the town could produce the crushed rock and gravel. Pickup said the town could look into that, depending on quantities and size required. The board approved the motion unanimously, supporting the mitigation grant.

Pickup explained that the $10,000 request for supplemental funding was to deal with washouts while they waited on the VTrans application for the larger scale project.

Photographs were submitted showing a 15-foot drop close to the road caused by heavy rains from the July 2022 storm, and a silt-filled culvert under the railroad tracks.

Development Director Gary Fox said the railroad had emptied the culvert "four times in the past month."

Pickup said that this was not a solution, but would give immediate relief to "potentially avoid having another 800-yard washout."

The board unanimously approved the request for $10,000 from the general fund balance to purchase stone and rip rap.

The selectboard meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

CORRECTION

In the "Attendees take notice at Fairy House Festival" article in the Sept. 28, 2022 edition of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper, it was written that attendees vote on their favorite fairy houses. We would like to correct this to indicate that there is no voting aspect or contest involving the fairy houses at the Grafton Fairy House Festival. The Vermont Journal & The Shopper would like to apologize for this inaccuracy.

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Regional Priority Project process

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Once again, Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) is partnering with the Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) and our area towns to develop the list of Priority Projects for state and federal fund eligibility.

The Priority Project process is going on in each region in the state and the final product is provided to the Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD), who will share with other funders for consideration in making decisions on grant programs.

Eligible projects must have an economic development nexus and should demonstrate the following: Purpose and benefit to the region; must be prepared to get underway, if funded; its principals have demonstrated experience with similar projects; it supports identified community, regional economic, and development goals; its project budget exists with identified sources and uses and a demonstrated funding gap; and it supports job creation and retention.

The Project Information Form is available on the SRDC and MARC websites at www.springfielddevelopment.org and www.marcvt.org. Submissions should be made to either SRDC or MARC by Nov. 4.

The Project Information Forms will be evaluated according to the Scoring and Prioritization Matrix, which will also be posted on the organization's websites. The top ten projects will be submitted by the region to ACCD and posted on our websites.

The Priority Project Process occurs each year at this time. Projects that emerge in between cycles can complete the form and submit for consideration for an amended list, if appropriate.

For more information, please contact Bob Flint at bobf@springfielddevelopment.org or 802-885-3061.

LFG names Weltman as Executive Director

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Land For Good (LFG) announced that its Board of Directors has named Mick Weltman, an experienced non-profit leader, strategist, and fundraiser, to the position of Executive Director.

"Mick comes to LFG with an enormous amount of talent and experience gained from a long and remarkably successful career in the non-profit sector; most of it in high-level leadership positions," shared Andrew Marshall, President of the Board of Directors for Land For Good. "The board is especially excited about Mick's expertise in fund development, strategic thinking, and executive leadership. We believe that Mick is the leader that LFG needs at this moment to set us up for a future of innovation and impact."

Weltman has served as executive director to non-profits for more than 25 years. He has dedicated his career to the non-profit world and led and consulted with organizations locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. Weltman's career work has included a focus on environmental issues and sustainability, smart growth, women's health, and international economic development. Most recently, Weltman worked in the Chicago area, having spent nearly a decade growing the Associated Colleges of Illinois including developing one of the most diverse boards in the state.

LFG is a nationally recognized leader and the only organization of its kind with a sole focus on farmland access, tenure, and transfer. For nearly two decades, LFG has been working to put more farmers more securely on land in New England, support farm viability, increase farming opportunity, and keep land in farming. Working one-on-one with Vermont farmers, Mike Ghia of Saxtons River, LFG's Vermont Field Agent, provides caring and practical help to farmers and farmland owners amid on-going and dynamic change around land access, food systems, and climate disruption.

Food For Life Vegan Potluck

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The third monthly meeting of the Food for Life Vegan Potluck will take place upstairs in the Springfield Community Center at 139 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 3:30–5:30 p.m. Twelve people came to the first potluck, fifteen came to the second, and all reported enjoying the event. Veteran herbivores brought sumptuous dishes and swapped cooking tips, while others were introduced to a new and delicious way of cooking. It is also a great way to connect socially that is not connected to religion or politics. You don't have to be vegan to enjoy an array of vegan foods and good company. Just bring a dish to share that is made with all plant ingredients (no meat, dairy, egg, or honey) and the recipe or list of ingredients you used to make it. You are also encouraged to bring your own dishes to eat on if you can.

Reasons for eating little or no animal based foods include dramatically reducing your greenhouse gas footprint, making greater food equity possible, improving your health, not having to kill animals to eat, and having more interesting and appealing food. Whether you are vegan, veganish, vegetarian, or even a little vegan curious, join us for a fun and varied meal. Call 802-723-1087 if you would like more information.

Raising bear cubs

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ben Kilham of Lyme, N.H. will talk about his first-hand experience raising black bear cubs and observing black bears in the wild on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. He has been researching and living with black bears for over 20 years. He is an expert in black bear behavior, as well as rehabilitating orphaned, abandoned, and injured bears and reintroducing them to the wild. His long-term study of wild black bears has shattered conventional wisdom about how they live their lives. He is invited to lecture all over the United States and internationally. His work has been featured in countless films including National Geographic television and the Discovery channel.

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

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District Deputy visits Springfield Elks –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Annually, the Vermont Elks make a policy for the District Deputy South to visit all Lodges in the southern part of the state to inspect their buildings premises, financials, and book work, to make sure they abiding by Elks rules and regulations. To that end, Henry Diemer of Brattleboro Lodge and District Deputy South recently visited Springfield Lodge 1560, to do just that. At the end of the day, inspections handled, he gave a glowing report of Springfield Lodge, stating that they are doing well by Elks National standards. The Lodge enjoyed a nice luncheon, put on by the House Committee for Diemer, his suite of officers, and Lodge members.

Springfield Elks Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras presenting Henry Diemer with a plaque indicating that the Springfield Elks donated to the Elks National Foundation in Diemer's name.
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Meet Rep. Bos-Lun and Rep. Goldman

REGION – On Saturday, Oct. 15, come meet Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun of Westminster and Rep. Leslie Goldman of Rockingham, who are seeking re-election as Democrats in the Vermont Legislature. They are running to fill the two seats available in the newly redistricted Windham-3, which includes all of Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline.

Windham County residents will have two chances to meet Michelle and Leslie on Oct. 15: At 11 a.m., at the Flat Iron Cooperative in Bellows Falls, or at 2 p.m., in Westminster at Harlow's Farm Stand. Snacks will be provided. This will be a chance to speak with these candidates in person, ask questions, and tell them what matters to you.

The general election will be Nov. 8, but ballots will be mailed to all registered voters after Sept. 16. Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at your Town Office by Nov. 8.

Rep. Bos-Lun moved to Westminster, Vt. in 2003 to begin graduate school in the program for Service, Leadership, and Management at the School for International Training and graduated in 2005 with an M.A. in International Education. She is committed to community-focused representation and regularly meets with her constituents to help them solve problems with her contacts in governmental and nonprofit organizations.

Rep. Goldman came to Bellows Falls, Vt. in 1982 as a newly graduated Family Nurse Practitioner, and has worked in primary care for 37 years. As State Representative, Goldman is honored to bring the concerns of the communities of Windham-3 to the state legislature. As Representative, she will continue to use her understanding of medicine, education, public health, and local and state government to assist her constituents in solving problems.

Take advantage of the opportunity to meet your representatives currently serving in the House of Representatives on Oct. 15. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Bos-Lun at 802-289-2495 or Leslie Goldman at goldpeak100@gmail.com.

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Weathersfield Center Meeting House bicentennial

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – The Weathersfield Historical Society will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the dedication of the brick Weathersfield Center Meeting House at its annual fall program on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. The program will alternate between history of the church, the Civil War monument and grove, and the old Weathersfield Center village that once surrounded them with music by the Poor Cousins, followed by cider and donuts and time to walk around the historic Memorial Grove. Meet at 2579 Weathersfield Center Rd., Perkinsville, Vt. Parking is located across the road, and handicap parking is by the church. This is a free event, although, donations are appreciated.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Mourning cover history

Mourning cover showing the notecard and calling card.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

An interesting category of ephemera to collect is mourning covers. What we call envelopes today, are known as "covers" in the trade. The mourning cover with this article is 1923.

In the old days, communication as we know it today didn't exist. I think a little background is needed.

