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## Trustees discuss emergency plan and recent power outage -

#### **BY BETSY THURSTON**

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -On Tuesday, March 28, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Agreement and issues related to the March 14 spring storm that left the village without power for almost 12 hours, and surrounding communities up to five days.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup explained that the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Rockingham Highway Department lost all communication, making everything more difficult. The problem with the repeater on Fall Mountain still needed to be determined; but the municipality was looking at alternatives for future storm emergencies, as well as staffing resources.

Pickup said the most active volunteers on the Bellows Falls Fire Department are also business owners or on the highway department and many were busy assisting primary role emergencies.

Pickup said they were looking at using the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center as an option for a warming shelter for future nergency situations. He

phone charging station, as well as an automated call system for those with critical needs.

Pickup said there were issues with the Green Mountain Power (GMP) website and many residents contacted him in frustration. He said the municipal side worked well to facilitate collaboration between the highway department and GMP. They were able to identify locations where the roads needed plowing and trees cleared so GMP could work on the power.

Pickup said on the public side of the website, "the problem is [that] people want real-time information." The reality was the information was 8-12 hours behind.

Trustee James McAuliffe said there was an item missing in this conversation and said, "there is a responsibility [for] residents to be prepared." He said residents should have a means for light and if residents depended on a landline that "was not sufficient."

McAuliffe said, "we haven't had an eleven-hour power outage for 20 years," but acknowledged that storms are getting worse.

Village President Deborah Wright said that rack phones can be used for emergencies and suggestsaid they were considering ed to residents that they a generator and a multiple stock up on non-perishable 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Wildflower meadow in Jamaica

items, toilet paper, and have flashlights and batteries.

In 2021, in collaboration with Sustainable Rockingham, the Rockingham Free Public Library held Blue Sky Days; a campaign to consider preparation before an emergency occurs. Packing a bag to graband-go when you need to evacuate can help with both safety and comfort. Downtown businesses displayed example bags; each kit was different depending on age and size of the family, but most included food, water, flashlight, a tarp, candles, and toilet paper, some also added a deck of cards, a book, wool socks, and pet food.

Prepare for a rate increase; the board approved a 3% increase on water and wastewater, effective September 2023.

The village trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. The Annual Village Meeting is Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Petitions for open seats are due on April 10, and are available in the town clerk's office, which is open Monday-Thursday

## Town improvements dominate Springfield Selectboard's agenda —

**BY PAULA BENSON** The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Springfield Town Manager Jeff Mobus presented the selectboard with a long list of local businesses requesting new or renewed licenses for catering, liquor, beer, wine, tobacco, and lottery sales, each application was apunanimously. proved Town Clerk Barbara Courchesne mentioned the Department of Liquor and Lottery had recently moved to an online portal system where applicants can enter their information directly.

The selectboard also issued several event permits, including for the annual Lions Club walka-thon to be held May 13 on the Toonerville Trail, and the Springfield Area Parent Child Center/ Edgar May sponsored Family Festival and Touch-a-Truck event this Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Speaking on the wayfinding proposal, Mobus reported that Wood and Wood Signs had been awarded the project of constructing a total of seven signs during phase one, focusing on the downtown area. "The first sign will go up on Clinton

downtown," explained Mobus, noting phase two will go "further out."

Thanking the Director of Springfield on the Move Jessica Martin, Mobus remarked, "I'm excited to see some signs for the downtown district. It's been some time." Martin, who is taking the lead on the project, explained that they planned to put \$7,500 in remaining revolving grant funds toward the total cost, which is expected to be between \$31,820-\$46,575.

The board approved \$44,200 to renew continuing services provided by engineering consultants Sandborn Head for the pretreatment facility off Will Dean Road. Mobus said the firm will be evaluating the maintenance agreement to see if there are any less expensive alternatives that the EPA would find acceptable, and board member Everett Hammond commented that he felt they should "push this a little harder," by asking the EPA to fully fund the clean up. The site was once the town dump, and many years ago the EPA found the property to be contaminated.

Hammond mentioned that the Strafford copper mine had been cleaned up by the EPA, and suggested they press the State Legislators to require they do the

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rick Chambers was in attendance online and expressed what a great working relationship the town had with Sanborn Head, and that previously the EPA used to hire their own engineering firm that the town had to pay for.

As part of the town's beautification effort, the board voted to approve the demolition of three buildings determined to be unsafe at 84 Valley Street, 316 South Street, and 31 Pearl Street.

"This is not the end of the properties," stated Mobus. 'This is just the start of the process. And an important step in improving our neighborhood."

The building located at 25 Union Street is also tentatively scheduled for demolition. Mobus reported he had received an offer from Big Sky Properties to pay the town \$10,000 to aquire the property, raze the existing structure, remediate several issues per town DPW specifications, and commit to returning the property to residential housing. The board approved the motion, pending receipt of a written proposal and urban renewal plan submission.

Library Director Sue Dowdell announced that on April 5, Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) is inviting the public to at tend their annual meeting at the library at 7 p.m., which will feature a performance from Jeff Snow, The Softer Side of Celtic.

JAMAICA, Vt. - A town-

owned plot of land in Ia-

maica Village, which in-

cludes a popular stretch

of sidewalk the length of a

football field, will soon be

preserved as a bio diverse

pollinator meadow and a

wildlife habitat, thanks to

the efforts of a group of

resident volunteers and the

local selectboard. Work on

the more than two acre par-

cel of land on Water Street

In June of 2022, residents

interested in enhancing

the property approached

the selectboard with a re-

quest to create an inten-

tional wildflower meadow

on the southern portion of

the property. A majority of

selectboard members sup-

ported the idea and asked

the group to form a com-

mittee and to propose a

more formal plan and bud-

Use Committee, along with

interested neighbors, met

regularly to discuss what

they felt would be best for

the land where four homes

previously stood - homes

destroyed in Tropical

Storm Irene in 2011. After

the demolition and clean-

up of the buildings, FEMA

deemed the land unfit for

development and trans-

The Water Street Land

will begin in May.

Street, and the last near the VFW, to determine

#### same with the treatment plant. Mobus responded by saying there were no available funds the last time they went to the EPA, and they discussed the idea of requesting funds annually.

