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# Rockingham on appointments and Depot Street Bridge —

BY BETSY THURSTON

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, March 21, the Rockingham Selectboard appointed committee members and discussed Depot Street Bridge updates.

Chair Peter Golec read the appointments for committees, with most of the members remaining the same. There is no constable, and there is no one serving on the Connecticut River Joint Commissions nor as town service officer. New appointments include; Jeffrey Bryan, Conservation Commission; Golec, Union Negotiations and Personnel Matters; and Margo Ghia as Green Up Chair. Green Up Day is on Saturday, May 6 this year. Green-up bags will be available at the town hall and other locations.

Visit www.greenupvermont.org/you-can-make-adifference/ for more information.

Golec said they needed to make decisions tonight on whether or not to paint the pedestrian bridge. He asked if the board was in consensus for not painting. The board agreed unanimously to forgo painting which would eliminate any future maintenance costs of the bridge.

Board member Elijah Zimmer suggested that the proposed crosswalk on Canal Street be moved to the end of the pedestrian bridge to offer better access to the Canal House Apartments. They agreed with the design to stop the sidewalk at the proposed pause place where the current bridge stands

the current bridge stands. Zimmer also suggested it have a mountable curb for access to Sharon Boccelli's building and parking.

Golec said VTrans had mentioned removing the hydrant and stop sign which would solve many of the issues. Zimmer said he was in favor of making the pause place "as large an area as possible."

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said the concern was stability of the canal walls and they might not have answers until the 2027 demolition of the bridge.

The Rockingham Walk/ Bike Committee suggested a design for the north end of Canal Street to retain the river view and remove the proposed parking spaces. The new design showed a 14 foot curb to curb, which would give the Highway Department the requested right of way for snow removal.

Zimmer said he had submitted photos that included the shipping container that is currently on the street, and supported trees and benches to offset the loss of a heavily used garden and bench area south of the existing bridge. The current pause place, which has an extensive garden tended by Cindy at the Exner Block, will be removed for the pedestrian bridge construction.

Golec was concerned with safety if the benches were right on the street. Zimmer said this would be a linear park with raised granite curbs and the trees would be parallel with the benches.

Board member Susan Hammond said narrow streets tend to slow traffic. Golec asked if there was a discussion of lights, as the lines will be buried north of the pedestrian bridge.

Zimmer said lamp posts will be extended.

Pickup said that trees might not work there with respects to the integrity of the canal wall.

Board member Rick Cowan suggested they discuss these suggestions with the VTrans Landscape Architect to determine the best approach.

Golec recommended committees should not be in direct communication with the project managers; as all correspondence was sent to himself and Manager Pickup. He suggested committees contact Pickup first.

Pickup explained they were waiting for the State Historic Preservation's determination on the rail for the vehicular bridge before finalizing the final bid package.

Zimmer said the Historic Preservation Commission had passed a resolution for the bridge rail design and he had submitted photographs of similar bridge rail styles; in Westminster and Putney.

The project officially begins in 2025 with buried lines, construction of the vehicular bridge in 2026, pedestrian bridge followed by demolition of the existing Depot Bridge in 2027

The Rockingham Selectboard meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

# Decisions made on Depot Street Bridge —

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

**BELLOWS** FALLS, Vt.- Going back to the summer of 2019, the decision was made by the Rockingham Selectboard to join the Vermont Agency of Transportation in supporting the demolition and rebuilding of the Depot Street Bridge in Bellows Falls. The nearly 115-year-old bridge, which is owned by the local Great River Hydro facility, spans 96feet and is one of two concrete structures that access both the Bellows Falls Waypoint Center and train station located just off The Square at Island Street.

The construction of the new bridge, as well as a new pedestrian bridge, will begin in 2026, and the structure will be built roughly 200 feet from the current bridge, costing the town roughly \$700,000 of the estimated \$15 million in overall costs. There is also the approximately \$370,000 cost of cleaning up contaminated soil at the building site

soil at the building site.

"We are reaching out to some Department of Environmental Conservation) (DEC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contacts," Bellows Falls Town Manager Scott Pickup said. "We are investigating to see if the brownfield program may be able to assist in covering some of the contamination costs."

In a recent selectboard meeting, disappointment was expressed in the loss of Centennial Park due to the building of the new bridge on Depot Street. Centennial Park, also referred to as "Pigeon Park," which sits next to the train station, not only includes trees and greenery but town parking as well, was created in honor of the country's birthday.

However, it was explained by selectboard member

Elijah Zimmer that the appointed Bike/Walk Committee created a plan for a 10-foot-wide "green strip" adjacent to the canal side of Canal Street, as to keep some nature and greenery as part of the location. The plan also includes a bike path to run along side the green strip.

There is a concern from residents near the new bridge project about the loss of trees and the Centennial Park area, and the Town of Bellows Falls plans to work with a landscaping consultant, that will be hired by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, to work on the project.

There are still some final decisions to be made, such as the painting of the bridge as well as final decisions on the bridge's guardrails, after concerns were raised by the Rockingham Historical Preservation Commission. More discussions will take place on these matters at the next selectboard meeting.

# Circus skills abound at Kurn Hattin Homes ——

WESTMINSTER, Vt. -The Kurn Hattin Homes' Children, with Big Top Adventures founder Troy' Wunderle's guidance, and support from physical education instructor, Caleb Steever really shined showcasing their circus skills. The Big Top Adventures weeklong residency was part of KHH's PBiS (Positive Behavior interventions and Support) March Madness initiative.

