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Trustees looks at village financials, considers vote on retail cannabis —

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed the budget and cannabis retail.

The Trustees began their meeting by looking at their financials to date. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup announced that AT&T was abandoning their cell tower and the village had received their last lease payment. Pickup said the tower had been installed less than 10 years ago and that Development Director Gary Fox was researching other tenants.

Looking over the financial report, James McAuliffe asked where the revenue transfer was, and Finance Director Shannon Burbela explained that because there was no revenue, she had removed the expense. McAuliffe said that it “doesn’t seem like proper accounting.”

Burbela agreed to add the revenue and expense back into the water fund, and said, “It’s actually an additional entry,” and the auditors said it “was not needed.”

McAuliffe also asked about the lack of Covid-19 related reimbursements and how the refunds would affect the village

budget. Burbela explained that she would have had to apply for two grants for separate accounts for both the town and village. Instead, she developed one Covid-19 allocated account within the town. Burbela continued, “You don’t see any expenses in the Police budget for the cameras,” because they were expensed through the Covid-19 account.

McAuliffe requested to see the breakdown of village expenses that were funded by Covid relief. Pickup agreed that would be shared with the Trustees.

Retail cannabis was also on

the agenda for the meeting. The Legislature passed a retail cannabis bill last year, and Village President Deborah Wright questioned whether the Trustees should add a vote to allow businesses to sell cannabis in the village and whether to include a local option tax.

Wade Masure questioned whether the wording of the bill said the municipality could choose to opt in and whether the town was required to vote on the approval of retail sales.

In regards to taxing retail cannabis locally, McAuliffe said he was “personally against a tax” and Wright agreed.

Town Meeting Results

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, town meetings around the region were held by Australian ballot this year. The Vermont Journal and The Shopper will be publishing the events of the informational meetings, as well as budget and election results, in our March 10 edition. Results may be published sooner on our website, www.vermontjournal.com.

Stefan Golec agreed retail should be the “people’s choice,” and neither Golec nor McAuliffe supported imposing a tax that would affect other retailers in the village.

Pickup clarified that without the local option tax, they would not be eligible for the additional revenue.

Jeff Dunbar said he wanted to maintain the “health and vitality of our current businesses,” but was curious whether “revenue projections [were] met and sustained” in communities

where a local tax was added.

The Trustees agreed that retail should be decided by voters and to discuss it further with the Selectboard at the next Joint Board Meeting before adding it to the Village Warning.

Wright announced that March 3 at 11 a.m. FACT TV would host information on autonomous vehicles. On March 11, a meeting is scheduled to provide residents more information on the self-driving vehicle program in Rockingham.

Great River Hydro proposes changes for dam operations —

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – During negotiations to renew its licenses to operate the Bellows Falls hydro station, Great River Hydro LLC, which owns and operates multiple dams along the Connecticut River, has proposed changes in the operations procedure of the dams due to environmental concerns. Five of these dam facilities in southern Vermont and New Hampshire, and northern Massachusetts, impact more than 175 miles along the heart of the river.

“Environmental concerns were raised by interested parties, regulators, and environmental organizations and largely centered around concerns about rapid fluctuation of [river] flow due to increasing flow during peak energy demand periods and reducing flow during on-peak periods,” Matthew Cole said in a recent interview. Cole

handles community relations for GRH.

“Stakeholders view this sort of flow management as unnatural and disruptive to aquatic species that are not adapted to react or manage such changes. Change in discharge at the dams can affect flow rates and water levels downstream.”

After submitting their proposed operating changes to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission two months ago, GRH is currently in negotiations with the Nature Conservancy and the Connecticut River Conservancy, among others, to renew its federal licenses to run the Bellows Falls station, as well as two other hydroelectric stations.

During these relicensing negotiations, environmental questions were raised, trig-



The Bellows Falls dam operated by Great River Hydro. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

gering GRH to offer changes in their operating procedures. The new plan would call for the three dams to perform under a “run-of-the-river” operation, as opposed to the current peaking-power or “hydro-peaking” performance operation. In peaking-power operating procedures, water is allowed to build up to a peak and then let out. A run-of-the-river procedure, however, allows the water levels on the river to remain more consistent and natural.

“Run-of-the-river resembles

more closely how a river would move,” said Kathy Urffer, a river steward with the Connecticut River Conservancy. “This means that when storms dump rain water, the river slowly increases the flow and then slowly recedes over the

course of several hours to days, as opposed to changes in flows in a few minutes. It also means that the surface water elevation behind the dams are held constant (most, but not all of the time) which reduces the water level fluctuations.”

There are multiple concerns with hydro-peaking. It creates a daily two- to four-foot fluctuation in the surface water elevation above the dams, causing wetting and drying of the stream banks. This exacerbates the erosion of the banks, reduces the

quality of habitat, and alters a natural sediment regime. Either too much sediment is found above the dam because of water being held back or there is too little sediment below the dam because high flows are flushing sediment and “critters” downstream.

“Basically, the critters that rely on the river are not adapted to a cycle [change] of no flow, and then very high flows,” Urffer added.

Although much of GRH’s operating proposal centers around an inflow equals outflow mode of operation, critical elements of the proposal allow for deviating from that mode of operation. Hydro projects, such as the Bellows Falls location, often have a higher generating capability than what might be used at a particular moment in the inflow-outflow mode. This capability is critical to the New England electric power grid.

“When the system is in short

supply, such as when another generating station trips offline, reserve capacity is relied upon to fill the void and hydro generation has some of the fastest response times in such an emergency,” Cole said. “GRH’s proposed operation, supported by states and environmental groups, allows for hydro to respond to these emergency requests.”