The selectboard will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

## First annual Art for a Paws, a benefit for the humane society –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Great Hall in Springfield would like to welcome all to the first annual Art for a Paws: A Benefit for the Springfield Humane Society.

During the month of April, original artwork by many talented artists will be displayed in the Great Hall art space in Springfield, Vt. (enter from the Pearl Street side). Online bidding is open now and will

continue until April 30 at

www.go.rallyup.com/art-

for-a-paws. See the art in

person Monday-Friday

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ferred ownership of the land, which extends across the road to the bank of Ball Mountain Brook, to the Town of Jamaica.

After much deliberation, the committee identified its goals. 1) To rid the land, including that along the stream bank, of invasive species (namely black locust and Japanese knotweed) and undesirable bramble. 2) To preserve the land in the back two thirds of the property as a wildlife habitat and thoroughfare for deer, fox, turkey, bear, etc. 3) Create an environmental and aesthetic asset for the town with the establishment of a bio diverse wildflower pollinator meadow in the front third of the property. 4) With this intentional meadow, and the ongoing need for planting and weeding, create an opportunity for multigenerational community engagement in healthy, social activity.

With the guidance of committee member and professional landscape architect Erica Bowman, the



Alex and Charlie Reynolds working on the land in 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

committee presented its plan to the selectboard at its Nov. 28, 2022 meeting. The board approved the plan and agreed to the requested 2022-23 funding of \$5,404, which is roughly half of the total budget presented of \$10,379. The committee has confidence in funding the balance of costs through grants, private donations, and volunteer labor.

"The Jamaica Community Pollinator Project" is the name of the group's forthcoming effort to create a vibrant and beautiful bio diverse meadow. Volunteers are needed to help with this project in the spring and summer of 2023 and be-

yond. Needs include land preparation, planting of wildflower plugs, weeding, gardening supplies, and financial donations. Major initial contributions include use of water from the artesian well on the Gotgarts' property of Water Street, and a donation of horse manure for fertilizer from the Schmids of South Hill Road.

The Jamaica Village School hopes to participate in the project. Plans include a presentation to teach students about the importance of pollinators and the need to protect their ecosystems, along with an invitation to include students in scheduled workdays. Additional school groups are encouraged to participate.

For more information on the Jamaica Community Pollinator Project, or to donate to the project, contact the Water Street Land Use Committee Chairperson Jacki Brown at jamaicavtpollinators@ gmail.com.

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## Terrier Hall of Fame nominations

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -The Terrier Hall of Fame nominations are now open.

"The Terrier Hall of Fame is proud to announce that we are seeking nominations for our 2023 class. Nominations are open through May 15. We are looking to honor individuals who have 'demonstrated outstanding contributions to the proud Terrier tradition.' The nominee must be a graduate from BFUHS or BFHS that has been out of school for at least 10 years, or was a teacher, staff member, or coach at BFUHS or BFHS for at least 10 years, or a member of the community that has given to the proud Terrier tradition for a minimum of 10 vears."

To submit your nomination or for more information, please visit www. sites.google.com/wnesu. com/terrierhalloffame/ home or email errierhalloffame@gmail.com. You may also submit your nomination on our Facebook page: Terrier Hall of Fame.

The inductees and the date and location for the induction ceremony will be announced in July.

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## Springfield Farmers' Market returns

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -The bulbs are up, the temperatures are climbing, and the Springfield Farmers' Market is back. Join us for our indoor markets on April 15 and May 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the United Methodist Church on the Square in downtown Springfield.

We will have a full slate of vendors offering natural meats, fresh spring flowers, artisan breads, delicious confections, free-range eggs, honey, authentic hand-crafted batik clothing and accessories, fabric arts, an abundance of maple products, original art, jewelry and gifts, beeswax candles, pies and baked

goods, jams, jellies, pickles, and relishes.

The Springfield Farmers' Market is a 501(c)(4) incorporated action charity, operated entirely by volunteers. At the end of the season, accrued market fees are redistributed to the community as charitable contributions. Throughout the summer and fall, you will find us at 280 Clinton Street, rain or shine, thanks to the generosity of Bob Flint and the SRDC. We are always looking for new vendors and participants. If you are interested, and want to give back to the community, please reach out to us at sjgint90@comcast.net or sfog@vermontel. net.

## BF Woman's Club plan May fundraiser

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Woman's Club members will gather on April 11 at the United Church, located at 8 School St., beginning at 1:30 p.m., for a program on container gardening led by Nellie Haskell of Terra Flora.

At the March 14 meeting, members heard a presentation by Betsy Thurston, executive director of the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance. She described several ongoing and new initiatives designed to enhance the beauty of the village and to raise community spirit. At the meeting, preliminary plans for the May 7 Afternoon Tea and Raffle fundraiser were made. Proceeds are earmarked for the high school scholarship. More details will be forthcoming. Members brought in several bags of nonperishable food and personal care products, which were donated to Our Place Drop-in Center.

Members attended the annual art show, luncheon, and musical presentation at Bellows Falls Union High School on April 4. The club is proud to have sponsored this event for many years, over which it has awarded cash prizes to students in a prejudged art show. A donation was made to the school Family and Consumer Science Department, which provided a luncheon, and also to the choral and instrumental music departments.

The Annual Meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont will be held in Castleton on April 15. Local club members will attend.

Area women interested in joining the club and helping with its projects may contact Sally McGaffigan at frankmcgaffigan@comcast.net. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the United Church beginning at 1:30 p.m.

## Springfield Elks annual awards night

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. On Saturday, March 18, the Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 welcomed Vermont Eks State President Jim Kirkwood to his home Lodge in Springfield. Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras presented special annual awards for the 2022/2023 Elk Year. The "Elk of the Year" went to Scott Rogers, House Committee Chairman. The "Officer of the Year" was awarded to Lodge Trustee Victor Baskevich. Many other awards were issued on this



Victor Badskevich receives the "Officer of the Year" award. PHOTO PROVIDED



Scott Rogers receives the "Elk of the Year" award. PHOTO PROVIDED

night by State President Kirkwood and Exalted Ruler Knoras

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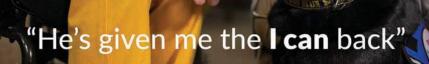
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## Chester telephone history-

#### **BY RON PATCH**

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I was asked some time ago if Chester ever had any telephone booths. I hope I manage to make such a mundane story interesting.

