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Chester holds health hearing, continues discussions —

BY NICK GIBERTI

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Wednesday, Oct. 18 meeting of the Chester Selectboard opened with a public hearing concerning the potential issuance of a health order on a property on Potash Brook Road, which was allegedly in violation of a number of health codes. Acting as chair due to the absence of Chair Arne Jonynas, Vice Chair Lee Gustafson listed the alleged violations, which included lack of a working septic system, no source of potable water, accumulation of trash, burning of trash, trash in the nearby stream and on neighbors' properties, and an exposed septic tank cover.

Town health officer Michael Randzio presented the board with documentation concerning the state of the property. Detective Adam Woodell of the Chester Police Department, as well a Chief Tom Williams, testified to having observed trash, human waste, hypo-

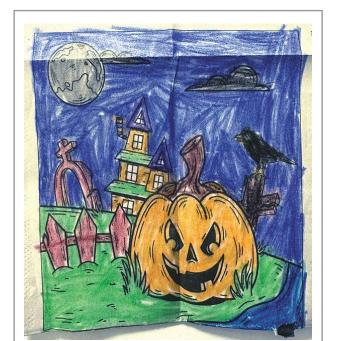
dermic needles, and other violations on the property while executing search warrants related to other matters, with Williams telling the board that the property "looked like a junkyard." Several neighboring property owners also came forth to note that they had observed or been affected by trash originating from the property entering Potash Brook.

When given the chance to speak, the owner of the property was not present. Town manager Julie Hance told the board that she had spoken with the owner earlier that day, and informed him of what would be required to bring the property into compliance if the health order were to be issued. Hance felt that she was understood, and that the conversation was productive. Ultimately, the board went into deliberative session concerning the matter at the end of the meeting, with no outcome announced publicly.

Hance then gave updates to the board on business from previous meetings, saying that the committee formed to discuss benefits for the Whiting Library staff would be meeting the next day (Thursday, Oct. 19). She also noted that Chester is "90 to 95%" complete with its flood recovery, saying that only larger-scale projects that require longerterm planning and execution remain. Chester has so far spent \$1.1 million on flood recovery, with the majority of that money set to be reimbursed by FEMA and

the State of Vermont. Hance also sought approval from the board to use a municipal planning grant to hire a consultant to do a feasibility study implementation plan looking at the possibility of developing town land into housing. Specifically, Hance said this land is located "where the gravel pit and the water tank are," as well as "some of the school land." The land is entirely town owned, and easily accessible to town water and wastewater, Hance said, explaining that the newlyformed housing commission would be responsible for hiring and interfacing with the consultant to draw up a plan for the land's development. The board was supportive, and gave their approval to the plan.

The board had been set to continue their discussion of short-term rentals (STR), but elected to keep the discussion brief, as Chair Jonynas was absent, and wanted to be included in the discussions. Town planner and zoning administrator Preston Bristow told the board that, of the 68 properties they had determined needed to register with the town as STRs, only 32 had responded, leaving 36 properties unregistered. Of those 36, 15 had not yet reached the 30-day deadline to respond. Explaining the process to the board, Bristow said, "For those that don't respond in 30 days, we've sent out 21 second letters, which are a warning letter basically saying 'you are in violation, we're going to give you another 30 days to reply, but if you don't you'll get a notice of violation." Bristow also



Halloween winner

Rachel from Springfield won the Halloween BOO Bag prize. We hope you all have a safe and happy Hallow-

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noted that "about a third" of the STRs in Chester are hosted, meaning that the property owner or a caretaker lives onsite at all times while guests are present.

Board member Heather Chase noted that she believed the joint meeting between the planning commission and selectboard to discuss the STR issue had been productive, and that she would like to "continue the dialogue."

The Chester Selectboard meets the first and third Wednesday of every month, at the Chester Town Hall. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard hears from scientists of Cavendish Labs

BY PAULA BENSON

The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Cavendish town manager Rick Chambers addressed the selectboard at the Monday night, Oct. 16 meeting, before introducing the research scientists behind a new organization in town, Cavendish Labs (CL). CL held an open house last weekend, which Chambers said he'd attended. After some confusion arose about the group and its work, Chambers asked members of the nonprofit to attend the Monday meeting, and present to the board what CL is all about. Four members of CL were at the meeting, and Joe spoke first, introducing himself, Derek, and Andrew as directors. He stated that the organization was "dedicated to solving a few problems that we feel are important."

Important."

Joe went on to say that the open house was a way to get to know the town of Cavendish better, and he mentioned that many of the residents, some present at the selectboard meeting, had received "little gifts in the mail" from CL, with invita-

tions to attend the event.

Chambers remarked that it was the nature of the gifts, and the explanation Joe had given him at the open house, that spurred his interest in having the group address the board meeting.

Joe responded, "It costs 66 cents to send a letter in the mail, however, with Amazon Prime, it only costs 48 cents to ship a can of tomato sauce or a bag of pasta to an address. So, we found it would be cheaper to mass mail tomato sauce and bags of pasta to the entire town of Cavendish." The comment was met

with laughter from residents.

CL director Derek spoke on the group's mission. "Perhaps first I should say that currently, everything that we do is computational, so we're not actually mixing together chemicals. Our work is concentrated in two areas, the safety of advanced artificial intelligence systems, and a study of a type of ultraviolet light that we believe can kill off viruses and bacteria while being harmless to humans." Derek explained that the work is all done with computer models, and no real viruses or bacteria are

involved.

Andrew added, "Finally, we really love Cavendish and the town. It's beautiful, a lot of the people we've met are great, so we'd like to say thank you for the warm welcome so far."

Joe said if there were questions, or if anyone wanted to work with CL, they were welcome to email hello@cavendishlabs.org. "We'd love to do more community outreach."

The group said they are being funded mostly by private grant funds.