In the early 1970s, I met a few old Vermonters living out in the country, who still didn't have electricity. By 1923, most people living in our villages and towns had electricity, with many having a phone. However, many people who lived out in the country were yet to have electricity or a phone. This might be difficult to understand today. I think it's important for us to know how we communicated. It helps us better understand the lives of men and women of this time.

U.S. mail was the way we kept in touch. Try to imagine these times. You go out to your mailbox to retrieve your mail. In your mailbox you find a cover with black borders on the front. You turn it over and the flap edges of the cover are also trimmed in black.

You are stopped in your tracks. You know this black trimmed cover announces someone close to you has died.

This might seem odd to us today. But these mourning covers prepared the recipient for bad news.

I can only speak from my own experience. Most of the covers I have seen date to the last half of the 19th century. The 1923 cover you see here is the latest I recall seeing. Again, this is just my experience.

Warren Harding

Warren Harding was our 29th President. He began his term on March 4, 1921. Returning from a voyage to Alaska, he died of a heart attack in San Francisco, on Aug. 2, 1923. This ushered in Calvin Coolidge as the 30th President.

Harding mourning stamp

I remember being at Chester Junior High School when President Kennedy was assassinated. I was young, and I didn't really understand, but all of a sudden our world was turned upside down. In 1964 the U.S. Mint introduced the Kennedy half-dollar.

Likewise, the United States Post Office introduced a Mourning Stamp for President Harding in 1923. The first printing of these two-cent mourning stamps was 300 million stamps. They were released Sept. 1, 1923, a month after Harding's death.

Selling out quickly, USPD quickly printed other versions. These black mourning stamps, like the 1964 Kennedy half-dollar, were popular with the public.

Estey mourning cover

The mourning cover with this article is postmarked Brattleboro, Oct. 28, 1923. It is fitting that a mourning cover would have a Harding mourning stamp.

It is addressed to: "Miss Martha Vane, 59 Lancaster Street, Albany, N.Y." Inside is a notecard, also trimmed in black with a handwritten message from Florence Gray Estey. Also included and trimmed in black is a calling card from Mrs. Julius Jacob Estey, Brattleboro, Vt. On the reverse is this handwritten message: "Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated."

I asked Danny Clemons to check Brattleboro cemeteries for me. He found 37 Esteys buried in Brattleboro. Of course, many of these are of the Estey Organ Company family. Not knowing who died, I asked Danny to see if he could find an Estey who died in 1923. This is what Danny found:

"I found one Estey that died in 1923, Martha Estey. Birth not listed, died September 1923. She was daughter of Joseph and Alice Low Estey. Florence Gray Estey was born Aug. 28, 1848. She died January 1933."

I have no doubt this Martha Estey is the deceased in the mourning card. The notecard does not mention the deceased by name.

Looking the cover over closely, I found a blind stamp on the reverse of the cover, under the flap. It reads: "Tiffany & Co. Makers New York."

Tiffany covers would have been expensive to purchase. The Estey family certainly could have afforded them.

I'm sure there are more than a few readers who have a shoebox full of old letters and covers. You are not alone.

After 16 years, I have retired as president of Chester Historical Society. It was a fun ride, but it is time for a new and younger president. Jon Clark is our new president. I have no doubt Jon will find his way. He's a Chester boy.

This week's old saying: "Never be bullied into silence and never allow yourself to be made a victim."

The 2022 Rockingham Old House Awards announced–

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission will host a reception for the town's 2022 Old House Award winners on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Rockingham Meeting House, 11 Meeting House Rd., Rockingham Village. The public is invited to congratulate the winners and celebrate historic preservation efforts underway throughout the town.

"Restored between 1906 and 1907, the meeting house is the birthplace of historic preservation in Rockingham, setting the pace for our region," said John Leppman, Commission Chair. "It is big and bright, and a great place for the community to applaud historic preservation."

Awards are made annually by the Commission to recognize property owners in the town of Rockingham who maintain and restore their historic homes and commercial and industrial buildings. Eligible properties are older homes and businesses that have received exterior restoration and conservation by their owners, typically in the past five years. Brass plaques are awarded the winners, who are encouraged to proudly post them on their entrances to call out their efforts to keep Rockingham historic. This year's winners are:

Jeff Dunbar, owner of 8 Birch Street in Bellows Falls, which has gone through extensive renovation while keeping the historic design consistent, with extensive landscape restoration to appropriately frame a four-square Craftsman style house built circa 1900.

Janelle Beard, current owner of the Edward and Alice Walker House at 39 Atkinson Street in Bellows Falls, a two-and-a-half-story wood frame asymmetrical Queen Anne house built in 1898.

Lucia and Matt Zachowski, current owners of the Weeden Farm at 220 Parker Hill Road in Rockingham Town, once one of the major farms along this byway, a vernacular two-story farmhouse and barn originally built in 1850 and enlarged in 1880.

Vyacheslav Borshchukov, current owner of the Haseltine-Carey Farm at 410 Lower Parker Hill Road in Rockingham Town, one of the most substantial nineteenth-century agricultural enterprises on Parker Hill, built in the Federal Style in 1810.

Thomas and Kirsten M. Koehne, current owners of the Elias Olcott House at 34 Upper Meadow Road in Rockingham Town, built along the colonial Connecticut Turnpike and the best example of the Georgian building style in the area, surviving in comparatively unaltered condition. Built in 1763 in the area that was once referred to as City Dale, it is the oldest standing structure in Rockingham.

Felicite Boisvert, owner of The Stone House at 116 Lower Bartonsville Road in Bartonsville Hamlet, a one-and-a-half-story, gable-front, stone building, designed in the Federal style, built circa 1850.

Bridgman-Fairbanks House and Bellows Falls Hospital located at 50 Pine Street in Bellows Falls, a two-and-a-half-story wood frame vernacular Italianate building with a colonial revival porch originally built between 1881 and 1883 as a single family dwelling, it was repurposed as Bellows Falls Hospital. Current adaptation is a five-unit multi-family condominium.

Andrew Kottke, owner of 240 Rockingham Street. Built circa 1960 at the outset of Vermont's Interstate Era, it served many years as the Hetty Green Motel and is now extensively refurbished as a multi-family apartment complex preserving the architectural formulation of mid-century modern hostelry design.

Edward Gray, current owner of the Elijah and Mercy Knight House, 9 Meeting House Road in Old Rockingham Village, a two-and-a-half-story wood frame Federal-style house located at the bottom of the hill below the Meeting House. Built in 1806, the house is beautifully framed by a late eighteenth-century garden.

The Old House Award program is made possible in part through the generosity of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. For more information about the event or the Old House Awards, contact clg@rockbf.org.

OLLI program, "Another Election? Already?"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Jon Margolis, author and freelance journalist, will present the next OLLI – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program "Another Election? Already?" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Yes, it does seem as though political campaigns never cease, or at least blend into one another. Some folks are still fighting over 2020 as the 2022 election approaches, with 2024 seeming to loom right around the corner. Can this hodgepodge mean anything, in Vermont or around the country? Let's try to find out.

Margolis has extensive experience covering national issues, having worked on the Chicago Tribune Washington Bureau. He has covered politics on the VTDigger website and has appeared on political panels on Vermont PBS programs. From a journalist's perspective, he will present an overall view of the current political situation and issues and how that may affect the upcoming elections.

Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and over who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and last about an hour-and-a-half.

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

There is a Membership Series Special Fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

You may view the entire semester programs by going to the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Registration can be done at this website. You may also register over the phone by calling 802-656-5817 during regular office hours from Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The next program on Nov. 1 will be "Yankee Spy: New Hampshire's Jonathan Hale in the Civil War," which will be presented by Alan Rumrill, Director of the Cheshire County Historical Society of Keene, N.H.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

My name is Heather Chase and, as a Democrat, I am a candidate for the Vermont State Legislature from the Windsor-Windham District to represent all of you in Montpelier. I am excited by this opportunity to seek to serve my community and have enjoyed meeting many of you in my campaign throughout the District in the towns of Athens, Chester, Grafton, and Windham.

I want you to know a bit about me and my family and my community involvement.

I am a registered nurse by profession, but I am more importantly the proud parent of four adult children, who have all benefitted from being raised and educated in Vermont. While raising my family, I have managed my small business in Chester that has grown and thrived. Having a strong commitment to community, I serve on the Chester Selectboard, now in my third three-year term. I am a Justice of the Peace and I chair the Chester Board of Civil Authority. Also, I am a member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, appointed by Governor Phil Scott.