“Additionally, the new proposal allows for limited generation that would deviate from inflow-outflow restrictions. Limited generation will also be more restricted in the April-October period, as compared to less restriction during the November-March period when many aquatic species are less active or dormant.”

The alternative operations proposal was submitted last December, and the FERC is expected to issue a response for environmental review in the summer of 2021.

HCRS helps bring winter clothing to Vermonters in need

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services recently announced the results of a successful campaign to support Vermonters in need of winter clothing. A total of \$9,395 was raised to provide warm clothing to their clients as well as community members across Windsor and Windham counties.

According to George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, “The cold winter months can be challenging for us all; however, for those with limited resources and a lack of warm clothing, it can be especially difficult to endure the cold temperatures safely.”

Numerous staff and two business partners joined HCRS’s campaign to bring winter boots, hats, gloves, jackets, and other warm clothing to people without these basic necessities. One hundred percent of all donations are being used to purchase gift cards to online outdoor apparel stores, which are offered to community members identified by HCRS staff in need of warm

clothing.

HCRS is very thankful to have received sponsorships for matching donations from two of their valued business partners – Frank Therrien & CDH Technology Solutions, \$2,000, and The Richards Group, \$1,000. HCRS employees generously gave a total of almost \$4,000. Their contributions were matched by the corporate sponsorships and HCRS.

“Thank you for the leadership that HCRS demonstrated with this program and congratulations on the wonderful result they achieved by providing warm winter clothing to Vermonters throughout our region,” commented Ben Taggard, principal at The Richards Group. “We are very fortunate to live and work in an area where organizations like HCRS help further our sense of community.”

Therrien adds, “We’re just very glad to be able to help those in the HCRS community who are in need.”

Karabakakis states, “We’re

so thankful for the matching gifts from our two business partners that helped us achieve this significant support for our communities. I would also like to thank the following staff for their generous support: Dr. Kathleen Allden, Daniel Arseneau, Richard Bauer, Anne Bilodeau, Lindsey Boulter, Dr. Paul Boutin, Alice Bradeen, Kelly Brown, Laura Bryant-Williams, Julia Burakian, Cheryl Cavanagh, Laura Corbet, Curt Fields, Lesa Hinkley, Stephen Jurentkuff, Brooke Kearney, Kate Lamphere, Hal Moore, Rosie Nevins-Alderfer, Erin Nichols, Jessica Robinson, Warren Sergeant, Linda Simoneaux, Kait Skogstad, Jennifer Smith, Rhett Sorensen, Danielle Southwell, and Jessica Stehle.”

The agency has been distributing the donations throughout the winter months and expects to have 100% of the donations in the hands of Vermonters in need within the next few weeks.

Springfield Rotary helping efforts to fight Covid-19

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club continues to provide assistance to regional efforts related to the Covid-19 pandemic, including providing masks as well as volunteer participation with the operation of vaccine clinics in the community.

Rotarians are serving as parking staff and greeters for the vaccine clinic operated by Springfield Hospital at the Adult Day facility on River Street. Jim Fog, the club’s president-elect, says that members will keep assisting the clinic as operations expand in the coming weeks. “We will make sure that we have people here to help with whatever the clinic needs, so they can focus on the important work of vaccinations,” Fog said. He added that the Lions Club and other service organizations have also expressed a willingness to participate.

Recently Rotarian Jeff Mobus facilitated the dis-



Rotary Club members assisting with vaccine clinics in Springfield. PHOTO PROVIDED

tribution of 20,000 masks to area organizations including the Springfield Family Center, Springfield Medical Care Systems, HCRS, the Springfield School District, and the town of Springfield. This was part of Rotary District 7870’s “Million Mask Challenge Tour” to benefit residents of southern Vermont and New Hampshire.

Springfield Rotary Club President Jerry Farnum said that these and other efforts to come

all reflect of Rotary’s commitment to the community. “Our motto is ‘Service Above Self,’ and we know that is so true and so needed today. We will continue to do whatever we can to lend a hand to our friends and neighbors,” Farnum said.

For more information about the Springfield Rotary Club, please “like” their Facebook page or contact the Rotary Club at P.O. Box 808, Springfield, VT 05156.

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A collaborative storytelling of community resilience

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce “Spirit of Springfield,” a year-long collaborative community project celebrating the citizens of Springfield, Vt., and sharing our stories of collaboration, support, and resilience during the challenges of the pandemic.

We’ve created a public “kudoboard,” which is a digital bulletin board for collecting people’s input. This space is for everyone – residents, local leaders, students, senior citizens, business professionals, community members, even

folks who may live out of town but work in Springfield – anyone connected to our town. Think of it like a time capsule for capturing all the memories, big and small, of what it’s been like living in Springfield during these strange times, and creating a record of all the things we’ve done to survive – and sometimes even thrive. At the end of the project, our aim is to print everyone’s contributions in a book so that we can give copies to the library, the historical society, and have copies available for sale with proceeds going to benefit a good local cause. We encourage you to share your experiences on this page, through photos, videos, and written words.

Kudoboard guidelines:
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- Be creative! Incorporate your photos, videos, poems, etc.
- Be kind. Be civil. Insulting, bullying, or trolling comments will not be tolerated.
- No spamming or advertising.

We’re so excited about this project, and we hope you’ll join us in this shared opportunity to commemorate our collective pandemic experience. To access the Spirit of Springfield kudoboard, please visit www.springfield-vt.com/spirit-of-springfield. For more information, call 802-885-2779 or email alice@springfieldvt.com.