On the upper end of Park, in the 50s and 60s, there was a phone booth. Nearby, up over Meditrina was the Park Theater. When the theater let out after a movie, kids would call their parents to come pick them up.

There was a Vermont Transit bus stop at the drug store. Ken Barrett remembers a pay phone inside the drug store. Passengers on the bus needed access to a phone. "Come pick me up," was the typical message. The booth on the Park saw heavy use. I remember the operator interrupting to say, "Deposit 20 cents for the next three minutes."

I recall a phone booth between the Country Girl and the Sunoco station. Now my memory gets a little hazy so I checked with Ted Spaulding, Ken Barrett, and Danny Clemons.

I think there was a booth at Warren's store. Today this location is Vermont Pickers on North Street. Those I checked with also think there was a booth here.

In some cases, our memories fade. I seem to recall a booth outside of town hall. Others came around to this thinking. Ken Barrett thinks the booth was on the little island in front of Salon 2000. This is probably correct.

I have a 1912 poster. Actually it's a Chester phone directory. The photo with this article is the top third of this directory. Customer's phone numbers are listed alphabetically. You can see the name of the phone com-

pany was, "West River Telephone Co." I estimate there are 300-350 names listed, so we know how many phones were in town at the time.

Danny Clemons remembered hearing years ago that the switchboard was in George Marsh's kitchen. Marsh lived in the large house next to town hall. Others had no knowledge of this history. At the top of this directory at right is, "G.F. Marsh, Mgr., Chester Depot, Vt." I'll take Danny's word on this.

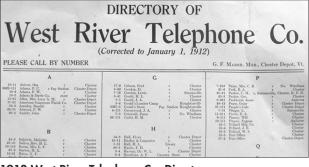
I went to see Ted Spaulding. Here's what I learned from Ted.

At the corner of School Street and Common Street is a brick building. Over the years this building has hosted many businesses. When I was young it was Central Vermont Power Co.

Ted said the phone company was upstairs over the power company. George Marsh owned it. I have no memory of this location. Ted thought it was in the mid-50s when they moved over near the entrance of the old high school. This location I do know. Ted said George Cahill ran installations.

I had a science project at Chester Junior High School. Mr. Clough was our science teacher. I decided to build an electronic device. I needed a transmitter so I went to the telephone location by the high school. Milton Stowell was there and eager to help when I told him my project. He unscrewed a mouthpiece from a handset and gave it to me. I completed my project with some success.

Ted said that by 1938 dial telephones had arrived in Chester. Chester prefix we know as 875 was Tremont and Springfield was Turner.



1912 West River Telephone Co. Directory. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

the early 70s after he got out of the service. Bill remembers other pay phones in Chester. There was one at Barney's Texaco, the old Soap Shed location. There was one at Danny's Spaghetti House, south of Green Mountain High School on the left. There might have been one at Buzzies, the old Jiffy Mart. Bill says there were probably others that he's forgotten.

Bill said pay phones were not profitable for the phone company. They had to pay an employee to drive around to empty change boxes. The expense of an employee and a vehicle was probably more than the income. There was an additional expense of repairing damage done by vandals. Broken glass, cut phone cords, etc.

Someone told me there was a switchboard in Larry Fuller's house on Maple Street. His wife Evelyn was the switchboard operator.

Today pay phones are obsolete. Most everyone today has a cell phone. I do not have nor do I want a cell phone.

This week's old saying: "Old age is best taken one day at a time."

## Frederick Law Olmsted, New England's beloved son

**REGION** – On Thursday, April 13, at 1 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library for a Zoom presentation on Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture, who designed our first city parks, park systems, and model suburban communities. He promoted environmentalism and the subsequent creation of the national park system.

This talk by Ann McEntee begins with a brief overview of Olmsted's early life here in New England and his numerous jobs before partnering with the architect Calvert Vaux to design Central Park. The talk then turns to two of his New England works, the Emerald Necklace and Shelburne Farms, that display his fundamental design principles and techniques. Through both works, we can understand how the majestic scenery of New England shaped and then directed his work as a designer of great landscapes.

Ann McEntee is a former communications and theater professor. She left teaching to earn a masters of landscape architecture from the University of New Mexico. While living in Santa Fe, she earned her certification as a master gardener, and more recently, her advanced master gardener certification.

Ann currently teaches architectural and landscape history for Keene State College's Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) program and works parttime as a landscape consultant. The former lead gardener at the Cathedral of the Pines, she presents garden talks to area townships and organizations.

This program is free, accessible, and open to the public. Contact the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions. Go to our website to signup for this event www. springfieldtownlibrary. org/calendar.

## "Mr. Destiny" kicks off the FOLA movie series —

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Friends of the Ludlow Audtiorum (FOLA) will screen Mr. Destiny on Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m., in the Heald Auditorium of the Ludlow Town Hall. This kicks off FOLA's 2023 movie schedule that will continue in May with the movie musicals "Show Boat," on Saturday, May 20, and the perennial classic "Grease," on Saturday, May 27.

Jim Belushi stars in this poignant and funny exploration of 'what if' when Lawrence Joseph "Larry/L.J." Burrows finds himself in an alternate reality where he didn't strike out in



the baseball championship game when he was 15. The 90s movie also features Linda Hamilton, Jon Lovitz, Hart Bochner, and Michael Caine.

The movie starts out on Larry's 35th birthday. The family station wagon stalls out and he heads into a local bar to call for a tow truck. The bar tender Mike, played by Michael Caine, is Larry's guardian angel, so Mike serves up a special cocktail so that his wish comes true. Larry wishes that he had hit the home run and not struck out back when he was fifteen.

Larry then experiences a very different life, which leads him to ponder what he really values in life.

"Mr. Destiny" will be shown on the big screen in the Heald Auditorium, located on the second floor of the Ludlow Town Hall, on Saturday, April 15, starting at 7 p.m. The screening will run approximately two hours.

The United Church of Ludlow will provide the water. Admission is free to all. Donations are always welcome and help us to provide quality offerings for the enjoyment of Ludlow-area folks.