A preliminary discus-

sion about flood prevention measures was introduced by Robin Timko from Cavendish Community Conservation Associate (CCCA), who told the board that they had asked board member Stephen Plunkard, who was not present, to draft a plan on how to proactively manage the watershed, to avoid the same types of flood damages from occurring over and

"The model that has been followed from the federal government down," read

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Plymouth discusses projects and repairs

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Selectboard met on Monday, Oct. 16, for the first time in the newly renovated town building. Board member Rick Kaminksi reported they are about 40% done with the renovation project, and the crews have been focusing on the wing with offices and the meeting room to get the staff back into the building.

Kaminski said the lighting is updated with a new code-driven technology that eliminates toggle switches and uses motion sensors, which is more efficient. The insulation, wall panels, and heat pumps are also going to make the building airtight and more energy efficient. The heat pumps are going in this fall, roofers should be on site Nov. 1, the highway department garage space will come later once the office spaces are complete, and the exterior wall panels will be left for the spring when the

temperatures are warmer. Chair Jay Kullman reported that Salt Ash Inn submitted an application for an ARPA grant, which was established to assist in-town businesses with renovations such as painting building exteriors. Kullman said they applied and had completed their repairs before the deadline, and there is \$3,678 in "uncommitted funds" available. The board agreed to award the remaining grant money, pending an inspection and proof of invoices.

The board plans to have a meeting at a later date regarding Money Brook. The Agency of Transportation is currently working on a culvert for the bridge. Kullman agreed to invite the Lake Rescue Association to the meeting to advocate.

The board then accepted the bid from Pike Industries for \$294,079 to pave Kingdom Road, and noted that they expect that to be reimbursable by FEMA.

Kaminski reported that about 70% of road repairs are completed. There are still four roads closed, and some roads are in rough shape. He was pleased that costs have been lower than numbers the state estimated, so "that's encouraging," he said. He was also very impressed with coordination from road commissioner Larry Lynds, and the organization of contractors, moving materials, and management of multiple teams all working at the same time. The town crews have been working long days to get all the roads repaired before the pavers arrive in Novem-

The selectboard meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 6 p.m., in the town building.

Londonderry town updates

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

The Londonderry Selectboard met Oct. 16, approving the closure of Main Street on Tuesday, Oct. 31, for the Trunkor-Treat event, and providing other town updates. They tabled the short-term rental agenda item, as Melissa Brown, who led the discussion at the last meeting, was not

present. The board heard about the North and South Village revitalization projects, which would likely be deferred until spring, as the holidays are coming up making it more difficult to get together to accomplish the tasks, noting they were reaching out to neighboring towns to see what they were doing, and how they might make a joint effort in revitalizing the area.

The parks board discussed a grant opportunity to help to get Memorial Park usable

again. They had a site visit with FEMA on Friday, Oct. 20, to determine what expenses would be covered. It was noted that most of the work to date has been on a volunteer basis. FEMA will only bring the site up to pre-flood conditions, and there were further projects they'd like to achieve. They do have a reserve fund for the park, but estimate that costs would exceed what they have available.

The mountain towns regional director advisory committee introduced Liam Elio, their recommended candidate for the mountain towns' recreation director position. Elio has done a lot of recreating and has "quite the history of managing recreation in various forms." Elio said he is "excited about the new role."

The board provided updates on roads and bridges. Spring Hill culvert arrived on Monday, Oct. 16, and was set in place. Work continued for the duration of the week, and the road over the culvert will be paved soon. The bridge will like-

ly remain closed until the project is fully completed. Cobble Ridge Bridge currently has temporary ac-

The board is seeking a proposal from Duane Hart to restore the property that was used as a temporary access road for the Cobble Ridge Road neighborhood to its original condition. The board also received confirmation that FEMA will be assisting the town with up to 90% reimbursement, depending on the overall costs of damages statewide. The state may fund up to 12.5%, "due to steps made by the community to comply with emergency response and road construction standards."

The town is opening bids for repairs on Cohen Road, East Road, and Edge Hill Road, and is setting up site visits with Everett Hammond, the town's engineer, and road foreman Joshua Dryden. They are hoping to get all projects completed by Nov. 15.

The next selectboard meeting will be Nov. 6.

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Gloria celebrates 100

LUDLOW, Vt. - The ladies of the Ludlow Garden Club celebrated Gloria Leven's 100th birthday with herbal teas prepared by Gretchen Gregory of Northern Naturals in Belmont, and an ice cream cake. Gloria is a longtime member of the Garden Club, and while she reached the landmark birthday this summer, she has been a busy lady. This was the first opportunity to connect and honor her milestone birthday.

Bats and witches at South Londonderry Library———

S. LONDONDER-RY, Vt. - The South Londonderry Free Library invites goblins of all ages to make applehead witches and flying bats with art teacher Casey Junker Bailey on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10:30 a.m. The program is free of charge, and thanks to a generous grant from the Stratton Foundation, each family will receive their own storybook, "Bats at the Library," to keep. For



Make applehead witches at the library.

PHOTO PROVIDED

more information on our contact the library at monthly programs for kids, 802-824-3371.

Rotary hears from National Park Service

LUDLOW, Vt. - At their Oct. 3 meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club heard from Ludlow native son Newton Rose, who was a Rotary Interact member and scholarship winner while at Black River High School. Now, Rose is the engagement media coordinator at Saint-Gaudens National Park in Cornish, N.H. He noted that

many Americans have a re-

lationship with our National

Like the Rotarians whom Rose asked if they had ever visited a National Park, most people think of the big, spectacular parks. While there are less than 100 of those in the park system, there are 425 total national parks and monuments, including sites of historic and cultural importance, said Rose. For

example, the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Vermont was the home of George Perkins Marsh, who pushed for the establishment of a system of National Parks. In addition, the National Park System (NPS) manages and protects National Recreation Trails such as the Appalachian Trail, Wild and Scenic Rivers, the National Register of Historic Places, and provides various grants to protect local and regional

Rose enjoys working at Saint-Gaudens National Park for the Arts, which is preserving the home and studio of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907). The NPS showcases how Staint-Gaudens created a distinctly American culture in his work, like the Shaw Memorial in Boston. Newton encouraged members to come see the recast sculptures at the park where they were made. The park is dedicated to the arts, with the oldest artist in residency program in the country.