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MOOOver resumes Medicaid transportation services

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The MOOOver resumed providing Medicaid transportation to qualified clients in southern Windsor County March 1, 2021. The MOOOver resumed Medicaid transportation in Windham County Feb. 1, 2021.

In January 2018 the MOOOver withdrew from the Medicaid program, and services in southern Windsor County were maintained by Marble Valley Regional Transit District. Services in Windham County were maintained by Green Mountain Community Network.

These rides are for non-emergency medical transportation only, such as rides to the doctor’s, pharmacy, opioid treatments, adult day care, dialysis, and cancer



MOOOver resumed Medicaid transportation in Windham and southern Windsor counties.

PHOTO PROVIDED

care. There are roughly 2,000 riders in Windham and southern Windsor counties who qualify for Medicaid transportation. This region is the third largest in the state, behind only Chittenden County and the northern Vermont.

The MOOOver’s transition

back into Medicaid follows nine months of planning and coordination with the Vermont Public Transportation Association, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the two bus companies mentioned above. “We are grateful for all the support through this transition from VPTA, VTrans, GMCN, and MVRTD,” said Randy Schoonmaker, MOOOver CEO. “We will be able to combine ride requests with our other programs to hopefully make Medicaid transportation as efficient as possible.”

Medicaid clients can call Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., toll-free 1-888-869-6287 or 802-460-7433.

Rich Earth Institute hires new executive director

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – After nine years of supporting the Rich Earth Institute, co-founder Kim Nace is stepping aside from her position as executive director. “She gave [No. 1] Boss a

whole new meaning,” says one staff member. Her visionary leadership has helped the institute grow from a small group of passionate community members to an organization with an

internationally recognized reputation in the field of ecological sanitation.

Nace has been involved in every level of the organization, from big picture thinking to assisting with field experiments and managing urine “donations.” She has met with local and national leaders, the head of the World Toilet Organization, industry experts, members of the press, and countless community members.

Although she will no longer be working with the nonprofit institute, Nace will stay on part-time as the CEO of its business spin-off, Rich Earth LLC. The LLC supports the institute by developing products and tools for urine nutrient recovery.

After an extensive search, Rich Earth’s hiring committee ultimately selected Ivan Ussach for the job. “Ivan is a passionate and articulate leader who fits right in with Rich Earth’s organizational culture,” says Rich Earth Board Director John Hatton. Ussach lives in rural Franklin County, Mass., a short distance from Brattleboro, and brings a wealth of environmental and nonprofit management experience to the position.

With his background in public health and environmental toxicology, he has led and co-led several organizations working to protect watersheds and forests. As cofounder of the Rainforest Alliance, Ussach built a coalition of diverse stakeholders to create the world’s first independent sustainable wood products certification program. As director of the Millers River Watershed Council, he wore many hats and is credited with revitalizing the council. At the Sacred Earth Network, Ussach generated funding for new environmental groups throughout the former Soviet Union. “Former colleagues praised him as an innovator with an analytic mind, a great sense of humor, and a big heart,” says Rich Earth Board Member Jane Diefenbach.

As executive director, Ussach will work closely with staff and board to continue advancing Rich Earth’s mission. He says, “It’s an honor to be part of such a great team and to help lead Rich Earth Institute into the future – one where our precious, life-giving potable water is used for drinking, not flushing, and where the valuable nutrients people naturally produce are used to maintain resilient ecological systems and communities.”

The Rich Earth Institute is launching a new urine-recycling hub in the Rockingham area. This expansion of this work into Rockingham will be the first time that Rich Earth’s unique community scale model has been replicated in a new location outside of their operations in Brattleboro. Local residents can receive updates about Rich Earth’s Rockingham expansion by signing up to the mailing list at www.eepurl.com/hlmrU1.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Gravity feed

What prompts me to write about gravity feed water was this sentence in my article last week, "Running into the shed she sat down in the tub, which was used to catch the running water..."

I realize some might not know what was meant by "running water." In the days before electricity, we did have running water in many homes. A spring or well was located at a higher elevation than the house. A waterline was dug from the source to the home. Waterlines were not buried as deep as today, in some cases a foot or less deep, and would freeze if the water wasn't kept running 24 hours a day, hence "running water."

I remember seeing running water for the first time in George Farrar's kitchen sink on Farrar Road in Potash. The water ran year-round. Overflow was discharged through a drainpipe and returned to the earth. I was probably 12 at the time. It fascinated me.

The house I grew up in on High Street had a different solution. Our house was a full two stories with a large attic above that we called the third floor. In the attic was a cistern. It's been years since I've seen it, but I remember it may be three or four feet high and maybe measured something like six feet by four feet. By the time I came along, we had town water.

There was a zinc lining inside the cistern to prevent leaks. A one-inch diameter pipe at the top of the cistern delivered the water. There was a float similar to the float in your toilet tank. When the water level in the cistern dropped to a certain level, water flowed into the cistern. When the float rose to the proper level, the water to the cistern would shut off.

Our water came from a well up on the hill behind us. The water pipe was lead. High water pressure was needed to force the water from the basement to the attic. Water gains pressure as it is forced downhill through a pipe. When our house was built, it was a two-family home, so a lot of water was required.



The Patch Place on High Street circa the 1950s.

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I remember we had oak toilet tanks mounted on the wall over the toilets. Again, gravity feed. When you pulled the chain, the overhead oak tank was emptied. The water ran down a pipe and flushed the toilet as today.

With the cistern in the attic, anyone who turned on a faucet or flushed a toilet on either the first or second floor, water was sent to that room from the cistern.