My interests in my community, which, together with others, I will pursue as your state representative, include addressing the reasons for climate change, supporting economic opportunities for our local businesses and working Vermonters, confirming the right of an individual to personal reproductive autonomy, finding a way to increase our housing supply for our workers and young Vermonters, maintaining a public school system with positive community support that provides a good education for all of our kids, and celebrating the diversity of our population. I will debate the issues of our time in a civil and respectful manner and will ensure that, whether we agree or disagree, all will be heard and will be treated fairly, equitably, and inclusively.

Thank you for your support and vote during this election period. You may vote now or anytime, but certainly please vote by Election Day on Nov. 8, 2022.

Sincerely,
Heather Chase
heather4thehouse@gmail.com
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I have carefully read the words contained in Article 22: The Personal Reproductive Liberty Amendment on the November ballot in Vermont. After thoughtful consideration and reading commentary of those supporting the amendment and those opposing the amendment, I have decided to vote "No" on its passage.

Following are my reasons: Vermont already has unrestricted access to abortion up to the day of delivery. Abortion is an extremely controversial topic, and regardless of anyone's views, this was signed into law in Vermont in 2019. I'm not exactly sure why this amendment is even needed. The amendment does not include the words abortion or women. Which brings me to my next reason for a no vote.

Personal Reproductive Liberty: what exactly does that mean? If you ask five people what this means, eliminating abortion, you will get five different responses. Any question around Constitutional language is decided on by the Courts. I have no doubt that the Vermont Courts will be defining that term. Proponents of the amendment state that Article 22 ensures patients and doctors will make health care decisions, not politicians. The legislation on abortion in Vermont already does that for abortion, so Article 22 is not needed. The Courts defining personal reproductive liberty is not exactly what I consider a politician free environment.

The words, "unless justified by a compelling State interest," is what concerns me the most. What exactly does that mean? The only example I know of in recent times of regulations on reproductive liberty based on a compelling state interest is China's one child policy that was in place from 1980-2015 which limited the great majority of family units to one child with some exceptions such as certain ethnic groups. In 2016 the limit was raised to two, and in 2021, to three. I believe this is yet another example of politicians making decisions about your health care.

I encourage voters to read the words of Article 22 carefully and make an informed decision. Words matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Mor
Windham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun, a teacher and restorative justice practitioner, who is seeking a second term in the Vermont House of Representatives.

In spring of 2021, Michelle and I gathered a group of concerned neighbors to address issues that arise in the community through creative communication and to offer support, now known as The Humanity Network. Since those first Zoom gatherings, we have co-sponsored with Rockingham and Westminster public libraries, held communication training with Restorative Community Practice of VT (www.rcpvermont.org/), hosted Listen Up! at The Bellows Falls Opera House, and organized The Chalkboard Project – two chalkboards at local businesses in Bellows Falls where community members are invited to answer and ask questions. We organized a well-attended rally for Reproductive Rights and a talent share of community members at the Butterfield Institute in Westminster. The Humanity Network is not a nonprofit organization; we have no board of directors or a budget. We are merely a group of about 50 concerned neighbors. You are welcome to join us; please email jeanette.staley@vfca.edu.

The Humanity Network is a great introduction and illustration of Michelle, because it addresses so many of the reasons that Michelle is a representative for all of us. When I approached her about my concerns in the community, she asked what ideas I had for addressing it and then offered her assistance. She understands the importance of including community members in solutions and the arts as a tool of communication and community engagement. And, she is dedicated to the issues that promote equality within community: healthcare, voting rights, and economic and environmental justice. The Humanity Network encompasses all of these.

Michelle has been my neighbor for nearly 20 years. I have known her as a walker of the woods, a mother, a fierce advocate for the disenfranchised, and a curious reader.

I hope you will join me in supporting Michelle's return to the state legislature by casting a vote for her in the general election this fall, Nov. 8, 2022. Her new district will be Windham-3, which includes all of Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline

Sincerely,
Jeanette Staley,
Westminster, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Windsor District-5 needs an honorable Representative.

There is only one honorable candidate running for Representative in Windsor District-5, and that is Tesha Buss.

Tesha is a single parent who respects the people in her community. She is a caring person who displays humility, honesty, and compassion. Tesha is a smart businessperson who has achieved all she has through hard work. Tesha is articulate and will be a voice for her constituents in Reading, Plymouth, and Woodstock.

I am voting for Tesha Buss, and I hope you will too.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Cooper
Plymouth, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Proposition 5, Article 22. This is the text of the article: "That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

Recently, there was a letter referencing Rep. Anne Donohue (R Washington County). The letter writer and Rep. Donohue are spreading misinformation about this Article. In reality, birth of a child late in stages of development, unless the life or health of the pregnant person is endangered, is a compelling State interest. Article 22 would not require or even permit Vermont doctors or hospitals to perform late term abortions against their will because there would be a compelling State interest not to make them. This is true also for forcing doctors and hospitals to perform elective sterilizations on minors or gender-affirming treatment without notifying parents.

A constitutional amendment is needed to protect abortion in Vermont because Vermont has passed laws prohibiting abortion in the past and could again, especially if Republicans pass a national abortion ban.

Passage of Article 22 is needed to place our State's right in our Constitution and establish a cause of action to fight any national abortion ban passed by a Republican Congress.

Anne Donahue and the previous letter writer's misinformation and deliberate twisting of history, law, and ethics is shameful and dangerous. We need Article 22 – I urge you to vote "Yes."

Sincerely,
Susan LeDrew
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

After announcing my candidacy for the Vermont House of Representatives two months ago, my inbox has been inundated with questionnaires from various news outlets and citizens advocacy groups. I feel it is important to publicly discuss the key issues about which I am frequently asked. Bucking today's ubiquitous political trend, I choose transparency so that the voters in my district can make an informed decision this election.

1. Article 22

Vermont has no restrictions or limitations on abortion and has not had any since 1972. The following is codified in Vermont law (Act 47), "The State of Vermont recognizes the fundamental right of every individual who becomes pregnant to choose to carry a pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion." The law also affirms access to contraceptives. It is clear that we do not need to amend Vermont's constitution to protect a right that is already inscribed in the state's legal DNA. I oppose Article 22 because it is out of step with mainstream America, deliberately vague, and undemocratic. It would put unlimited, unregulated late-term abortion into our state constitution, which is a position opposed by the vast majority of Vermonters and 90% of Americans (according to a Harvard/Harris poll). It would remove voters and future legislators from any further discussion about what "personal reproductive autonomy" means. This amounts to an intentional abdication of legislative authority. Does "personal reproductive autonomy" entail human cloning or surrogacy trafficking? These are cultural conversations that we should be having as a society in our state. Article 22 would prevent these important discussions by permanently tying the hands of legislators and voters.

2. School choice

I support school choice. In 1991, upon graduating from Lyndon State College, I worked for six years at the Pine Ridge School in Williston. This small private high school served students with learning differences. It catered to the unmet needs of students who had been academically and emotionally underserved in the public school system. At Pine Ridge, the faculty and staff did tremendous, intensive work with the young people in our care, helping them achieve grade level standards in reading, writing, math, and the other disciplines. This first-hand experience taught me the importance of allowing parents to find and place their children in the best-suited and most appropriate environment that meets their unique needs. Taxpayer dollars should follow every child to the best school available to him or her, regardless of whether it is a public or private institution, or a homeschooling arrangement.

3. Addressing Vermont's inflating energy costs

When the Vermont Legislature convenes in January 2023, the new legislature will vote on whether or not to enact the recommendations made by the Vermont Climate Council to raise carbon taxes/fees on home heating fuels (oil, propane, natural gas, and kerosene) and similar new carbon taxes/fees on gasoline and diesel. There is little we can do about the various national and global factors affecting energy prices. However, we can prevent increasing fuel prices for these necessities on Vermonters who are already struggling to make ends meet. Last spring, when fuel prices were skyrocketing, Vermont Democrats voted to raise taxes on home heating fuels (H.715), and voted to override Governor Scott's veto of that heartless bill. A new version of that bill and many like it will be back in 2023. If elected, I will be a solid "No" vote on any proposed taxes/fees that would artificially raise the price of energy on Vermonters.