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To help facilitate organ recovery and placement, Springfield Hospital works directly with New England Donor Services. For more information contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfieldhospital. org, or visit www.springfieldhospital.org. Springfield Hospital is located at 25 Ridgewood Road.

Bill Burton worked for the telephone company in

This month-long celebration includes local, regional, and national activities designed to help inspire people in the U.S. to register as organ and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the Rutland Hospital staff for their great care over the last eight weeks, with three stays of about three and a half weeks under their care.

Thanks for the cleaners, nurses, and special thanks to the doctors, especially my primary doctors, Dr. Mark Stickney and Dr. Robertello, for their great service.

Thanks for my family and

A Picture Frame of Vermont Beauty – a poem by Glenn Beatty

Walking among hearing gazing gleefully at natures charms

The green green, pure green embracing arms...

Trees, a forest of, Trees! Each telling a tale IF we watch, touch, listen

Inside and inside out and outside in!

Oh, Glory!

Just GLORY in the blessing of peace as it covers protects massages your

spirit in their place where all and every obeys Gods laws because that is

simply the way it is. (That's why it feels so good to be here.)

Oh, Glory!

Spellbound should we be as we "hear" her - his - story and outwardly

glisten in the rush of beings: Infant, toddler, teen, smitten old-or-young-

buck, keen or un-aware, beautiful or not, flamboyant show-off, introvert,

extrovert, ignorant or Awake!

Each and every, immaculate-

majestic-perfect-resplendent

friends and great neighbors for all of their help. I am home recovering over the next few weeks.

Many thanks to our lord Jesus and all the good folks who helped out so I can enjoy life a while longer. In Vermont.

Many, many thanks, Herbert B. Van Guilder Ludlow, Vt.

Serving each other - a community interdependent, a world of the selfless attentive standing dawn to dusk shimmering engendering landing in sunlight, unmoving, defi-

ant and yet accepting all Natures fully giving, root systems silently helping all grow tall

The olds' nutrients passed to young as they fall.

Forever serving, crown of thorns proud, proud to show their age

W/ cut/severed limbs bent, dying/dead leaves, wounds of the warrior sage.

Full, standing tall, shimmering needles/leaves

Rain sun, Almighty God's gift to earth pains... an ease. Vermont, oh, Vermont, Bless

all and every tree That shades cool caresses us,

brings peace to beings, Magnificent, wondrous with

the power to mystify, seeming To conjure seemingly simple... but not so.

If we wake up, if we magnify micro to macro and back; plus All joy, all wonder, all humanity, all amazement and finally and most

Importantly... they reflect all of us.



WESTMINSTER, Vt. -Do you know where all your money is going? Would it feel better to have your money work for you? It is always easy to spend money, but keeping track of rising costs is difficult. These are some of the topics we will discuss to help us gain an understanding of how we can manage money and not have money manage us. Join Southeastern Vermont Community Action's (SEVCA) Financial and Energy Coach, Kevin O'Brien, at a free

workshop on Monday April 10, to gain a clearer picture of your money management opportunities.

The financial world is confusing and often predatory, but there are tools we can use to understand how to make the system work for us. We will review some of these tools and talk about current rebate and incentive programs that can help to lower monthly costs. Additional topics will include the basics of loans, credit score and credit reports, and understanding how to protect your personal information,

plus what to do if someone steals your identity.

The workshop will be held on April 10 from 6-8 p.m., both in-person in the upstairs meeting room of the Brooks Memorial Library, as well as online. SEVCA's financial and energy coach is supported through the Green Saving Smart program, which is guiding Vermonters to a sustainable financial future. For virtual sign up, setting up a oneon-one appointment, or more information contact kobrien@sevca.org

community action agency (CAA), SEVCA works with local and state partners and in coordination with CAAs nationwide to help resolve crises, create opportunities for all people to thrive, build strong, resilient communities, and work toward a more equitable society. SEVCA was founded in May 1965 and has been meeting needs and changing lives in southeastern Vermont for 57 years. More information is available at www.sevca. org, www.facebook.com/ SEVCAorg, or by calling 800-464-9951.

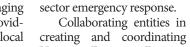
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## Vermont Everyone Eats comes to a close

WESTMINSTER, Vt. -After 32 months, seven program extensions, and over 3.6 million meals distributed, the Vermont Everyone Eats (VEE) pandemic relief program ended on March 31. Between August 2020 and March 2023, VEE has benefited tens of thousands of Vermonters by providing economic stabilization for independent restaurants, strengthening their relationships with farmers and food producers, and contributing significantly to statewide anti-hunger efforts during a time when food insecurity hit record

sector approach, engaging local restaurants in providing prepared meals with local ingredients for community members in need, the Vermont Everyone Eats program leveraged over \$46 million in federal Covid relief funding. According to Environmental Economist Elizabeth Schuster, VEE's multiplier effectrecirculating a single federal dollar across multiple local businesses-has likely catalyzed as much as \$66 million in additional local spending.

At the start of the Covid emergency, state agency representatives, local and regional anti-hunger advocates, and economic development organizations established this innovative, wide-scale, multi-



Vermont Everyone Eats include Capstone Community Action, the Center for an Agricultural Economy, Chester Helping Hands, the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Food Connects, Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Hunger Free Vermont, Intervale Center, Localvore, MamaSezz, Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEK-CA), ShiftMeals, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), Springfield Family Center, The Collaborative, The Giving Fridge; Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS); Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (VDAIL), Vermont Community Foundation (VCF), Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC), Vermont Foodbank, Vermont Fresh Network (VFN), Vermont Independent Restaurants (VTIR), the Vermont State Legislature, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (VSJF), Vital Communities Wilmington Works, and others, including over 700 restaurants, farms, food producers, community organizations, and distribution partners throughout Vermont. With multiple state and federal benefits programs ending or decreasing, and

the economic challenges of the pandemic still lingering, it is a difficult time for many individuals and businesses. But the successes of VEE are spurring local partnerships to develop new ways to address community needs and creatively driving conversations around what comes next.

The VEE Task Force, in partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation, has funded several local initiative pilot projects to carry forward elements of the VEE model. The VEE momentum is also fueling other initiatives in communities across the state. Some examples:

• Senior Solutions, Chester Helping Hands, and Springfield Family Center are collaborating to provide restaurant meals as a supplemental option for existing Meals on Wheels recipients in areas of Windsor County.