A collector of railroad antiques that I knew had a porcelain sign that read, "Don't pull the chain at the station."

Problems

There were problems with gravity feed water. If the waterline took on any air, you lost water and the line would have to be primed. An obstruction would create a similar situation. Gravity feed water could be a headache especially in the winter.

I used to own the brick house south of Chester on Route 103 – the house that sits close to the road. It was about 1,200 feet from the well to the house. The lead water pipe I replaced with plastic pipe. Along the road, near Arnold Stoddard's sugarhouse, it was swampy and very wet. My well was up on the hill behind the sugarhouse.

Here I didn't need to bury the waterline very deep. I dug down about a foot and laid the plastic pipe. This swampy section didn't freeze very deep in the winter.

Gravity feed over such a long distance caused numerous problems. Every winter I could plan on losing water for a time.

The map

At the Chester Historical Society, we have a hand-drawn map of the homes in the Stone Village. Included are water lines and water rights to those homes. There were a number of wells on the hill behind. These were all gravity fed lines.

I wanted to explain her sitting in the tub of running water so readers would see a larger picture with that story. The more we understand days gone by, the better we are. Today there are still people using gravity feed water.

The photo with this article is the place I grew up in on High Street. Two windows on the third floor are visible.

This week's old saying my mother said when I complained about the potatoes not being done. "Ma, the potatoes are hard." "Harder without any," she'd say.



Ed Spaulding truck sideboard and portraits of D. Lauren Whiting and his wife Abigail hanging at the Chester Town Hall. View more photos of the artifacts hung by the Chester Historical Society at www.vermontjournal.com or on our Facebook page.

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Making no-knit Bernie mittens

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Bernie Sanders and his mittens have generated countless memes and have given all of us something to smile about. On Wednesday, March 10 at 3 p.m., Neighborhood Connections is opening its doors for a limited

in-person workshop on making Bernie Mittens out of old sweaters.

Heidi Root, one of the agency's front desk volunteer, is going to lead the workshop. Participants need to supply a washed and machine-dried sweater. Heidi

will provide the pattern, sewing needles, and thread.

If you would like to attend, call 802-824-4343 to sign up. Only 10 people will be accommodated in a safe, socially distanced environment. Masks are required.

"Gretchen Seifert In Abstraction" show at Canal Street Art Gallery

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents "Gretchen Seifert In Abstraction" open March 3 through April 3. This is the first show in CSAG's new spring solo shows lineup.

Gretchen Seifert is a visual artist and musician who has recently relocated to Brattleboro. "In Abstraction" is an exclusive glimpse into nearly three decades of artwork, including silver gelatin prints, multimedia works, paintings, and drawings.

"I see abstraction as an opportunity to be curious and to discover. There is an important

[imaginable] quality, a dream-like exploration that occurs. Abstraction has always, for me, been a doorway into the complex of individual-ness, or how we relate personally to our unconscious. Not what is in thought, but what is embodied, felt," says Seifert.

Seifert has degrees from Boston University and Northwestern University in cello performance. She worked as a musician until the birth of her first child. At that time she was given a camera, which jump-started her love affair with visual art.

Join CSAG and Seifert for Fri-

day Gallery Night Live March 19 at 6 p.m. on Facebook. Visit CSAG's online viewing rooms to check out the exhibit virtually. Go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com and watch Seifert's "Meet the Artist" narrated tour of the show.

Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, is open Wednesday to Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com or Facebook @CanalStreetArtGallery, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

University of Maine announces fall 2020 Dean's List

REGION – The University of Maine recognized 4,133 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2020 semester. Local students include Ethan Rhoad of Brownsville, Sage Allen of Ludlow, and Andrew Czwakiel of Springfield.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced

this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean's List policy for the fall 2020 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean's List has been waived. Instead, students will

be eligible if they earned Dean's List recognition in spring 2020 and have placed all of their fall 2020 courses on pass or fail; or if they have earned a minimum GPA of a 3.5, regardless of the number of credits taken, in fall 2020.

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Four Chester Historical Society antique calendars side by side at the Chester Town Hall.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

Recently, I was hospitalized at the Springfield Hospital for Covid-19 and pneumonia. It was a frightening time for me, and the several days I was there were very difficult. I am writing this letter not to share any more of that, but to make sure that people know the wonderful and caring treatment I received at Springfield Hospital.

Over the years, I have heard on more than one occasion people say negative remarks about Springfield Hospital and the services they had received there. I have never experienced that in all the years I have had to utilize their services from a bad cough to knee replacement!

This latest experience has certainly sealed my opinion in stone. From the head doctors to the di-

eticians, to the ladies and gentlemen who cleaned my room, there was nothing but consideration and attention, but it was the nurses – those wonderful, gentle, knowledgeable nurses who answered my bell within moments and calmed my fears and dealt with all my issues – who will always stand out in my thoughts and memories. Their words got me through some pretty dark nights.

Now I am certainly aware that other hospitals and other staffs and other patients have all experienced and been given the same care and treatment, but I want people to know that this little hospital in that little town that occasionally has been besmirched is, in my opinion, a haven of top-

notch, professional, hardworking, caring people who brought me through a hard and scary time.

The day they opened the door and came in without some of their gear on was one of the happiest days I can remember.

I rode home on Golden Cross Transport, and I send a tremendous “thank you” also for the trip to the hospital in the ambulance with the EMTs. We are so lucky for the services we have!

Thank all of you at Springfield Hospital!

