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Okemo Valley Regional Chamber’s marketing efforts bring high visibility to our area

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has put the state’s new Recovery Marketing Grant to good use, successfully raising \$40,000 to help spotlight activities and businesses in the region, resulting in high-end and far reaching exposure for our area. The grant was achieved in partnership with grant applicants in Weston, Chester, Londonderry, and Ludlow.

As part of this effort, during this past weekend New England outdoor enthusiast media company, Explore New England, filmed winter outdoor activities in our surrounding area as part of an hour-long episode they will produce, which will air on

NESN this summer.

The small ENE crew, including host and producer Tom Richardson and camera man Matt Rissell, toured Magic Mountain to feature the history, amenities, and benefits of a smaller mountain; experienced fat tire mountain biking on the snowy trails at Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center; learned the intricacies of ice fishing from guide Matt Trombly on Echo Lake; enjoyed the comfortable hospitality and delicious food at Echo Lake Inn; and rode the VAST trail network throughout the Chester area and beyond with the Chester Snowmobile Club.

ENE’s use of handheld cameras, drone footage, up-close interviews, and live demonstrations of these atypical winter activities help “inspire folks to



Camera man Matt Rissell and host Tom Richardson from Explore New England film ice fishing guide Matt Trombly.

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bring the family outdoors,” according to host Tom Richard-

son. Activities they feature on their series span throughout the

New England region and are easily enjoyed by families of all fitness levels.

Under the guidance of technical advisor Lynn Barrett, who is publisher of Vermont Arts & Living Magazine and was hired by the chamber to oversee the grant, this widespread marketing project also includes the chamber’s website overhaul; landing pages on the Visit New England, and Explore New England websites; Yankee Magazine digital and print ads; Boston. com digital ads; postcard mailing to second homeowners; a regional map featuring restaurants, retail, lodging, and attractions; a variety of social media posts including organic and paid efforts; and online shopping spree giveaways.

For more information on

Explore New England, visit their website at www.Explore-NewEngland.tv or check out their Explore New England YouTube Channel or Facebook page.

Ice fishing guide Matt Trombly can be found at www.3rdAlarmCharters.com. Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center information can be found at www.graftoninnvermont.com/grafton-trails. For information on Magic Mountain, visit www.magicmtn.com. Visit the newly updated website of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce at www.YourPlaceInVermont.com. For information on Echo Lake Inn, visit www.echolakeinn.com. Details on the Chester Snowmobile Club can be found at www.vtv-ast.org.

Chester outlines details on the town’s upcoming informational meeting

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard meeting Feb. 3 was short and sweet, coming in at just over half an hour, covering details on how the town’s upcoming informational meeting will work, along with other mostly “housekeeping” items.

According to Chester’s Assistant Town Clerk Amie O’Brien, postcards have been mailed out to the town’s registered voters.

The postcards includes reminders for the town’s informational meeting to be held Monday, March 1 at 6 p.m. and only available via Zoom. The meeting ID information along with a meeting passcode were provided on the card and are also available on the town’s website.

Ballots will be printed and ready by Wednesday, Feb. 10 and the town report will be available Friday, Feb. 12. If residents prefer to mail in their ballots, they can pick them up at

the town office or they can be mailed. The town report will also be available on the town website.

Town Manager Julie Hance will prepare a PowerPoint presentation to help guide meeting participants through the budget and the many town articles up for vote. Town Moderator Bill Dakin will lead the discussion, as he would normally.

Hance cautioned that meeting participants “will need to be patient.” As questions arise,

residents will need to electronically raise their hands, be recognized, and given a chance to speak, which will take longer than holding the meeting in person.

Polls will be open at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for voting on all town meeting articles and electing town officers. The Green Mountain Unified School District ballot for voting on the budget and school directors will be included, as well as

the River Valley Technical Center ballot. Same day registration will also be available.

Public safety building is now about 60% complete with the walls roughed in and sheet rock going up.

The fund balance policy and reserve fund policy updates will be delayed while Hance pursues information on capital reserve funds. Based on her research, the town may decide to establish a Capital Reserve Fund versus a Reserve Fund.

The board provided the Chester Community Greenhouse Project Committee a letter of support to help them in their efforts to attract funding and become eligible for grants.

In “housekeeping” efforts, the board approved the Certificate of Highway Mileage and the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal.

Chester Selectboard’s next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. via Zoom or at the Town Hall.

Wilder Memorial Library adds library content streaming service Hoopla Digital

WESTON, Vt. – Wilder Memorial Library announces today that popular on-demand film streaming service Hoopla Digital is now available to patrons. Library cardholders can access over 850,000 titles, including audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music, movies, and TV. Content can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Hoopla Digital app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku. Each patron can borrow and download up to four items per month.

“We strive to be a valuable resource for our community,” says Jessica Clapp, library director with Wilder Memorial Library. “With a wide variety of books, movies, TV shows, and music, Hoopla offers something for

everyone. Hoopla is easy to use, fast, and, best of all, there are no wait times or holds on even the most popular titles. I hope our patrons love finding old favorites and discovering new gems on Hoopla.”

Hoopla allows instant access to all content without waiting lists or holds. Another advantage is that the Hoopla app allows patrons to download these albums, movies, or books to a smartphone or tablet computer so that users can watch, listen, or read them later without Internet access.

“This service has become a reality thanks to the generous donors who have helped the library go above and beyond to meet the needs of the community,” says Clapp. “I am deeply grateful for the support we receive.”

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The Hoopla Digital collection includes fan favorite movies, newly released albums, New York Times bestselling titles, and exclusive STEAM educational content to enhance each user’s experience.

For more information, please visit www.wilder-memoriallibrary.org.