4. Stance on Vermont's Global Warming Solutions Act

Vermonters of every political persuasion have a long and proud tradition of environmental stewardship. We have been doing our part for decades and the environmental data proves it. Vermont is the cleanest state and our total energy consumption is the lowest of any state in the nation. Vermont forests have removed more carbon dioxide than emissions produced every year since 1990. Unfortunately, there is a political tendency in Vermont to focus on global phenomena rather than resolve local pressing issues. For example, we are experiencing severe workforce depletion, an acute shortage in the rental market while the state has the second highest home vacancy rate in the nation, record high costs of motor vehicle and home heating fuels, more numbers of middle class and fixed income families falling into poverty, staggering rates of drug overdose deaths, and a sharp increase in violent crime. I am running for office to implement tangible change that directly improves the standard of living of my constituents.

I ask for your vote this election season. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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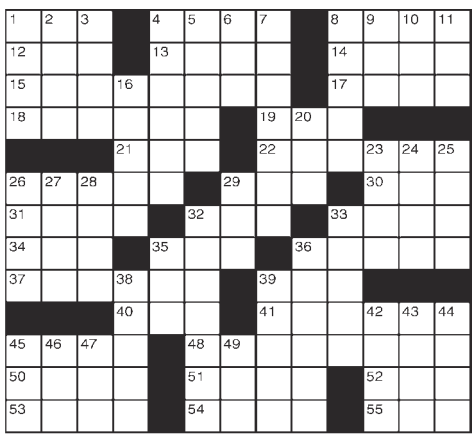

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POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please note that **we will not be publishing any political letters in our November 2, 2022 edition**, in print or online, per our publishing guidelines. Other letters regarding community news will still be considered. We reserve the right to publish at our discretion. **The viewpoints expressed in the editorial section do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.**

CHURCH SERVICES

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd,
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St.
Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. Masks are optional. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

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

LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

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.

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

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.
Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

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.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.
A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

obituaries

Arthur H. Chickering, 1934-2022

WESTMORELAND, N.H. – Arthur H. "Jim" Chickering, 88, a lifelong resident of Westmoreland, N.H., passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Cheshire Medical Center in Keene with his sister Sally by his side.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1934 to the late Alice (Herrick) and Samuel Chickering in Walpole. Jim was educated locally, attending Keene High School and Thompson School of Agriculture.

On Feb. 22, 1958, Arthur married Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Whitehouse. They had a simple service with their family and friends at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Keene. They have been married for the past 64 years.

He owned and operated Chickering Farms Incorporated until his death, a generational family farm dating back to the Revolutionary War.

He was an excellent cattleman and horseman. Jim loved raising dairy cattle, both Holsteins and Jerseys. His diverse love of horses included racehorses, pulling horses, quarter horses, and breeding Morgan horses. He enjoyed going to cattle auctions, horse races at the Hinsdale Raceway, and horse shows. Later in life Jim was passionate about his herd of Angus cows. He loved his life as a farmer and willingly shared his knowledge to help anyone with a sick animal. His advice was sought out by many. He was a good steward of the land.

In recent years, he partnered with the Monadnock Conservancy to preserve close to 400 acres of farmland that will never "grow houses." Jim quietly helped many people better their future. He was a good friend and neighbor and was loved by all. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Chickering is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Chickering of Walpole, their four children, Andrea A. Sawyer and husband Sheldon of Walpole, Arthur H. Chickering III of Westmoreland, Alison M. Chickering of Walpole, and Charles S. Chickering of Walpole. He is also survived by his three siblings, Adeline Olmstead of Westmoreland, Brenda Chickering Kelly of Winchester, and Sally Ann Chickering of Westmoreland, along with his six grandchildren Adam Welch, Hanna Welch, Joanne Chickering and husband Ken Leach, Chelsey Croteau, Jessica Chickering, and Suzanne Chickering, and his three great-grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Arthur is now at home with the Lord, his parents, his siblings Madelyn Snyder and Samuel Chickering, and his grandson, Justin Mack.

Arthur Chickering, 1934-2022.
PHOTO PROVIDED

A private graveside burial will be in the family lot at the North Cemetery in Westmoreland, N.H. 03467. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Thomas P. Fairchild 4-H Dairy Endowment. 4H Foundation of New Hampshire Taylor Hall UNH 59 College Road Durham, NH, 03824. A Celebration of Life service will be on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022 at 2 p.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church 100 Maple Ave Keene, NH 03431.

All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Chapel and Crematories, 44 Maple Ave. Keene, NH.03431, www.cheshire-familyfh.com.

Gary E. Dunn, 1961-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Gary E. Dunn of Bellows Falls, Vt. died on Sept. 19, 2022, at DHMC in Lebanon, N.H., with his daughters by his side.

Gary was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Feb. 24, 1961 to Homer E. Dunn and Ruth E. Dunn. He was the youngest of four.

His love for the outdoors was obvious, as well as his love for his family. He enjoyed fishing and hunting greatly. He was most at peace in nature.

Gary held various jobs over the years before becoming disabled due to back issues. Out of all of his jobs, he enjoyed pruning with his father most.

Gary was married to Paula Batchelder on July 11, 1981. She predeceased him on April 16, 2005. Together they had two daughters.

He was predeceased by his father on Dec. 30, 2015. He was also predeceased by two brothers, David in 1990, and Michael in 2000.

He is survived by his mother Ruth Dunn, his brother Homer and wife Andrea of Rockingham, Vt., and his daughters Heather Lacomb of a Westminster, Vt. and Sara Dunn of Weathersfield, Vt. He also is survived by his two greatest joys, his grandchildren Spencer and Makenzie Lacomb.

A Celebration of Life with be announced at a later date.

Robert Mellen, 1942-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert Mellen, 80, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 at his home in Springfield, Vt. He was born June 25, 1942 in Springfield, the son of Bertrand and Ruth (Olney) Mellen.

He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School. He was employed as a machinist with Fellows Gear Shaper for over 30 years.

On June 28, 1997, he married Jeanette Kelly of Springfield. Robert was an EMT and volunteer for the Springfield Fire Department for many years, and he also did underwater training and made backboards for the department in the 1970s. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, loved his cats, dogs, and horses, enjoyed attending fairs, driving country roads, and being a foster parent with Jeanette for several years.

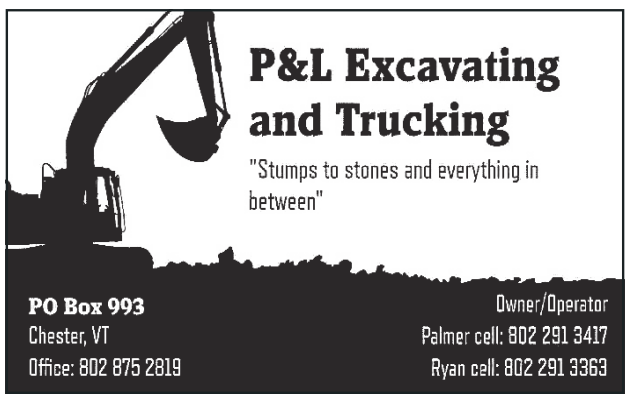
He is survived by his wife Jeanette; son John Mellen and wife Karen; three daughters, Patricia Plamondon and husband Robert, Susan Aldrich and husband Joel, and Julie Butler and husband Kevin; six grandchildren, Jennifer Cooney, Jason Plamondon, Jaimie Cappucci, Cindy Sherman, Heather Butler, and Megan Butler; six great-grandchildren, Robbie Cooney, Ava Cooney, Cam Cappucci, Raemon Ramsey, Kamryn Ramsey, and Jaxon Plamondon.

Robert Mellen, 1942-2022.
PHOTO PROVIDED

He was predeceased by his parents, sister Evelyn Perkins, and grandson Timothy Butler.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

CHURCH SERVICES: Run on an alternating schedule. All services are online at www.VermontJournal.com.



