

Everyone Eats on track to distribute 400,000 meals –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vermont Everyone Eats organizers and area legislators gathered recently at one of the program's weekly distribution points to highlight the impact the Covid-relief program has made in the 12 weeks since Springfield Family Center and Chester Helping Hands launched Vermont Everyone Eats. In August, the Vermont Legislature provided \$5 million in CARES Act funding to create this program that engages restaurants to prepare meals for Vermonters hit by the pandemic.

"Just three months since funding was granted, Vermont Everyone Eats 'hubs' have launched in all 14 counties, engaging more than 100 Vermont restaurants and distributing meals at over 130 distribution sites," said Steve Geller, executive director of Southeastern Vermont Community Action, the agency overseeing the state-wide effort. "The Covid pandemic has inspired many of us to step up and take action. With Vermont Everyone Eats, SEV-CA saw an opportunity to help Vermonters in need by demonstrating our belief that poverty need not be a permanent condition, that people can be empowered to rise out of poverty, and that the strength of our communities is measured by the quality of life of everyone within them."

Advocates are celebrating the strategy of tying food assistance to local economic development. Restaurants have been hard hit as the pandemic has turned their world upside down. Vermont Everyone Eats is a restaurant and local farm-based stimulus that simultaneously increases the amount of meals available in a community. According to Springfield Family Center Executive Director Trisha Paradis, this is extremely



State legislators joined Springfield Family Center during their distribution of the Vermont Everyone Eats meals.

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important for Springfield, a region that experiences a significantly higher poverty rate than the state. "During the first six months of the pandemic, the Springfield Family Center distributed 1,145 food boxes serving 2,578 people cumulatively across our catchment areas and also provided 21,407 community meals. Springfield suffers from a poverty rate that is 103% higher than Vermont's average and 90% higher than national levels."

For Springfield Family Center, which has been providing food in the area for 49 years, VEE meals augment the food services they are already offer while simultaneously benefiting restaurants and farmers in their area. As of the end of October, the group had provided more than 16,000 VEE restaurant meals to area residents.

Everyone Eats meals are available through a variety of distribution channels, including food shelves, community meal sites, healthcare clinics, day care centers, and dedicated outdoor meal distribution hubs. Meals are coordinated at the community level by 16 community hubs, or collaborations, that have formed to initiate and manage the program.

To find a distribution site near you, go to www.vteveryoneeats.org and select Find A Meal. Vermonters can also download digital vouchers to be used in participating restaurants from the Vermont Everyone Eats Digital Voucher app, created by Localvore – a Vermont tech company. For information about Everyone Eats Digital Vouchers, visit www.localvorepassport.com/everyoneeats.

Currently, the program is funded through mid-December. "Across the state, we've built a significant and successful relief program in a matter of weeks. Vermonters never fail to rise when challenges loom large," said Sue Minter, executive director of Capstone Community Action and VEE partner. "We're calling for Congress to pass a stimulus bill to extend this needed help for our restaurants and hungry Vermonters. Winter is around the corner and with it, the growing need for food, heat, and economic security."

For more information, visit www.vteveryoneeats.org.

Trustees discuss rental housing ordinance —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Bellows Falls Trustees discussed the proposed Rental Housing Ordinance with Town Planner Chuck Wise.

Wise explained they were in the public involvement phase, meeting landlords and receiving comments through the website and making edits. He said most of the comments focused on a desire for balance between tenant rights and landlord rights. If passed, the ordinance would establish a process for inspecting rental housing.

In the past, Wise explained, they held public meetings, but this year input would need to be solicited differently. He said he would have to meet residents individually and Village President Deborah Wright recommended using Zoom. Wise agreed that established groups would utilize an online meeting, but for now he was available for public comments on an individual basis.

Wright asked when the language would change and Wise hoped the draft of the ordinance would be presented to the board by February 2021 and implemented July 1 in the next fiscal year.

Jeff Dunbar asked who else had been contacted for comments. Wise explained that during his onsite inspections individual landlords had been given copies of the draft. Dunbar wanted this to include the entire community to "make sure that we give everybody a voice and everybody knows that this is happening."

Wise said that for the Nuisance Ordinance, "It took us five months to collect input."

He explained that his intern was working on a summary for contractors and bulk mailing. He said that without receiving public input and community support past proposals were not adopted.

Dunbar was happy to hear that both landlords and tenants had clear roles and said, "Everybody has the same goals. Tenants want a safe environment to live in, but they also share the responsibility of maintaining property" to the level expected by landlords. "Both need to be held accountable."

Dunbar and Wright thanked Wise for his work on the draft. Wright said, "I do not think tenant issues are addressed appropriately... it's important that we're treating them as equals here in the process, so we can get compliance."

The Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House and all meetings are available online through Fact TV.

BF Police Department seeking Operation Elves donations —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Police Department is hosting our Operation Elves program this year. We wish to continue in the spirit of giving and supporting our local community, yet be as safe as possible. We have partnered with the Bellows Falls Opera House and will be providing pajamas and movie passes for area children.

BFPD is seeking donations of new pajamas for children, or we are accepting monetary donations and will happily do the shopping. We are accepting donations now. As applications are received, we will post what is needed on our Bellows Falls Police Department webpage. We tend to get more of our donations for infants and toddlers, but let's keep in mind sizes for older children – some may need adult sizes.

Please help this program and donate as you are able. Donations will need to be brought in by the first week of December. If you would



Bellows Falls Police Departments asks for pajama donations.

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prefer to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to Bellows Falls Police Department with memo of Operation Elves.

Anyone who wishes to participate in receiving gifts will need to fill out a very brief form with contact information, clothing size, and gender so that we can fill all requests. Forms will be available in person at the Police

Department, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or by phone during this time period. The deadline to apply is Dec. 1.

Pick up date will be Dec. 12. Due to Covid-19, we will have specific pick up time with only one person present to receive the gifts. More details will follow soon.

For more information, contact Renae at 802-463-1234.

Stone Soup fills Empty Bowls —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Calling up an old folktale about making something out of nothing, Our Place Drop-in Center has reconfigured its signature Empty Bowl fundraiser into a do-it-yourself event.

Instead of gathering to share soup donated by local chefs and restaurants, bid in live and silent auctions and take home a handcrafted bowl, would-be attendees are being invited to buy

a ticket and a bowl and pay to add items to an imaginary soup, all by mail.

The Stone Soup Supper is based on the story of a stranger who shows up in a village and asks for food and a place to sleep. When the wary villagers tell him they have little food, he draws them out by starting a soup with just a stone and musing on how good it would be with a cabbage and a few other vegetables added. Of course, with each one adding one item, they soon have a nutritious meal for everyone.

Our Place is hoping fond memories of prior Empty Bowl events will encourage former attendees to add to this year's imaginary stone soup and tempt others to get involved. "This would have been our 23rd Empty Bowl," said event organizer and OP board member Louise Luring, "but, of course, we can't hold it due to the pandemic."

The yearly event is one

of the food pantry's major fundraising events, so its loss will take a big bite out of the nonprofit's operating budget just when the numbers of those seeking groceries and meals are rising.

"Each year, we serve an average of 9,000 meals and provide 175,000 pounds of canned goods, produce, and other products to 130 families, plus deliveries of boxes of food to 34 homebound seniors," she said, "and we see that number increasing as other sources of aid decrease."

Anyone wishing to take part in the Stone Soup Supper can contact Our Place at 802-463-2217, ourplace@sover.net, or through its Facebook page.

Our Place is a daytime shelter and food pantry located at 4 Island St. whose mission is to offer help with food and other essential needs in a nonjudgmental, safe, and respectful atmosphere. It serves families in Rockingham and the surrounding area.



Participate in the Empty Bowl fundraiser and receive a bowl.

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Kurn Hattin Homes pumpkins display

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Nearly 600 pumpkins were used for a special display on Kurn Hattin Homes for Children's front lawn. Special thanks to Pete's Stand in Walpole, N.H. and LeClair Acres Farm Stand in Claremont, N.H. for their help. Kurn Hattin is here to welcome you home! Please honk or wave as you pass by.

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Springfield Elks new members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Last month, the Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 took in their biggest class in years with 12 new members. In November, they just initiated a bigger class of 13 new members, and since reopening from Covid-19 they have taken in 30 new members. Springfield Elks Exalted Ruler Ed Knoras is proudly seated in front. The Springfield lodge is the smallest in the state among 12 lodges, but they are growing with leaps and bounds. From left to right, front: Margaret Dwinell, Kimberly Scott, Paige Parker, Wendy Cannatta, Bonita Walker, and Abigail Carl. Back: Cindy Dumont, Richard Scott Jr., Aaron Streeter, Steven Green, Casey Green, Ron Carl, and Ronald Prouty.