Thank You BRSU School Board Members

SUNDERLAND, Vt. – Serving as a school board member can be a thankless undertaking. The hours take you away from your family. The issues sometimes can put you at odds with your friends and neighbors. Financial reward? Forget about it. Despite what may sound like an unappealing package, residents of our community step forward each year to serve on the school board. They are committed to the public education of our children and to their communities. And we are so very fortunate that they do.

To acknowledge the importance of this work and honor these amazing people, the Vermont Legislature passed a resolution making January School Board Recognition Month. “This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed

by school board members,” said Sue Ceglowski, executive director of the Vermont School Boards Association.

Perhaps no one appreciates the contributions of school board members more than Randi Lowe, first year superintendent of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. “They have been the wind in my sails,” Lowe says. “From my first day on the job in the midst of the pandemic, they have offered the constant guidance and support that keeps me going. I never feel alone.”

Lowe should know. At the BRSU, she works with four separate school boards. Three district boards – Winhall School Board; Mettawee School Board, serving Pawlet and Rupert; and the Taconic & Green Regional School Board for the communities of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mount Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston. A limited number of members

from each district board serve on Lowe’s fourth jurisdiction, the BRSU School Board.

“What I love is that the members are a diverse group with different perspectives on the role of education,” she says. “They come from different communities and backgrounds, but they share a common commitment to put students and families at the center of every decision.”

Covid-19 has raised multiple challenges and difficulties during Lowe’s first year on the job: navigating the vagaries of in-person and remote learning, maintaining the health and safety of students and staff, responding to the biological whims of this unpredictable virus, maintaining equity for all kids, and delivering an education that prepares the children for the future.

“At all times, the deliberations of all four boards have

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Kindergarten registration at Flood Brook School

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Parents of children who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2021 should register their child for kindergarten March 8-12.

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2021 and live in the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, or a tuitioning town, please plan on emailing Flood Brook School at aalford@brsu.org or tgreene@brsu.org between March 8 and 12, 2021 to register them for the kindergarten class of 2021-2022. Please have available your child's birth certificate, immunization record, most recent physical exam, and proof of residency (lease or deed) to send to us. You will also be given instructions on how to register your child for kindergarten once you have initiated contact with the school.

The Flood Brook School is a K-8, 300-capacity school located in the heart of ski country in Southwestern Vermont, which primarily serves the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston. Flood Brook School is part of the Taconic and Green Regional School District. At Flood Brook School we challenge ourselves to be lifelong learners, to practice respect, and to value community.



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Weston local named to Dean's List at Endicott College

BEVERLY, Mass. – Andrew Smith of Weston, Vt., is among those named to the Dean's List at Endicott College for the fall 2020 semester. Smith is majoring in criminal justice and is the son of Lynn Smith and Steve Smith.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Tree of Remembrance Okemo Valley Women's Club

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Tree of Remembrance campaign will soon be coming to a close. We thank all who have contributed. The funds support our scholarship fund, which is given to a deserving senior from Mount Holly, Ludlow, Cavendish, or Proctorville. The scholarship is for a student who will be attending a trade school, nursing school, or a two-year college.

Send donations to Fran Derlinga, P.O. Box 229, Plymouth, VT 05056. Make checks payable to GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club with a list of names you would like remembered.

The following are a list names to date: Ed and Mary Agustasgus, Autovino family, Adam Autovino, Joseph Autovino, Salvadore Autovino, Helen Ballard, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Harley and Ida Bragg, Harold and May Bragg, Peter Connor, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Roy Davis, Roy and Leta Davis, Thomas and Frances Dempsie, Deluca family, Derlinga family, Richard Dodd, Maurice Doucette, Suzette Durgin, Elsie and John Geberth Sr., Donald Giery, Elaine Garland, Stan and Ethel Grandfield, Brenda Gregory, Carmine Gunica, Nick Gulli, Doug Haskell, Leta Hudgings, Brian Hodgeman, Charlie Hughes, Pat Liao, Anna and William Luhrs, Irene and Joseph Lorrain, Donna Imler, Jack Kemp,

Olive Kingsbury, Tina Koye, George and Violet Matulonis, Iggy Matulonis, Don Moore, Mary Moore, Aaron W. McNabb, George and Rose MacIntynre, Russell Maimone, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. McLean Sr., Eben and Clara Merrill family, Anna McKinney, Judson and Virginia Nelson, Ernest and Melba Noll, Emma Noll, Peter Noyes, Lana Parks, Ellen Parrish, Sandra Prokop, Gary Pollendar, Gardner and Laura Ripley, Leon and Mary Shabott, Allyn and Helen Seward, Kelley Sanderson, George Shaw, Bernard and Shirley Snow, Deryl Stowell, Dan Sullivan, Carl Trick, Marilyn Trick, Terri Tabshay, Paul and Pauline Tyler, Parents of Andrea Whitman, and VanTassel family.

Our Bake & Appetizer sale scheduled for Feb. 12, has been canceled.

South Windsor County forester discusses EAB

LUDLOW, Vt. – A recent Zoom meeting of the Regional EAB Resource Committee featured a comprehensive presentation by Hannah Dallas, the Southern Windsor County forester.

Her discussion centered on the current status of EAB in the area and steps public and private landowners can take to deal with the crisis. Dallas stressed the need for local governments to understand the nature of the crisis and the need to inventory public lands and right-of-ways. She emphasized the need for planning at the local level since the burden of dealing with the EAB infestation will lie with local governments for public properties.

She also emphasized the need for private property owners with ash trees to anticipate the need to examine their trees for traces of EAB. Dallas noted that she was prepared to offer assistance to them in determining what course of action they should take in dealing with any EAB infestation on their properties.