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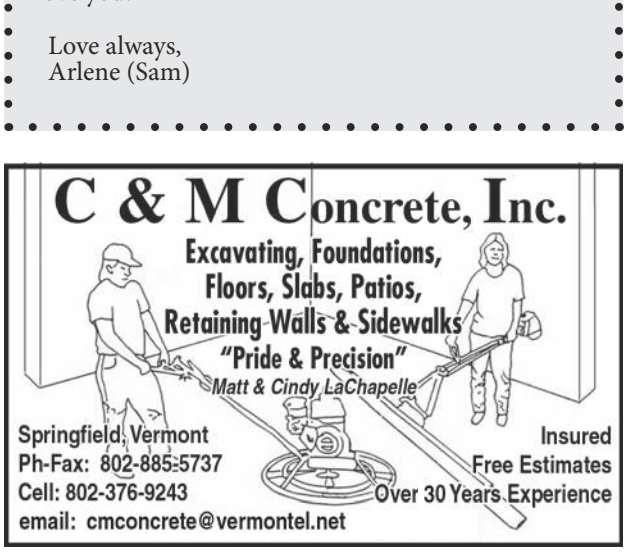
Brenda Lee Hill Celebration of Life

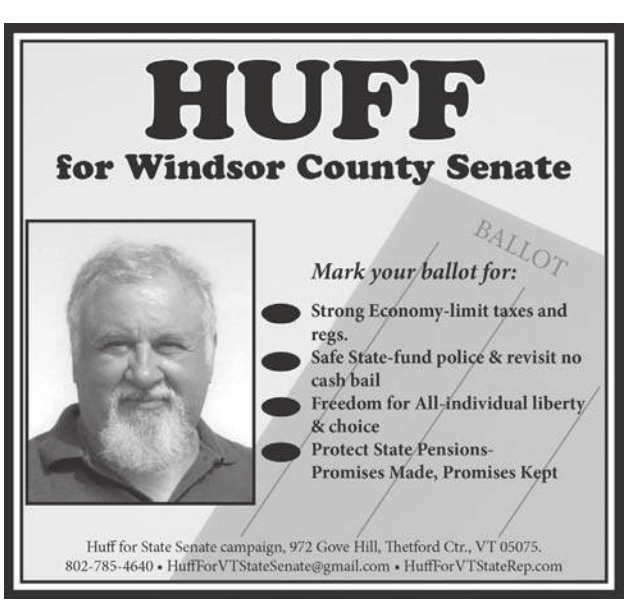
On Oct. 16, 2022, there will be a Celebration of Life for Brenda Lee Hill. This is for family and friends to share memories and stories of her short life. Held at the Rockingham Meetinghouse Cemetery, please arrive by 11 a.m. The Celebration will start promptly at 11:15 a.m.

In memory of Brenda Lee Hill (Luther)

I can't believe it's been 40 years, as of Oct. 16, that you have been gone. I will never forget you! We had awesome times together. I will always miss you and love you!

Love always,
Arlene (Sam)





calendar

OCT. 15 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The United Methodist Church Fall Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 10 Valley Street, Springfield, Vt. There will be many great items available as well as coffee and donuts for sale.

WINHALL, N.H. – The Winhall Community Arts Center will host a meet and greet with artist Abby Miner on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1–3 p.m.

OCT. 16 –
CLAREMONT, N.H. – The Claremont Historical Society will host a Historic Program and Annual Meeting at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 3–5 p.m. featuring Dr. Steven C. Eames.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Historical Society will host their Octover program at the Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Lynne Fisk will explore some of the "Haunted Happenings" in Charlestown.

OCT. 18 –
WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Grange #125 will hold a non-partisan, public "Meet the Candidates Night" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm St.

OCT. 19 & 21 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – St. Luke's Mission Theatre will present the musical, "The Serpent in the Desert" on Wednesday, Oct. 19 and Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

OCT. 22 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Third Congregational Church in Alstead, N.H. will be hosting a take-out turkey dinner. Pre-order your dinner by Oct. 12 and pick up your order on Oct. 22 between 4–6 p.m. Call 1-603-477-0001 to place your order.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2–6:30 p.m., the South Parish Church of Charlestown, N.H. will host a free Mad About Marriage seminar led by Mike Tucker.

LANGDON, N.H. – The Swing Low band will play jazz and pop at the Langdon Meetinghouse, 5 Walker Hill Road, Langdon N.H., on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6 – 9 p.m.

OCT. 23 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will take place upstairs in the Springfield Community Center at 139 Main St. on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call 802-723-1087 for more information.

OCT. 28 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Calling all Ghosts and Goblins, the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. would like to invite you to join us for a haunted cemetery walk on Friday, Oct. 28. The walk will be from 5–7 p.m. on Friday night. This walk is a great opportunity for any students in the area that are in need of community service/volunteer hours if you would like to assist in setting up the walk or dressing up to take part in the "scaring." Please feel free to contact Aggie Sheldon at the Gill Home at 802-228-6858 for more information. Donation suggested for admission to event. The Gill Home is located at 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, Vt.

OCT. 29 –
The Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37 will host a Kids Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1-3 p.m. The free event is for all local children 10 years of age and younger. There will be candy, pumpkins, and light snacks available. Wear your costume if you'd like! The American Legion is located on Rockingham Street in Bellows Falls.

NOV. 11 –
PUTNEY, Vt. – The Wild Goose Players will perform "A Little Night Music" at Next Stage Arts in Putney, Vt. from Nov. 11 through Nov. 20. Directed by David Stern.

NOV. 18, 19, & 20 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The annual Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap will take place on Friday, Nov. 18 from 4–7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Jackson Gore, Okemo Mountain Resort.

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

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

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, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Pickleball will be played at Dorsey Park, 41 Andover Street in Ludlow, Vt., every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9–11 a.m., into October. There are no registration fees.

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

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 –
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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is sponsoring Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays at the Great Hall, Pearl St., Springfield, Vt. Intermediate-advanced classes will meet from 9:30–10:30 a.m. and beginner classes will meet from 10:40–11:40 a.m. For more information, contact Wendi Germain at wgermain@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

WEDNESDAYS –
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.

THURSDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

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.

CHALRESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center is playing horseshoes every Thursday at 1 p.m., weather dependent, and we are looking for more people to join us. It's just for fun. If you don't play, come watch us and laugh with us.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

SATURDAYS –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Lori Wright of DG Bodyworks will be holding indoor cycling classes throughout the month of October. Classes will be Saturdays from 7:45–8:30 a.m. at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville, Vt.

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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange will be hosting a Buffet Breakfast on the second Saturday of October, from 8–9:30 a.m. There will be a fee at the door. The meal will consist of sausage, home fries, pancakes, eggs, and more. Gassetts Grange can be found on Route 103 in Chester, Vt.

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

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

SAPA TV 2022 Annual Meeting

Join SAPA TV for their annual meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM at 335 River St Ste. 1, Springfield, VT 05156. The SAPA TV board and staff will update community members on operations during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. There will be a potluck dinner to follow the meeting. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing info@sapatv.org.

Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on **Monday**, **November 7, 2022** to consider the following:

Application # 23-16	Application #23-16; John Shadis (Owner) – property located on Old Athens Road. The Applicant is requesting a Minor Subdivision. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 448 Resource Conservation District; Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor Subdivision);** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaw**s.**

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.

WARNING FOR VOTERS
IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Shall the Town of Plymouth permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers pursuant to Title 7 V.S.A §863 which states:
"Prior to a cannabis retailer or the retail portion of an integrated licensee operating within a municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of such cannabis establishments by majority vote of those present and voting by Australian ballot at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A municipality may place retailers or integrated licensees, or both, on the ballot for approval."
Voting will take place at the municipal building in the Town of Plymouth on Tuesday November 8, 2022, by Australian ballot.

REVISED WARNING
FOR SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF PLYMOUTH VT

There will be a Special Informational meeting for public discussion of the proposed building renovation and Bond issue, Inclusion Statement and Second Amendment sanctuary town designation prior to the November 8th election. The meeting will be held **Monday, November 7**, at 6:00 PM in the Plymouth Municipal Building.
Following are the Articles for THE NOVEMBER ELECTION:
Article 1
VOTE FOR ONLY ONE
Shall the Town of Plymouth borrow up to an additional $800,000 thru a Municipal Bond to pay for the full and proposed weatherization/deferred maintenance project to be paid back over a 25-year period?
Shall the Town of Plymouth proceed with the weatherization/deferred maintenance project and only complete portions of the project with the funds previously authorized by the Voters in the amount of $950,000?
Article 2
VOTE YES OR NO
Shall the Town of Plymouth adopt the Declaration of Inclusion as signed by Vermont Governor Phil Scott in 2021 to condemn racism and welcome all persons to live freely and express their opinions as stated in the proposed language for a Plymouth Declaration of Inclusion as written below:
The Town of Plymouth condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.
As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.
Article 3
VOTE YES OR NO
Shall the Town of Plymouth VT declare itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary town?