Troy Wunderle, Big Top Adventures' founder, is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art, and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College. He is a former international performer with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Wunderle states "The secret of success for every circus comes from the core of its endeavor: an ability to attract and retain a culture of hard-



Unicycle rides.

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working, dedicated, and passionate individuals. People who choose a life in the performing arts possess a strong creative vision, a zest for life, and the capacity to overcome challenge in pursuit of their dreams. Much can be learnt from the inner workings of a circus and everyone can benefit from experiencing its magic

firsthand." This certainly is true for the children who experienced this amazing opportunity. The children worked together, overcame their fears, and learned new and fun activities.

Kurn Hattin Homes transforms the lives of children and their families forever. Follow their journey online at www.kurnhattin.org.

# Fall Mtn. Scholarship Fund supports all education ——

REGION – As students, parents, and adults of all ages contemplate how to fund continuing education, Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund (FMSF), formerly Dollars for Scholars, is reinforcing their ongoing commitment to provide funding for all types of degrees and technical certifications throughout the community. Applications are due by April 14.

The rising price of education has created a national student-debt crisis. Over the last 20 years the average cost of college tuition and fees at public four-year institutions has risen 179%. As a result, 39 million Americans have dropped out of higher education, unable to afford a four-year program.

The educational marketplace is fundamentally different today than it has been in the past. Prospective students have more educational options than ever before, and they make decisions based on a pathway's value, tradeoffs, and required investment.

In a recent study, threequarters of 18-22 year olds said earning more money was either a very important or extremely important reason to get a post high school degree or certificate but 80% of students were concerned about debt (along with mental health and other stresses).

Based on these realities, Careers in Technical Education (CTE) and the pursuit of technical certificates, particularly in more rural areas, is on the rise. Alternative credentials are already held by 45% of workers, while 49% are considering earning one.

About 39% of respondents said they planned to take a course to receive a license, and 40% said they

planned to take a course for a verified certificate. Those percentages match the share of respondents who said they planned to enroll in a two-year or four-year college.

"Technical certificates can be a complement or alternative to traditional college paths and certainly strengthens a person's job opportunities," said Rich Nalevanko, Chairman of Fall Mountain Scholarship Fund, which raises funds and administers all types of scholarships in the Fall Mountain community. "We look forward to highlighting the extensive CTE programs offered by FMRHS, which include animal science, health pathways, and digital design, among other programs. We will be actively

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# Springfield's Family Festival and Touch-a-Truck

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) is pleased to announce the Thirtieth annual free "Week of the Young Child" Family Festival on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. They will once again be partnering with the Edgar May Health & Recreation Center to bring Touch-a-Truck to the event, com-

plete with tractors, big rigs, and emergency vehicles for children to explore outside in the parking lot. Don't forget to drive through the car seat check station in the parking lot to have your child's car seat inspected for safety.

Inside the gymnasium, dozens of local children's educators and family support organizations will provide entertainment like tumbling, face painting, snacks, seed planting, arts,

crafts, giveaways, and so much more. Thanks to Cota Oil, VT & NH Photo Booths will be present once again with their mirror photo booth and props to capture the laughter. The Children's Literacy Foundation will be giving away free books to children and sign ups for the Imagination Library will be available.

Visit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Facebook event for more information or call 802-886-5242.

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# Springfield High School International Students —

The Springfield Town Library is happy to host the Springfield High School International Students for an evening of sharing on Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. Students from Spain, Germany, Kyrgyz-

stan, Dominican Republic, and Kenya will share stories and information about their home countries, their experience as a student in the United States, and their future plans. Please join us in the Flinn Room at Springfield Town Library.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information or questions, please call the library at 802-885-3108. Be sure to follow Springfield Town Library on your favorite social media platform.

# Kindergarten registration for WNESU

**REGION** – If you live in Rockingham, Westminster, Athens, Grafton, or Saxtons River, it's time to register your child for kindergarten. Please visit www.wnesu.org's Family Resources tab, then

choose "Kindergarten Registration" and access each elementary schools' online registration form. Students must be 5 years old by Sept.

Families who would like to request paper copies can

contact Windham Northeast Supervisory Union's individual elementary schools, with contact information at www.wnesu.org.

Registration paperwork should be returned by the first week of April 2023.

# The Grammar School Raises \$7,630 for Putney Foodshelf

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Five years ago, The Grammar School held its first-ever Ski to End Hunger event, raising over \$4,000 for the Putney Foodshelf. After a pandemic hiatus, the school brought the event back earlier this month, with high hopes to match or exceed their first tally. On March 22, at their weekly All School Meeting, The Grammar School proudly presented a check for \$7,630 to Hannah Pick, the Putney Foodshelf's executive director.

We are so pleased to see the ski event return," Pick said. "It's inspiring to watch students skiing with such dedication and purpose. The funds collected are enough to support our purchase of milk and yogurt for nearly a year. This is an economically challenging point in time, with inflation and the reduction of pandemic benefits, so we are seeing increasing numbers of people coming to the foodshelf. We are committed to being a reliable resource for our community and we can't thank TGS enough for their support."

Social responsibility is a key part of The Grammar School's educational mission, and the school has a long history of supporting the Putney Foodshelf. For Ski to End Hunger, students in grades K-8 chose a distance to ski on the school's lower field, then gathered pledges from family and friends, with 100 percent of the funds going to the Putney Foodshelf. Knowing that food insecurity has increased tremendously in the Putney area in recent years, The Grammar School's students, families, faculty, and staff worked hard to raise as much money as possible for the foodshelf—and their efforts paid off.

"We were thrilled to nearly double the amount raised at our first Ski to End Hunger," said Head of School Nick Perry. "The Putney Foodshelf is a small organization, and these funds will make a real difference. I can't think of a more important lesson for our students than the value of helping others."