The entire presentation has been recorded by Okemo Valley TV and may be seen on its website at www.okemovalley.tv/regional-emerald-ash-borer-resource-cmte. REREC Chairman Ralph Pace indicated he would also be available to help landowners at 802-228-7239.



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been thoughtful, with members always respectful of each other's positions," says Lowe. "They have placed a priority on equity as we build budgets during the pandemic that meet our safety and educational goals and respect the taxpayers. It's an honor for me to work with these people."



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

Carp says

Carpenter's was a clothing store where Medtrina is today. Here is an article from the April 1934 Carpenter's Store News.

"THE TAX SITCH-ER-ATION AT LAST TOWN MEETING.

"Moderator: We will now take up Art. 15. The question is – shall we pay all of our taxes another year? If so, how much, when and how?

"Si Prime: Mr. Moderator. I move we pay what we can, when we can, less 4%, same as last year.

"Mod. Will the Town Clerk inform us if that was the method used last year?

"T.C. Yes. Practically speaking.

"Leading citizen. Fellow citizens and Countrymen: These are hard times and we must make it as easy as possible for the tax-payer. I would amend the motion so that taxes could be paid in installments, [one-third] Sept. 1 less 4%, [one-third] Nov. 1 less 3%, [one-third] Jan. 1 less 2%.

"Si Prime. That's what I said, pay just as we did last year, less 4%.

"Hen Higgins and three others, red in the face and all out of breath: Mr. Moderator!!!

"Mod. Mr. Higgins has the floor. Go ahead Hen.

"Hen Higgins: I want to amend the motion so to relieve the tax-payer as was intended by the legislature, That is, allow Sep.1, Nov.1, Dec.1. That's the way the law reads and the way it was construed by the Tax Commissioner. We have got to have more relief!

"Voice from back of hall: I seen by the town report, them that didn't pay got relief to the tune of \$6400; them that did got relieved of \$37,000. What's the matter with that for relief?

"Mod. (banging table with length of gas pipe)



Carp's sketch with the bank story.
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GENTLEMEN: COME TO ORDER!!!

"S.P. I insist on my original motion, less 4%.

"Mod. As I understand it the motion is: to pay taxes Sep.1, Nov.1, Jan1, or when, as and if possible, less 4% on what is paid and 100% discount on what is not. Is that perfectly clear to all?

"S.P. O.K. Just as it was last year.

"Mod. Anything more to be said? Are you ready for the question? All in favor say, AYE. The AYE's have it.

"A quartette made up of the Town Clerk and Three Selectmen then sang the following dirge to the tune of John Brown's Body, after which Town Meeting was adjourned.

"The lives of poor men oft remind us,/ Hard working men don't stand a chance;/ The more we work there grows behind us,/ Bigger patches on our pants./ On our pants, once new and glossy,/ Now are stripes of different hue,/ All because our workers linger,/ And don't pay taxes what others due./ Let us all be up and doing,/ Pay your tax, however small,/ Or, when next winter's snow shall smite us,/ We shall have no pants at all."

Undated Carpenter's Store News

It would date to the 1930s.

"Ye bankers of olden time loved their soft raiment and fine linen even as today took great pride in their personal appearance, including the chic boutonniere, during business hours.

"However, styles change for conservative folks like bankers, though much against their will, for they must meet new conditions with modern and appropriate apparel. Daylight holdup and robbery of two Vermont banks now make these precautions imperative.

"We have just taken an order from one of the most progressive banks in this locality for a complete wardrobe of protective clothing for the entire force.

"The men will wear head-gear of the steel visored helmet type, fitted at the forehead with a small but powerful bulb from which may be shot a death-dealing red ray, with which to permanently quiet a stick-up man or a would be borrower. This ray is released by simply gnashing the teeth. It may be done involuntarily as when a spasm of fear passes through the system upon looking into the business end of a gun or when sad news is received that the overdue interest cannot be paid until next week.

"The chain vest is a beautiful creation, being carefully made to measure of many bright colored metal rings and is worn as an outer garment. This is bullet proof and, though rather heavy, is quite pliable when kept dry inside and out. On damp cold days the room temperature must be kept up to 70, otherwise these chain vests may freeze solid and render the bank officials more rigid than ever. This seems to be the only weak point in the new deal..."

This week's old saying:
"Keep a thing seven years and it will sort of do."

Grace Cottage administering Covid-19 vaccines

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is now a Covid-19 vaccination site. Vermonters age 75-plus can sign up to get their first dose at Grace Cottage by going to the Vermont Department of Health Covid-19 online at www.vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration or by calling 855-722-7878.

So far, the following dates have been announced for vaccines at Grace Cottage: Wednesday, Feb. 10; Thursday, Feb. 11; Wednesday, Feb. 17; and Wednesday, Feb. 21. All appointments must be made through the Vermont Department of Health's registration system.

A Valentine's Day partnership

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions has partnered with Bellows Falls Central School, Cavendish Elementary School, Chester-Andover Elementary School, and Green Mountain Union High School to produce approximately 300 cards that will be distributed by the Meals on Wheels Programs of Bellows Falls, Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, and Springfield.

The schools have been wonderfully receptive to having students create valentines for the aging Vermonters who are homebound. The children have made a positive impact on some very lonely adults during this difficult Covid-19 period. A special thanks goes out to all the teachers and administrators who contributed their energy, ideas, and inspiration to this effort, as well as all the students who participated.



Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients.
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Nongame Wildlife Tax Check-off

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermonters interested in conserving wildlife should donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form this year, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The fund helps protect some of Vermont's most threatened wildlife such as bald eagles, lake sturgeon, spruce grouse, and Indiana bats.

Donations are leveraged by matching federal grants, meaning that a \$35 donation can help secure up to another \$65 in federal funds for wildlife conservation in Vermont.