Rose has also worked at the Women's Rights National Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y., which he loved; and at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller, the oldest continuously professionally managed forest in the United States. He enjoys the opportunity to establish a relationship to places for park visitors as they are experiencing the places where history and nature converge.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, membership chairman, at 802-228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

CCCA 2024 Community Calendar on sale_



Photo on the 2024 Cavendish Calendar cover. PHOTO PROVIDED

CAVENDISH, Vt. -The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association (CCCA) has produced its 2024 Cavendish Community Calendar, which is now on sale. There's plenty of time before the end of year holidays to buy these beautiful, full-color photographs as gifts and

Calendars are available for purchase at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, the Golden Stage Inn on Depot Street, or at the Village Clipper on Main Street in Proctorsville, or you can order them through the mail. Our address is P.O. Box 605, Cavendish,

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why wait?

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The theme of this year's calendar is "Cavendish Landscapes," and it celebrates the variety of landscapes in Cavendish. The photographs were all taken in Cavendish, and were contributed by many residents. Learning about and appreciating our natural environment is the keystone to good stewardship of our environment.

Proceeds from the calendar help keep the CCCA going, so please consider purchasing one for yourself and some for your friends. For more information, or to volunteer with the CCCA, please call Robin at 802-259-2327, or email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

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Timko, quoting Plunkard, "has been to send aid after disasters rather than looking for a new way forward, often rebuilding the same way things were, in the same spots."

Timko reported that, although Plunkard was currently recovering from an accident, he was fully prepared to lead the discussion at an upcoming meeting, planned for Nov.

Margo Caulfield asked if Kelly Stetner from Black River Action Team (BRAT) was involved, and mentioned that Stetner had recently made an "amazing presentation" that was available on Okemo Valley TV on the topic of flood prevention. They discussed including Stetner in the conversation going forward. Timko said she would confirm the Nov. 20 meeting date with the board once Plunkard was recovered, with enough time to publish a warning.

The board approved a request presented by Chambers from the Grafton Cheese Company. The company was requesting a letter of support to submit along with a grant application for a new retail location at 2568 Route 103 in Proctorsville, the former location of Black River Produce. The town planning commission had already provided a letter of support, reported Chambers, but he said he hadn't seen a flood permit from Grafton Cheese yet, and would remind them the building sits in a flood zone.

Chambers gave a progress update on the diesel spill clean-up at the old garage location. He said there would be more testing before the extent of the spill is known, then a plan for future use of the site would be developed. Chambers said insurance may cover clean-up costs, and if not, there may be other funds available.

Chambers related the good news that all town roads were now open and passable, even though there is more work to be done to finalize repairs in some spots. He reported that the town is looking to get as

many pictures of flood damage as possible, and said the best way to send them in would be to text them to 802-738-6445. The cell number is unmanned, explained Chambers, but will receive texts. He said, as a last resort, he would also accept photos via email.

Further updates on the Black River gravel removal, and the start of the Greven Field clean-up, were also positive. Chambers reported that they expect to extract about 30,000 cubic yards of usable gravel from the Black River clean-up effort, which is being piled in the town pit. The gravel will need to be crushed, but then will be used "for years to come," according to Chambers, providing a potential cost savings of \$250,000 over the next several years.

Chambers also announced that Crown Point Excavation had begun, just in the last few days, removing large debris and rough grading the field at Greven Field. The rebuilding of the baseball field will happen later.

The final order of business was a welcome to Gladys Seville, a new, part-time employee in the town office.



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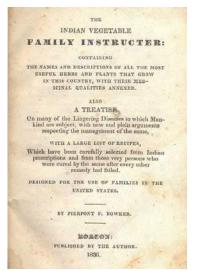
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School District Number 2

BY RON PATCH

802-374-0119 ronpatch27@gmail.com

The photo with this article is the Huyler-Kibbe place on Route 11 to Springfield. In earlier days it had been the girls' seminary. You can clearly see School District Number 2



Title page of "The Indian Vegetable" by Pierpont F. Bowker PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

schoolhouse in the right foreground. The house and barns haven't changed much. Extensive pastures can be seen.

The photo is from a glass negative that dates to around 1900. At upper left, you can see where the plate has been broken. In 1857, this place was occupied by

> Pierpont F. Bowker. I mention his name because of supporting documents I have.

> In my collection are records of Chester's 22 school districts. Here I offer what I find for District Number 2, from a document dated Feb. 24, 1857. There are two columns, with a list of "Heads of Families" on the left. The right column is the "Names of Children."

"List of Scholars in District No. 2. Heads of families [followed by] Names of Children; P.F. Bowker -

Bryant & Maryann; Joel Clark - Charles, Lucyjane, Rosa" It continues to name all families and children attending this school, followed by: "Number of scholars living in Chester, 21; Number of scholars living in Springfield, 4; Number of weeks summer school, 8; Number of weeks winter school, 10; Amount of wages paid for summer school, \$18; Amount paid for winter school, \$27.50; Cost of board for teachers for the year, \$20; Cost of Fuel, Furniture & incidentals, \$14.

I certify the above to be true returns for District No. 2 as required by law.

Attst Pierpont F. Bowker, District Clerk."

Pierpont F. Bowker

I have an old book published in 1836. The title is "The Indian Vegetable, Family Instructor," and it is written by Pierpont F. Bowker. It contains 180 pages of old American Indian remedies using different plants, mosses, and tree barks.