The mission of the Putney Foodshelf is to provide supplemental healthy food to area people in need. They serve approximately 100 households per week through their open hours, and their Food4Kids pro-

gram offers ingredients for easy meals and healthy snacks to 120 students a week at Putney Central School. To make a donation, visit



Students from The Grammar School, including some in colorful hats and masks, skied laps to raise money for the Putney Foodshelf on March 3.

PHOTO PROVIDED

information or to schedule

a visit, contact Aria Carter, Interim Director of Admis-

sions and Marketing, at

802-387-5364 or acarter@

thegrammarschool.org.

# Springfield Elks issue dictionaries for third graders

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Recently, the Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, for the sixteenth year since 2007, handed out dictionaries to third graders at Union Street School. The count each year usually averages 85 kids or some times more. The dictionaries are

now the students, to do with them what they want. They may keep them at the school or take them home.

This is just one of the many youth programs done by the Elks, others include scholarships to seniors, drug awareness essay contests, hoop shoots and

soccer shoots, and the Springfield High School Student of the Month.

Present for the Elks were Past Exalted Ruler Vicki Siloiski, Trustee Victor Baskevich, Past Trustee Eugene Siliski, and Secretary

# April is Amnesty Month at Springfield Library

www.putneyfoodshelf.org.

currently accepting appli-

cations for admission and

financial aid for the 2023-

24 school year. For more

The Grammar School is

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Springfield Town Library encourages all community members who have overdue items tucked away or have received invoices for lost materials to bring them back without any fines or fees during April. Library staff wants you to explore all the library has to offer.

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and eBooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection, through book

clubs, story times, community movies, crafting classes, lectures, and more. Springfield Town Library offers a wide array of programs, classes, and resources. These include the 'Library of Things' collection, which help the community be more sustainable by not having residents purchase items needed once or twice and then left to clutter their homes. Library cardholders can also borrow discount passes to area destinations, courtesy of the Friends of

Springfield Town Library. Libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities, by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. Springfield Town Library supports Springfield with services such as in-person computer classes and almost 20,000 online

classes. Everyone should have a library card. If you have not come to the library recently due to overdue items, please bring them back in April. All fees will be wiped away and you can enjoy all the available library services. For more information, call

the library at 802-885-3108.

**SCHOLAR** 

recognizing CTE Students

who are improving their

skills and hire-ability as they progress through high school," Nalevanko added. Fall Mountain Regional

High School students, pre-

vious scholarship recipients,

and adults of all ages who are looking to pursue continuing education degrees

can apply for FMSF scholarships via the New Hamp-

shire Charitable Foundation

Scholarship portal at www.

nhcf.org/how-can-we-helpyou/apply-for-a-scholar-

Every year the Fall Moun-

tain Scholarship Fund (formerly Dollars for Scholars) administers scholarships to students who are pursing post high school education. FMSF is the oldest

running scholarship group at FMRHS and has admin-

istered over \$2.5 million

over the last 53 years to over

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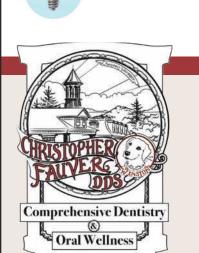




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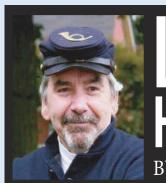
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# ld Vermont

Sometimes I'm unsure what to write. So I write what I find interesting. Unknown to many today, there are two Vermonts. All are aware of the Vermont we live in today. However, very few know that old Vermont is still with us. What worked 50 years ago still works.

Over the years I have written much about old Vermonters and their ways. I try to record our history while others live it. There are as many ways to live old Vermont as

there are people to live it.

I know several Vermonters who do things the old way. A few have vegetable gardens without using pesticides or manmade fertilizers of any kind. What is known as organic gardening today was practiced long before we came along to claim it as something new. My friend Fitzie would say, "You're replowing old ground Patch."

Others I know have mastered making wine, brandy, sherry or applejack from apples. It's a tradition handed down for generations. Today's generation has taken it to a new level. Some of the best wines I've had are made locally.

#### **Bob Turco**

I've known Bob since the 60s, when he and his wife Susie lived in the small place next to the library. In those days everyone called me Ronnie. Bob is one of the few today who still calls me Ronnie. It pleases me. Bob is five years my se-

In those days Bob and I shared time fishing, hunting, or trapping. I remember learning to flesh hides in Bob's cellar. But, as so often happens, life led us in different directions. I went in the antiques business. Bob continued as a woodsman.

**Farrier** Bob was a farrier for 25 years. For those who don't know, a farrier shoes horses. On many occasions Bob teamed up with Larry Moses (my classmate). They travelled from Chester as far as Peterboro, N.H., or Lake Placid shoeing horses. The ideal stop was two horses. Each man would shoe one horse. Bob told me when there was an odd number of horses to shoe, how they did



Reishi mushrooms drying.

PHOTO BY BOB TURCO

it. One man would raise and trim the right front hoof. The other would say, "Ok, I'm lifting the left rear leg." The horse would stand there on two legs while the men did their work.

Bob built up a business buying deer and moose antlers. Bob began by putting an ad in Maine Sportsman magazine that he was buying sheds. Immediately he got calls from Maine and New Hampshire. He began buying moose sheds. For those who don't know, both deer and moose shed their antlers in early winter. Shed hunters pick them up

He found a man in Colorado buying sheds. They talked on the phone. Bob drove to Colorado with a small U-Haul trailer loaded with sheds. Bob smiled and said, "Ronnie, I never made so much money."