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Parent Child Center donates to Springfield Skatepark

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Locals know about Friday and Sunday night Bingo at KJ's Place in North Springfield, but what many don't realize is that these weekly events are part of Springfield Area Parent Child Center's fundraising efforts for the greater community. A portion of the funds are gifted to local organizations with a mission that aligns with SAPCC's: building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers. When there was recent concern expressed regarding the safety of the popular but outdated skatepark located on the Riv-

erside Middle School grounds and maintained by the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department, SAPCC knew where their next donation would be going.

The Parks and Rec Department is bringing together a team of people who will work on prioritizing various skatepark repairs and improvements with a goal to begin the repairs next summer. Donations toward this effort can be sent to Springfield Community Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT, 05156. Call Andy or Keith at 802-885-2727 for more information.



SAPCC Executive Director Margot Holmes hands donation to Springfield Parks and Rec Director Andy Bladyka.

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Springfield Town Library expands services

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library has expanded its "Library of Things" collection and your library card is the ticket to them all.

Friends of Springfield Town Library continues to help the library's cardholders by purchasing passes for you to get dis-

counted or free admission to a variety of places – you can take a swim at Edgar May or visit Hildene. Visit www.springfield-townlibrary.org for information on all available passes. We thank our wonderful Friends group for their continual support of the library.

New to our circulating collection are items to help families stay safely entertained at home. There are 18 board games ready right now for check out. Thanks again to FOSTL for helping us grow this collection. Games that were previously only available for in-library use will soon be added. We also have a variety of electronic games, called launchpads, for children and adults. Take your pick and put

one or more on hold. Just call for an appointment to come in to browse, or we can meet you curbside or at our door.

In addition to the games, there are 50 jigsaw puzzles for your family to explore to stay busy all winter. Library staff have even put the picture of each puzzle in the online catalog so you can reserve the exact one you want.

Library patrons can borrow a small handheld moisture meter to test firewood at home to make sure it is dry enough to burn safely and efficiently. Burning firewood that has not been dried properly makes it more expensive to heat a home and causes poor air quality. You can do your part to keep Vermont's air clean by using the

moisture meter, provided by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and Vermont Department of Libraries.

Each month Adult Services Coordinator Tracey Craft plans a craft program. This month's mason jar lantern requires the use of a glue gun. The library now has 12 glue gun kits that can be borrowed, whether you are doing the craft with Tracey or just crafting on your own.

The Springfield Town Library will continue to expand the items available in its "Library of Things" collection. If you have a specific suggestion, please reach out to us. Call 802-885-3108 or email stlib@vermontel.net to share your thoughts.

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answered by becoming a member of the Budget Advisory Committee for the Springfield School District.

The process is about to begin and the board is now accepting applications. They are available on the district's website at www.ssdvt.org under Central Office-

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Dr. Moss Linder, Family Physician of the Year

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is proud to announce that Dr. Moss Linder has been chosen by his peers in the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians as the 2020 Family Physician of the Year.

Each year, VTAFP members select a family physician to honor who provides patients with compassionate, comprehensive, and caring family medicine on a continuing basis; is directly and effectively involved in community affairs and activities that enhance the quality of the community; and provides a credible role model professionally and personally to the community, to other health professionals, residents, and medical students.

A native of New London, Conn., Dr. Moss Linder earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and a Master of Science from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He received his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed a family medicine residency at Oregon Health Services University in Portland. Prior to joining Grace Cottage, he worked as a family physician on the Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Hospital in New Mexico.

Dr. Linder and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Linder, Grace Cottage's pediatrician, have both been employed at Grace Cottage since 1997. The Linders have three grown daughters and live in Townshend.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Happy birthday, Peregrine

The Mayflower arrived off the Massachusetts coast 400 years ago this month. Much has been written about the Pilgrims. I am a descendant of Peregrine White, as is Jeff Holden. Lonnie Lisai is a descendant of Resolved White, Peregrine's older brother. William White is our common ancestor.

Onboard the Mayflower was William and Susanna White and their son Resolved. Susanna was pregnant on the voyage. She gave birth to a son, Peregrine, Nov. 19, 1620. Peregrine was born onboard the Mayflower, as it lay anchored in Cape Cod harbor. This week is Peregrine's 400th birthday.

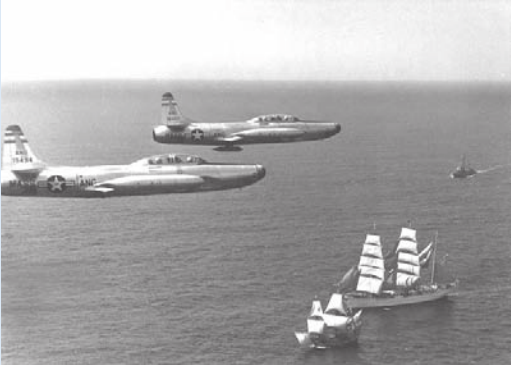
My source for this article is "Certain Comeovers" by Henry Howland Crapo, 1912. Crapo was a Mayflower descendant. Below are a few excerpts from his book:

"The supreme patent of nobility for us Old Colony folk is to have 'come over on the Mayflower.' I am of the blood of them who crossed the ocean in the Mayflower and encountered the wilderness and the savage in the winter of 1620. If luxury and ease come with their seductive whisper, he will reply: 'I am descended from the little company of whom more than half died before Spring, and of whom none went back to England.'"

"William White had a 'Breeches Bible' (printed in 1586-1588) given to him in Amsterdam where the Pilgrims tarried awhile, in 1608, and by memoranda on the fly leaves, still well preserved, it appears that he went to Leyden in 1609, and sailed from Delft Haven for Southampton in 1619, and 'from Plymouth in ye ship Mayflower ye 6th day of September, Anno Domini 1620.'"

"Nov. ye 9th came to the harbour called Cape Cod Harbour in ye dauntless ship.' Under date of November 19, 1620, is this entry: 'Sonne born to Susanna White yt six oclock in the morning.' The date of Peregrine White's birth as given by Bradford was December 10, 'new style.'"

"During that first tragic winter when more than half of the Mayflower's company perished, William White and his two servants died 'soon after landing.' The exact date of his death was March 12, 1621. His widow, Susanna, on May 12, 1621, married Mr. Edward Winslow, Jr., of Droitwich, Eng-



U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle greeting the Mayflower II. Photo by 104th Fighter Group, Massachusetts Air National Guard.

July, 22 Capt. Peregrine White of this town, Aged Eighty three years, and Eight Months; died the 20th Instant. He was vigorous and of a comly Aspect to the last; Was the Son of Mr. William White and Susanna his Wife; born on board the Mayflower."

Of course I'm proud of my Mayflower ancestry.

I'm equally proud of my Patch ancestors who arrived in the 1630s. But I've always believed whatever race or nationality you are, regardless how long you've been here, you should be equally proud of your ancestry. It's what makes us Americans.

The photo
"The two jets are Lockheed F-94B all-weather interceptors from the 104th Fighter Group at Westfield, Massachusetts. The smaller of the two sailing ships is the Mayflower II as it approaches Massachusetts from England in 1957. Mayflower II sailed from Devon, England on April 20, 1957 under the command of Alan Villiers, and arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts on June 22 of that year. The larger sailing vessel is likely the U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle in the process of greeting the Mayflower II. Photo credit: 104th Fighter Group, Massachusetts Air National Guard."

This history of Mayflower II and photo was provided by Tom Hildreth.

From my Mayflower family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

land, whose wife also had died after landing."

Jennie White of Belmont, Vt., married my great-grandfather Frank Patch of Weston. Jennie was a descendant of Peregrine White and my Mayflower lineage.

I'll be spending Thanksgiving with Henry this year. To celebrate Peregrine's 400th birthday I think I'll make Yorkshire pudding for Thanksgiving supper. A cut of venison would be appropriate. Venison gravy from the drippings, Yorkshire pudding, winter squash, and boiled onions would be a fare Peregrine would approve. I ask you to raise your glass to these hearty Pilgrims. I drink gin.

I don't hunt much anymore, but I do keep my rifle handy in case a buck comes out in my field. I haven't shot a deer in years so the possibility of having any venison seems pretty slim. I paid Kim Kendall a visit last week and told him what my table fare would be and why. Kim says in his Vermont drawl, "I might be able to beg, borrow, shame, or steal a hunk of venison for you."

Peregrine's obituary
The Boston Newsletter of Monday July 31, 1704, gives the following obituary: "Marshfield,

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Gov. Scott announces new Covid-19 mitigation measures

MONTPELIER, Vt. – To slow the spread of Covid-19 as cases and hospitalizations rise in Vermont and throughout the nation, Gov. Phil Scott has implemented several temporary limitations on social gatherings and business operations.

"We've had tremendous success thanks to the hard work of Vermonters, but we are at a pivotal moment," said Scott. "We have an opportunity right now to get our arms around this record growth and return to the case stability we've grown accustomed to, but we all have to step up and recommit to following all current health guidance and to limit our contacts as much as possible. At the same time, the state is actively expanding testing and contact tracing protocols, so we are even better positioned to hunt this virus down and stop it in its tracks."