A separate article to be discussed is as follows:

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
POSITION AVAILABLE
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid VT Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus.

Municipal Benefit Package includes health & dental insurance, retirement plan and paid vacations PLUS a $2,000.00 Sign-On Bonus. Employment applications are available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or on-line at www.ludlow.vt.us . Please submit completed applications to the Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Questions?
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WATER FLUSHING NOTICE

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022 through Thursday, October 27, 2022, the Village of Ludlow Water Department will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system. The flushing will take place each day from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Please note: The entire water system will be affected. Residents may experience discolored water during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to let your cold water run until your water runs clear. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we perform our semi-annual distribution system maintenance.

If you have any questions, please call the Water Department at 228-8431 or the Municipal Office at 228-2841.

Thank you.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Sports schedule

Thursday, Oct. 13 –

Boys Soccer
White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey
Woodstock Union High at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Rivendell Academy at GMUHS, 4 p.m.
Springfield at White River Valley, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 –

Boys Football
Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
GMUHS at Stevens, 4 p.m.
Rivendell Academy at Leland and Gray, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15 –

Girls Soccer
White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Bellows Falls at Springfield, 6 p.m.

Boys Football
Fall Mountain at Inter-lakes High School, 12 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17 –

Girls Soccer
Otter Valley Union at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 –

Girls Soccer
Bellows Falls at GMUHS, 4 p.m.
Fall Mountain at Hillsboro-Deering, 4 p.m.
Leland and Gray at Mill River Union, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Hillsboro-Deering at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
GMUHS at Fair Haven, 6 p.m.
Twin Valley at Leland and Gray, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 –

Boys Soccer
Bellows Falls at Rivendell Academy, 4 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey
Brattleboro Union at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20 –

Boys Soccer
Fall Mountain at Kearsarge Regional, 6 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Kearsarge Regional at Fall Mountain, 6 p.m.
GMUHS at White River Valley, 4 p.m.
Springfield at Woodstock Union, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21 –

Boys Football
Mount Mansfield at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.
Trinity at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Bellows Falls at Twin Valley, 6 p.m.
Stratton Mountain at GMUHS, 4 p.m.
Mt. St. Joseph at Springfield, 6 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Windsor at Leland and Gray, 4 p.m.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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HELP WANTED

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ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Seeking general laborer. Must have license and reliable transportation. Mechanical ability a plus. Call Steve at 603-381-0929.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Wanted: Part-time driver. Must be flexible with hours. Car provided. $15/hour. Passengers include 12-year-old and legally blind parents. Duties include: groceries and errands. Female preferred. Must be personable. 802-226-8131.

SNOW PLOWING

LUDLOW, Vt. – Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

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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.

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Chester, VT
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Assist patrons with photocopier(s).
Maintains displays and shelving locations of library materials.
Maintains appearance of book sale area.
Assists with special projects and other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:
High school diploma and relevant work experience preferred.
Requires computer skills, dependability, friendliness, willingness to learn new skills, patience and the ability to work with the public.
Full Job Description available upon request.

Come to the Library to get an application, or send letter of interest with a resume to:
Whiting Library
117 Main Street
Chester, VT 05143
Attn: Board of Trustees

EOE

Wilson & Lawrence Inc. in Grafton, Vt. is looking to hire a Driver/Laborer ASAP no CDL needed

Please call 802-869-2333 Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

TOWN OF CHESTER
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION

The Town of Chester Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Full-Time Police Officer. The department is seeking an enthusiastic professional individual who possesses a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a community of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage for full-time officers with shift differential, as well as an excellent benefit's package including participation in VMERS Group C retirement, MVP health insurance, paid sick time, vacation time, and personal time. Uniforms and police equipment are provided.

The successful candidate will possess the following minimum requirements:
- Be a U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma.
- Be certified or certifiable as a police officer by the VT Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC).
- Possess a valid VT driver's license.
- Must be able to perform all essential functions of the job.

Preference will be given to those applicants who are currently certified through the VCJTC. However, those without certification are also encouraged to apply. Police testing, including a physical fitness examination, polygraph, oral board, medical exam, fingerprint check and extensive background check will be required of applicants selected for hire. Preference shall be given to VT-certified officers.

Those wishing to apply should send a letter of interest and resume to:
Chester Police Department
ATTN: Chief Richard Cloud
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

Interested applicants can also contact the Chester Police Department at (802) 875-2035 for more information.

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10/1 & 10/ 8 Raku Pottery Classes Andrew Berends
10/15 ***Folk Art Bracelet*** with Thomasin Alyxander
10/29 ***Paint the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor***
with Robert J. O'Brien

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(10/26/22 - TFN - 13)

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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

"Gavel-to-Gavel" coverage of local meetings (playing daily on Ed. / Gov. channel)
(Meeting Playback Guide available at bottom of okemovallley.tv/schedule)
(01/04/23 - TFN - 13)

Pawn

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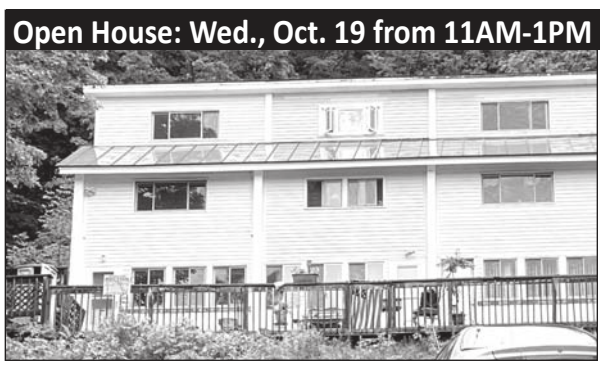
outdoor

Foreclosure: 3BR/2BA Condo
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Thursday, November 3 @ 11AM
832 Grand View Lodge Rd., Unit D, Plymouth, VT
Open House: Wed., Oct. 19 from 11AM-1PM

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Colts and Fillies 4-H Horse Show

ALSTEAD, N.H. – The Colts and Fillies 4-H Club hosted their annual Fall Horse Show on Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Millot Green in Alstead, N.H. We had a wonderful day filled with great competition, food, and fun. Thank you to everyone that made this day a success including our competitors, their families, our judge Amanda Golembeski, show secretary Rebecca Kennedy, announcer Marylynn Fallon, food booth crew Lee Lowell, Betty Johnson, and family, ring mistress Hana Bundy, gatekeepers Joey Fischer and Kim Bylancik, ring crew Todd and Sandy Rathke, and our clean up crew Colts and Fillies 4-H members and their families. The club would also like to thank our show sponsors. Their generous donations allow the club to hold a successful show, which is the club's primary fundraiser for educational materials and community service projects. We appreciate the support of the town of Alstead in providing the use of its public riding ring.

Our champion prizes this year were hand-built, wooden grooming totes made from trees downed in the Langdon, N.H. tornado in 2018. The trees were cut into lumber by Mark Collins, and then Colts and Fillies Club members Serena and Daniela cut them into kits to be built. Todd Rathke built the kits and they were stained and ready for use.

The following competitors won prizes in the designated categories:

Championships:

In-Hand – Champion, Kassidy Wyman with Butter My Biscuit; Reserve Champion, Jennie Crawford with Say Cheese.

Versatile Horse – Champion, Daniela Rathke on SHS He's A Dust Bunny; Reserve Champion, Alyssa Smith on SHS Heaven's Dream.

Adult – Champion, Kassidy Wyman on Wallstreet Weedo; Reserve Champion, Jennifer Putzel on Killian.

Beginner WT – Champion, Mckinley Ryskowski on Meadowair Kiss Me Kate; Reserve Champion, Madison Cushman on Meadowair Nancy C.

Junior – Champion, Miranda Bafundi on Killian; Reserve Champion, Clara Grenier on Meadowair Untouchable.

Beginner WTC – Champion, Adella Ashworth on Meadowair Kiss Me Kate; Reserve Champion, Kaylee Barnum on Chai.

Senior – Champion, Daniela Rathke on SHS He's A Dust Bunny; Reserve Champion, Madison Amsden on Augustus.

Open WT – Champion, Jennie Crawford on Say Cheese; Reserve Champion, Evangeline Armlow on Meadowair Nancy C.