"The Nongame Check-off donations, along with hunting, fishing, and trapping license revenue, have helped recovery efforts for Vermont's peregrine falcons, loons, ospreys, bald eagles, American martens, Indiana and northern long-eared bats, spiny softshell turtles, and other species," said Director of Wildlife Mark Scott. **"We are also supporting surveys of Vermont's pollinators so we can determine their conservation needs and manage our Wildlife Management Areas for their benefit."**

"The common loon, osprey, and peregrine falcon are no longer endangered species in Vermont due to management that continues to benefit those species, and we hope the bald eagle can be removed from Vermont's endangered species list in the near future."

Steve Parren and other fish and wildlife biologists manage nongame wildlife projects for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Their work is diverse and includes mammals, birds, turtles, fish, frogs, bees, freshwater muskies, and plants, as well as the habitats and natural communities they need.

"The Nongame Wildlife Fund has helped some of our great wildlife success stories in Vermont," said Parren. **"Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of Vermonters, we are restoring many of the iconic species of our Green Mountain State."**



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opinion

Dear Editor,

I am writing you today to share my support for the Springfield, Vt. School Budget that goes to vote March 2, 2021.

The budget that goes to the voters March 2 is a reduction in educational spending of 2.34%. A lot of effort has been made by our staff, board, and budget

committee. Folks in many cases divided up and met with each individual school to ensure we are putting forth the right budget. A large amount of time reviewing and fine-tuning this budget has been given. This budget will allow us to meet the needs of our students. Reductions have been

made where possible. The biggest increase in this budget is healthcare costs. Our healthcare agreements are now negotiated statewide in Montpelier. While I celebrate a reduction in our tax rate, I do want to point out that part of this reduction are funds not spent last year because of

Covid-19. I do not expect us to see reductions becoming a common thing in years to come.

In Springfield, and I believe in much of our state, it is very important that we carefully reshape our districts in a way that will reduce costs everywhere possible; however, done in a way that does not take away from the quality education we are providing our students.

As you may have heard or will hear, we did make a 0.5 teacher position reduction to music, art, and PE at Springfield High School. We do this at the recommendation of our administration and I do believe it is the right thing to do. These reductions do not eliminate these areas of education, but instead slim down the number of classes we are offering each day in these classes. At Springfield High School we are moving from two full-time art and PE teachers to 1.5. In music, we are moving from one full-time teacher to 0.5. I completely believe these classes are of utmost importance to the successful education of all our children. Our current enrollments in these classes simply cannot support the current staffing, and this is why I have gone along with the reductions. If enrollments and

needs change in a future year, I would support increasing the three 0.5 positions to something greater.

We have been working to redesign our district to both protect and improve our kids' education while also protecting our citizens from increased tax burden. We will continue to work diligently to align things so we can make further improvements while also minimizing any additional burden on the taxpayer in the year(s) to come.

You will also see on the ballot that we are asking voters to approve the creation of a Budget Stabilization Fund and to fund it with \$400,000, which is part of the surplus from last year. Again, for the most part, this surplus we had was because of monies not spent last year. There were many scenarios where it was decided not to make certain purchases or saw a reduction in operational expenses because it was so unclear what hidden expenses we may incur as we worked through Covid last year and prepared for our current year. I do believe by creating and funding the stabilization fund, taxpayers will be shielded from the year-to-year ups and downs.

I'll give you an example of a closer-to-home explanation to

help you understand why we are looking to create this fund. Amongst other reasons, because of state and federal grants, mandates, and funding changes in our schools, we can easily find financials hard to keep predictable and steady. Can you imagine if your employer said, "For the next year we're going to pay you \$10 more per hour but just for this next year, then the following year we'll reduce your hourly rate by \$20 per hour," so the extra monies paid can be recouped by your employer. We would all be excited to be bringing in more money. However, when our hourly rate went down \$20 per hour, we would not be so excited. Many folks would have become use to living off the higher rate and would have a hard time managing monthly finances. This stabilization fund will help us to keep tax rates steadier and not pass on big increases or decreases to the tax payer year over year.

I ask you to support our budget to ensure we can continue to be a strong district and give our kids the education they deserve.

Sincerely,
Michael Griffin
Springfield School Board Director

Dear Editor,

My name is Troy Palmer, and I am seeking reelection for one



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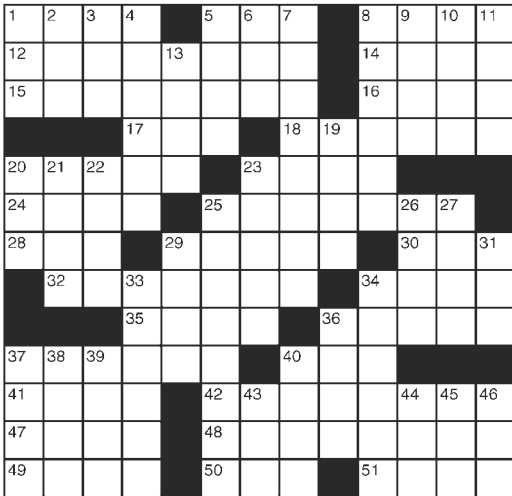
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obituaries

Larry E. Snide, 1938-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Larry E. Snide, 82, passed away unexpectedly at his home Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. He was born Sept. 1, 1938 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Harvey S. and Sarah P. (Chase) Snide. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, Class of 1957. He also attended Bentley Business School in Boston.

In 1979 he married Judith A. (Smith) Snide. She predeceased him July 24, 2020. Larry was employed at the A&P Grocery Store in Springfield from 1954 to 1967, E.R. Wiggins Builders from 1967 to 1976, and as a manager with LaValley Building Supply from August 1976 until his retirement in February 2008. He enjoyed hunting, dancing, gardening, and maintaining his home.