Sincerely,
Cathy Bergmann
Healthy and well in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I winced to read that Springfield is sprinting to the front of the line for the testing of autonomous vehicles in Vermont. The Governor’s Highway Safety Association website comes straight out of the gate, as all proponents of AVs seem to, with a barrage of vague bullet points touting their possible benefits. As it turns out, AVs may offer several benefits to society, such as safe drunk driving. I think the real impetus, though, is found in the GHSA’s plea to Vermonters: “Let’s not fall behind.”

I think we ought to fall behind. The Harvard Business Review predicts that half a million truck driving jobs will be lost nationally in the coming decade to automated semi trucks, and I’m sure trains and ships will also be fully automated by then. Transportation is just one sector – human relevance is confronted nearly across

the board. Who has a plan for the economic obsolescence of human labor within a couple of decades? I suspect this anxiety drives the increasingly audible debate about Universal Basic Income.

Are the technologists right? Will AI, AVs, and UBI deliver unto us a “post-scarcity” acronym world, where life – like language – is easier? I picture most of us leisurely collecting our UBI, and if we’re clever, investing a portion in crowd-ownership of various automated systems from which we might collect dividends. On top of this, there will surely sit a developer and licensor class that decides which technologies we need.

Actually, I’m skeptical. I anticipate that insurance companies will soon incentivize AVs if they are statistically safer, making it relatively more expensive to drive Old-Timey Cars. Eventually, fol-

lowing the logic of AV proponents, OTCs could be made illegal. Then speed limits could be safely raised, and traffic lights eliminated. If you’re a chicken trying to cross the road, you’ll be wise to download Google Crossroads, which will be an innovative technology leveraging the power of AI to safely channel pedestrian intent. “Google Crossroads – Your Need, Our Choice.”

It’s only fair that I now propose my own alternate vision for our common future. I haven’t worked out all the details, but it begins with the image of a line of AVs sailing gracefully over Comtu Falls, and bobbing around the bend, destined for a reunion of relatives in the Sea of Imagined Utility. And we’ll also use leaves for money.

Sincerely,
Ole Bye
North Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

For the past 52 years, I’ve had the pleasure and privilege of singing and playing guitar with groups of all ages from young children to senior citizens in Chester, Springfield, Ludlow, and surrounding communities.

In March I will be 80 years young, so I put together a list of my 80 favorite songs, which I’d like to share. I’ve limited the list to one song per artist. Here they are in alphabetical order, my 80 favorite songs.

- Sincerely,
Paul Ippolito
Chester, Vt.
- “All I Have To Do is Dream,” The Everly Brothers, 1958
 - “All in the Game,” Tommy Edwards, 1958
 - “All I Really Need,” Raffi, 1992
 - “Always,” Ella Fitzgerald, 1958
 - “American Pie,” Don Mclean, 1971
 - “Autumn Leaves,” Roger Williams, 1955
 - “A White Sport Coat (And a Pink Carnation),” Marty Robbins, 1957
 - “A – You’re Adorable,” Perry Como and The Fontane Sisters 1949
 - “Blowing in the Wind,” Bob Dylan, 1963
 - “Blueberry Hill,” Fats Domino, 1956
 - “Blue Moon,” The Marcels, 1961
 - “Blue Skies,” Willie Nelson, 1978
 - “Blue Suede Shoes,” Carl Perkins, 1956
 - “Centerfield,” John Fogerty, 1985
 - “Come Go with Me,” The Del Vikings, 1957
 - “Could I Have This Dance,” Anne Murray, 1980
 - “Dancing on Daddy’s Shoes,” Leon Redbone, 1995
 - “Diana,” Paul Anka, 1957
 - “Dream,” The Pied Pipers, 1945
 - “Dream Lover,” Bobby Darin, 1959
 - “Earth Angel,” The Penguins, 1955
 - “Elmer’s Tune,” The Andrew Sisters, 1941
 - “Everyday,” James Taylor, 1985
 - “Enjoy Yourself (It’s Later Than You Think),” Guy Lombardo Orchestra, 1945
 - “Goodnight Sweetheart,” The Spaniels, 1955
 - “Grandma’s Featherbed,” John Denver, 1975
 - “Hey Good Lookin’,” Hank Williams, 1951
 - “I Believe in Music,” Mac Davis, 1972
 - “I Can’t Get You Out of My Heart,” Al Martino, 1959
 - “I Can’t Give You Anything But Love,” Billie Holiday, 1937
 - “I Can’t Stop Loving You,” Ray Charles, 1962
 - “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” Tony Bennett, 1962
 - “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing,” The New Seekers, 1972