WT Games – Champion, Romy Merz on Another Creation; Reserve Champion, Mackenzie Ferron on Jazzy.

Open Games – Champion, Daniela Rathke on SHS He's A Dust Bunny; Reserve Champion, Madison Amsden on Augustus.

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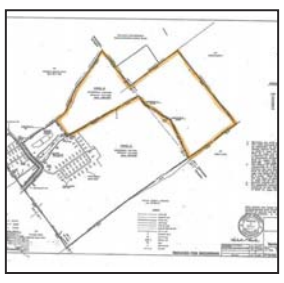
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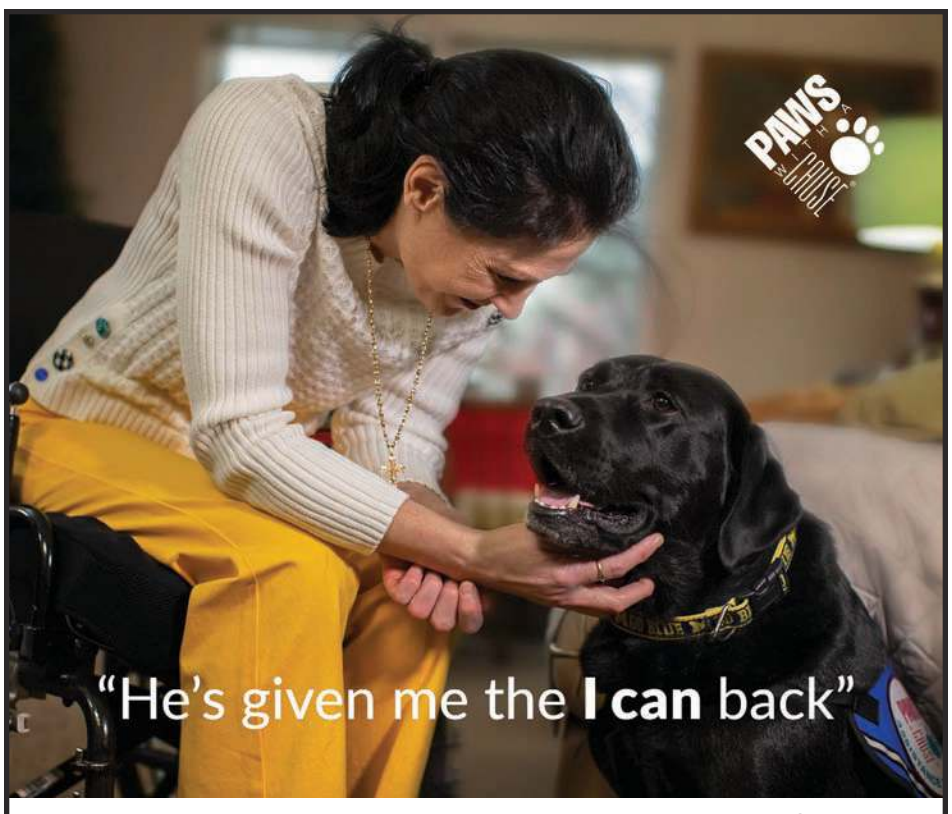

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E-Bike Lending Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Local Motion's Satellite E-Bike Lending Library is now in Springfield, Vt. Borrowers are able to check out an e-bike from the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center for multi-day loans to find out how these bikes can replace car trips and transform their daily transportation needs.

Edgar May Health and Recreation Center Executive Director Christian Craig stated, "We are extremely excited to partner with Local Motion to bring this opportunity to the greater Springfield region. The E-Bike Lending Library will allow area residents to test ride two different models and see how they can incorporate an e-bike into their daily lives whether for commuting, recreation, or fun."

The fleet includes two standard commuter bikes, both with an electric pedal assist that helps riders get around with less effort and scale hills that previously seemed impossible.

E-bikes are a transportation option that is becoming more familiar and necessary, and the goal of this program is to introduce Vermonters to how they can be incorporated into everyday life and replace car trips. From commuting to work to picking up groceries and carrying kids to school, e-bikes provide an extra boost of power that makes miles feel shorter and cargo feel lighter.

To reserve an e-bike head to www.webreserv.com/springfielde-bikelendinglibraryvt. Contact the Edgar-May with any questions at info@edgarmay.org or 802-885-2568.

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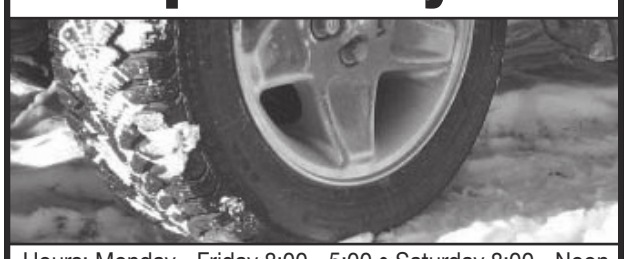
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Third novice hunters weekend –

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hunters embarking on their first deer season are encouraged to take advantage of Vermont's third annual novice weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23.

To be eligible for this opportunity, new hunters must: be 16 years of age or older; have successfully completed a hunter education course; have purchased their hunting license within one year of the first day of novice weekend; possess a free novice weekend tag; and be accompanied by an unarmed adult, 18 years or older, who holds a Vermont resident hunting license.

Details on each of these requirements can be found on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's novice weekend webpage.

Novice weekend is designed to give teenagers and adults who are new to hunting a chance at the same mentored experience that many younger hunters receive during Vermont's concurrent youth deer hunting weekend. It is also a chance for seasoned hunters to share their knowledge and to pass on safe hunting practices and responsible behavior.

Contact our Hunter Education Program with questions at 802-828-1193 or by email at HunterEducation@vermont.gov.

arts & entertainment

Saint Luke's Mission presents new play

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A new play, "After Damascus: Saint Paul's Epistle to the Present," will be premiering for three performances at Saint Luke's Mission Theatre on the evenings of Oct. 18, 20, and 22, at 176 Main St., Charlestown, N.H.

"After Damascus: Saint Paul's Epistle to the Present" was written by Brian Marsh, a professional actor and playwright. Saint Paul will be portrayed by David Zucker, a professional actor from Langdon, N.H.

The play presents Saint Paul as he might appear today, an apostle committed to spreading the message of God to communities throughout the world. The playwright envisions how Saint Paul would communicate his message to the people of Vermont and New Hampshire were he to appear among us today. As the play unfolds, Saint Paul describes his own individual journey, his dramatic conversion at Damascus, and as he concludes his visit to Charlestown, Saint Paul presents the members of the community with their own individualized epistle.

Tickets for "After Damascus: Saint Paul's Epistle to the Present" may be purchased at the Sumner House Restaurant in Charlestown or online by going to www.eventbrite.com and searching for "Saint Luke's Mission Theatre" and entering "New Hampshire" for the location.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the evenings of performance.

For additional information, contact David Moody at 603-852-0977.

Bluegrasoles to play at Senior Center

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Thursday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m., the Bluegrasoles will play at the Black River Valley Senior Center at 10 High St., in Ludlow, Vt. At 5 p.m. there will be a community meal of hearty harvest beef stew, bread, and apple crisp.

The Bluegrasoles are made up of Susan and John Balch. All are welcome to this performance. A reservation and donation are required to attend.

Bluegrasoles. PHOTO PROVIDED

New gallery presents altered books exhibit

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Artists, artisans, and architects, working in media from all over the country, were invited by Art Around Books, a new gallery in Bellows Falls, Vt., to select a book that has been important to their creative process, and artistically alter the cover and contents. Local artists include Eric Aho, Brian Cohen, Campion Tillbrook, Frances Alford, Abby Jones, Gretchen Abendschein, Gerry Biron, Jo Anne Russo, Sarah Paulson, Michele Burgess, and Bill Kelly. All 43 artists can be viewed at www.artaroundbooks.com.

The exhibition will open on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 and extend until Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. An opening reception will take place on Oct. 15 from 3–7 p.m.

The Walpole Players' "Hansel and Gretel"–

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Players will be presenting the classic Grimms' fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel," on Fridays, Oct. 21 and 28 at 7 p.m., and Saturdays, Oct. 22 and 29 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Helen Miller Theater in the Walpole Town Hall.