Bob found a man in Pennsylvania who sold antlers. Bob bought his antlers. Bob sold his antlers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, and Wisconsin. He developed a very lucrative business.

#### Artist conks & Reishi

Artist conks I was aware of but didn't know what they were called. They grow on dead trees or stumps and can be quite large. This fungi is used as a medicinal or served as tea in the orient. They got their name because artists use them as a canvas. The underside is

white. With a sharp instrument, artists etched the white exposing the brown underneath. Once dry the drawing was fixed.

Reishi is another fungi Bob harvests. The Chinese use this as a traditional medicine. In Japan it is known as the "mushroom of immortality." Orientals believe it improves their immune system.

They are dried before being sold. Bob sold both of these fungi to an oriental buyer in Western Pennsylvania.

The photo with this article shows part of Bob's reishi mushroom harvest, drying. Bob says it's a lot of working finding them, hauling them out of woods, drying, and then peddling them.

Ginseng

Ginseng is a plant I know. You need a permit from the state to harvest. Bob bought ginseng from those harvesters. A man from the state came and certified Bob's ginseng. Now Bob could sell it to buyers in the city.

Bob has a son Justin ho is an airline pilot Others will know Bob's daughters Hannah, and Sarah, who owns Salon

This week's old saving is from Bob Turco: "I love Vermont and I live

# Apple Blossom Cotillion still seeking director —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Hospital has been diligently searching for a new director or directors to lead the annual Apple Blossom Cotillion. Unfortunately, this year's search was unsuccessful. As a result, we must report there will be no cotillion in May of 2023.

The good news is that we remain steadfast in our commitment to the director search and are, once again, appealing to the community for assistance and suggestions as we look to plan the cotillion for 2024. We recognize the Apple Blossom Cotillion is a valued community event and a tradition that provides great pride and joy to our local youth and their families and friends. The first cotillion was held in 1957, drawing as many as 1,500 attendees to its annual performances, held the first Saturday in May. Originally a project of the Springfield Hospital Auxiliary, the Apple Blossom Cotillion has

more recently been a presentation and fundraising event of Springfield Hospital. It is our intent to continue this unique and timehonored tradition.

If you are personally interested in helping direct the Apple Blossom Cotillion, or would like to recommend someone who may be a good candidate, please contact Sandy Peplau by email at speplau@springfieldhospital.org, or by phone at

# Senior Solutions needs more volunteers

**REGION** – With more and more requests pouring in, our visitors' programs are stretched to the limit. So... calling all volunteers! Simply call us at 802-885-2669 and let us know you care and are available. We serve communities from the Upper Valley to the Massachusetts border.

By becoming a friendly visitor or, if you are a veteran, a vet-to-vet visitor, you will make a huge difference in the life of one of your neighbors who may be lonely and in need of a friend. Please check www.seniorsolutionsvt.org for details. Also, please note that we have other volunteer opportunities such as shopping/ errands, phone chatting, being a senior companion, and joining the new Public Health AmeriCorps Respite Member team.

We are happy to announce that after several months of hard work, the Geriatric Center of Excellence website is now officially launched. You can find it at www.dartmouthhealth.org/geriatric.

Attention caregivers: A Memory Café is opening in Ludlow. Are you caring for a loved who may be experiencing forms of dementia or other cognitive disorders? The grand opening of a Memory Café, sponsored by Black River Good Neighbor Services, is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ludlow Community Center Meeting Room, 37 Main Street. This will be an ongoing event and will take place on the first Thursday of each month.

A Memory Café is a safe and comfortable space where caregivers and their loved ones can socialize, listen to music, play games, and enjoy other age-appropriate activities. It provides mutual support and exchange of information within a safe, non-judgmental setting. Valuable resources will be available from local support organizations to

help in the caregiving expe-

A goal of this Memory Café is to offer caregivers a break. The stress of caregiving can be overwhelming, and the demand for help is huge, especially with the rise of an aging population. This event is free and lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Joan Frangiose at 802-228-

Save the date! The 50th anniversary of Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, is fast approaching. To celebrate, everyone is invited to our "Senior" Prom on April 28 at the America Legion in Chester. Our theme is Hollywood's Golden Era. Tickets will be reasonably priced, and you can choose to sign up for the dinner and dance, or just come to dance. There will be a cash bar, a live band, games, and a silent auction. If you have a business or profession, please consider donating a product or service that is worth at least \$100. Contact Kgolden@seniorsolutionsvt.org or Bwidger@seniorsolutionsvt.org with your item or service.

On our latest Senior Solutions segment aired by Springfield's Public Access TV channel, we were happy to interview our four case managers who work out of the Springfield office. What a great opportunity to hear from dedicated people who help our clients take advantage of many resources and benefits. It was heartwarming to learn how much they care about all the people they serve.

The video can be viewed at www. reflect-sapatv. cablecast.tv/vod/32155-Senior-Solutions-Showc-v1/ vod.mp4.

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# arts & entertainment

# Springfield Art Gym April classes —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Art Gym (SAG) is where you can exercise your creativity. "Creativity belongs to the artist in each of us," said Cortina Kent. The Springfield Art Gym is dedicated to providing a safe environment for you to work in a variety of mediums. The art gym is staffed with caring volunteers who all have the desire to help you to spend time being creative.

Here are some of the events planned at the Springfield Art Gym for the month of April.

On Sunday, April 2, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. we invite you to bring a project you are working on and spend time with other creatives, enjoying good conversations and friendship.