- “I Love Mud,” Rick Charette, 1985
- “I Love You For Sentimental Reasons,” Nat King Cole, 1952
- “I Only Have Eyes for You,” The Flamingos, 1959
- “In the Mood,” Glenn Miller Orchestra, 1940
- “In The Still of The Night,” The Five Satins, 1956
- “I’ll See You in My Dreams,” Diana Krall, 2017
- “I Think You’re Wonderful,” Red Grammer, 1990
- “King of the Road,” Roger Miller, 1964
- “Love is a Many Splendored Thing,” The Four Aces, 1955
- “Margaritaville,” Jimmy Buffet, 1977
- “Marianne,” Terry Gilkyson And The Easy Riders, 1957
- “Moments to Remember,” The Four Lads, 1955
- “M.T.A.,” The Kingston Trio, 1959
- “My Happiness,” Connie Francis, 1959
- “My Hero” from The Operetta, “The Chocolate Soldier,” Anna Moffo And Sergio Franchi, 1963
- “My Way,” Frank Sinatra, 1969
- “Old Cape Cod,” Patti Page, 1957
- “On the Sunny Side of the Street,” Frankie Lane, 1946
- “Only You,” The Platters, 1955
- “O Sole Mio (Oh My Sun),” Enrico Caruso, 1916
- “Over the Rainbow,” Judy Garland, 1938
- “People,” Barbra Streisand, 1964
- “Puff The Magic Dragon,” Peter, Paul And Mary, 1963
- “Put A Little Love In Your Heart,” Jackie Deshannon, 1969
- “Rose And A Baby Ruth,” George Hamilton Iv, 1956
- “Save the Last Dance for Me,” The Drifters, 1960
- “Sentimental Journey,” Rosemary Clooney, 2001
- “Sh-Boom,” The Chords, 1954
- “Singing in the Rain,” Gene Kelly, 1952
- “Stay,” Maurice Williams And The Zodiacs, 1960
- “Teenager in Love,” Dion And The Belmonts, 1959
- “That’ll Be the Day,” Buddy Holly And The Crickets, 1957
- “Till Then,” The Hill Toppers, 1954
- “Till There Was You,” The Beatles, 1963
- “To Each His Own,” The Ink Spots, 1946
- “Try to Remember,” The Brothers Four, 1969
- “Walk Right In,” The Rooftop Singers, 1963
- “What a Wonderful World,” Louis Armstrong, 1967
- “Where the Blue of the Night (Meets the Gold of the Day),” Bing Crosby, 1931
- “When You’re Smiling,” Michael Buble, 2018
- “Why,” Frankie Avalon, 1959
- “Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams,” Doris Day, 2008
- “You Belong to Me,” The Duprees, 1962
- “You Belong to My Heart,” Jerry Vale, 1960
- “You Send Me,” Sam Cooke, 1957
- “Young and Beautiful,” Elvis Presley, 1957
- “Young at Heart,” Jimmy Durante, 1969



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Vaccination expands to ages 65 and older –

MONTPELIER, Vt. – As of March 1, Vermonters age 65 and older are able to make their appointment to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Health officials said this expansion – coming less than two weeks after scheduling was opened to people age 70 to 74 – reflects both the great progress of the state’s Phase 3 vaccination program and the interest of Vermonters in getting vaccinated.

Vermonters 65 years old and above can make an appointment online at www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine. Anyone who has previously been eligible to receive a vaccine continues to be eligible and can make their appointments now.

Anyone who is unable to make their appointment online, needs help, or who wants to speak with someone in a language other than English can call 855-722-7878. The call center is open Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

New users will first be asked to create an account, and then they can select a place, date, and time to get vaccinated. People who already have an account because they were tested through a Health Department site will use

the same account to make their vaccination appointment.

Vaccination sites are available around the state, and people can choose a nearby location when making their appointment. In addition to the Health Department clinics, Kinney Drugs and Walgreens have joined the effort as participating pharmacies.

People will get either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Most people will be asked to wait for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine to watch for adverse reactions. Information about side effects and how to report any adverse reactions will be provided.

Appointments to receive a second dose will be made at the time of their vaccination. Getting fully vaccinated provides the best protection against the virus.

Getting tested for Covid-19 is important, it’s easy, we offer it at numerous locations across the state, and it’s free. The Health Department will provide more information about registration for the next eligible groups when it is available.

Find answers to common questions and watch a video about how to make your appointment at www.healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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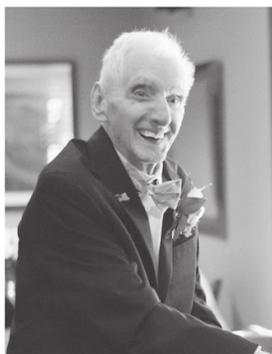
obituaries

Earl A. Bonneau, 1931-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Earl A. Bonneau, 89, passed away Feb. 16, 2021 at the Bay Pines VA Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was born May 19, 1931 in Claremont, N.H. to his loving parents Earl and Yvonne (Jutras) Bonneau. He was the older of two children. He grew up in Claremont, N.H. and graduated from Stevens High School in 1949. After graduation he served in the Air Force for three years until 1952. After the service he married Fern Santaw Nov. 3, 1952 in Claremont, N.H. who predeceased him along with their daughter Cindy; they had three children together. Earl worked as the produce manager for A&P for many years in Claremont and Keene, N.H., and in Springfield and Greenfield, Mass.

Earl married Edris Bryant in Springfield, Vt. Oct. 3, 1970. They met during square dancing one evening and it has been history ever since. Earl loved many things in life; he always had his peppermints nearby, wore his favorite blue sweater, and his favorite iced tea to name a few. The years he shared with his beautiful bride were his most precious. The two lovebirds shared their 50th wedding anniversary this past October. Their marriage is a true testament of what true love and a marriage commitment is. They have enjoyed their time at the senior center in Springfield, traveling, square dancing, shuffleboard, bowling, playing cards, and being with friends and family.

Earl is survived by his loving wife Edris of Springfield, Vt.; sons Stephen Bonneau of Claremont, N.H., Leonard Gendron



Earl A. Bonneau, 1931-2021.
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of S. Hadley, Mass., Paul Gendron of Sarasota, Fla.; daughters Diane Haskell of Chicopee, Mass., Nancy Carle (Richard) of Ludlow, Vt., Diane Stewart; grandchildren Cami Koski, Christopher Gendron, Michael Gendron, Stephen Carle, Renée Gendron-Potwin, Rick Carle (Becky), Karen Carle, Amanda Gendron-Roese (Michael), and Melissa Kowalsky (Bryan); and great-grandchildren Jaxson, Noah, Tristan, Ryelee, Alton, Jacob, Abigail, Juliette, Rylan, Adalyn, and Dalton.