To slow the spread, ensure hospitals are not overwhelmed, help schools continue to offer in-person instruction, and keep as many Vermonters working as possible, the state has targeted new mitigation strategies to address the areas that appear to be driving the spread. Since Oct. 1, 71% of the cases associated with an outbreak are associated with a private party or social gathering.

The following measures are effective as of Nov. 14, unless otherwise noted. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development will provide additional guidance as needed.

Public and private multi-household social gatherings prohibited

Attendance at all public and private social gatherings, indoor and outdoor, including social gatherings incidental to ceremonies, holiday gatherings, parties, and celebrations, shall be limited to participation with only members of a single household. Individuals who live alone may gather with members of their immediate family residing in a different household.

Restaurant hours and seating limits

Restaurants must close in-person dining at 10 p.m., but

may provide curbside and delivery service after 10 p.m. For in-person dining, restaurants must seat only one household per table, in accordance with existing capacity limits and the new restriction on multi-household gatherings.

Closure of bars and social clubs

Bars and social clubs will be closed for in-person service until further notice. Curbside and delivery service is allowed.

Pausing recreational sports

Youth and adult recreational sports activities, not related to Vermont Principals Association sanctioned school sports, are suspended until further notice.

Telework requirements

All businesses, nonprofits, and government entities shall reinstitute telework policies for all employees to the maximum extent possible. In-person meetings are strongly discouraged and should be held by telephone or videoconference whenever possible.

Contact tracing and testing requirements

All restaurants and other businesses hosting nonessential activities shall maintain a 30-day log of employee and guest names and contact information in case contact tracing is required by the Health Department. These individuals are consenting to be contacted by the Health Department Contact Tracing Team. Further, all Vermonters are directed to comply with requests made by the Contact Tracing Team. Finally, college students

returning home in Vermont, from in-state and out-of-state schools, shall quarantine for 14 days or seven days with a negative Covid-19 test and testing is strongly encouraged.

"We rely on data to guide each and every decision we make, and that data has shown us a clear picture of a rising tide that could have serious consequences," said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. "Whether it's friends or our own family members, we need to limit any social activities to our own households to protect all these people that we don't even know we've put at risk – where we work, where we learn, where people live in situations that make them more vulnerable. And we need to make these sacrifices now."

These steps add to actions taken over the last several days, including requiring quarantine for all non-essential out-of-state travel by Vermonters and for all travelers entering Vermont from another state; expanding testing opportunities for Vermonters; and increasing outreach to assess and encourage compliance with travel and gathering guidance. Gov. Scott has also directed the state's emergency response team to prepare to execute existing surge plans, including re-deploying field hospital sites as a precautionary measure.

Under Addendum 8 to the Amended and Restated Executive Order 01-20, Gov. Scott has also extended the State of Emergency to Dec. 15.



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Dear Editor,

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Also, I am extremely grateful to my dedicated team who helped make this victory possible. A special thanks goes out to those who generously contributed money and time, wrote

letters of support, and hosted lawn signs.

Thanks also to my opponent whom I enjoyed getting to know during the campaign. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

It is truly an honor to represent Windsor 3-1 District in the Legislature and engage in the challenging issues facing our state.

Our journey continues to a

better Vermont for all of us.

As always, I welcome any questions, opinions, thoughts, and concerns you may have on any legislative issue. You can contact me at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmbock@vermontel.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Rep. Tom Bock
Chester, Vt.

Availability of second round of EMBRACE grants

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action is pleased to announce a second round of available grants to distribute through its Economic Micro Business Recovery Assistance for the Covid-19 Epidemic program, known as EMBRACE. The Vermont Legislature's Joint Fiscal Committee has allocated an additional \$1 million in CARES Act funds to be distributed through the state's five community action agencies' micro business programs before the end of the calendar year.

Through the program, qualifying small businesses can apply for grants of between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Grants can be used to pay for a variety of purposes, and some examples include rent, websites that expand online business opportunity, etc. SEVCA distributed more than \$144,000 to 31 businesses in their first round of funding earlier this fall. "I think it's terrific that we've been so successful at helping very small business, micro business, many of whom are so small they really aren't eligible

for any of the federal programs," said Denise Mason, director of Economic Development at SEVCA.

To determine eligibility and apply for EMBRACE funding, go to www.mbdp.org. Questions may be directed to Denise Mason at dmason@sevca.org.

In accordance with our mission, SEVCA continues to provide services to support individuals and families with low incomes in Windham and Windsor counties, and these include a wide array of programs addressing immediate needs for housing, clothing, food, fuel and utilities, and other essentials, and more long-term needs like home weatherization, Head Start, small business development, Financial Fitness courses, matched savings plans, Ready for Work services, and tax preparation. SEVCA's Good Buy stores are open, and Head Start is accepting applications. Find out more at www.sevca.org, or call 1-800-464-9951.

Dear Editor,

I want to thank those of you who voted for me. This was a difficult year to challenge incumbent with the Covid factor making it difficult to campaign properly. Also there are now far too many people voting for people who keep pushing for a higher cost of living. I don't understand it, but that is now reality.

I am a little late with this because I've been watching with fascination the unfold-

ing presidential election drama. With hundreds, maybe thousands, of people coming forward giving sworn statements saying they witnessed fraud it sure makes our country look bad in the eyes of the world. The worst part about it is the media so willing to summarily dismiss the claims. At one point the media used to be the watchdog that kept the government honest as much as that is possible.

Anyway life goes on. I will try

and get a legislator or two to introduce my landlord and tenant protection bills, which would help lower the cost of residential rentals and protect tenants from having to live in substandard housing. That to me is a priority; now I'll have to see if I can find legislators who agree. I will let you know.

Sincerely,
Keith Stern
N. Springfield, Vt.

A book discussion on "Advice for Future Corpses"

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, from 5-6:30 p.m., Brattleboro Area Hospice will host a four-week book discussion group. The event will take place via Zoom and is open to Windham County residents. This event is free and open to the public. "Advice for Future Corpses" author Sallie Tisdale offers a thought provoking, yet practical perspective on death and dying informed by her many

years working as a nurse. With more than a decade in palliative care, she provides a frank, direct, and compassionate meditation on the inevitable.

The book discussion group will occur over four consecutive Mondays via Zoom. Space is limited. Please register by calling 802-257-0775 ext. 102 or emailing patty.dunn@brattleborohospice.org. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, BAH offers phone assistance as needed. Zoom re-

quires computer and internet accessibility.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides non-medical support to dying and grieving community members and volunteer-staffed assistance with Advance Care Planning. BAH is 100% locally funded, provides services free of charge, and is located at 191 Canal St. in Brattleboro. Visit www.brattleborohospice.org.

WOOL 91.5 announces online local gift card auction

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Area radio station WOOL 91.5 FM announces an online auction of gift cards and gift certificates from local business. The fundraiser will run from Nov. 21-29 on eBay. For a fraction of their value, bidders can win valuable gift cards at businesses they already support. Do-

ing so helps community radio, area commerce, and the bidders themselves.

The annual Black Sheep Radio Silent Auction is the principal fundraiser for the community radio station, but gatherings like these have become problematic during the pandemic. The WOOL 91.5 FM radio station will use the internet to bring the event to its listeners this year, who can find the online auction through the station's website at www.wool.fm/auction.

Bidding starts at 5 p.m. Nov. 21, and runs until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. This gives participants nine days to bid on the items, as opposed to the three-hour window of the station's customary auction.

"Every year our auction brings a major contribution to our operating costs," said WOOL President and area architect Bill Holtz. "We're happy to have found a safe and effective way to rally the troops. Our area businesses are great partners in this project. We should all be proud to support them with these purchases."

The community station, known also as Black Sheep Ra-

dio, broadcasts on 91.5 FM and on the web at www.wool.fm. It went on the air in 2005 and has remained a backbone for community organizations and local underwriters ever since. One of the most powerful independent community stations in America, WOOL began broadcasting in the first wave of community radio of the 21st century.

Run by volunteers and staffed by dozens of freelance radio producers, nonprofit Black Sheep Radio relies heavily on membership and fundraisers to cover its annual operating costs.

"We should all be thankful that we're able to have an independent and locally-controlled media outlet operating in our area," says longtime WOOL supporter Gary Smith. "In a media world that's hard to trust, it's good to know we have one programmed and curated by our neighbors and that we own in common."

Proceeds benefit Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company, the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that holds the license for WOOL 91.5 FM.

For further information, email feedback@blacksheepradio.org.

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Linda Hutt, 1963-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Linda Hutt, 57, was called home unexpectedly Monday evening, Nov. 9, 2020 at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H., surrounded by her loved ones.