He is survived by four sons Danny Snide, James Snide, Roger Snide, and Mark Snide; three stepsons Scott Snide, Bradley Snide, and Kevin Snide; one sister Patricia Hardy; 16 grandchildren Christopher, Angela, Tiffany, Tracy, Jessica, Justin, Jenna, Jacqueline, Natasha, Steven, Jason, Brad Jr., Samantha, Nichole, Tyson, and Conner; 12 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren; also by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by



Larry E. Snide, 1938-2021.
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his parents, three brothers Frederick, Paul, and Robert, and by one sister Dorothy Stearns.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate. Friends may call at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral service in the Walpole Village New Cemetery in Walpole, N.H.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Burton L. Frizzell, 1929-2021

CHESTER, Vt. – Burton “Buster” L. Frizzell, 91, of Chester and Lemington, Vt., passed away at the Bayonet Point Medical Center in New Port Richey, Fla. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021.

He was born April 5, 1929, in Canaan, Vt., and was known by many as the man with a twinkle in his eye. He was the eldest son of the late Burton L. and Miriam (Hooper) Frizzell. He graduated from Colebrook Academy in 1948 and went on to graduate from McAllister School of Embalming in 1950. He also served in the Army during the Korean War from 1950-1954 as a sergeant.

He owned and operated the Adams and Hastings Funeral Homes in Chester, Vt. and Ludlow, Vt. He and his wife Betty owned and operated Snow Cats Inc. in Chester, Vt. He was a former president of the Vermont Funeral Directors Association, former president and member of the Chester Rotary. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, also the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Masonic Lodge, as well as the Chester Rod & Gun Club, and the Chester Snowmobile Club.

As an avid outdoorsman, Buster enjoyed many different types of activities and sports. He had a true passion for hunting and, as the oldest brother of five, he mentored many family members and friends on the skills involved. He also enjoyed playing tennis, basketball, baseball, and sparring in the boxing ring. Other passions of Buster’s included flying his Cessna airplane as a private pilot (handle: “Sky King”) and racing snowmobiles that he had built and modified for competition.

Buster is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years Betty (Noyes) Frizzell of Chester and Lemington; his daughter Karen Hammond and late husband Hugh “Chick” Hammond, his daughter Kathryn Frizzell-DeRosia and husband Mark DeRosia, his daughter Jennifer Frizzell-Shubelka and husband



Burton L. Frizzell, 1929-2021.
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Mark Shubelka; twin brothers Barry (Beverly) Jenkins of Colebrook and Brian Jenkins of Kents Hill, Maine; grandchildren Burton “BJ” Thurber (Heather), Mark Thurber, Jessie DeRosia (Chris Pratt), Dr. Alexandra DeRosia (Briland Fisher), Justin Shubelka, and Morrigan Shubelka, Rebecca Anderson (Jake); great-grandchildren Cody Thurber, Keaton Thurber, Pierce, and Graham Anderson, and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by three brothers Richard and Donald Frizzell and Terrance Jenkins, his mother Miriam Frizzell Jenkins, father Burton Frizzell, and stepfather Ralph Jenkins.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer St., Springfield, Vt., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, from 2-4 p.m. A graveside interment service with military honors will be held later in 2021 in the Colebrook Village Cemetery of which notice will be given. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Frizzell may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, www.wounded-warriorproject.org, or charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, N.H. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with local arrangements.

Dexter B. Lockwood Jr., 2021

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Dexter B. Lockwood, 83, passed away at his home Jan. 29, 2021 with his wife by his side. Dexter was born in Springfield, Vt., the son of Dexter and Alice (Ross) Lockwood. He graduated from Springfield High School in the Class of 1956. Shortly thereafter, he entered the U.S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Arcadia.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he went on to additional training at WER Industrial and became an electrical technician, traveling the eastern United States. He also worked for Fellows Gear Shaper of Springfield, setting up and maintaining the machines manufactured by Fellows. He later worked for North American Bitruder in Springfield, The National Survey in Chester, Vt., Best Western Motel, and H&R Block in Ludlow, Vt.

Dexter served as a lister for the town of Cavendish and for 25 years was a member and chairman of the Prudential Committee of Cavendish Fire District No. 1 – the Proctorsville Fire Dept.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he married Roberta Lamphere in Springfield, Vt.

They had two daughters, Beverly and Margaret. They divorced in the ’80s; and in 1988, he married Evelyn Davis Miele in Cavendish, Vt. He passed away after 32 years of marriage to Evelyn in the home they had built together.

Dexter is survived by his wife Evelyn; his daughters Beverly Damon (Chris) of Rowlette, Texas, and Margaret Blanchard of Springfield; stepdaughter Kathleen Osgood of Kingston, N.Y.; grandchildren Daniel and David Sipayboun of Rowlette, Texas, Melody Williams and Christopher Petelle of Springfield, Vt.; a great-granddaughter Bella of Texas; brother-in-law Albert Davis and Roxie of Proctorsville; sister-in-law Irene Wood of Chester, Vt.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by the many friends he met as a “friend of Bill’s” for over 37 years as a member of AA. He was predeceased by his brother Bill and his sister Eris.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department or to the Ludlow Ambulance Service in Ludlow, Vt.

Deborah A. Strong, 1956-2021

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Deborah A. Strong, 64, passed away Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Dec. 30, 1956 in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Ralph and Leona (Covey) Stockman. She attended Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt.

Deborah enjoyed gardening, bird watching, cooking, baking, and home decorating.