• The Giving Fridge, a Middlebury-based initiative launched in December 2020, will continue to distribute donation-funded meals via automated refrigerators and heated food lockers.

• New Moon Catering in Burlington continues to raise funds through their business and recently received ARPA funding, which will allow them to continue offering free meals in partnership with a local café • Vermont Farmers Food Center has launched Rutland County Eats, a VEE-inspired program that will distribute 200 meals per week after VEE ends, funded by an online market where additional prepared meals are sold to the wider community. For more information on VEE-inspired local initiatives, ongoing food resources, and program partners, visit the Vermont Everyone Eats website at www.vteveryoneeats.org.



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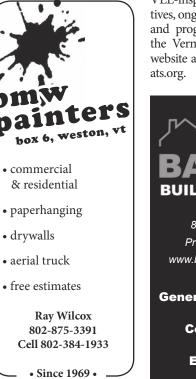
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#### **BELLOWS FALLS, VT. –**

#### **First Baptist Church**

Breakfast will be served for the First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church on April 7. There will be eggs, pancakes, waffles, meat, potatoes, and beverages. Vegan and gluten free options will be available. Food will be served from 5-6:30 p.m., for take out call 802-463-3220 between 3:30-5 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Rockingham Recreation Programs.

There will be Easter Services at the First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls. There will be a sunrise service on Sunday, April 9, at 6:30 a.m. at the Oak Hill Cemetery Gazebo in Bellows Falls, breakfast to follow at the church. There will be a Traditional Easter Service at the church on Sunday, April 9, at 10 a.m.

#### Immanuel Episcopal Church

Please join us for our Holy Week services, either in person or via zoom. To access Zoom, email immanuelepiscopal@gmail.com.

Maundy Thursday service, April 6, begins at 6 p.m. in our chapel. We will move about the church proper to recreate the last supper that Jesus would have shared with his disciples.

Good Friday service, April 7, Stations of the Cross, begins at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. We proceed through the stations, taking time to pause at each with a brief reading.

Easter Vigil is held on Saturday, April 8, at 6 p.m., to accommodate those who do not wish to rise early or stay up late.

Holy Easter service, April 9, begins at 10 a.m., in person, only in the sanctuary.

All are welcome at Immanuel Episcopal Church to participate and receive communion.

#### **BROWNSVILLE, VT. –**

Brownsville Community Church Sunday, April 2 was Palm Sunday, the start of the celebration of Easter Week.

On Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Maundy Thursday Service.

Friday, April 7 brings the community a free Good Friday Concert at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Good Friday Service at 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. there will be the Great Brownsville Community Church Easter Egg Hunt! This will happen in Tribute Park, adjacent to the church, and will continue until all 1,500 eggs are found. Each egg will contain a treasure or two, special to youngsters.

The Sunday Sunrise Service on April 9 will start at 7:30 a.m. at Ascutney Outdoors, where the morning view will provide a dramatic back drop for those attending. There will be warmth from the fire pit if weather allows.

Enjoy the Community Easter Breakfast at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church, where volunteers will be serving up pancakes, sausage, and maple syrup. Then

#### Thomas J. Bystrek, Sr., 2023 🌉

CHESTER, Vt. - Thomas John Bystrek, Sr., 75, of Chester, Vt., passed away on March 31, 2023 at Middlesex Hospital. Born in Middletown, he was the son of the late John and Katherine (DeGraff) Bystrek.

Thomas had lived in East Berlin, Berlin, and Chester. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Post #67 in Chester. Thomas worked for Mobil Corp for ten years and Balf Savin Company as an operating engineer for many years until he retired. He enjoyed big game hunting, trapping, fishing, and bird watching in his later years.

Thomas is survived by his son, Thomas J. Bystrek, Jr. and his wife Denise of Cromwell, Conn; his daughter Cheryl L. Bystrek of St. Cloud, Fla.; two brothers Joseph Bystrek of Hillsborough, N.H. and Richard Bystrek of Brooksville, Fla.; two sisters Katherine Sleming of Brodnax, Va. and Pauline Phillips of Brooksville, Fla.; three grandchildren Christian Bystrek, Ryan Ogden and Nicholas Matias; two step grandchildren Stephen Hennessey Jr. and Kaitlyn Tobias; ten great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Middlesex Comfort Care

#### Ruth Ann Sheldon, 1946-2023

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. -Ann Sheldon, 76, born Ruth Ann Heynig on Nov. 2, 1946, to Arthur A Heynig Sr. and Ruth Heynig (Barrell), died on March 29, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

She grew up in Hartland and Proctorsville, Vt., living most of her life in Proctorsville.

On Aug. 2, 1964, she married Vernon Sheldon Sr. Together they had six children. They later divorced in 1985



Thomas J. Bystrek, Sr., 2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Unit and Foxtrot Unit at Sgt. John L. Levitow Veterans Health Center for their comforting and compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at the Cromwell Funeral Home, located at 506 Main Street in Cromwell, Conn. Burial will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery in Portland, where full military honors will be accorded. Family and friends may call on Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Thomas's memory may be made to Middlesex Comfort Care Unit, 28 Crescent Street, Middletown, CT 06457 or Sgt. John L. Levitow Veterans Health Center, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www. doolittlefuneralservice. com.



Ruth Ann Sheldon, 1946-2023.

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#### Dorothy Elizabeth Mann (Deware), 1943-2023

obituaries

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Dorothy Elizabeth Mann (Deware), 79, of Charlestown, N.H. passed away peacefully on March 19, 2023, after battling a prolonged illness. Dorothy was born on April 27, 1943, to Rainsford Deware and Helen Deware (Day) of Harvard, Mass. Dorothy was the wife of David Mann of New York. Dorothy and David had three children, Robert Mann of Claremont, N.H., Robin Mann of Gilford, N.H., and Richard

Mann of Charlestown, N.H. Dorothy was better known as Dottie, Dot, or Dot Dot by her loved ones. A charismatic woman with a booming soul, she was outgoing and outspoken, and did not hold back when it came to the people or things she loved in her life. Dottie was a woman of profound faith, passionate, and a caretaker to many that crossed her path, touching many people's lives through the years. She was an outstanding baker and was always on the go, though she did enjoy her late afternoon naps. Dottie was the matriarch of the family from early on in life. She played a big part in raising her younger sisters while establishing her own growing family, and hosted many holidays and family gatherings at her homes in Vermont.