Linda was a true Vermonter, living her life in Springfield and Windsor. Linda was a talented hairdresser and retail manager her whole adult life. She was respected and admired by clients and staff. She was patient and fair but also a tough cookie. Linda was a free spirit; she never judged and accepted everyone for who they were. Her generosity, loyalty, and witty personality were the corners of her character. She was a loving mother, partner, and friend to everyone she met. Linda made everyone feel welcome and everyone felt at home with her around.

Among Linda's greatest achievements were her two sons Nicholas Allen Laplante and River Austin Hutt. They were Linda's greatest joy and gave her overwhelming sense of pride. Linda was truly the matriarch of her family. She was responsible for keeping us all together. Her gatherings and backyard barbecues bring us some of our fondest memories. She was a fun-loving, self-proclaimed "wild woman."

She was born Sept. 9, 1963



Linda Hutt, 1963-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

in Springfield, the daughter of Richard Sr. and Sharon (Gibson) Laplante. She attended Springfield schools. Linda was predeceased by both of her parents Richard Sr. and Sharon Laplante, her eldest son Nicholas Laplante, and her lifelong partner Steven Lowell Hutt. Linda is survived by her youngest son River of Ascutney, step-daughter Ashley Brown and husband Noel Brown of Florida, brother Richard Laplante of Hartland, niece Casey Laplante of Springfield, and nephew Dylan Laplante of Ascutney.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

John H. Hurd, 1958-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – John H. Hurd, 62, passed away from a heart attack in his home in Central Village, Conn., Nov. 4, 2020. He was born Sept. 27, 1958 in Bellows Falls, Vt., to his father and mother John R. and Shirley Smith Hurd.

He graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School and continued his education

at Keene State College for two years. He became an electrician. He was self-employed. He spent 20 years in Florida and came back 10 years ago.

He leaves behind a son Jordan R. Hurd in California. He is predeceased by two brothers, Scott and David Hurd.

Services will be at the convenience of the family.

Virginia C. Maurelli, 1939-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Virginia C. Maurelli, 81, of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away peacefully at home under hospice care Nov. 10, 2020. She was born in Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 13 1939, to Giuseppe and Filomena (Battaglia) Maurelli.

She attended Buffalo State University where she earned her bachelor's degree. She went on to teach in Buffalo and Miami, Fla. She moved to Vermont in 1966. She was a long-time member of the Christian Family Circle Church in Westminster and actively involved with Camp Blessing. She was a social worker with the state of Vermont from 1976-2000. After retirement, she returned to teaching in Claremont, N.H. and the Hopi Mission School in Arizona. She will be remembered by all who met her for her generous spirit, faith, her smile, laughter, spunk, hospitality, and most importantly her love of family.

"You don't choose your family; they are God's gift to you as you are to them." Desmond Tutu.

In her last days she was embraced in love by both her given and chosen family. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for the outpouring amount of love, support, and prayers we have received during this journey.



Virginia C. Maurelli, 1939-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

She is preceded in death by her parents; her infant daughter Naomi; two brothers John and Joseph Maurelli; and two sisters Eva Hilderbrandt and Ruth Vastola. She leaves behind her lifelong companion Don Schweisthal; two daughters Lisa (Ted) Preister of North Dakota and Ruth (Robert) Kenney of Montana; two granddaughters Kayla Gilchrist and Helaena Preister; brother Louis (Mary Ann) Maurelli; sister Rebecca (Richard) Wegner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to the pandemic, a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial donations can be made in her honor to Camp Blessing at www.campblessing.com or to the American Cancer Society.

Daniel Wirta, 1953-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Daniel Wirta of Bellows Falls, Vt. passed away Nov. 10, 2020 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was born Oct. 31, 1953 in Newport, N.H., the son of Eino and Gertrude Wirta. After high school, he went on to be a master auto technician and was known as a "jack of all trades."

He could fix anything. He worked many jobs including Robertson Paper and Kelley Chrysler. On Dec. 30, 1978, he married Suzanne Denno at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls. He leaves behind his wife of 41 years; three sons Eric and his wife Jennifer, Daniel, and Dylan all of Bellows Falls, Vt., also his beloved mother-in-law Shirley Denno of Bellows Falls; two grandsons Corey Wirta and Edward McCormack; two sis-



Daniel Wirta, 1953-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

ters Marilyn Gobin of Newbury, N.H. and Charlene Worrada of Newport, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Eleanor Bemis, 1927-2020

ATHENS, Vt. – Eleanor Kingsley Bemis, 93, of Athens, Vt., died Nov. 11, 2020. Eleanor was born Jan. 5, 1927 in Hartland, Vt., to Cordelia Bayliss and Frank Kingsley. She was one of 12 children.

In 1957, she was married to Robert Bemis of Athens, Vt., where she became a lifelong resident. She was a hard worker and took pride in her job at the American Optical for over 30 years. In addition, she spent numerous years serving her community as an active member of the school board, justice of the peace, and several other positions.

Eleanor was known for her kind spirit and generosity in helping others. She enjoyed spending time with her friends of Charlestown and Bellows Falls senior centers; especially during band concerts, holiday bazaars, and seasonal turkey suppers. Her passion was baking, which earned her the title of "the Cookie Lady."

Eleanor is predeceased by her husband, parents, and 10 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son David Bemis of Athens, Vt., her two granddaughters Casey Martin and her husband



Eleanor Bemis, 1927-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Evan Martin of Westminster, Vt., and Sarah Bemis and her fiancé Douglas Somers of Newfane, Vt. She also leaves one great grandchild, Oakley Martin, her sister Katherine Morse, and many extended family, friends, and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Grace Cottage Hospital. She always supported the hospital and health clinic. She attended Grace Cottage Fair Day each year and was known for working bingo for many years.

Services are at the convenience of the family.

Marjorie J. Lambert, 1932-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Marjorie Joanne (Barr) Lambert passed away peacefully Nov. 4, 2020 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport, N.H. with her daughter by her side. Marjorie was born March 11, 1932 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter Edwin and Emma (Colston) Barr of Perkinsville, Vt. Marjorie grew up in Perkinsville and attended the one-room schoolhouse there. She graduated from Springfield High School, Class of 1950.

She met the love of her life, Roger Lambert, while working time study at Jones and Lamson in Springfield. They were married June 18, 1954 at the Perkinsville Community Church and settled in Claremont, N.H. where they started their family. In 1962 they relocated to North Springfield, Vt., when Idlenot Dairy moved operations there. Marjorie took a part-time job at the Grand Union in Springfield to "get Kathy through kindergarten." She loved the job, but she loved interacting with the customers more. She retired 30-plus years later.

Marjorie was a member of the North Springfield Baptist Church where she was the director of music for many years, active with the youth group, and served on the board of deacons.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter Kathryn and son-in-law Keith Devenger of Newport, N.H.; two grandchildren David DeMond of Concord, N.H. and Rowan DeMond and wife Jessica of Sunderland,



Marjorie J. Lambert, 1932-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mass.; one great-grandchild Ailish DeMond; nieces Elaine Wood and husband Brian of Ludlow, Vt., and Julie Barr and John Predom of Island Pond, Vt.; and nephews David Barr and wife Nancy of Bellevue, Neb., James Barr and wife Karen of Reading, Vt., and Thomas Barr of Proctorsville, Vt.

She was predeceased by her infant twin brother, her parents, her husband Roger Lambert, her daughter Marijane, her brothers and sisters-in-law Edwin (Chick) Barr Jr. and his wife Enid, Leon (Shorty) Barr and his wife Joan, and her niece Karen Yvette Barr.

The family would like to thank the staff at Woodlawn Care Center for their never-ending love and support.

There will be a celebration of life for Marj in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Springfield Baptist Church, P.O. Box 23, N. Springfield, VT 05150.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, 2 Legion Rd., Hartland, Vt.

Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter on Facebook at www.facebook.com/VOLChurch to receive weekly emails including the Zoom links for Sunday services.

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

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

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.

Sunday worship is outdoors on the back lawn at 10 a.m. Masks are required at all times while on St. Luke's property. If it's raining, the Morning Prayer is canceled. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org for more information.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks must be worn in the sanctuary and maintain a safe distance from others. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Church has reopened for Sunday and weekday masses: Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. For more information, go to www.okemovalleycatholicparishes.com or call 802-228-3451.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Sunday school and service at 11 a.m. are in person. Sunday evening worship is canceled. Mid-week prayer will continue over Zoom. For more information about social distancing guidelines, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

Sunday services are streamed online at 10 a.m. For more information, go to Facebook @SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services have resumed at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy via Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Pastor Duncan Hilton is leading outdoor worship services Sundays at 10 a.m. while the weather is agreeable. Cancellation due to rain will be posted on the church's website at www.stjohnswalpole.org. Bringing your own chair and mask will be helpful as our ushers seat every family group or individual six feet apart.

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- A 200-word submission will be a base price of \$50 with a charge of \$0.20 per word after
- A black and white photo is an additional \$10 charge
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Obituaries must be submitted to editor@vermontjournal.com by Monday 12 p.m. to be included in that week's Wednesday paper.