She is survived by her children Errin Strong of Rutland, Kimberly Scott of Perkinsville, and

Christopher Strong of Chester; companion Randy Stocker of Cavendish; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers Mike Stockman, Victor Stockman, and Clyde Stockman; six sisters Donna Nickerson, Kathy Roberts, Bonnie Morris, Joanie Foster, Lori Turco, and Janet Smith; and also by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Ralph and Leona.

At her request there will be no services. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Dear Editor,

I am running for one of the two seats on the Springfield School Board. I recently decided to run because I care very much for the children of this town. How we educate, fund, and support our youth is pivotal to a strong Springfield community. The district’s mission to provide students with effective academic and social-emotional learning in a positive culture is happening. We are on the right track and like anything that is all encompassing, it takes time to see results. I also understand that taxpayers need their hard-earned money spent in the most fiscally sound

way and that a strong, funded school system with supported teachers will bring new families.

I have recently retired from teaching for 31 years, 27 of those years were at Riverside Middle School. I am married to Andy, the Parks & Rec Director, and we have two grandchildren at Elm Hill and Union Street. I feel my journey with the district is not quite over. I hope you’ll consider me a viable candidate to write-in. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pollyanna Bladyk
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Given all that the Vermont Department of Labor has experienced with processing the vast numbers of Covid Unemployment claims, it was very discouraging to have the VDOL face a significant data security breach early last week. VDOL had mailed out about half of the 1099G tax forms only to discover that of the 90,000 forms mailed, about 55,000 were incorrect, subjecting approximately 44,800 people to having their identities compromised. A significant number of people discovered that their names were mismatched with social security numbers and addresses.

The VDOL has issued a mass recall of these 1099G tax documents. If you are one of the people affected, you should have already received an email from the VDOL outlining steps to take immediately: 1. If your name, address, or social security numbers do not match – save the tax forms and a pre-stamped return envelope will be sent to you this week in which to return the 1099G; 2. Freeze your credit accounts; 3. A 1099G hotline has been established in the VDOL’s Claim-

ant Assistance Call Center at 1-877-214-3332 to answer questions; 4. VDOL will be offering credit monitoring services at no charge to protect those claimants whose identity may have been compromised. They are currently exploring these options and will be in touch ASAP with how to enroll; and 5. All of the affected UI claimants will be receiving a new, clearly marked 1099G form as soon as possible. The VDOL website has a new Frequently Asked Questions document and the link to that is www.labor.vermont.gov/document/1099-incident-faq-2521.

There is a robust investigation now underway. It is clear the data somehow got jumbled between it having been verified at VDOL and the printing and mailing of the 1099Gs. The Legislature and the Administration are focused on how to fix the problem going forward, improving quality control, and making sure it doesn’t happen again. Action plans are in place to recapture the 1099Gs, protect the claimants, and reissue new 1099Gs. We cannot afford to have this happen again.

On a different topic, last

week the Senate voted to support Senate Resolution 6 and reject Executive Order 02-21, which aimed to reorganize Act 250 Natural Resources Board and District Commissions. Our only option was to approve or reject the order as executive orders may not be altered in any way. This order made significant changes to the Act 250 review process without the benefit of any input from the public or the Legislature.

There is work to be done updating Act 250, but the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Senate felt that would best be done with full legislative scrutiny. The committee was concerned about the unintended consequences and the budget increases assumed in this EO. There is precedent for the Senate’s action. Several years ago, the Legislature rejected the EO, which merged the Departments of Liquor and Lottery. Instead, the Legislature accomplished

the same goal but after thoughtful review with input from all stakeholders. The Legislature expects to bring forward a bill which updates many aspects of Act 250, but only after the Legislature has had the opportunity to review the complex issues involved, consider the recommendations of the Act 250 Commission, and its research and analysis, and go through the productive work of a full legislative committee process.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which are being debated now, those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – What a lovely surprise to get a personal note, card, or letter in the mail. Brighten someone’s day by surprising them with a written visit from you. Gallery at the VAULT has dozens of imaginative notecards and postcards. Send a colorful postcard by Tim Campbell, cards with flowers by Dan O’Donnell or Robert O’Brien, animals by Joanna Alix or Sarah Waite, photographs by Richard Cofrancesco to name a few. We’ve also made up some free packets of blank cards that include decorations for you to add. This is a great project for all ages to take, make, and

send. We miss not having our annual chocolate tasting. This year we do have free Lake Champlain Chocolates placed around the gallery for you to find when you visit. Please do consider giving Gallery at the VAULT a little love by making a donation. VAULT is also pleased to offer a fun collage workshop with Angie Follensbee-Hall via Zoom Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m. Create a simple collage and mixed media picture that tells a story about someone or something that has meaning in your life. This collage can help us to envision our direc-

tion or journey. It includes meditation, journaling, simple collage instruction, and final reflection. This workshop is available to everyone from the beginner to the experienced and is suitable for ages 7 to adult. Children under 7 will need a parent’s help. A materials list will be provided at the gallery or via email. Angie is providing links on the list for ease of purchase of materials. Many items can be found at home or your local hardware store.



Take and make cards from the VAULT. PHOTO PROVIDED

Please call, email, or come into VAULT to register. Registration needs to be by Friday, Feb. 19 so that

Angie can prepare. She will email link before the meeting. Come in to Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Order online at www.galleryvault.org. You can also order and pay online or by phone and we’ll arrange a convenient curbside pick-up time. Looking for a special gift? Email galleryvault@vermontel.net or call 802-885-7111.

Springfield Community Players presents “Check Please!”—

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in 2018 in the production of “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” and again in 2019 for the productions of “The Drowsy Chaperone” and the original production of “Hotel Anonymous” written by Andrew Freeman. Tickets are sold per household and can be purchased at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/tickets. Two days prior to the selected performance, attendees will receive a link to the show. Please note that the link is only good for the show you have purchased attendance to and cannot be used any other time. This will be a live performance. Show dates are Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. For more information, call the Springfield Community Players Box Office at 802-885-4098. As always, see you at the theater – virtually!