Dottie spent countless summers in York Beach, Maine. She enjoyed these times with her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers-in-law, and nieces. When she wasn't relaxing at the camper or on the beach enjoying the sand, waves, and good books, she kept busy by working at the infamous Goldenrod and various retail shops in the York and Ogunquit areas. Later in life she took to traveling cross-country with her husband while he worked as a tractor-trailer driver in the transportation



Dorothy Mann, 1943-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

industry, sharing many adventures and seeing many sights along the way, eventually retiring in Charlestown, N.H. Dorothy was predeceased by her parents Rainsford and Helen Deware, her husband David Mann, and her sister Susan Cornelius (Deware). She is survived by her children Robert Mann, Richard Mann, and Robin Mann and her husband Jeff Henslee; grandchildren Stephan Lee, Matthew Lee, and Benjamin Mann; great grandchildren Maddox Lee, Noah Lee, Logan Lee, Sawyer Lee, and Wyatt Lee, brother Rainsford Deware Jr., sisters Debra Lowe and Wanda Loasby, brotherin-law George Loasby Jr., nephew Rainsford Deware III; nieces Justine Atlas, Yvette Lorraine, Heather Loasby, Amanda Lowe, and Jessica Lowe, as well as many other extended family members and friends.

The family plans to hold a Celebration of Life ceremony in the coming months, in which they will gather to reflect on all the love they have for Dottie, and the memories of her beautiful life. She will be greatly missed. Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh. com.

Martin Nitka, 2023

join your neighbors at the Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. Donations are welcome.

The Easter Sunday Service follows breakfast at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary, which will be adorned with beautiful spring flowers.

#### WESTMINSTER, VT. -

#### The First Congregational Church of Westminster

Holy week services at 3470 US Route 5, in Westminster, Vt. You can also meet our new pastor Rich O'Donnell, who will be leading us in worship.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a simple meal of soup and bread around the table followed by communion. In addition, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a short service in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, April 7, join us for music and meditation from 12-3 p.m. to commemorate the three hours of Christ's suffering on the cross.

In addition there will be a Good Friday service at 5:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, at 6:19 a.m., there will be a sunrise service at Kurn Hattin, in front of the Mayo building, with a beautiful view of the Connecticut River Valley at sunrise. Dress for the weather. Afterwards there will be an Easter breakfast in the church fellowship hall at 7 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling 802-518-0321 if you would like breakfast. At 10 a.m. there will be a special Easter service in the sanctuary, complete with songs, celebrations, and flowers. Alleluia!



In the early to mid 70s, Ann worked for the 5C program, providing inhome educational support to pre-school aged children in Windsor and Springfield, Vt. She later worked for Jewell Brook Mills in Ludlow, then Mac Molding Company in Cavendish, retiring in 2012.

She enjoyed playing cribbage, crocheting, and knitting. She loved spending time at the ocean, walking along the beach and listening to the rolling waves and the call of the seagulls. This was a place that brought her a sense of peace. She also loved spending time with her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her an abundance of joy and pride.

Ann is survived by her six children, whom she loved fiercely and unconditionally; four sons, Butch (Jackie) of Hubert, N.C.; Joe, Rick, and Andy (Wendy) of Proctorsville, Vt.; her two daughters, Barbara of Proc-

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torsville, Vt., and Ann Marie of Springfield, Vt. She is survived by 12 grandchildren Robin Surething, Shawn Bixby, Christopher and Corrie Roberts, Courtney, Marc, Katie, Sarah, and Jonathan Sheldon, Holly and Josh Benton, and Jessica Corwin, and 16 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Kathy (Jeff) Blackmon, brother Frank Heynig, Aunt Edith White and Uncle John Barrell, four nephews, a niece, and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Arthur A. Heynig Jr.

Services are being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice of Vermont/New Hamspshire and the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Windsor, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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#### 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.

#### APRIL 7 -

CLAREMONT, N.H. -Dance the waltz, swing, cha cha, tango, fox trot, and more in the beautiful Owens Hall at the **Claremont Senior Center** on April 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Comfortable table seating will be available. There will be music you can dance to, yet still carry on a conversation! Bring

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#### APRIL 17 –

LUDLOW, Vt. - There will be music by Rust and Ruin from 1-3 p.m., on April 17, at the Black River Valley Senior Center, located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. Event is free of charge.

#### APRIL 21-22 -

ACWORTH, N.H. - The Acworth Female Charitable Society sale will be held Friday, April 21, from 3–5 p.m., and Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. All sales are by donation. Drops offs for Rummage Sale call Alva Grant at 603-835-6848. Nothing dropped off to church before 4/10. All donations must be clean and in good condition. No electronics please. Also there will be a box for eyeglasses and frame donations.

#### SUNDAYS -

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from



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#### **MONDAYS** -

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www. dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m. led by Mike Sola. Drop-ins and all levels of player are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

#### **TUESDAYS** -

#### BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Come check out TOPS -

Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

p.m.

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for garden maintenance for both Memorial and Buxton Parks. 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

#### TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 100 Old School St at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 19, 2023 to hold a public hearing for a request by Hunter Kaltsas to reconsider some of the conditions of the decision rendered by the board on his applications for two quarries on Rowes Rd in South

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday 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.

#### WALPOLE, N.H. -

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

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.