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Forest Service offers online Christmas tree permit

RUTLAND, Vt. – U.S. Forest Service officials in Vermont are welcoming the public to select and cut a Christmas tree on the Green Mountain National Forest with the purchase of a permit. For the first time, permits will now be available for purchase either online or in-person at a GMNF office. In support of the Every Kid Outdoors initiative, this year the Forest Service will provide all fourth and fifth grade students with a free Christmas tree voucher by registering at www.everykidoutdoors.gov. Fourth and fifth graders who register must pres-



A fully decorated Christmas tree harvested from the Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont.

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ent a printed voucher to redeem a Christmas tree permit.

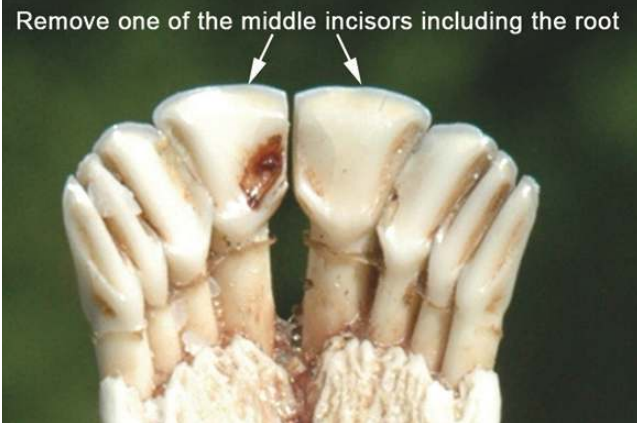
Trees may only be cut within designated areas as indicated in maps, and trees over 20 feet tall are not covered by the permit. The tree must be cut at a point no higher than 6 inches off the ground. Permit holders must remove all trash and litter resulting from their activities. This includes removing all woody debris from road surfaces, ditches, and culvert openings where cutting took place.

For more information, contact the Forest Supervisor's Office, 231 N. Main Street, in Rutland, at 802-747-6700; Manchester Ranger Station, 2538 Depot St., at 802-362-2307; or Rochester Ranger Station, 99 Ranger Rd., at 802-767-4261.

Hunters asked to help collect deer biological data

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking hunters for help in a statewide initiative to gather more biological data on the state's deer population. Hunters who get a deer during the Nov. 14-29 regular deer season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer.

Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from all regular season bucks in order to evaluate regional differences in ages and antler characteristics as well as to help estimate population size, growth rate, health, and mortality rates. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately deter-



Hunters who get a deer during the Nov. 14-29 regular deer season are asked to provide an incisor tooth from their deer.

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mine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish & Wildlife website next spring.

Tooth envelopes can be picked up at deer reporting stations by practicing social distancing and wearing a face covering. If you choose to report your deer online, you can still provide a tooth by dropping it off at a reporting

station by Nov. 30, or by mailing the tooth along with the date of kill, your name, and Conservation ID to Deer Project, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, 271 North Main Street, Suite 215, Rutland, VT 05701.

"Knowing the ages of harvested deer is critically important, and more information allows

us to make better management decisions," said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's deer project leader. "To produce accurate population estimates, and to better assess our current management strategies, we really need to get teeth from as many bucks as possible."

Fall wildlife foods are less abundant

REGION – Vermont Fish & Wildlife is reporting that several important fall foods for wildlife are less abundant this year. "Fish & Wildlife staff routinely survey mast stands around the state in late September and early October, and this year they are finding that beechnut counts are very low, following 2019 when the numbers were some of the highest recorded since 1998," said state wildlife biologist For-



Acorns are an important food source.

rest Hammond. "They also found little sign of deer, turkey, and bear feeding in the beech stands."

Hammond said that wild apples and berries are also less abundant than last year, but that in most areas of the state biologists report that acorns are more abundant than most other fall wildlife foods. He noted that wild turkeys, deer, bear, and grouse are concentrating their feeding more in oak stands this year.



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BY BILL MURPHY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

When any sports season begins, most teams dream of playing for a championship. They also most likely dream, if they can't play for a championship, of at least qualifying for the playoffs and making some noise along the way. Success brings good feeling, and athletics provide short periods of time that create lifetime memories.

During August of 2020, a couple of stories were developing in the area of the lower Connecticut River Valley. Athletes were preparing on their own, hoping to have a moment before snow flies, which could reward the hard work they were putting in. However, this year was different.

It was unlike any year, any area athlete ever encountered. Training during the summer always can present challenges. Do you take today off to go to the beach, just enjoy the nice day, or spend some extra time with friends? This year, it was

easier to succumb to such attractive alternatives because the athletes didn't know if they would even have a competitive season in the fall.

Then practices began, although they didn't commence until school began. Then, after a couple of weeks of practice, the games didn't begin as scheduled. The governor said things weren't safe enough to allow competition between schools. Athletes were likely wondering would this be like a repeat of the spring sports season when they didn't get to play at all.

Finally, during the closing days of September, everything was a go. The games began and the dreams were reloaded. Six weeks later, two separate success stories were on the platter. One was about an individual who already was scripting an outstanding resume to which she added more accolades. The other was about a team who captured its school's only state title ever in their sport and, although they fell short of repeating their dream, concluded



Abby Broadley looks at home out in front of the pack of runners from the start of the field at the Vermont State Meet of Cross Country Champions. PHOTO PROVIDED

their season with the best two-year resume the school has ever put together. That leaves us with two success stories and each is still in the making.

Bellows Falls Terriers' Abby Broadley has won the Vermont Division III State Cross Country Championship for the third straight year. She won top honors as a freshman, as a sophomore, and this year as a junior. In 2020, there was no New England Meet, thus the state cross country powers brought back the Meet of Champions with all the top runners squaring off regardless of division. Broadley

won that competition as well.

The Green Mountain boys' soccer team won the school's first Vermont Division III soccer championship one year ago. This year they enjoyed another strong fall season collecting an 11-2 record and then won three playoff games to reach the finals for the second year in a row – and the second time in school history. The Chieftains had four semifinal appearances on their all-time resume entering the 2019 season – 1998, 1995, 1990 and 1981 – but that was it.

This group of seniors, who

played their last game in a semifinal defeat at the hands of Peoples 1-0, should quickly shake off that defeat, knowing two finals appearances and a state title are a story dreams are made of, and theirs is actually really special.

Broadley isn't just a three-time state champion; she is undefeated in any Vermont Division III competition in her three years. Twice, she failed to win the prestigious Woods Run in Thetford, but that includes all divisions in Vermont as well as out-of-state competition. Twice she ran in the New Englands, finishing 67th as a freshman and 20th as a sophomore. Broadley saw a Vermont sophomore Ava Thurston place sixth in the New Englands a year ago. She focused on that and vowed to be ready when they met again.

Abby's coach Josh Ferenc admits winning is fun for Abby, but he says, "It's not the only thing. She always wants to run against Division I competition not to win but, more importantly, to see where she actually stands."

Ferenc says Broadley is "anxious, not nervous before a race. She really is good, but again, it's not just about winning. The goal is for the sport to be a lifetime activity." If the times cooperate, Ferenc hopes to have more elite challenges for Broadley and the team on the schedule in the fall of 2021.

Most observers pointed to a duel between Thurston and Broadley and maybe some Division I standouts in the Meet of Champions. Thurston competes for Division II Harwood. In the end it came down to the two contenders. Broadley was out in front and was determined to stay that way. She said, "I knew I had trained hard and my coach and I came up with a race plan. During the race, I had to shoot down negative thoughts and doubts that I had while listening to her breathing on my neck. I had to maintain my composure, ice out any doubts, and rely on pure determination to get me across the last 800 meters. This race was a

matter of persistence for me. I refused to give up."

It was an individual win and a great personal moment, but Broadley wanted to make sure the spotlight shining on her was shared. She noted, "My teammates also did super well, and I am very thankful for my coach who believes in me even on my dreariest days."

I wish we could tell you that Jake Walker's Green Mountain team won back-to-back titles, but not all successful stories end up in the winners' circle. Obviously, it becomes tougher to both swallow and process when a team comes close to its goal. A one-goal loss can be heart wrenching, but these Chieftains have that lone title under their belt and the only two semifinal victories in the school's history.

Walker said, "The team got together two or three times a week last summer to play and train. There were definitely times when we were all stressed about if we would have a season or not, but I told them that we needed to be ready and couldn't slack off because we knew in order to reach our goal of going to the state championship that we needed to make sure we were ready."

During the season their leader also noticed, "They were playing at such a high level. It was very high intensity, even in practice, that's something I demanded of them, and they responded well. I know they were dreaming about the state championship their whole careers, and I told them that it's good to dream, but if you dream your whole life, you'll never accomplish anything. You need to turn the dream into a reality, through hard work and that's what we did this year."

Many of these Chieftains still have another chance to keep the noise going next fall, but for the seniors, Walker says, "I think they understand how much of an impact they had on the program and helped steer it in the right direction. We want to be known as a program that produces good soccer players, winning seasons, and respectful student athletes."