"Hansel and Gretel," based on the classic story first published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812, tells the story of a young brother and sister abandoned in the forest, who stumble upon a gingerbread house inhabited by an evil witch. Hansel and Gretel must use their wits to outsmart the Witch and escape being baked in her oven.

Every dramatic moment from this classic tale is brought to life, live on stage, from the night spent in the spooky forest, to the discovery of the candy-coated gingerbread house, to the broomstick flight of the Witch, and to the battle with the Gingerbread Witch. "Hansel and Gretel" is sure to delight children of all ages.

This production, written and directed by Mike Wright, stars Asa Whittaker as Hansel, Lorelai Hashimoto and Harper Rodenhauser sharing the role of Gretel, and Gina Richardson as the evil witch. The cast also includes Denis Fortier as the father, Carolyn Norback and Deb Wick Robarge alternating as the stepmother, Tom Durnford as the Mayor, and Lea Kablik as the ghost of Hansel and Gretel's mother. Ruth Pratt, Lucy Berger Kimball, Rowan Whittaker, Owen Grant, Trajan Vannini, Nieomi Van Larre, and Luna Gendreau round out the cast. Becca Robison and Ruth Pratt are the Assistant Directors and Stage Managers, with costumes by Lisa Bryan.

Tickets are available at Galloway Realty and Mascoma Bank in Walpole, as well as online at www.TheWalpolePlayers.org. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The Walpole Players' next production, Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory," will take place in December.

For more information, visit www.thewalpoleplayers.org or email WalpolePlayers@gmail.com.

Third Southern Vermont Flannel Festival

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Celebrate fall the Rockingham way. On Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Rockingham Hill Farm, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our 3rd annual Southern Vermont Flannel Festival. Surround yourself with pies, cider, craft beer, pies, cocktails, pumpkins, food and craft vendors, and more pies, even a pie contest and beautiful Vermont foliage as we celebrate community and welcome autumn surrounded by the vistas of the Vermont Countryside.

Enjoy the 2022 Flannel Festival. PHOTO PROVIDED

The music line up starts from 12–2 p.m. on Saturday with Low Lily. This string and vocal trio explores the roots and branches of American folk music with traditional influences and modern inspiration. Start with excellently matched vocals, add some world-class playing, sprinkle with raised-off-grid Americana and you get Low Lily. Setting down roots in Brattleboro, Vt., the band has crafted a signature sound which they have shared with enthusiastic audiences throughout North America and the UK, garnering two number one songs on international folk radio and two Independent Music Award wins.

Cold Chocolate follows from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. Featuring Ethan Robbins on guitar, Ariel Bernstein on percussion, and backed by some of the music scene's finest players, this group from Boston is impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond. Cold Chocolate has quickly gained recognition for their original music and high-energy shows.

On Sunday, The Break Maids will jam from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. With their original Rock n' Roll sound and a twist of Folk Punk, The Break Maids are "Straight off the hill" and over the top. The Break Maids offer glam-stomp music with three-part harmonies that Seven Days calls "ethereal, like a Greek Tragedy.'" The Maids are Faith Wood on bass, Ida Mae Specker on percussion, and Emily Burkland on guitar.

The Stockwell Brothers round up the music from 1:45–3:30 p.m. The Stockwell Brothers are Green Mountain Newgrass artists. Their music spans traditional and progressive styles with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies. They cover bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, and Americana melodies riding world beat grooves with Celtic, jazzy, even neo-classical instrumentals.

Join us for some of the most creative crafters from all around the area and a delicious pie contest on Saturday. We are still accepting applications for both the pie contest and for craft vendors, but hurry, our spaces are filling up quickly. Find the information on www.gfrcc.org. We'll have a great raffle with lots of prizes and lots of local food to tempt your taste buds. And, more entertainment in the field. Your senses will all come alive with the crisp autumn air, the sounds of great lyrics and tunes, the aromas of good cooking and a smile on your face that just won't go away.

Follow the buffalo red-and-black plaid road signs to direct you to 34 Meeting House Road in Rockingham, Vt., for a fun fall festival for all ages. Receive an admission discount if you're rocking flannel. Kids 12 and under are free. For more information, contact the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce at 17 Depot Street, Bellows Falls, Vt., or email info@gfrcc.org, visit www.gfrcc.org, or call 802-463-4280.

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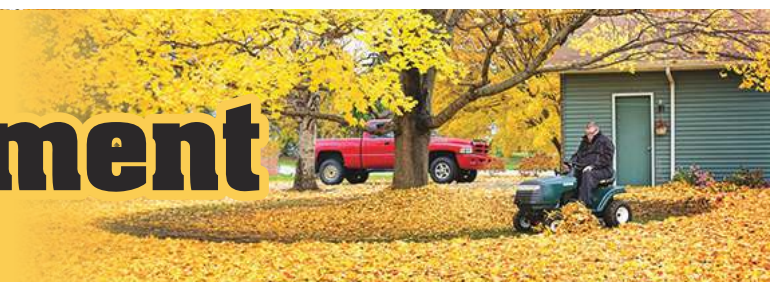

Annual weatherization campaign encourages Vermonters to Button Up for winter

REGION – With heating fuel prices at their highest level in years and winter just around the corner, Button Up Vermont is getting the word out: The best time to weatherize your home is right now.

The annual Button Up Vermont campaign, supported by a partnership of energy services providers and clean energy champions, works each fall to raise awareness of the need to weatherize, and helps connect Vermonters with tools and resources to save. From tips on air sealing and insulation, to weighing the benefits of upgrades like energy efficient heat pumps, Button Up Vermont works to encourage Vermonters to make their homes more comfortable and affordable in winter.

"Buttoning up your home is one of the best ways to make your family more comfortable this winter, while lowering heating bills in a time of high fuel prices," said Peter Walke, Managing Director of Efficiency Vermont. "Weatherization investments you make now will help you be more resilient for years to come, as climate change brings more volatile weather, and likely volatile fossil fuel prices as well."

Signs that you need to button up:

If your home is losing heat, it's likely you've noticed one or more of these common problems:

• Drafts. If cool air leaks in while your heat is on, you can be sure that energy is being wasted.

• Snow melt. Snow melting in some areas of your roof and not others can indicate that your attic is not properly sealed and insulated.

Icicles could mean heat loss. Button Up this winter.

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• Icicles. They may look pretty, but icicles often indicate that heat is escaping through your roof.

• Mold. Lack of insulation can cause moisture to rise and get trapped in the attic.

What you can do:

Stopping heat loss increases comfort and saves money. Here's what you can do:

• Attend an event to learn about buttoning up at www.buttonupvermont.org/events.

• Sign up for a free Virtual Home Energy Visit with an Efficiency Vermont expert at www.efficiencyvermont.timetap.com/#/. VGS customers with high energy use may also qualify for a complementary energy audit.

• Complete DIY projects to stop drafts, and get $100 back at www.efficiencyvermont.com/rebates/list/diy-weatherization.

• Find a qualified contractor through Efficiency Vermont's Efficiency Excellence Network at www.efficiencyvermont.com/find-contractor-retailer.

• Install an efficient heat pump system to save on fossil fuel, with discounts from your local utility.

• Get started on a comprehensive weatherization project to air seal and insulate your home.

Efficiency Vermont and VGS are offering incentives to cover 75% off project costs – up to $5,000 – to offset the cost of a comprehensive weatherization project. Combined with 0% financing for qualified households, the monthly cost for many households could be as little as $50. DIY incentives are also available to Vermonters who aren't ready to take on a comprehensive project but want to roll up their sleeves and make small improvements to increase comfort this winter.

Income-eligible families may also qualify for free whole-home weatherization service, through the state's Weatherization Assistance Program. Check www.dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization for details.

"Buttoning up Vermont homes is all about helping neighbors save money while reducing their greenhouse gas emissions," said Neale Lunderville, CEO and President of VGS. "At VGS, we're celebrating 30 years of helping customers improve the efficiency of their homes. By making energy efficiency as accessible and affordable as possible, we ensure more Vermonters can enjoy the comfort and savings of a weatherized home."

As the nation's first Energy Efficiency Utility, Efficiency Vermont has helped Vermont avoid over 13.2 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions and has received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Energy Star" program Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence award for the last seven consecutive years. Efficiency Vermont works with partners to help our state transition to more affordable, low carbon energy use through education, incentives, and support for our clean energy workforce. Learn more at www.efficiencyvermont.com.

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