There are 182 different remedies cited in the book utilizing dozens of different plants, roots, and herbs for different ailments. Here's a recipe for a toothache:

"If the tooth be hollow, clear it, take a piece of fresh dug bloodroot, break it open, and apply the bleeding part to the marrow of the tooth. It will give immediate relief, and is an easy medicine."

Another remedy: "Rattlesnake root

The Indians make great use of this. It grows wild in the woods, to the height of eight inches, and has a beautiful leaf, the ground work of which is dark green, striped and checked with light. The leaves all project from the bottom. The stalk is nearly bare. It has a spike of small white

Bowker place. Notice schoolhouse in right foreground.

flowers. It is a good antidote for the bite of the rattlesnake, and is good for the catarrh and asthma." District No. 2 school-

> The photo of this school is one of two I know. I think it was 1965 when the current Route 11 to Springfield opened. In the photo, the old road can be seen as a dirt road. You can see it between the school and the Bowker place.

> Old Route 11 meandered its way to Springfield. For those who know where I live, the old road is down over the bank opposite my

place. It came up the hill to Stoodley Road. It then went along the pond near Stan Flint's place to Damon Road, then onto Slab City

I vaguely remember the schoolhouse. I remember it as a decrepit building. I also have the Prudential Committee record book for this school district. It covers the years 1867-1882.

This week's old saying comes from my mother. I said to her, "I saw a deer on the way to school this morning." "What grade was he in?" she asked.

Senior Solutions updates

REGION – Senior Solutions provides updates on their upcoming programs and services.

Medicare Open Enroll-

Medicare Open Enrollment has officially started for those who are on a plan. It is the time to review your plan and make sure you know about any changes in Medicare coverages and costs so you can make an adjustment if you need to. You will want to know if the plan you are signed up for is currently filling your health situation needs and your budget. Often, we sign up for programs and then forget about them. So, from Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, you have the opportunity to review your Medicare plan and make changes if needed. Also, if you make a change, make sure you pay the adjusted premium before the end of December, so it can

be activated as of Jan. 1. Flu Shots

Flu Shots are available by appointment at the Ottauguechee Health Center. Call 802-857-3030 to make an appointment. The dates these appointments are available are Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and on two Saturdays, Nov.

18 and Dec. 16, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call and book your appointment. Also, Smilin' Steve at the Ottauquechee Pharmacy offers flu shots Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., call there at 802-332-0015 for details.

Food and Fuel Outreach

Our Senior Solutions nutrition and wellness outreach teams have been out and about spreading the word about the many benefits older Vermonters can access. At this time of year, it is important to find out if you can benefit from Vermont's seasonal fuel assistance program (LIHEAP). This program can help pay for part of your home heating costs. You may be eligible if your gross household income is equal to or less than 185% of the federal poverty level. This is based on household size.

Please go to our website at www.seniorsolutionsvt. org for upcoming dates and locations to apply for assistance, to learn more, and to get an application. Plan to bring your account numbers from both your fuel dealer and electric company with you. No matter whether your fuel source is oil, propane,

natural gas, wood, kerosene, or electric, we can assist you in applying for this important benefit as soon as possible. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call our help line at 802-885-2669 for information and application assistance.

Annual Meeting Save the Date

Senior Solutions' Annual Meeting is going to be held on Nov. 29. We are looking for nominations for the Successful Aging Awards. Do you know an older Vermonter who is over 80, and has been contributing in ways that increase the wellbeing of your community? Many of our volunteers are in that age bracket. Every community has people who are always helping, and are shining examples of enjoying a productive life. We want to shine a light on them and celebrate them. We will be posting a nomination form on our website soon. Alternatively, you may write a letter of recommendation to us at: Senior Solutions, 38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Flu shots at Grace Cottage Nov. 4

TOWNSHEND, Vt. -Grace Cottage Family Health will hold a Saturday flu vaccine clinic on Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended, call 802-365-4331 to pre-register; walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

During the flu clinic, Grace Cottage will also host a food drive for the Townshend Food Shelf. If you can, please bring a nonperishable food item.

You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage to get a flu shot at this clinic. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Most insurance covers this preventive health measure; please bring your ID and insurance card with you. If you are not insured, payment for your flu shot is expected at the time of service

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu and spreading it to others. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. People over age 65 or those with any chronic disease, such as diabetes or asthma, have a higher risk of contracting the flu, and are especially urged to get the shot.

Two different flu shots are being offered this year, one for those age six months to 64, and another for those who are 65 and older. Flu shots are also avail-

able at Grace Cottage weekdays by appointment. Call 802-365-4331. Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Road (Route 35), Townshend, Vt.

For more information about flu shots or the flu in general, visit the national CDC website (www.cdc. gov), the Vermont Department of Health website (www.healthvermont.gov), or call the Vermont helpline at 211.



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Burlington, the shining jewel in Vermont's crown, has a dark side that often goes unnoticed. Despite being considered "one of the country's most livable cities," there are many sordid tales of dirty cops, notorious ladies of the night, knife-wielding psychopaths, unstable lovers, and



even famous serial killers.

In her book and as a tour guide, Thea Lewis brings to light the cunning and ruthless culprits who would go to any length to accomplish their goals, only to face the consequences of their ac-

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"Werewolves, Vampires, and Zombies" at OI

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Bobby Farlice-Rubio will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program, "Werewolves, Vampires, and Zombies," on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

This special Halloween program will demystify monsters through facts and science. Although there are no supernatural monsters in this lesson, we will explore the ways in which real parasites have taken over their hosts, and how they may have inspired monster myths. Could parasites be responsible for some people's reckless and dangerous behavior? Could toxins and poisons in nature control people's minds and make them behave like monsters?

Farlice-Rubio has an eclectic background. He is a science and cultural educator, a musician, and a Vermont State Legislator.