A service was held Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Contributions in his loving memory can be made to the American Lung Association, c/o Donations, 55 W. Wacker Drive Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601.

Arrangements are under the care of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 135 N. Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237, 941-365-1767, www.gendronfuneralhome.com.

Those that wish to see the full obituary may visit www.gendronfuneralhome.com.

Lee L. Richardson, 1936-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lee L. Richardson, 84, passed away peacefully at home holding hands with his daughter and son-in-law Saturday morning, Feb. 20, 2021.

He was born March 23, 1936 in Springfield, Vt., the son of N. Ludlow and Dorothy (Doty) Richardson, and was a lifelong resident of Parker Hill. He was a graduate of Springfield High School, Class of 1954.

Lee worked for the telephone company, which changed hands a few times during his time there, starting with Springfield Local who sent him away for 12 weeks to Chicago Electric in Chicago, then Contel, then GTE, and finally VTel. He worked for more than 40 years before retiring and then returning as a contractor as a line assigner.

He was a member of the Springfield Church of Christ, coached Little League, and had played basketball for the VFW team. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, and especially loved spending time with his family. He spent countless hours helping his daughter and son-in-law work on their house, renovating it over the years. He could also be seen sitting on Karen and Kurt's porch many evenings watching the ducks and birds. He would stop at Dunkin Donuts Saturday morning to get us a donut and one that he could share with our dogs. Over the years, no matter where Kurt and Karen were going, Dad and Mom would ride along making the trip memorable. He was a wonderful man who his children could always go to with questions or just to



Lee L. Richardson, 1936-2021.
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talk about anything. Kurt and Karen always depended on Dad for his thoughts about any given situation. He also had quite the sense of humor.

Lee and Jean would be seen at Riverside Restaurant at least once, if not twice, a day. They enjoyed going there and visiting with friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Jean A. (Wight) Richardson; his daughter Karen Aebi and her husband Kurt of North Springfield, Vt.; three brothers Ernest Richardson and his wife Sandra of Springfield, Jerry Richardson and his wife Sheila of Jacksonville, Fla., and Brian Richardson and his wife Barbara of Newport Beach, Fla. He was predeceased by his son, Kevin L. Richardson, who died in 2018.

A graveside service will be held Friday, June 4, 2021 at 11 a.m., at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Evelyn Beebe, 1936-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Evelyn Remond Beebe, 84, passed away at her home Monday evening, Feb. 22, 2021.

She was born Oct. 10, 1936 in Meriden, Conn., daughter of George and Lydia (Bishop) Remond, and was a graduate of Meriden High School. She married George S. Beebe Sept. 15, 1956 in Tokyo, Japan. They were married 56 years before his passing in 2013.

Throughout her life, Evelyn was passionate about learning and teaching. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Connecticut State University and her education specialist degree from the University of Connecticut. Evelyn taught school in Meriden, Conn., at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and then at Platt High School for a total of 25 years. She retired to Vermont in 1996 with George. She was an avid member of the Springfield Garden Club, Weathersfield Historical Society, and Alpha Delta Kappa teacher's sorority. Evelyn was a longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist Church. She loved life and nature, being with her family and friends, gardening, teaching, and learning new things. She traveled extensively and enjoyed experiencing different cultures.

She is survived by her son Stephen Beebe of Middletown, Conn.; daughter Laurel Beebe Kinsey and her husband Tim of Atlanta, Ga.; grandchildren Landon, Evan, and Emerson Kinsey; her sister Joan Marshall and her husband Tom of



Evelyn Beebe, 1936-2021.
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Wallingford, Conn.; nieces and nephews Suzanne Richards and her husband Steve, John Alfieri, Jason Marshall, Sarah Dudley and her husband Willie, Sarah Lombardi and her husband John; great-nieces and great-nephews Spencer Richards, Corey Alfieri, Charlette Alfieri, Ethan Dudley, Eva Dudley, and Dominick Lombardi.

A private family service and burial will take place at the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Meriden, Conn. A Celebration of Life honoring Evelyn will be held at a later date in Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Vermont Food Bank, 33 Parker Rd., Wilson Industrial Park, Barre, VT 05641 or online at www.vtfoodbank.org; or to Camp Claire, P.O. Box 702, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or online at www.campclaire.org.

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

Venise E. Cavallo, 1939-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Venise Elizabeth Cavallo, 81, of South Street, died Feb. 21, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born Nov. 6, 1939, in Claremont, N.H., the daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (Labbe) Brilliant. She attended schools in Bellows Falls. She worked as a baker, cook, and waitress in the area. Venise enjoyed flowers, gardening, and going to the ocean in Booth Bay Harbor.

On May 22 1982, in Alstead, N.H., she married Christopher Cavallo who survives; she is also survived by three sons Jo-

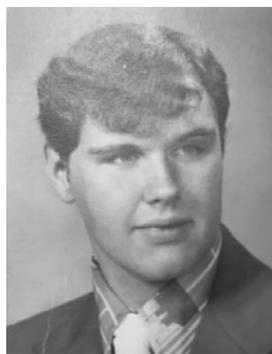
seph Kopacz of Chester, Vt., Dennis Kopacz of Chester, Vt., and Donald Kopacz of Bellows Falls, Vt.; two daughters Cheryl Kopacz of Langdon, N.H. and Susan Record of Chester, Vt.; one brother Peto Brilliant of Florida; one sister Connie Dawson of Vermont; and several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a burial in St. Charles Cemetery in the spring. Fenton & Hennessey, 55 Williams St., Bellows Falls, Vt., will be assisting with the arrangements.