Two successful stories, which both have chapters left to write. As I have said many times, stay tuned.

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The film was shot in Bellows Falls with a local crew and cast, starring KMO, Brownyn Sims, Collin Kimball, Tara Potter, Bryce Bridge, George Powers,

and Brooke Powers.

You can watch the film right now on FACT TV’s Facebook and YouTube. The film will air on FACT TV Sundays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 8 p.m. for cable TV subscribers. Comcast customers FACT TV is on channel 1076, and VTEL customers FACT TV is located on channel 172.

For more information, visit www.fact8.com.

Annual Weston Christmas Bazaar goes virtual

WESTON, Vt. – It’s as much a Vermont holiday tradition as the turkey: the annual Weston Christmas Bazaar. Over 60 vendors with fabulous Christmas gift ideas, all unique, all handmade, all packed into the Weston Playhouse just waiting for hoards of Christmas shoppers to descend on Black Friday. But if the words “hoards” and

“packed” stopped you dead in your tracks, then you understand completely. After 40 years, the Christmas Bazaar has given way to Covid-19 and cannot take place live and in-person at the playhouse this year.

But shoppers take heart. Even though the 2020 bazaar can’t be held in the playhouse, it will still be right on Facebook. So you can still “stop, drop, and shop” at home all the way up until Christmas.

Go on Facebook and look up the Weston Christmas Bazaar. All through December, your favorite vendors will be posting photos and videos of their wares along with their full contact information. You

can contact them directly to buy whatever you want or need. And if you “like” or “follow” the page, it will come straight to your feed. You will see something new and different every day until Christmas.

So this year when you wake up on Black Friday, just stay in your jammies, make yourself a turkey sandwich, climb into your favorite chair by the fire, and sign on to Facebook. All kinds of goodies will be waiting for shopping Santas everywhere. Not only will you still find the most unique Christmas gifts ever, but you’ll be supporting over 60 small Vermont businesses hit hard by the pandemic. Everybody wins!

Annual Putney Craft Tour goes virtual

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Putney Craft Tour, the oldest continuous craft tour in the country held during the long Thanksgiving Weekend, draws thousands to artisans’ studios to experience where art begins and purchase one of a kind works. This year the 42nd Putney Craft Tour will come straight into people’s homes, offering “tour-goers” the opportunity to shop and browse the collection virtually. This year’s online tour will feature 19 artisans, including glassblowers, potters, jewelers, weavers,

painters, woodworkers, artisan cheesemakers, and winemakers.

The virtual tour kicks off Friday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. and continues throughout the weekend until Sunday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. The tour’s website will be open for browsing in advance, but the artisans’ online stores will not be open until Friday morning. The tour has produced short videos of each the artists, which is a great way to engage with the artists, to discover their secrets, and to browse their collections. Several of the artists

will be available by appointment to share their work via a Zoom call.

Each year the tour also partners with Sandglass Theater and Next Stage Arts. This year is no different. Sandglass Theater artists Shoshana Bass and Jana Zeller will conduct an hour of puppet making for the whole family. During this free, online workshop, they will create a beautiful little shadow box and animate two-dimensional puppets on a screen. To participate go to their website for a materi-

als list. The workshop will be available at www.sandglass-theater.org.

Several of the Putney Craft Tour artists will also open their Vermont studios to visitors with set appointments. Please go to www.putney-crafts.com for more information.

Before planning a visit to Vermont, visitors are encouraged to go to www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/traveling-vermont.

Annual ‘Twas the Night event offers fun family gift boxes

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Area Parent Child Center and friends have been working very hard to stay safe while coordinating a new way to bring the community their annual holiday fundraiser, ‘Twas the Night. The creator of the event, Carrie Jewell, is working with Kyla White, choreographer and owner of Dreamz in Motion Dance & Performance Center, to produce “‘Twas the Night: A New Experience!”

This will be a pre-recorded video performance by local talent for all to enjoy free of charge. The video will air Dec. 7 on YouTube. To accompany the online performance, people are encouraged to purchase one or more of the 300 Holiday Gift Boxes on sale at www.sapcc-vt.org, through the Facebook event, or by calling 802-886-

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All proceeds will benefit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. SAPCC is still looking for businesses to sponsor the event or to provide a flyer in the family boxes detailing your

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Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 12th day of November, 2020. William Goodwin, Zoning Administrator

**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW BOARD (VIA ZOOM)**

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:15 PM on Monday December 14, 2020 at 3096 Green Mountain Turnpike and a Public Hearing the same day at 6:00 PM via Zoom from the Town Hall for a Preliminary Plat of a Minor Re-Subdivision application (#560).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Jeffrey Holden Real Estate Trust
APPLICANT: Jeff Holden
LOCATION: 3096 Green Mountain Turnpike
DISTRICT: Residential 40 (R40)

ACTION REQUESTED: Re-subdivide tax parcel 58-50-19.5, and the portion of tax parcel 58-50-19.8 that is on the east side of Green Mountain Turnpike into 3 lots. Lot 3 will be 7.95 acres, Lot 4 will be 17.88 acres and Lot 5 will be 5.27 acres.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the Town of Chester home page: www.chestervt.gov.

For the Development Review Board
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Grace Cottage hosts flu shot clinic, food drive

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health will be offering a flu vaccine clinic Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended; please call 802-365-4331. You do not need to be an established patient at Grace Cottage in order to participate. Masks are required, and anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Those who come for a flu shot Nov. 21 are also invited to donate to a food drive for the Townshend Food Shelf. If you can, bring a canned good or other non-perishable item, and a representative of the food shelf will collect items.

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

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 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 available to Grace Cottage patients weekdays by appointment. Call 802-365-4331.

Grace Cottage Family Health is located at 185 Grafton Rd. in Townshend.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Springfield, Vermont
Resolution To Terminate
The Town Manager**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Vermont State Statutes, 24 App. V.S.A. ch. 149, § 31, the Town Manager, the Springfield Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing to consider the Resolution to terminate the Town Manager and to provide opportunity for Steve Neratko to appear and present evidence as to why such Resolution should not be approved.

The Selectboard will meet via ZOOM on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm to consider testimony and take action.

Town of Springfield
Selectboard

**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW BOARD (VIA ZOOM)**

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit near 906 Vermont Route 103 North at 3:45 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020 and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on the same day via Zoom from the Town Hall for a Preliminary Plat of a Minor Sub-Division application (#561).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Hannah and Russell Monier
APPLICANT: Hannah and Russell Monier
LOCATION: 791 Trebo Road
DISTRICT: Residential 120 (R120)

ACTION REQUESTED: Subdivide parcel 29-20-11.100, 79.24 acres, into Lot 2 with 72.61 acres, Lot 3 with 3.28 acres and Lot 4 of 3.35 acres. A 50-foot right of way from Route 103 North provides access.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Link to the Zoom meeting will be on the Town of Chester home page: www.chestervt.gov.

For the Development Review Board
Catherine A. Hasbrouck
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
cathy.hasbrouck@chestervt.gov

**Select Board
Administrative Assistant**

Part time position assisting the Town of Mount Holly Select Board with day-to-day operations to include: reviewing and responding to mail, email, phone calls; reviewing and preparing invoices and staff time sheets for payment; preparing and posting meeting agendas and minutes; posting notices; researching issues and grant opportunities; maintaining files and documents. Flexible weekdays and hours, 20-40 hours per month. Proficiency with computers and Microsoft Word, Excel and email required. Compensation dependent upon experience. Additional information at: mounthollyvt.org/announcements-bulletin-board/appointments-openings/

Please send resume to Town of Mount Holly Select Board, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 or email to mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled. The Town of Mount Holly is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Springfield Development Review Board will meet both remotely on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 to hear the following applications:

- Application 202063 (Parcel 01A-1-51) Christopher Hall for a Conditional Use (Section 5.2) and Home Occupation Review (Section 3.23) to establish a home occupation for small engine repair in an accessory building. The property is located at 153 Main Street and is zoned Medium Density Residential.
- Application 202065 (Parcel 021-1-06) Rene Johnson to appeal Zoning Administrator's notice of violation (Section 6.1). The property is located at 19 Highland Circle and is zoned RA-5.
- Application 202066 (Parcel 026-4-01) Black River Innovation Campus for a Conditional Use (Section 5.2); Site Plan (Section 5.3) and Downtown Design Review (Section 5.4) to convert school into commercial office/residential use. The property is located at 60 Park Street and is zoned Commercial Business/Downtown Design Control Overlay District

To access the Zoom remote meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84780191880> - Use Meeting ID: 847 8019 1880. For One tap mobile, dial: +13017158592,87124767516# US; and for home phone, dial +1 301 715 8592

Good Friends Campaign

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group are once again teaming up with Douglas Cuddle Toys to raise money to benefit a local nonprofit. This year's nonprofit is Monadnock Understands Childhood Hunger.