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

Preregistration is highly recommended. We can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form with instructions on how to make payment after the program.

There is a membership series special fee. Nonmembers are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

You may view the entire semester's programs by going to the website www. learn.uvm.edu/olli/spring-

field. Registration can be done online at this website with a credit card. You may also register over the phone using your credit card by 802-656-8407, calling or email noncredit@ uvm.edu. You may have to wait for a return call

Due to the current situation of Covid, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored noncredit events (including OLLI) will be vaccinated. Masks are optional and welcomed. For full health and safety information, go to www.learn. uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

The next program on Tuesday, Nov. 14, will be "Songs of Vermont," presented by "Banjo Dan" Lindner, songwriter and performer, who will perform some of his songs and describe the stories behind how he creates

Rehearsals begin for "Love Letters"

LUDLOW, Vt. - George and Linda Thomson begin rehearsals for the forthcoming play "Love Letters."
The play, sponsored by Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA), will appear on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow's Town Hall. Previously, the Thomsons had performed this play to a standing room only audience at the Gables in Rut-land. "Love Letters," written by A. R. Gurney, is the story of two people's correspondence throughout their lives



as they develop a love that transcends the ups and downs of life.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra at BFOH

Vt. - The Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is returning to Bellows Falls on Sunday, Nov. 5, with a special matinee at the Bellows Falls Opera House (BFOH). The performance is part of the VSO's 2023 "Made in Vermont Series" – shows highlighting guest artists from the Green Mountain State's vibrant indie, folk, and rock scene.

The VSO's chamber orchestra will perform musical favorites by Henry Purcell, Manuel De Falla, and Astor Piazolla, and welcomes a special guest to the stage: Vermont's own sensational singer Kat Wright.

Wright has that special balance of power and grace in her voice that can shimmer and float to the top," enthuses Americana music publication Red Line Roots. "The VSO is excited to partner with Kat Wright again, after an amazing concert in 2019.

Her soulful voice is a perfect match to lush string and orchestral arrangements, and we hear her music in a new way," said Matt LaRocca, artistic advisor and project conductor at the VSO.

With around 40 annual performances statewide in a variety of settings, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the nation's oldest stateassisted orchestra, and is regarded as one of the finest of its size. The VSO serves year round with in-school educational programming, children's concerts, and composer residencies, as well as symphonic, choral, and chamber music concerts.

"Kat Wright is an emerging presence, from a Burlington-based singer/songwriter to national fame, and has been a joy to watch," says Keith Marks, executive director of Next Stage Arts. "Her collaboration with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra for the next installment of the Ray Massucco concert series is a perfect pairing that continues to elevate this series as a regional

"This is the fourth in the 2023 Ray Massucco Concert Series," says Ezra Veitch of Ray's the Roof Productions, organizers, along with Next Stage Arts, of the series. "It's a great way to honor Ray he always was so pumped to bring the VSO to town." Massucco, a beloved local lawyer and music promoter, passed away unexpectedly last year. Additional shows planned by Ray's the Roof and Next Stage at the Opera House are Crys Matthews, Peter Mulvey, and BettySoo, in a powerhouse triple bill on Nov. 16, and Karla Bonoff and Livingston Taylor's "Home For The Holidays" concert on Dec. 16. Media sponsor is Great Eastern Radio.

The Bellows Falls Opera House is located at 7 Village Square, Bellows Falls, Vt. Doors open at 3 p.m., and the show begins at 4 p.m. Tickets and information at www.bellowsfallsoperahouse.com.

Outburst Arts returns to MSA SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. can express themselves and in Bellows Falls, and the

Outburst Arts, a free, monthly teen arts night at Main Street Arts (MSA), is held on the first Friday of the month, from 7-9 p.m., and began on Oct. 6. Teens from the greater Rockingham area are invited to make art, do crafts, listen to music, eat snacks, and spend time with new and old friends.

"I'm thrilled to be partnering with Main Street Arts on this project," said Sam Howard. "As the youth services librarian at the Rockingham Free Public Library, one of my goals is to create welcoming spaces where youth make connections. Main Street Arts and I worked together to start the program [last year]."

This will be the second year the program is offered at MSA. Outburst Arts will take place through the end of the school year, and all the art created can be submitted to an end of year exhibit, which will be open to the public at MSA, and will include vocal, written, and art pieces.

"I'm really excited to see Outburst Arts return," said Neil Allen, director of Greater Falls Connections

adult lead for the program. "This is a good opportunity for the teens to meet other teens who are interested in the arts, create positive life experiences, and, hopefully, find trusted adults they can connect with outside of the usual places like school, sports, or church. These are all important aspects of substance use prevention, and part of why I wanted to be part of this program.

"There is the saying from the disabled community, 'nothing for us without us, and those of us in prevention believe this as well. This is the best way to allow the teens to be seen and heard I'm excited to see what the teens want to do, and work with the youth leadership group to make this a creative, fun program for them."

MSA is located at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. The site has a ramp, elevator, and accessible bathrooms. For more information, please contact Neil Allen at neilpierceallen@gmail.com, or 603-558-8549.

Make your own holiday crafts

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Gallery at the VAULT will host a Zoom workshop with Christine Mix on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Discover new and old ideas using ornaments, small swags, paper lanterns, little boxes, etc., using natural materials found in nature or around the home. Share fun ideas and activities, which you can work on during and after class. Α supply list is provided upon registration. Please register by Wednesday, Nov. 1. You will

be sent an email with the link.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street,

Springfield. We are open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 11



Christine Mix Christmas decorations.

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



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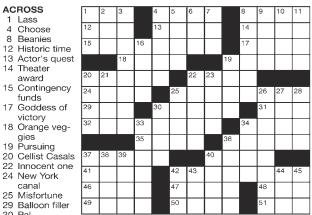
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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor

The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church St. Traditional Baptist Services held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible. 802-463-3220.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.

Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www. facebook.com/UMCOfNorthCharlestown for more information.

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

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www. andovercommunitychurch.org.

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. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive updates on services and meetings.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class on different topics meets in the Fellowship Hall, accessed by parking in the back of the church. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing

is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www. firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

Springfield United Methodist Church, 58 Harvard St. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Springfield

United Methodist Church welcomes everyone! The church can be reached at 802-885-3456.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenhucc.org or www. facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongoline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

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CHURCH SERVICES:

We run Church Services on an alternating schedule. Subject to space. All services are posted online at www. VermontJournal.com.

Kathleen Hinds, 1951-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Kathleen Hinds (aka Kate, Kathy), 72, formerly of Springfield, Vt., and, since May of 2021, a resident at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt., passed away at the Springfield Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2023, of a sudden cardiopulmonary arrest. Kate was born on Jan. 19, 1951, in Springfield, Vt., to John F. Hinds and Eileen M. (Simonds) Hinds. Throughout her life she also lived in Burlington, Vt.; Chicago, Ill.; Hanover, Mass.; North Kingstown, R.I.; Stow, Mass.; and Morehead City, N.C. Kate also resided with shared living providers in North Walpole, N.H.; Cornish, N.H.; and South Reading, Vt.

Kate attended special education at Springfield High School, graduating in 1972. She attended vocational training in Morehead City, N.C. She was employed at McDonald's in Morehead City, N.C., and at the Springfield Learning Garden in Springfield, Vt.

Kate is survived by her

brother Scott Hinds, of Ludlow, Vt., and her sister and brother-in-law Sherry and Ralph Goings of Perkinsville, Vt., as well as Ralph's extended family. Also an uncle Steve Simonds of Maine and Florida, special friends and previous home providers Charlene and Jim Carpenter of North Walpole, N.H., and many cousins located throughout the country. She was predeceased by her parents and grandparents, as well as several uncles and aunts.

The family wishes to extend a thank you for their care and support of Kate to the employees at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Developmental Services at HCRS, and Adult Day Services in Springfield. There will not be services,

and a private burial will take place at the family plot at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a charity of your choice.

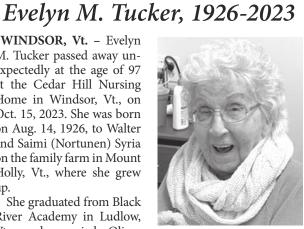
Arrangements are being assisted by the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield,

WINDSOR, Vt. - Evelyn M. Tucker passed away unexpectedly at the age of 97 at the Cedar Hill Nursing Home in Windsor, Vt., on Oct. 15, 2023. She was born on Aug. 14, 1926, to Walter and Saimi (Nortunen) Syria on the family farm in Mount Holly, Vt., where she grew

She graduated from Black River Academy in Ludlow, Vt., and married Oliver F. Tucker Jr. in 1944, raising five children. She was a member of the United Church of Ludlow, where she sang in the church choir for several years. She greatly loved family and country, and an important daily ritual wherever she was living was raising and lowering the American flag. She loved animals, and was devoted to her cats Muffy and Misty.

After divorcing, she ed to Florida due in part to her love of the ocean and beach. She spent the greater part of the next 30 years in Daytona, Fla. It was there that she met the love of her life William "Bill" McClain. Eventually they relocated for a time to Hilton Head, S.C., where they opened "Evelyn's Treasures," a boutique gift shop. They spent many happy years traveling in the United States, the Virgin Islands, and Europe. When Bill's health declined she devotedly cared for him until his death in 2002, after which she returned to Vermont to live with her daughter Barbara and son-in-law Ross in Chester, Vt.

She was predeceased by her parents Walter and Saimi (Nortunen) Syria, first



Evelyn Tucker, 1926-2023.

husband Oliver F. Tucker Jr., her life partner William "Bill" McClain, son David W. Tucker, and son-in-law Ross A. Johnston. She is survived by sons Barry O. Tucker and wife Kathryn of Rockingham, Vt., and Joseph P. Tucker and wife Bonnie, of Ludlow, Vt.; daughters Barbara Johnston of Chester, Vt., and Nancy Lynch and partner Bill Dudley, of Shrewsbury, Vt.; sister Sylvia (Syria) Smith and husband Edward of Mount Holly; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt., on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m., with a reception to follow at the Johnston residence in Chester.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Davis Memorial Funeral Home at 99 Summer Street, Springfield, Vt. www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituary/ evelyn-tucker.

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Richard L. Hurd, 1942-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Richard "Dick" L. Hurd of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Oct. 19, 2023, at Albany Medical Center in Albany, N.Y., with his family at his side.

Dick was born on Oct. 7, 1942, in Springfield, Vt., to the late Harry Hurd and Lizzie Irene (Davis) Hurd. He was a graduate of Springfield High School, Class of 1961. He married Mary Lou Smolnik on June 18, 1961.

Dick was a self-employed upholsterer since 1970. His hobbies included singing with the Springfield Community Choir, participating in theatrical productions with the Springfield Community Players, and his antique cars and motorcycle. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, singing in the choir and working on church proj-

He was predeceased by his parents, and his two brothers Charlie Hurd and Paul Hurd. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou (Smolnik) Hurd; children Martha Hurd of Albuquer-



Richard Hurd, 1942-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

que, N.M., Bernice Clark of Springfield, Vt., and Thomas Hurd of East Hartland, Conn. He has five grandchildren, Samuel Clark, Joshua Clark, Carole Clark, Katharine Hurd, and Benjamin Hurd. Great-grandchildren are Gloria Clark and Alistair Clark.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, the Springfield Humane Society, or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 245 Main Street, Springfield, Vt., on Oct 28, at 1 p.m.