Methods with Mona will

be on Sunday, April 16. Mona Frye is a Springfield, Vt., artist who is well know for her art and her strong desire to share her gifts. She has planned a class on her method of painting. Create your own mini acrylic painting using her method.

You can paint with Jessica on Sunday, April 23. Jessica Hagland is an artist from Chester, Vt., whose florals are bright and exciting. Her class always includes exciting new ways to put paint on a substrate. Her class will be hand painting earrings and a matching mini painting. Suitable for a gift!

Bling Your Readers with Wendi on April 30. Wendi Germain is an artist from Chester, Vt., who loves to 'bling things.' Bring your readers or your spare pair of glasses and make them spectacular.

The Springfield Art Gym is located at 335 River St., Suite 2, behind Joe's Discount Beverages. The SAG is open on Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30-3:30 p.m., with scheduled classes. On Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Facebook live there is an hour of creativity for children or those young at heart. The video section on Facebook features over 50 videos.

For more information and how to sign up for classes on Sunday, check the Springfield Art Gym Facebook page, email springfieldartgym@ gmail.com, or call 802-

# National Poetry Month

CHESTER, Vt. - In case you forgot, April is National Poetry Month.

But don't worry, Chester's Stone Village Poetry Experience has remembered. More importantly, the two-year-old organization has arranged a series of Saturday events that will touch the hearts of poetry lovers of all ilks.

Poetry Month in Chester will begin with a presentation by former Vermont Poet Laureate Sydney Lea at the Chester Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Lea, who has published 14 books of poetry and was granted the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 2021, will read from his works and discuss "Poetry in the World Today." His latest collection of poetry, "Here," and recently published collection of essays, "Seen from All Sides: Lyric and Everyday Life," will be available for purchase - please bring cash or checks.

The following Saturday, April 15, the celebration will continue with a poetry slam, which will take place in the town hall at 7 p.m. Overseen by slam-master Tuck Wunderle, poets will be invited to participate in the light-hearted competition or simply to read their poetry.

The next Saturday, April 22, Poetry Month will be combined with Earth Day. Poetry lovers will be invited to bring what the Poetry Experience is calling "Poems of the Earth"—including everything from Chaucer to Budbill—and meet at the entrance to Chester's new one-mile Brookside Trail at 3 p.m. After readings of poems about the earth at the bridge, the group will proceed along the trail, stopping occasionally to listen to a few more poems the hikers have brought. (In case of rain, the gathering will begin at 3:15 p.m. in the UU Church, 211 North St. in Chester's Stone Village.)

Poetry Month will conclude at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, with readings by six local poets: Elise Hopkins, Margaret Lark-Russell, Art Sorrentino, Damien Connolly, Richard Pierce, and Tuck Wunderle. The readings will take place in front of the Academy building across from the Chester green. (In case of rain, the gathering will begin at 3:15 p.m. in the UU Church, 211 North St. in Chester's Stone Village.)

All programs are free and open to the public. For further information, get in touch with Tuck Wunderle at tuckerman@terrigenous.

Major funding for these events has been provided by the Windham Foundation, with local support coming from Blair Books and More, DaVallia Gallery and Boutique, Erskine's Grain and Garden, Fischer Arts, the Fullerton Inn, Terrigenous Landscape Architecture, Sharon's on the Common, Six Loose Ladies Yarn and Fiber Shop, Smitty's Chester Market, and the Southern

### RUNA at Next Stage ———

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present Celtic-American Roots music quintet RUNA on Sunday, April 2 at 7 p.m., at Next Stage.

Celebrating 14 years together as a band, RUNA continues to push the boundaries of Irish folk music into the Americana and roots music formats. Interweaving the haunting melodies and exuberant tunes of Ireland and Scotland with the lush harmonies and intoxicating rhythms of jazz, bluegrass, flamenco, and blues, they offer a thrilling and redefining take on traditional music. RUNA has been honored internationally, winning "Top Group" and "Top Traditional Group"

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in the Irish Music Awards and three Independent Music Awards, including "Best Live Album," "Best World/ Traditional Song," and "Best Bluegrass Song."

One of the most innovative Irish folk groups of this generation, RUNA creates the backbone of its signature roots sound from the musical and geographical diversity of its individually established band members. Vocalist and step-dancer Shannon Lambert-Ryan and fiddler Jake James are from the United States, Grammy-award nominated guitarist Fionán de Barra is from Ireland, and percussionist Cheryl Prashker and mandolinist and vocalist Tom Fitzgerald are from Canada. Together they

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preserve a traditional culture in a modern age, while blazing a trail for the future of folk music.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. Tickets are discounted in advance. Advance tickets are available at www. nextstagearts.org. information, call 802-387-0102. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar.

## Gassetts Grange Dance -

**GASSETTS, Vt.** – As everyone knows, we had to shut down for the winter. We are going to open Saturday, April 1, for our dance, there will be a low door cost. There are going to be a couple small changes that we are going to try. First our dance will be

from 1-4 p.m. The reason being is that it will still be light enough so people will not have to drive home in the dark (it is difficult for a lot of people to drive after dark). Second, there will be finger foods rather than hot dogs and fries. We will ask for donations, for them, please. Pass the

word on to everyone you talk with. Hope to see you all there.

Gassetts Grange #327 is located at 3553 Rte 103, North Chester, Vt. It is the large white building.

If you have any questions call Donna or Doug at 802-591-4290 or David at 802-

# Children's Chorus returns to MSA—

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Main Street Arts Children's Chorus is coming back. After a hiatus of several years, MSA chorus founder and director, Valerie Kosednar, is bringing back this musical tradition. Children seven years of age and older can lend their voice

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Register online at www.mainstreetarts.org or in person at the first class.