Throughout the holiday season, SBW branches will serve as point-of-sale locations, selling stuffed animals generously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys. MUCH receives 100% of the sale proceeds and uses the funds to help the community and those in need. This year's warm and fuzzy fundraising ambassadors include Arco Llama, Janis Owl, and Twinkle Seal.

"The Good Friends campaign is an annual event that all of us at SBW look forward to each year, especially this year when most traditional events didn't happen. It's another way to showcase our community's local spirit and commitment to help others," says Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole. "Raising money for a local nonprofit like MUCH is important because the proceeds enable them to provide food and a number of related resources that help children and families in our community. Of course, the campaign wouldn't be possible without the generous donation of stuffed animals and all the effort of everyone at Douglas Cuddle Toys, as well as the participation of KNE-FM and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group."


For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com or call 603-352-1822.

FOLA cancels 2020 movies

LUDLOW, Vt. – With the dramatically increasing rate of Covid-19 in Vermont, coupled with the governor's new announcement on social gatherings, FOLA has decided to cancel scheduled movies in the Heald Auditorium of Ludlow's Town Hall for the "foreseeable future."

In making this announcement, Scott Stearns, FOLA chairman, noted, "After considering Gov. Scott's strong action regarding social gatherings, and discussing the matter with key town officials as well as FOLA Board members, it is obvious that this is the correct action to take to protect area residents and visitors."


Stearns indicated that the matter would be periodically reviewed but felt that it would definitely be in effect through the end of January at a minimum.

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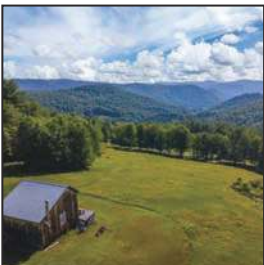
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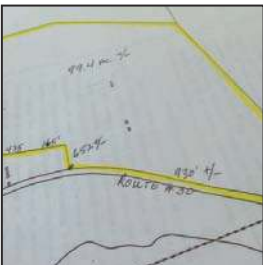
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It's all in the details. This 10,000+- square foot office building is accessibly located on Route 106 in Springfield. Includes move-in ready office space with elevator. Multiple heat sources and a/c units for comfort, low pile and flat surface floors for ease of mobility, multiple bathrooms, large break room/kitchen, standing seam roof, paved parking lot with 73+- parking spaces. **JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$199,900**

This 10+ acre piece of land is located on an accessible country road in Weathersfield, Vermont. Includes a driveway in and a clearing for the house. Also includes permits for septic, conduit from road to clearing for utilities. Situated on the VAST trail for snowmobile access. Views into New Hampshire with clearing. A nice neighborhood and priced right. **\$69,900**



Commercial opportunity on Route 106 in North Springfield offers a highly visible/accessable location. Building offers close to 9000 square feet of office/storage space with ample parking on close to 1 acre of land. Currently used as a medical office with storage. **\$365,000**

Located near Route 11 West in Windham, This Saltbox Style home is situated on 2.34+- acres with long road frontage and Williams River Branch to the rear one gets the sense of accessible privacy. The home has been well cared for inside and out, bright interior includes a heated mudroom/entry, spacious functional country kitchen, formal dining room, Large living room, first floor office/bedroom and a full bath. Upstairs offers two large bedrooms, full bath and a walk-in hall closet. Large useable full basement, attached garage with overhead storage. A nice level yard with beautiful stone fireplace/sitting area with close proximity to outdoor activities and points of interest. **\$299,900**

Located on the outside corner of an established North Springfield neighborhood, this lovely two bedroom ranch style home is a charmer. A good sized eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, spacious/sunny living room and full bath. Executive layout gives it character with beautiful hardwood floors, archways and built-ins. The walk-out basement has high ceilings and offers great storage space. Breezeway connects to an oversized one car garage. Nice level side yard. **Just \$129,900.**

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

NOV. 25-
WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Walpole Post Office. There will also be other baked goods.

NOV. 26-29 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain School will host a virtual Trot-It-Off 5K this year due to Covid-19. The run/walk will take place in a location of your choosing over Thanksgiving weekend. Please complete your run between Thursday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 29. Proceeds go to the OMS Scholarship Fund.

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-19 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 St. Charles Education Center located at 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible.

WEDNESDAYS –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Advanced directives: Where do I find the

forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I’m unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at

10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email don.freeman@

brattleborohospice.org.

Check our website, www.okemomountainschool.org/skiswap to view and purchase inventory. All items will be prepaid through the online store and received by pickup with an appointment only. All sales benefit the

Okemo Mountain School.

Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN POSITIONS**

Springfield School District has openings for:
**Instructional Assistants
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Custodians
Teacher/Paraeducator Substitutes**

Successful candidates will be required to complete orientation and background check processes. The District has a comprehensive and competitive salary and benefit package. To apply for one or more positions, go to SchoolSpring.com or contact the Human Resource office at (802) 885-5127. EOE

**NOTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT
PLAN AVAILABILITY**

Date: November 2020
TO: Parents, teachers, employees, other personnel or their guardians.
FROM: Springfield School District
Rick Pembroke, CFO
60 Park Street
Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-5120

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 [g] [4]) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Springfield High School	303 South St.	885-7900
Riverside Middle School	13 Fairground Rd.	885-8490
River Valley Tech Ctr.	307 South St.	885-8300

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2019-2020 tax year remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Thomas C. Bivona, Jr. and Diana M. Bivona by Warranty Deed of Andrew Minicucci and Jenifer Minicucci, dated June 5, 2015 and recorded on June 10, 2015 in Book 87 at page 303 fo the Mount Holly Land Records. (E911 address: 509 Steward Road N; Parcel ID #07G1167.01)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 7th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 29th day of October, 2020.

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

NOTICE TO SPRINGFIELD VOTERS

Absentee Ballots for the Special Town School District Meeting being held Tuesday, December 8, 2020 are available by request.

In an effort to keep you, election officials and the community safe in this COVID-19 environment, please consider voting through the absentee ballot process.

If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office as soon as possible, in writing, by phone, email or request your ballot online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov/> and we will send you your ballot. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk at the polls by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Your completed, sealed and signed certificate envelope containing your absentee ballot can be dropped off at town hall by depositing it through the mail slot located in the brown door at the top of the outside stairs, depositing it in the mail, or returning it in person Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Entry for in-person drop return is through the Main Street entrance. Facial covering is required, as is a Covid-19 screening.

The polls are located at Riverside Middle School in the gymnasium and will open on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC
96 Main Street
Springfield, Vermont 05156
(802) 885-2104
tosclerk@vermontel.net

**HELP WANTED
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
MECHANIC
Full-Time – Permanent Position**

The Town of Springfield, VT is seeking a Mechanic for the Springfield Public Works Department. Responsible for assisting the Chief Mechanic with major maintenance, routine maintenance on town vehicles, and the repair of all the Public Works and Town owned vehicles and equipment. This position reports to the Chief Mechanic, however the Mechanic generally works independently on assigned tasks. The Chief Mechanic determines the repair work program in coordination with the mechanic and other division heads. The Mechanic is a secondary resource for other employees in the routine operation and maintenance of municipal vehicles.

In depth knowledge of standards, practices and tools of the Mechanic’s trade, operating principles of gasoline and diesel engines, repair methods used on a variety of light and heavy mechanical equipment, ability to diagnose and locate defects in automotive and other equipment, weld gas and arc equipment, and experience as a journeyman mechanic or equivalent in training and experience. A High School Diploma or GED or graduation from a vocational school or the equivalent in education and experience, Certification to perform State of Vermont Motor Vehicle Inspections, a valid State Motor Vehicle Operator’s License, a valid Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), Level B required, Level A preferred and an understanding of job safety, a record of safe performance, an established record of good work habits including punctuality, dependability and being able to follow directions. A salary range of \$17.91 to \$24.82 per union depending on experience. This is a non-exempt union position with benefits. Apply at the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, (802) 885-2104. Applications may also be downloaded from the Town’s website <https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. E.O.E.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Mount Holly, in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2019-2020 tax year remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Casey Hodge by Warranty Deed of Dola Holland and John Holland, dated September 3, 2013 and recorded on September 9, 2013 in Book 84 at Page 322 of the Mount Holly Land Records. (E911 address: 49 Belmont Road; Parcel ID #06F5133.00.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Mount Holly Office, a public place located at 50 School Street in Mount Holly, Vermont, on the 7th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 29th day of October, 2020.

Peter Perrino, Town of Mount Holly Delinquent Tax Collector

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**ONE (1)
10,500 MINIMUM GVW ¾ TON HEAVY DUTY
CREW CAB
4X4 PICKUP TRUCK**

The Town of Springfield Vermont is accepting sealed bids for the above referenced equipment.

Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Jeffery F. Strong, Public Works Director at dpwjeff@vermontel.net or 802-886-2059. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Bid-2021 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck”.