#### FRIDAYS -

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

#### SATURDAYS -

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

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

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Executor/Administrator Doris Jewett		Mailing Address 21 Clark St		
Phone Number 802-886-1055	Email	City, Stote, Zip North Springfield, VT 05150		
Name of Pub	lication:	Vermont Journal - The Shopper		
Publication Date:		April 5, 2023		
Name of Probate	Court:	Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County Probate Division		
Address of Probate Court:		12 The Green		
		Woodstock, VT 05091		

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** OF INTENT TO APPLY HERBICIDES **RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE**

To prevent safety hazards and the interruption of electric service, National Grid is obligated to maintain its rights-of-way and carefully control the growth of certain tree species under transmission lines. The most effective method of accomplishing this is selective herbicide treatment. The herbicides that are used have been registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Certified and experienced applicators will apply the treatments with handheld tools. A permit has been applied for through the Secretary of Agriculture by National Grid for the purpose of making a selective ground-based treatment of the following herbicides: Garlon 4 Ultra (Triclopyr); Krenite S (Ammonium salt of Fosamine); Escort XP (Metsulfuron Methyl); Rodeo (Isopropylamine Salt of Glyphosate); or Polaris (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr) on its rights-of-way in the following towns:

Town:	<b>Right-of-Ways:</b>
Guilford	1621
Hartford	1830
Vernon	1601, 1621
Wilmington	1835

#### The treatment will start on or about June 19, 2023.

National Grid uses GIS based topographic maps to locate public water supplies, which will be avoided. Vermont regulations require National Grid to warn residents to protect private water supplies and environmentally sensitive areas. It is the responsibility of the residents to notify the Company contact person of the existence of private water supplies or other environmentally sensitive areas located within 100 feet of the right-of-way.

Landowners with questions regarding private water supplies on the Company's rights-ofway maintenance program should contact

> Mariclaire Rigby National Grid 939 Southbridge Street Worcester, MA 01610 Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

Residents who wish to submit comments regarding this vegetation management treatment should contact:

> Vermont Department of Agriculture State Office Building, 116 State Street Montpelier, VT 05602 Telephone: (802) 828-2431

Pursuant to24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal.

Application materials and information on how to attend remotely are available by emailing the town's Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org.



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FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a full-time Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Responsible for yearly budget preparation. Responsible for balancing funds with Treasurer and Tax Clerk. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov. Applications/Resumes may be emailed to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard.

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard's Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town's website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

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.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office Human Resources Department PO Box 385 Charlestown NH 03603 Or email to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

Position open until filled

## **LEGAL NOTICES**



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LONDONDERRY AREA – Looking for weekly, part time help for our property management company. Must be able to work alone, follow details, and have a drivers license. Jobs change with the seasons and can change daily, but consist of plowing, shoveling, sanding, fire wood deliveries, sometimes furniture removal or trucking, spring cleanups, mowing, brush clearing. Subcontractors or part time help all welcome. Will pay well. 802-345-5110.

## YARD SALE

POWER & HAND TOOL SALE on April 15, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 368 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

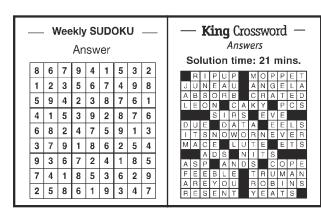
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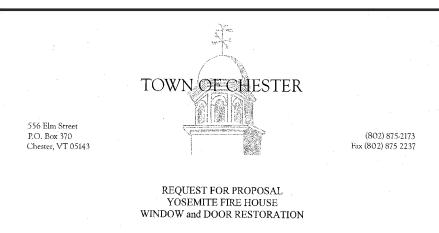
#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of William W Watkins, late of Springfield VT. I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within 4 months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be preseted to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Robert Gammon Administrator 158 Will Dean Rd Springfield, VT 05156

Vermont Superior Court 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091





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 <u>9:30 a.m. on April 19, 2023</u>. Please contact Julie Hance at (802) 875-2173 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov for a copy of the Bid Specifications.

Any Contractor selected must be able to provide a Certificate of Insurance for General Liability and Property Damage and must identify the State of Vermont as an additional insured. Said policy shall have limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operation Aggregate and \$50,000 Fire/Legal/Liability. In addition, any Contractor selected must provide proof of Workers Compensation Insurance and Automotive Liability Insurance.

#### TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT

Linda Smith has applied for a Subdivision Permit for a property located at 379 Coach Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed minor subdivision will divide an existing lot (parcel #57-50-01.100) of 26.04 acres into two lots of 13.53 and 12.51 acres.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 379 Coach Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 30th day of March 2023.

Preston Bristow Zoning Administrator (802) 875-2173 zoning@chestervt.gov

#### CHESTER SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Selectboard will convene a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The proposed development bylaws amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4441(g).

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to encourage workforce housing in the village districts, clarify uses that are exempt from zoning, define primitive camps and short-term rentals, require new private roads to conform to Chester's Road and Bridge Standards, streamline the subdivision review process, and allow more non-resident employees in home occupations and home businesses. The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.14-Flood Prevention Overlay District, 3.1-Accessory Dwelling Unit, 3.11-Home Occupation, 3.12-Home Business, 3.14-Lot and Yard Requirements, 3.19-Non-Conformities, 3.20-Off-Street Parking, 3.22-Renewable Energy Facilities, 3.30-Short Term Rentals, 4.3-Exemptions, 4.9-Performance Standards, 4.10-Planned Unit Development, 4.12-Subdivision Review Procedures, 5.2-Road Design, 7.16-Waivers, and 8.2-Definitions.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

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

## River Valley job fair ——

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The Department of Labor is gearing up for a spring full of job fairs, which provide a valuable opportunity for job seekers to connect with employers. The job fair for our region will be held on April 14, from 3-6 p.m., at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. For more information, visit www.rivervalleyemploymentfair.org.

"We're always excited to help connect folks looking for new jobs, face-toface with employers," said Commissioner Harrington. "There are many eager employers, with great career opportunities right here in Vermont who need help today."

All employment events are free for jobseekers, and everyone is welcome to attend. To connect with a local job center near you, visit www.labor.vermont.gov/ workforce-development/ job-centers. For additional information on general career services and resources, visit www.labor.vermont.gov/jobs.

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.** 

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 3rd day of April 2023.

Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

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#### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Legislative Update w/ Rep. Tesha Buss
- Governor Scott Press Conference
- Pat & Penny Travel to Israel & Jordan
- VNH Let's Talk
- Funky Food with Dave

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android) (07/05/23 - TFN - 13)

## <u>summer camps</u>

## Climb, swim, explore

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center invites children ages 7 to 14 to participate in our 2023 Adventure Summer Camp, which will run five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adventure Camp is available for eight weeks this summer: June 26-30, July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 31-Aug. 4, Aug. 7-11, Aug. 14-18, and Aug. 21-25.