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### Tai Chi for beginners at Grace Cottage ——

TOWNSHEND, Vt. -Starting April 7, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital will host a new, free, beginner level Tai Chi class in its Community Wellness Center. The series will run for six weeks on Fridays, from

The soft, flowing movements of this ancient Chinese practice are widely acclaimed as one of the most effective overall exercises for physical and mental health. Tai Chi is especially beneficial for flexibility, balance, coordination, posture, and breathing.

This Beginner Tai Chi class is taught by Grace Cottage Physical Therapy Assistant Pam Coburn, who is also a Certified Tai Chi Instructor. A level two Tai Chi class will meet on Fridays at 9 a.m.

The series is free, but class size is limited, so preregistration is required. Call 802-365-3649.

The Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center is located at 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend.

# Poetry open mic -

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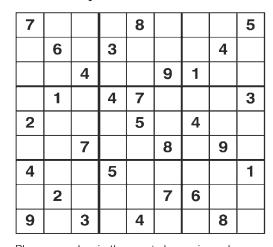
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Rockingham Library is hosting a poetry open mic on Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Read original poetry or favorite poems by another poet. All ages are welcome to participate or be a part of the audience to support these brave souls. This event is free and open to the public.

> For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or call 802-463-

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### **OPINION/CHURCH SERVICES**

# obituaries

Senators Clarkson and McCormack,

I have read over the S.5 bill, and to say I understand all of it is an understatement. Your not putting in of examples for low, medium, and high income people and how it affects them is misleading the public on this bill. It appears that this is another take from Peter to pay Paul bill. Like most of bills passed, we keep language in the bills to keep our attorneys employed.

There should be a breakdown on cost to implement this Affordable Heat Act. You put a total of \$1,725,000 for a budget for six new positions, two attorneys and four analysts. What is the cost for each position and the breakdown on cost for the office?

What is the breakdown on energy credits for heat pumps, wood heating, etc.?

The additional tax per gallon of fuels, oil, LP Gas, coal, etc., should be listed as examples. Citizens need to know this to give proper input to our legislators, or is this done by design?

Other issues that this bill does not address, it appears you are currently pushing electricity for a heating source but none of the following has been addressed in this bill. Currently our electric grid system will not be able to handle the increase in electricity use and the extra demand for electricity would mean that it would have to be purchased from out of state and increase the cost to consumers. This happened when

Dear Editor,

I am a member of Third Act Vermont, part of Third Act, a national organization for folks over 60 determined to change the world for the better. Last week we organized 100 actions to emphasize the connection between money in the banks and carbon pollution causing the climate emergency.

You probably have some vour money in a bank or use a bank-backed credit card. Banks use your money and the money of other depositors to make loans including trillions of dollars to the fossil fuel industry. Since the Paris Climate Accord was signed in 2016, Chase, Citi, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America have invested heavily in the expansion of fossil fuel exploration and infrastructure. Examples include arctic drilling, deep sea drilling, fracking, natural gas infrastructure, tar sands, etc. The leaders of these banks are accelerating global warming for their short-term profit.

As the old joke says: Give a man a gun, he'll rob a bank. Give a man a bank, he'll rob everyone. . . of their future.

Third Act Vermont is pressuring the leaders of the big banks to stop funding fossil fuel expansion. We want to end the climate emergency. We want to meet the basic needs of all people and have a thriving planet.

Central Vermont Public Service Utility pushed everyone to electric heat and hot water.

1) Our electrical grid needs to be upgraded and protected from High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulses, which would and could result in not having electricity for more than a year. This would lead to people dying in the USA.

2) Our transformers, circuit panels, etc. are mainly made and received from China, and not manufactured in USA.

3) Material for batteries for backup systems etc. is mainly coming from China, and not manufactured in USA.

4) What about ice/snow storms and other weather related incidents that knock out electricity to residents, sometimes this lasts for days or weeks, which is an issue, especially during the cold winter months.

5) Until we create manufacturing in the USA for these products, we are setting ourselves up for failure.

I think we are putting the cart before the horse sort to speak when we have other energy sources in the near future, with nuclear fusion in the developing process which would be more cost effective. It's time that you start listening to the public who have elected you to represent them and not the party you belong to.

I look forward to your response.

Doug Johnston Springfield, Vt.

We have good reasons to want a livable future. As elders, we are a frontline community in relation to climate being affected worse by extreme heat.

The young people we love are also a community at the frontline of the climate crisis. They have lived their entire lives during the climate emergency, which they didn't cause. As elders, we have a moral responsibility to take action on their behalf.

We in Third Act asked nicely. We pledged to move our money if the banks didn't stop funding fossil fuel expansion. We acted on our pledges as we took our money out of Chase, CitiBank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America and cut up our credit cards from those banks.

This bank action is part of a much bigger plan to end funding of fossil fuel expansion. Third Act members are growing our movement and escalating our actions toward solving the climate

Sign up for Third Act Vermont at www.ThirdAct.org and www.ThirdActVT.org. We will take action together to shape the future we want. Join us!

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#### Jean B. Day, 1936-2023

HARTLAND, Vt. – Jean B. Day, 87, of Hartland, Vt., passed away Friday, March 10, 2023, at her daughter's residence in Lake Wales, Fla.