Bid Submission: Bids can be mailed or hand delivered to:
Town Manager
“Bid-2021 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck”
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Bid Deadline: Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Bid Opening: Immediately following deadline

The Town of Springfield, Vermont reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed in the best interest to the Town of Springfield. The Town of Springfield also reserves the right to make any modifications in any bid if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Springfield as well as the right to waive any formality.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Springfield, Vermont
Alteration of Ruusenen Road**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Vermont State Statutes, Title 19, Chapter 7. Laying Out, Discontinuing and Reclassifying Highways, Section 709, the Springfield Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing to hear from persons interested in the partial altering and reclassification of Town Highway #84, commonly referred to as Ruusenen Road.

The portion of Ruusenen Road to be altered commences at the intersection of the centerline of Ruusenen Road with the centerline of Jordan Road and then proceeds westerly 3,888 feet more or less along the centerline of Ruusenen Road to a point located S 16° 38’ W and 26.5’ from the rebar marking the southeast corner of lands now or formerly of John Kassey and the southwest corner of lands now or formerly of Wild Trails Farm, LLC, northerly of Ruusenen Road.

The location of the proposed relocated Ruusenen Road is depicted on a survey entitled “Ruusenen Road Proposed Discontinued Trail & Proposed Alternate Trail”, dated July 2020, last revised November 3, 2020.

The Selectboard will meet via ZOOM on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm to consider testimony and take action.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214763074>

Meeting ID: 872 1476 3074

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Copies of the proposed petition and survey may be picked up at the Town Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday or on the Town’s Website.

Town of Springfield
Selectboard

**SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

WARNING

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Road, in the Town of Springfield, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, between the hours of eight o’clock (8:00) in the morning (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o’clock (7:00) in the evening (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall bonds or notes of the Springfield Town School District in an amount not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making energy efficiency improvements to the District’s elementary, middle and high school buildings, the estimated cost of such improvements being Ten Million Four Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$10,404,346)?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District are further warned and notified that informational meetings will be held for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed school building improvements and the financing thereof as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	6:00 p.m.	60 Park Street, Auditorium https://youtu.be/TIDZwAtBmtM
Thursday, December 3, 2020	7:00 p.m.	60 Park Street, Auditorium https://meet.google.com/mgs-ztbc-gup

The legal voters of the Springfield Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Springfield Town School District held on November 2, 2020. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Springfield Town School District on November 4, 2020.

School Board Director, Chair

School Board Director, Vice-Chair

School Board Director

School Board Director

School Board Director

District Clerk

AARP Fraud Watch Network: Medicare fraud

REGION – Several medical facilities, including the University of Vermont Health Network, recently experienced cyber attacks focusing on the patient portal containing personal information. Given the nature of these cyber attacks, it is reasonable to believe that the data in these computer systems also was compromised.

We are in the middle of the Medicare Open Enrollment period and the nonstop advertising on television proves the high-stakes nature of this. The Medicare open enrollment window is open until Dec. 15, 2020. This means you can enroll in an insurance plan or change your current plan to a supplemental or an advantage plan.

It is also a time for scammers! Before making any changes,

conduct research into what plan is best for you and be sure that a plan offered to you is registered and promoted by a registered agent. There are numerous restrictions placed on providers that limit the kind of contact they can use. Contact from providers with which you do not have a relationship is prohibited.

In 2019, at least \$60 billion was lost to Medicare fraud and additional unnecessary costs were the result of errors. Medicare fraud basically occurs across the system: medical care, telemedicine, home healthcare, hospice care, diagnostic testing, transportation, and prescription drugs.

Criminals see Medicare as an easy target given that there are nearly 50 million beneficiaries. Identifying the potential victim is easy since virtually all citizens

over the age of 65 are in the pool. Scammers target seniors in numerous ways. Impersonators use phone calls and emails to extract personal information such as Medicare and Social Security account numbers, family information, and more. The information is then used to commit theft from the victim through phony credit cards, loans, and bank accounts. The data is also used to steal from the system by filing fraudulent benefit claims. While this crime does not take money directly out of the pockets of individuals, it indirectly steals from people of all ages and places stress on the entitlement system for seniors.

Social media is yet another platform for fraud. Messaging is used to promote false claims related to products or treatments, which sets the stage for identity theft and monetary losses.

Impersonators make threats stating that there were missed payments or fees which, if not paid, will result in termination of benefits. All the victim needs to do is purchase some gift cards and read the card number to someone on the phone in order to resolve the problem. A third scheme involves approaching beneficiaries with offers of “free” medical equipment or services such as motorized wheel chairs, braces, home health checks, or

diabetic services.

Avoiding Medicare scams is not easy but it is possible through skepticism and vigilance, and here are some key red flags: Medicare – and Social Security – will not call or email you demanding information or money and clearly no state or federal agency would ask for payment with gift cards; legitimate medical providers will not contact you promoting “limited availability” offers; if you are offered a “just discovered” cure or vaccine know that such a discovery will be announced in public media, not via a personal phone call or email message.

If you find yourself, a family

member, or a person you know is either a target or a victim of Medicare fraud, report it to your state Senior Medicare Patrol: New Hampshire 866-634-9412 or Vermont 888-865-2683. You can also report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Questions, concerns, comments? Contact me at egreenblott@aarp.org.

Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, Mr. Scammer, distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, Vt.


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Where the living is easy



REGION – Large-scale data breaches have become more frequent – a byproduct of living in an increasingly digital world. During the first six months of 2019, the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit organization whose mission includes broadening public awareness of data breaches and identity theft, had already tracked 713 data breaches, with more than 39 million records exposed. Once a breach has occurred, the “aftershocks” can last for years as cyber thieves exploit stolen information.

Get the facts

Most states have enacted legislation requiring notification of data breaches involving personal information. However, requirements vary. If you are notified that your personal information has been compromised as the result of a data breach, read through the notification carefully. Make sure you understand what information was exposed or stolen. Basic information like your name or address being exposed is troubling enough, but extremely sensitive data such as financial account numbers and Social Security numbers is signif-

icantly more concerning. Also, understand what the company is doing to deal with the issue and how you can take advantage of any assistance being offered.

Even if you don’t receive a notification that your data has been compromised, take precautions.

Be vigilant

Although you can’t stop wide-scale data breaches, you can take steps to protect yourself. If there’s even a chance that some of your personal information may have been exposed, make these precautions a priority.

- Change and strengthen passwords. Create strong passwords, at least eight characters long, using a combination of lower- and upper-case letters, numbers, and symbols, and don’t use the same password for multiple accounts.
- Consider using two-step authentication when available. Two-step authentication, which may involve using a text or email code in addition to your password, provides an extra layer of protection.
- Monitor your accounts. Notify your financial institution immediately if you see any suspicious activity. Early notification not only can stop a potential thief but may help limit any financial liability.
- Check your credit reports periodically. You’re entitled to a free copy of your credit report from

each of the three national credit reporting agencies every 12 months. You can get additional information and request your credit reports at www.annualcreditreport.com.

- Consider signing up for a credit monitoring service. It’s not uncommon for a company that has suffered a data breach to provide free access to a credit monitoring service. As the name implies, this service tracks your credit files and alerts you to changes in activity, such as new accounts being opened or an address change.
- Minimize information sharing. Beware of any requests for information, whether received in an email, a letter, or a phone call. Criminals may try to leverage stolen information to trick you into providing even more valuable data. Never provide your Social Security number without being absolutely certain who you are dealing with and why the information is needed.

Fraud alerts and credit freezes

If you suspect that you’re a victim of identity theft or fraud, consider a fraud alert or credit freeze.

A fraud alert requires creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending any existing credit or issuing new credit in your name. To request a fraud alert, you have to contact one of

the three major credit reporting bureaus. Once you have placed a fraud alert on your credit report with one of the bureaus, your fraud alert request will be passed along to the two remaining bureaus.

A credit freeze prevents new credit and accounts from being opened in your name. Once you obtain a credit freeze, creditors won’t be allowed to access your credit report and therefore cannot offer new credit. This helps prevent identity thieves from applying for credit or opening fraudulent accounts in your name.

To place a credit freeze on your credit report, you must contact each credit reporting bureau separately. Keep in mind that a credit freeze is permanent and stays on your credit report until you unfreeze it. If you want to apply for credit with a new financial institution in the future, open a new bank account, apply for a job, or rent an apartment, you’ll need to “unlock” or “thaw” the credit freeze with all three credit reporting bureaus. Each credit bureau has its own authentication process for unlocking the freeze.

Recovery plans

The Federal Trade Commission has an online tool that enables you to report identity theft and to actually generate a personal recovery plan. Once your personal recovery plan is prepared, you’ll be able to implement the plan using forms and letters that are created just for you. You’ll also be able to track your progress. For more information, visit www.identitytheft.gov.

Article written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

There is still time to hear better for the holidays!



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802-265-6160

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