Keith A. LeDrew, 1961-2023

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. -Keith A. LeDrew passed away on Oct. 14, 2023, fol-

lowing a period of declining health. He was born in Spring-

field, Vt., on February 21, 1961, the son of Carleton U. and Jean D. (Neilsen) LeDrew. Keith was predeceased by his parents and brother Carleton "Boomer" U. LeDrew Jr. Other family members include his sister Carla J. (LeDrew) Mac-Donald and her husband William, his brother Richard B. LeDrew and his wife Anne M. (Fagans), both of Charlestown; nieces Allisia, Jenna, and Kara MacDonald, Leah (LeDrew) Gendron, Erin LeDrew; nephews Benjamin and Zachary LeDrew; and several cous-

Keith lived in Charlestown his entire life, graduating from Fall Mountain in 1979. He worked for Connecticut River Bank before opening his own business, The Hobby Hut. Ultimately, he joined his father running Lane Road Cycle in Charlestown. Together they built an expansive and dedicated clientele.

His pastimes included coaching the Charlestown Mets Little League team with his close friend Terry Haley. As an avid race fan, he ran his number 41 stock car at Claremont Speedway.



Keith LeDrew, 1961-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

Family and friends share many fond memories of racing, camping trips, "Hill Gang" parties, and casino excursions with Keith. He will surely be remembered for his artistic talent and quick, "Neilsen" sense of humor.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Crest Cemetery on Friday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the old town hall, both in Charles-

Keith dearly loved the pets he had over the years. Please make memorial contributions to your local pet rescue.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, N.H. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

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OCT. 28 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sound Investment will perform classic rock and modern country music on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street. This is a Halloween Monster Mash costume party, and is open to the public. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club will hold a food sale to benefit their community outreach efforts at the Walpole Middle School on Oct. 28, beginning at 9 a.m. and running until the food is sold out.

OCT. 29-29

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Friends of the Walpole Library will hold their annual book sale on Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Walpole Middle School. The Early Bird sale will be held on Oct. 28, from 8-10 a.m., for which there is an entry fee. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., admission is free. The sale will continue on Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., when you can buy a box of books for a small fee all day. For more information, call 603-756-9806.

OCT. 30 -

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center will host Bingo with cash prizes on Monday, Oct. 30, from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served, and a door prize will be awarded. For more information, call 802-228-7421.

NOV. 3 -

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A ballroom dance will be held at the Claremont Senior Center's beautiful Owens Hall, 5 Acer Heights, on Nov. 3, from 6:30-9 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Gerry Grimo East Bay Five-piece Dance Combo. Pay at the door. There will be no dance instruction this night. Bring

your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Snacks and water will be provided. The dance is for the benefit of the Claremont Senior Center. For information, call Betsey Child at 603-504-6671.

NOV. 11 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, with support from VFW Post #771 and American Legion Post 18, will host a Veteran's Day Lunch on Nov. 11, from 12-2 p.m. This lunch is free to all veterans, and available to non-veterans for a fee. Curbside pickup is available. There will be two menu options. Option one is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Option two is baked ziti, garden salad, a roll, and cookies. Please sign up before Nov. 4 by stopping by the lodge at 49 Park Street, or by calling 802-885-3100.

MONDAYS -BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension, Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@ springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Extension in Bellows Falls. The program is free. For more information go to www.oa.org.

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

TUESDAYS -

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

WEDNESDAYS -

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

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

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. - Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach Tai Chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

FRIDAYS -

CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, located at 96 South Main Street in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

SATURDAYS -

CHESTER. Vt. - The Gassetts Grange holds their dance on the first Saturday of every month, from 1-4 p.m., with live music by Green Mountain Express. Admission and food purchases are by donation. Call Doug or Donna with any questions at 802-591-4290.

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

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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, November 15, 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 implement reforms required by Act 47 known as the "Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone" or HOME legislation, to implement the recommendations in "Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods" published by the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development, to better define uses including art studio and/or gallery, club, and bar/tavern/pub, and to enable the approval of food trucks, food carts and food stands.

The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.3 Village Center District, 2.3.1 Village Green District, 2.4 Mixed Use District (was Residential-Commercial and Adaptive 3), 2.5 General Business District (was Commercial-Industrial), 2.6 Stone Village District, 2.7 Neighborhood District (was R-20 and portions of R-40), 8.2 Definitions, and adding 3.31 Food Trucks, Food Carts, and Food Stands.

The full text of the proposed amendment and proposed amended zoning map 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.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 19th day of October 2023. Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

The Town of Andover Select Board will hold a public hearing

TOWN OF ANDOVER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF CHESTER

Whiting Library Board of Trustees

The Whiting Library is seeking an individual to be appoint-

ed to the Board of Trustees. This position involves attending

monthly meetings; working with other trustees overseeing

the general operations of the library; assisting with budget

preparations; promoting and advocating for the library

whitinglibrary.org no later than November 13, 2023.

in the community; and other necessary duties. Letters of

Interest must be emailed to Matthew Gorsky at mgorsky@

on Monday, October 30, 2023 for the purpose of receiving comment on the reclassification of Old Gulf Road South (TH #13), currently a Class 3 Town Road. The site visit will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the hearing will convene immediately following at the Andover Town Office.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 17th day of October, 2023 Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk

TOWN OF OF CAVENDISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A public hearing before the Planning Commission for the town of Cavendish will be held at the Cavendish Town Hall On November 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM. to consider an appeal of a flood area regulations violation. A site visit to the property will be on November 15 at 256 Depot St., Proctorsville VT at 4:00 PM.

Appelant: Charles & Cheryl James 256 Depot St Proctorsville, VT

Property Location: 256 Depot St Proctorsville, VT 05153

Reason For Hearing: Appeal of a Flood Hazard Violation Letter issued 9/19/2023

The above violation letter is available for inspection at the Cavendish Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, by Zoom, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Planning Commission either prior to, or during, the hearing. Hybrid meeting information will be available on the agenda.