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Greenhalgh, Carol Keiser, Nicholas Kekic, Marcie Maynard, Jeanne McMahon, Lisa Eckhardt McNealus, Martha Nichols, Charles Norris-Brown, M.C. Noyes, Phyllis Rossier, Melissa Rubin, Matthew Saxton, Gretchen Seifert, and Rodrica Tilley. Explore the “Art! Just In Time” show in-person Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the gallery. Parties of two people will be allowed in at a time. Or stay home and appreciate art, learn about artists, explore, and shop. To learn more about each artist’s inspiration and process – now with views of the artists in their studios – visit CSAG’s online viewing rooms at www.canalstreetartgallery.com or on Facebook @CanalStreetArtGallery. Now celebrating their fourth year, the Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, continues sharing and appreciating new art while helping to support the artists who create it. The CSAG is excited to meet the needs of its artistic community with expanding programming in 2021 by hosting 12 exhibitions including solo shows. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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community

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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REGION – Brattleboro Area Hospice is pleased to announce a new support group to assist people in our community during this challenging time. We are broadening our grief and spiritual support to include issues of loss, transition,

and other difficulties and challenges that arise and are magnified during this time of pandemic. How is Covid time affecting you and those you love? This group experience will focus on strengthening resilience and expanding inner resources. This new group will be co-facilitated by Muriel Wolf, BAH’s spiritual companion, and Rick Willhite, a BAH volunteer with a professional background in spiritual care and social work. We will offer opportunities to learn simple, non-religious spiritual practices as well as practical tools that have helped many find their way through times of difficulty and change. There will be times for journaling, shared reflection, and conversation about our experiences. We’ll emphasize attentive listening, compassion, and mutual trust – all of proven value

in difficult times like ours. We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m., beginning March 2. We will use the Zoom platform. Don’t know how to use Zoom? We can help you learn how before the first session, just ask us when you register. We will meet for eight sessions, the first of which you can attend with no obligation to continue. After this point we ask that you stay with us for our remaining time together. This is not a drop-in group; registration is required. Membership is limited to seven participants. For registration or more information, please email Muriel at muriel.wolf@brattleborohospice.org or call the office at 802-257-0775 and ask for Hilary at ext. 105. She will take your name and phone number and have Muriel return your call.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION

Docket No.: 21-PR-00261

In re ESTATE of: ANTHONY W. NUNES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: ANTHONY W. NUNES

Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD

Decedent's Town of Residence

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

Dated: 2/2/2021

Signature of Fiduciary

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TOWN OF CHESTER

WARNING

NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00 pm., via Zoom for a virtual Informational Meeting on the following Articles. Voting on all Articles will be by Australian ballot on March 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont.

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving Lovers Lane Road and Popple Dungeon Road (portion between new road construction and the dirt road)? Said paving to be financed for a term of 5 years.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,342,887.01 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 15, 2021, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$887,249.36 to be allocated as follows: \$18,750 to be used for the purchase of air paks for the Fire Department; \$10,000 to be used to purchase signage for the town; \$200,000 to be used as match for the Depot Street Sidewalk Grant; \$41,000 to be used to purchase a Police Cruiser; \$146,610.80 to be used to pay previously approved equipment loans; and \$470,888.56 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, less any trade in. Said dump truck to be financed for a term of 5 years beginning in 2022, as illustrated in the Capital Plan.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Chester Rod & Gun Club.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Green Mountain Softball, Inc.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Olive Branch Lodge.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizens of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Independence Day, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 25th day of January 2021.

/s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman

/s/ Heather Chase

/s/ Leigh Dakin

/s/ Jeff Holden

/s/ Lee Gustafson

TOWN OF CHESTER

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. There are volunteer positions that are open for reappointment. These are great opportunities to serve your community and get involved.

Planning Commission Member – 3 year term

Development Review Board Member – 3 year term

All interested parties should send their letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 12, 2021 to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, via email at Julie.hance@chestervt.gov, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to meet at the Plymouth Municipal Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 8, 2021, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law by ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Plymouth Municipal Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted will include:

Article 1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) by Australian Ballot: Town Moderator; Selectman; Lister; Trustee of Public Funds (2); Cemetery Commissioner; First Constable; Second Constable; and School District Director (2).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote \$12,055 for Human Services to be allocated as follows:
A. American Red Cross - \$250
B. Black River Area Community Coalition - \$500
C. Black River Good Neighbors - \$500
D. Black River Senior Center - \$2,000
E. Fletcher Memorial Library - \$1,200
F. Green Mountain Eco. Dev. Corp. - \$302
G. Green-Up Vermont - \$50
H. HCRS – Mental Health Services - \$568
I. Okemo Valley TV - \$750
J. Plymouth Historical Society - \$400
K. Plymouth Memory Tree - \$250
L. Plymouth Press - \$50
M. Ottauquechee Health Foundation - \$600
N. Senior Solutions Council on Aging for SE Vermont - \$300
O. The Current Bus - \$125
P. Tyson Library - \$500
Q. Visiting Nurse and Hospice - \$2,150
R. VT Center for Independent Living - \$175
S. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force - \$100
T. VT Trails and Greenways - \$85
U. Windsor County Mentors - \$500
V. Windsor County Youth Services - \$400
W. Women's Freedom Center - \$300

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,479,709 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,579,709.

Article 4. To see if the legal voters of the Town will vote to pay to the Treasurer, real property taxes in two installments with the due dates of September 1, 2021, and February 1, 2022, with an interest charge of 1% for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter for each month if each installment is not paid by the due date; after February 1, 2022, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees.