"We're really excited for the return of adventure camp and to add two more weeks to the program this summer," says Christian Craig, executive director.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, campers will

use our 40-foot rock climbing wall and learn important skills, terminology, and safety measures. This dynamic activity is a full body work out, with many health benefits including increasing range of motion and flexibility, building strength and endurance, and boosting brain function. Campers will also cool down in our pools with engaging water games, swim lessons, and BOGA classes.

On Tuesday and Thursday, campers will travel offsite to Vermont State Parks, museums, nature centers, and more. An example of a few of these locations are the Vermont Institute of

Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee, Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, Grafton Nature Museum, Montshire Museum in Norwich, and Bromley Adventure Park.

Students ages 13 to 15 are invited to participate in camp as counselors in training. CITs will assist counselors with leading activities for the younger campers as well as learn valuable leadership and management skills.

A 10% second child discount and financial assistance is available for adventure camp. For more information about the Edgar May's Access for All sliding scale financial assistance, go to www. edgarmay.org/financialaid. Registration and additional information are available at www.edgarmay.org/summer-camps. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is located at 140 Clinton Street in Springfield, and provides area residents of all ages with the opportunities and resources necessary to live an active and healthy lifestyle in a safe, clean, and supportive environment.

## STEM science camps at ESBR

ENTERTAINMENT

LUDLOW, Vt. – STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) science camps will be available this summer through the Expeditionary School at Black River's (ESBR's) partnership with the New Hampshire Academy of Science. There will be two separate weeklong camps open for registration.

These camps feature hands-on learning opportunities in the science fields, and as previewed at our open house earlier in

March, where the students showcased their projects, it is clear how much they have taken to the STEM subjects. All interested students are welcome.

To register or for more information about the two camp opportunities go to our website www.esblackriver.org/summer-learning-2023.

Please feel free to spread the word to any interested student learner. We are honored to host these upcoming camps.



## Massucco concert series continues with Steel Wheels

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -The Steel Wheels have long reputation as a live act that the Roof Productions, orbeen at home in the creative space between tradition and innovation, informed by the second Ray Massucco Wheels play like they mean the haunting music of the Virginia mountains where the band was formed, but always moving forward. Quickly staking their claim as one of the best bands in the burgeoning Americana scene when they emerged in 2005, The Steel Wheels have since logged tens of thousands of miles on the road

gives its all at each and every Concert Series show on Friday, April 7, at the Bellows Falls Opera House. Opening the show is another well-loved and welltraveled veteran, singer songwriter Peter Mulvey. "One of the things that really distinguishes this show is the fact that I've never seen either act mail it in,"

and scored a well-deserved says Ezra Veitch of Ray's ganizers of the series. "Both it, because they do mean it." Stubbornly independent and committed to their vision, the Steel Wheels have cemented a tight bond with their devoted audience. Nowhere is this more evident than at the band's annual Red Wing Roots Music Festival, a weekend-long celebration of music and

community in the beautiful and Charlie Hunter quickly ing a Celebration of Life for Shenandoah Valley, not unwas helmed by Ray Massucco from 2008 until 2019, and which the band headlined in 2016. Massucco, a beloved local lawyer and indefatigable music supporter, passed away unexpectedly in September 2022. The Ray's the Roof team of Veitch, Maridee Serebrov, Patrick Leblanc, Crystal Powers,

came together to present a Massucco that will be held like Rockingham's beloved series of concerts at the opperformance. They headline Peter Mulvey and the Steel Roots on the River, which era house in his name. Next ham Meeting House. Stage Arts of Putney is copresenting the series. Guitar wizard Chris Smither will appears with The Suitcase Junket on Sept. 23, with the final concert of the 2023 series on Nov. 5, featuring the Vermont Symphony Orchestra with vocalist Kat Wright.

on June 11 at the Rocking-

The Bellows Falls Opera

They, and other friends, are also involved in organizHouse is located at 7 Village Square, Bellows Falls, Vt. Doors at 6:30 p.m., showtime at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information at www. BellowsFallsOperaHouse. com, or call 802-387-0102. The Ray Massucco Concert Series is presented by Next Stage Arts and Ray's The Roof Productions.

## Spring Mandala in Stitches at Gallery at the VAULT -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Are you interested in embroidery or adding a new dimension to what you already create? Gallery at the VAULT is excited to offer "Spring Mandala in Stitches" with Julie Crabtree on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Create a stitchery mandala, learning many hand embroidery stitches. Refresh your memory or add new stitches to your embroidery vocabulary. This is worked in the round, finished in a six-inch hoop ready to hang or frame as a mandala sampler. All threads, fabrics, hoops, and needles will be provided, just bring scissors. Ready to hang in a six-inch hoop, which is provided. This promises to be a delightful learning experience.

While you are at VAULT, enjoy Julie's amazing, colorful show "Crossing Boundaries in Thread and Paint," up until April 26.

Julie has been teaching workshops in creative mixed media stitchery, free motion sewing, hand stitchery including experimental work, and creating design through art exploration. She has degrees from Mansfield College of Arts and the City and Guilds of London, England and has won many awards for her work. Her teaching background is extensive, having taught beginners to

advanced levels in England and the U.S.

"Julie is encouraging and inspiring at all levels, she works individually with each student. I really appreciate the personal advice on my efforts."

There is a fee, register by Wednesday, April 12.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street, in Springfield, Vt. The gallery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel. net, or visit our website www.galleryvault.org.

## "Supporting Native Plants Supports Bird Populations"—

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Desiree Narango, conservation biologist from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program "Supporting Native Plants Supports Bird Populations" on Tuesday, April 11, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

She will discuss the interdependence in the ecosystem between plants and animals. Birds depend on insects from native plants to feed their young. She'll consider the disappearance of many bird species in our area if the plants aren't here to provide their usual food source. By planting and encouraging more native plants in our gardens, yards, and fields we will support the native fruits and berries and insects that feed upon them, thus providing the food source that our local birds are accustomed to for raising their young.

Desiree's research focuses on biodiversity conservation and habitat restoration in the face of global change. Desiree's ultimate goal is to help land managers and communities implement effective and efficient action to support biodiversity and people in a rapidly changing world.

This program is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

If there are weather related changes to the schedule you can check the website on the morning of the program or call 802-885-3094.

Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee. You may view the entire semester of programs by going to the website www. learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Pre-registration can be done online, you may also register by calling 802-656-5817 during regular office hours Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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