Tim Calabrese Chair, Cavendish Planning Commission

State of Vermont

Superior Court Windsor Unit

Probate Division Case No. 23-PR-05903

In re: Estate of Mary Diana Johnston, aka M. Diana Johnston

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the creditors of Mary Diana Johnston, aka M. Diana Johnston, late of Andover, Vermont

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

Dated: October 18, 2023

/s/Raymond E. Makul Raymond E. Makul, Co-Executor

/s/Mary J. Moorhouse Mary J. Moorhouse, Co-Executor c/o Dakin & Benelli, P.C. PO Box 499 Chester, VT 05143

802-875-4000

Name of Publication: The Vermont Journal

Publication Date: October 25, 2023

Address of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court Windsor Unit, Probate Division 12 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides initial notice of its intent to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and wetland. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Springfield to remove the Springfield/Weathersfield Reservoir Dam and restore the

The proposed action is located at the Springfield/Weathersfield Reservoir Dam in Weathersfield, VT. The project would remove the deteriorating reservoir dam which has not served a functional purpose since the Town transitioned to public supply wellfields in the late 1970's. Approximately 67% of the concrete core wall and 87% of the earthen berm would be removed as well as approximately 9,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from the impoundment area to create a floodplain bench. The concrete overflow spillway, gatehouse, wellhouse, drainpipes, and remnants of a failed stone culvert would also be removed. A pilot channel would be created through the impoundment area that would evolve naturally over time to restore the stream channel. Approximately 3.9 acres within the former impoundment area would be planted with native vegetation, after which, revegetation would progress naturally.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain; Zone A), and the impoundment area behind the dam contains a freshwater pond and freshwater emergent wetlands. Removal of the dam would prevent the potential loss of life and property in the event of dam failure and would restore the floodplain, riverine habitat features, and fish passage.

Alternatives considered include full dam removal, several levels of sediment volume reduction, and the No Action alternative. The proposed action was selected because it is the most costeffective solution that would still meet the project objectives to improve public safety, restore the stream channel, eliminate maintenance needs of a non-functional dam, and improve aquatic organism passage.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

> Christian Paske, Environmental Protection Specialist Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA christian.paske@fema.dhs.gov; (202) 704-1027

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Mount Holly Select Board Special Meeting **About Emergency Medical Service** October 26, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Mount Holly School Ludlow Ambulance Service to Attend

Residents are invited to a special select board meeting to discuss provision of emergency medical, first responder and ambulance transport services in Mount Holly, following the dissolution of Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Moderated by Andy Tanger.

In-person only; due to location, no Zoom or hybrid access is available.

LVRS offering first responder class

LONDONDERRY, Vt. -The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) is holding a Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR) course at the LVRS squad building in November. To be eligible for this VEFR certification course, you must be 16 years old or older.

The primary focus of the class is to learn how to initiate immediate life-saving care to critical patients. A



certified VEFR will have the skills and knowledge to provide life-saving interventions while waiting for additional, and more skilled, EMS personnel to arrive. A VEFR will also be able to assist higher level personnel at

the scene and during trans-

The course will be taught in person over five nights, from 6-9:30 p.m. There is a fee, which will be reimbursed for those who become VEFR certified and become full members of LVRS.

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fall home improvement

Everything you need to know about storm doors —

terior home products and replace items that are not providing proper protection, such as your storm

"Storm doors provide insulation, curb appeal, and weather protection for the entry door, but they are not one-size-fits-all," says Brandon Morris, entry and storm door product manager at ProVia. "Before making a purchase, first determine your needs and style preferences."

To help homeowners make sense of their options, here is a round-up of essential factors to consider:

Construction

To reap the maximum benefits a storm door can provide, take thickness and construction into consideration. Many brands have multi-hollow construction, which translates to greater strength and security than standard storm doors.

Storm doors are not always just functional. Certain manufacturers understand that they are a home element that can boost curb appeal, too. Decorative storm doors come with options like beveled glass, stained glass, and privacy glass, adding visual appeal, and a unique artistic statement where you least expect. Different colors and multiple options in hardware styles and finishes allow the storm door to blend in with your exterior design, whether that's traditional and understated, or ultramodern and eye-catching.

Glass The type of glass you choose can maximize energy efficiency. Low emissivity (Low-E) glass doors, for example, have a thin, invisible coating that reduces infrared and ultraviolet light coming through the door glass. In winter, Low-E glass lets radiant heat pass through, but doesn't allow it to come back out, for a cozier interior. And in summer, it helps keep heat out. Low-E glass also features UV protection that can prevent fading of items



Consider a storm door for added efficiency.

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and snowmelt can produce

significant flows of water

over frozen and saturated

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Accessories can create additional functionality for your storm door. . Have a furry friend who needs regular outdoor access? Consider a doggie door so and go as they please. Some manufacturers offer this option in multiple sizes to fit your pet's needs. No streetside mailbox on your property? Add a mail slot to your storm door.

Other optional features, such as a piano hinge and bottom expander, and an easy release closer, can help your storm door operate more smoothly, while ensuring it's custom-fit to eliminate drafts.

Like many home elements, there's a lot to consider when selecting storm doors. By weighing your style preferences and security needs, and by determining what add-ons your household can benefit from, you can make a decision you won't regret.

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"In the winter, frozen soils limit the measures permit-

tees can take to reduce erosion. Without measures like seeding exposed areas or adding silt fences, permittees need a feasible and effective EPSC plan," said Tom Benoit, DEC construction section supervisor.

To learn more, interested parties may view the permit application instructions at www.bit.ly/CGP-Guide, or the Low Risk Site Handbook at www.bit.ly/SW-LRSH.

The DEC Stormwater Management Program oversees regulations. Contact Tom Benoit at 802-490-6164 Thomas.Benoit@Vermont.gov, or Taylor Flanagan at 802-490-6167 or Tay-





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