Article 5. To transact any other necessary and legal business.

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this 5th day of February, 2021.

Shawn Bemis, Chair

Rick Kaminski

Jay Kullman

Students pay what they can to attend online summer immersions

9th through 12th grade students, including graduating seniors, will spend one to two weeks growing their knowledge in a subject matter of their choosing, and building lasting bonds with the community of young learners they'll join as part of GIV's 2021 cohort. Learning isn't something that happens passively at GIV, online or otherwise. Students of these immersions won't just receive knowledge: they'll be an active part in developing and seeking it through interactive, hands-on workshops, activities, research, and more. With the guidance of expert mentors and the help of their peers and newfound friends, they will get inspired and learn all about the varied career pathways and opportunities that match their interests. GIV pivoted to an online format in 2020, reimagining its regular residential experiences on Vermont college campuses and serving more than 300 Vermont teenagers. Students were able to stay safe at home while meeting new friends from around the state and learning about topics they love. They built turbines using kits GIV sent them, explored and developed their artistic practice together, participated in group stargazing from hilltops around the state, and tested the water quality of their very own streams and rivers to gather and analyze data through UVM's labs. One student of last year's Arts Immersion summed up their experience by saying, "I gained a lot of creative inspiration and confidence in my art and my abilities. It was heartwarming to be virtually surrounded by such incredible artists during this lonely and grief-filled time. In addition to the creative inspiration and confidence, I also gained a lot of new friends and connections." A student of the Mathematical Sciences Immersion added, "It was really fun and it's awesome that GIV could adapt to an online sphere so effectively. If it's online in the future, it will still be definitely worth doing." This summer, GIV will offer its world-class programming with a "pay what you can" tuition structure to ensure that every motivated student has access to these world-class programs. GIV will also provide technical troubleshooting to any student who needs it, and urges Vermonters to apply even if broadband access is an issue where they live. Executive Director Elizabeth Frascoia adds, "We know this has been an incredibly challenging year for Vermont families, and we are committed to continue to provide exciting, transformative learning communities for our young people, no matter what a family can afford. Our students have gone without so many of their normal supports and joys this year, and we welcome them to explore their passions with us this summer and immerse themselves in a supportive community." To learn more about GIV's Summer Online Immersions, please visit www.giv.org or email info@giv.org with any questions. Students can head over to www.giv.org/ apply to fill out a simple application.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

Westminster, Vermont

Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 1, 2021 to consider the following:

Application #21-41 (Dennis Harty – (Owner) & Tim Harty (applicant)) – property located at 1051 James Road. The Applicant is requesting to remove old cabin & construct a new cabin in the same footprint. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, and Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone; and Article XIV Ridgeline Protection Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

AUTOMOTIVE

calendar

FEB. 12 – REGION – The Children’s Literacy Foundation is offering a monthly Book Club for Grown-ups series featuring Vermont and New Hampshire authors who write for both kids and adults. On Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., bestselling author Dan Brown will discuss his latest novel in the popular Robert Langdon series, “Origin,” as well as his new children’s book, “Wild Symphony.” This Zoom event is free, but donations to the Children’s Literacy Foundation are encouraged. Learn more and sign up for the event at www.clifonline.org.

FEB. 13 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Please join OMS for our first-ever virtual Winter Festival. Purchase a household ticket to join OMS on Zoom for a festive evening at home with live music by Sammy Blanchette and special guest appearances. We will have an online silent auction that is going live Jan. 30 and staying open until the end of the virtual event Feb. 13. Tickets can be purchased online. Visit www.okemomountainschool.org for details. Prior to the event, you will receive a Zoom link to join. All proceeds will go towards our scholarship fund.

FEB. 17 – GRAFTON, Vt. – On Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., the Nature Museum will host bestselling author Doug Tallamy for an online presentation and discussion of his book “Nature’s Best Hope,” with a focus on cultivating native plants as a way to support biodiversity. For more information and to register, go to www.nature-museum.org.

FEB. 18 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library for an online presentation of “Starting Seeds for Your Vegetable Garden.” Learn how to choose which seeds to use, how to make or find seed starting supplies when, and how to start seeds indoors, which seeds to sow directly in the garden and when to do so. Pattrice Jones is an expert veganic gardener with 30 years of experience in growing vegetables from seed. A member of the STL Board of Trustees, Pattrice is also a founder of VINE Sanctuary, a local nonprofit that funds and maintains the Free Seed Library. Sign-up required at www.eventbrite.com/e/starting-seeds-for-your-vegetable-garden-tickets-136828159709.

FEB. 23 – WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – “Local Investment: An Introduction” is an online workshop led by Vital Communities and The Local Crowd Monadnock. What is local investing? What can it do for a community? Why is it important? Who can do it, and how? On Feb. 23, from 5:30-7 p.m., join us for a panel discussion with local and regional entities that are mobilizing local capital for local businesses, projects, and people. Registration is free. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/local-investment-an-introduction-tickets-136996439037.

THURSDAYS – REGION – “Circle of Parents for Grandparents” is an online mutual self-help support group aided by a trained facilitator. Beginning Feb. 16, the group will meet Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting.

Embracing and maintaining your wellness during winter

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Now that the holidays are over reconnect with certified wellness coach Carol Jones from the comfort of home. Explore ways to embrace and maintain wellness during the winter months on seven consecutive Fridays, throughout February and March from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom or phone. Just as houses, vehicles, and gardens need help adapting to the colder, shorter days so does one’s body, mind, and spirit.

Carol Jean Jones is a graduate of the Wellness Coach Training Program at the Mayo Clinic. She has been working with clients around multiple aspects of their health since 2014. She collaborates with individuals in transforming their values and desires into action and lasting change over time. She lives in Bellows Falls, Vt.

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