She was born Jan. 10, 1936, in Glover, Vt., to the late David and Alene (Stevens) Baker. Jean grew up in Andover, Vt., graduated from Chester High School in 1954, and then attended Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in 1958. She married Charles P. Day in Chester, Vt., on June 21, 1958, and they lived in Wilder until 1967, when they moved to Hartland. She worked at Dartmouth Medical School doing cardiac research for seven years before taking a break from her career to care for their children until they began school. Once they were all in school, she began working at Hartland Elementary School as a teacher aid in special education. After eight years as an aid, she pursued a master's degree in special education administration on nights and weekends through Castleton University. She was proud of this accomplishment and following graduaSchool District until her retirement in 1996. She was a long-time volunteer for the Hartland Public Library and member of the Hartland First Congregational Church.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Charles P. Day and brother Richard Baker. She is survived by her daughter Sarah Brimlow of Lake Wales, son Michael Day of Lake Wales; grandchildren Cameron Brimlow and wife Amanda, Kyle Brimlow, and Daryl Levesque; great grandchildren, Brentyn, Daxtyn, and Raelynn, and several nieces and nephews.

and nephews. A visitation is planned on Friday, May 5, from 3-5 p.m., at Knight Funeral Home, Windsor, Vt. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Hartland First Congregational Church, with interment to follow at the Hartland Village Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Hartland Library (Post Office Box 137, Hartland, Vermont 05048) or the church www.hartlanducc. org. Online condolences are appreciated at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

#### Thomas Naclerio, 1942-2022

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Thomas Naclerio, 80, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at Granite State Hospice in Concord, N.H. He was born Nov. 23.

tion worked in the Hartford

Nov. 26, 2022, at Granite State Hospice in Concord, N.H. He was born Nov. 23, 1942 in The Bronx, N.Y., the son of Rocco and Yolanda (Costanzo) Naclerio. He attended and graduated high school in New York.

On June 26, 1971, he married Norma Zecca, she predeceased him in 1996.

Tom was a carpenter and contractor, owning and operating Naclerio Building and Remodeling in the Cavendish area for many years.

Tom was a very active man, kind and generous, he enjoyed collecting coins, woodworking, and feeding the birds.

He is survived by one son Thomas R. Naclerio of Durham, N.C., one daughter Mary Christman of Springfield, Vt., one sister Vicki Mastroianna of Cavendish,



Thomas Naclerio, 1942-2022.
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Vt.; and four grandchildren Dan, Erika, Trent, and Nora, and longtime companion Carol Baranowski.

A graveside service will be held May 6, at 11 a.m., at the Cavendish Village Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt. Reverend Thomas Mosher will officiate.

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

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

#### LONDONDERRY, VT.

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

#### LUDLOW, VT.

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.

#### WALPOLE, N.H.

#### Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www. walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

#### Alexander G. Kelley, 1989-2023

springfield, Vt. – Alexander G. Kelley, 34, passed away suddenly in Springfield, Vt., on March 14, 2023. Alex was born on January 20, 1989, to Sean and Dawn (Colberg) Kelley. Alex attended schools in Bellows Falls.

Alex is survived by his mother Dawn Benware, his son Colton T. Kelley, and daughter Lillyann L. Kelley, as well as his brother Adam and his wife Kristi, two nieces Kaylee and Kylee, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends throughout his life.

Alex will always be re-

membered as a loving son, brother, and father, and helpful to those who needed it.

Alex loved riding with

Alex loved riding with his predeceased father Sean Kelley, camping, and being outdoors. He enjoyed play-



Alexander Kelley, 1989-2023.
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ing in and outdoors with the kids, especially his son and daughter.

There will be no services at this time.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m., at 160 Parker Road, in Putney, Vt. Favorite dishes are welcome.

# Reginald A. McGivern Sr., 1947-2023

WESTMINSTER STATION, Vt. – Reginald A. McGivern Sr. passed away on March 18, 2023, in his love-filled home, with his family by his side.

Reg was born on Aug. 2, 1947, in Newport, Vt., to Harold and Hattie (Woodard) McGivern. Reg served in the National Guard and did everything, from truck driver to small business owner, to chicken phlebotomist. Whatever it took to provide for his family.

Reg married Sandra J. (Lafayette) McGivern on August 6, 1983, in Rockingham, Vt. He is survived by his wife, his sons Reg. Jr of Winchester, N.H., Jeremy Damon of Westminster, Vt., and Josh Damon of Brattleboro, Vt., and a daughter Mitzie of Missouri.

Reg was one of 10 children, Reg was predeceased by his parents and a daughter Crystal McGivern; brothers Harold Jr., Ronnie, Raymond, and Robert; sisters Gloria Jacobs, Polly Bosley, Ginny Locke, and Gertrud Abbot.

Reg is also survived by his sister Iris Tracy of Connecticut, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Reg was a great husband, excellent father, and a very caring grandfather who will be missed dearly.

Reg enjoyed riding his Harley, fishing, and horse-



Reginald A. McGivern Sr., 1947-2023.

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shoe's, but most importantly spending time with his family and his friends.

Visitation will take place on Saturday April 1, from 1-3 p.m., with a service starting at 3 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be a gathering at the American Legion following the service until 5 p.m., at 42 Rockingham St. All are welcome to attend.



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### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### **MARCH 31 -**

PUTNEY, Vt. - Gordon Clark and his Vermont Comedy All-Stars return for a night of stand-up comedy at Next Stage Arts on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.nextstagearts. com. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in

downtown Putney.

APRIL 1 -SHREWSBURY, Vt. - The award-winning trio, Spintuition, is hosting a concert at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road, in Shrewsbury, Vt., on April 1, at 3 p.m. This is a community-driven donation based event. Bring your dancing shoes.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sound Investment will perform on Saturday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street, Springfield, Vt. They will perform classic rock and modern country music. Open to the public. For more information, contact 802-885-6008.

#### APRIL 2 -

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present Celtic-American Roots music quintet, RUNA, on Sunday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. Tickets are discounted in advance. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit www. nextstagearts.org.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. -Sunday Soul: Vermont, a monthly dance party, occurs every first Sunday at Stone Church VT, located at 210 Main St., Brattleboro. Residents DJ Ozzie Mandias and DJ/Producer Leo Alarcon will be spinning the hottest house music from 5-11 p.m.,

joined by special guest DJ Savsoul on April 2.

#### APRIL 5 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The annual meeting for the Friends of the Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) will be held on April 5 at the Springfield Library. The business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. An evening of entertainment provided by Jeff Snow, a multi-instrumentalist who will share music and stories from Scotland, Ireland, and England will follow at 7 p.m.

#### APRIL 6 -

LUDLOW, Vt. - There will be a turkey dinner on Thursday, April 6, at noon, in the Ludlow Community Center Cafeteria, located at 37 Main St. in Ludlow. Meals will be provided by Black River Good Neighbor Services, all are welcome free of charge. Bingo will follow the meal.

#### SUNDAYS -

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

#### **MONDAYS** -

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 -

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

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

#### WEDNESDAYS -

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

#### THURSDAYS -

TYSON, Vt. – The Tyson Ladies Aid Library Association meets the first Thursday of each month, typically at the Tyson Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and meetings start at noon. New potential members are always welcome. Please call Janine Norman at 802-228-8764 for more information or to verify meeting location.

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. - Cardio & Sculpt, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Aqua Sculpt, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - On Thursdays at 6 p.m., join Lori Wright for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

#### FRIDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Fridays from 11 a.m. -12 p.m., John Bohannon will teach Tai Chi and Qi Gong at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls, Vt. No special equipment or clothing is required.

#### SATURDAYS -

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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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 <a href="https://www.ludlow.vt.us">www.ludlow.vt.us</a>. Please submit completed applications to the Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to <a href="mailto:tmanager@tds.net">tmanager@tds.net</a>. Applications will be accepted the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### **TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Town of Springfield Development Review Board will hold their public hearings at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to review the following development proposals: (1) Opening of a home business located at 48 French Meadow Road. (2) Installation of a deck located at 12 Hartness Avenue, (3) Additional apartments for a residential property located at 4 Chester Road, (4) Reopening of a general store located at 181 South Street, and (5) an Appeal of a Zoning Administrator's Flood Zone determination and (pending the results of that appeal) the addition of a self-storage facility located at One Hundred River Street. Persons wishing to participate in the public hearing may do so in person, via zoom video conferencing, or by submitting written comments. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom video conference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please contact the Town Planner (802-376-6102 /toszoning@vermontel.net) for copies of the meeting agenda and zoning applications.

# At this Meeting the Planning Commission will present a survey

on housing, zoning and parking in the Village of Ludlow. The survey is part of the Municipal Planning Grant's public outreach in conjunction with the Mount Ascutney Regional Planning Commission. The Ludlow PC is asking for approval to distribute the survey through the town's website to help inform their continuing work on updating and improving Village Zoning.

Special Meeting with the Village Trustees

**Planning Commission 2023** 

Tuesday - April 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

IN PERSON MEETING

**Howard Barton Conference Room** 

**Ludlow Planning Commission** 

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:00 PM Eastern Time

#### BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION **PUBLIC NOTICE** WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, April 3, 2023 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY April 28, 2023.

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Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

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#### Town of Londonderry, Vermont **Invitation to Bid**

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for installation of radar feedback signs at 6 separate roadside locations. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website - www. londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL YOSEMITE FIRE HOUSE WINDOW and DOOR RESTORATION

The Town of Chester is seeking qualified bidders who are proficient in working with historic windows and doors. The Town of Chester has been awarded a Historic Preservation Grant from the Division of Historic Preservation for the State of Vermont. These grant funds were obtained for the purpose of conserving and restoring 10 large 6-over-6 double hung windows, two 2-over-2 windows, one 1-over-1 window and two single light fixed windows, to include painting of all wood surfaces as well as the installation of historically compatible storm windows

This project also includes restoration of a sliding vehicle door as well as the installation of a new hinged door located behind the sliding vehicle door. In addition, restoration or replacement of a paneled wood door and an appropriate wood storm door. Architectural renderings will be supplied at the mandatory site visit.

Due to the use of Historic Preservation funds, all work will be done with the historic nature of the Yosemite Fire House in mind. If necessary, traditional materials should be replaced in kind with materials that match the original and are joined in the same or a similar way. In addition, all work will need to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

There will be a mandatory site visit held at the Yosemite Fire House, 716 Depot Street, Chester, at 9:30 a.m. on April 19, 2023. Please contact Julie Hance at (802) 875-2173 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov for a copy of the Bid Specifications.

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All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Yosemite Fire House Window and Door Restoration" and should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, May 19, 2023.

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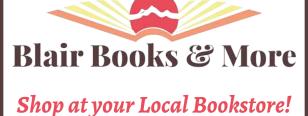
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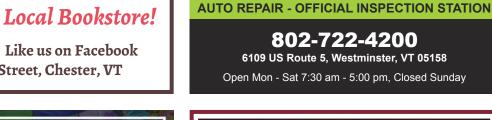








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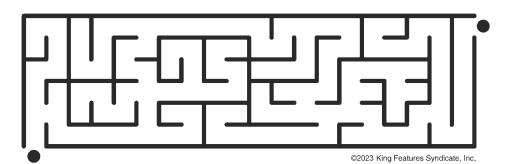
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