John F. O'Brien, 1959-2021

ALSTEAD, N.H. – John F. O'Brien, 61, of Mechanic Street, died at the Jack Burns Center in Lebanon, N.H., Feb. 21, 2021. He was born June 12, 1959, the son of James and Lela Mae (Lowell) O'Brien in Bellows Falls, Vt. He attended schools in Alstead, N.H., and was a 1978 graduate of the Fall Mountain Regional High School. He worked as a cook at the Cheshire Medical Center, the Springfield Hospital, and Pizza Hut. John also worked at Smith Medical Hubbard Farms and the United States Postal Service. John was a member of the North Walpole Fire Department and Alstead Fire Department where he served as a captain.

John is survived by his two children Ian James O'Brien and Heather Ann O'Brien; his mother Lela Mae Reney and stepfather Wally Reney; one sister Laurie Schmitz and her husband Tom; three brothers Patrick Dean O'Brien, James Fenton O'Brien and his wife Patricia, and Todd Edward O'Brien; and



John F. O'Brien, 1959-2021.
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many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his father James O'Brien.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., will be assisting with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Alstead Ambulance and the Alstead Food Shelf.

Flora L. Anderson, 2021

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Flora L. (Parkhurst) Anderson, of Cambridgeport Road in Vermont, passed away peacefully in her home Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Flora enjoyed spending time with her very large family, gardening, Bingo, knitting, puzzles, playing cards, dancing, her beloved cats, and her WWE wrestling, which always fired her up. She loved to walk either on the beach in Maine or on her country back road. You could always be sure she would return with a pocket full of rocks she collected on her way. She loved her outdoors, from sitting on her back deck in the summer to watching the deer feeding in the winter. She adored her frequent trips to Stephentown, N.Y., to spend time with her daughter Sandy and family and her New York friends. She also made donations to St. Jude's, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as the Bartonville Grange of which she was a member for 20 years.

She was the daughter of Ellen (Dunlap) and Floyd Parkhurst. She married Charles E. Anderson in 1949. They have five children Deb Swisher of Rockingham, Vt., Judy Chernouski of Rockingham, Vt., Nancy Rogers of Lower Bartonville, Vt., Charlyn Start of Rockingham, Vt., and Sandy Kiablick of Stephentown, N.Y. She is survived by her sister Winifred Hitchcock of Bellows Falls, her five daughters, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, her parents, her sister Lillian, her sister Laura, her brother Floyd Jr., "Sonny," and her brother Winfield. Flora worked at the Chester Nursing Home, the Grafton Inn, the Chester Inn, Maplewood Nursing Home, and Mack Molding.

A graveside service will be held in the spring. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt., will be assisting with the arrangements.

William Blanchard, 1949-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – William "Billy" Blanchard passed away Jan. 23, 2021 at the Lebanon, N.H. Genesis Nursing Home after a long illness. He was born April 28, 1949, in Bellows Falls, the son of Adrian and Margaret (Dee) Blanchard. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School.

He was the owner of Michael Dee's Pub in Bellows Falls, Vt. for many years. He was employed at Jones & Lamson in Springfield, Vt. for a number of years as a machinist. He worked as an electrician for several years with his later years spent with Interstate Electrical. Bill was a former member of the Polish American Club, the Loyal Order of the Moose, and the B.P.O. Elks, all of Bellows Falls.

Bill enjoyed cooking and creating tasty variations to recipes

and entertaining friends and family at cookouts with his delicious creations. Gatherings of friends and family were a joy for Bill. Often times he would find joy in driving around the countryside with his family, taking any and all scenic routes just to see what's there.

Bill is survived by his son Michael W. Blanchard of Bellows Falls, Vt.; his two sisters Sheila Pateneau (William "Pat") of West Chesterfield, N.H., and Kathleen Colburn (Nelson) of Rockingham, Vt.; and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, a brother Michael Dee, a sister Maureen Hennessey, and her son Shawn Hennessey.

There will be a graveside burial service in the spring of 2021 in the St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt.

Ruben D. Hardy Jr., 1951-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ruben Daniel Hardy Jr., of Rockingham Street, died Feb. 6, 2021, at his home. He was born Sept. 15, 1951, in Brattleboro, Vt., the son of Ruben and RoseMarie (Wheeler) Hardy Sr. He worked for Hodgkin and Son's Construction, loved to fish and the outdoors, and his feline son PJ.

He is survived by his son Ruben III of California; his daughters Lynn Chisholm and her husband Chris Chisholm of Bellows Falls, Vt. and Sandra Morales of Texas; two brothers Danny of Winchester, N.H. and Richard of Maine; three sisters Joanne Muzzey of Bellows Falls,

Vt., Marion Wilbur of Gilsum, N.H., and Alice Bennett of Meriden, Conn.; grandchildren Dominic, Olivia and her husband Trever, Dakota, Savanna, Destiny, Hillory, Mia, Cam, Maddie, and Troy; six great-granddaughters and the seventh on the way, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; first wife Bonnie in 1998; and his second wife Joanne in 2006.

A celebration of life will be held at the family's convenience. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, will be assisting with the arrangements.

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 Bellows Falls at Mount Anthony, 7 p.m.
 Fair Haven at Springfield, 7 p.m.
 Leland & Gray at Poultney, 7 p.m.
 West Rutland at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 8 –
Girls basketball –
 Leland & Gray at Long Trail, 5 p.m.
 Mill River at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.
 Mount Anthony at Springfield, 7 p.m.
 Poultney at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 –
Boys basketball –
 Green Mountain at Poultney, 7 p.m.
 Rutland at Bellows Falls, 7 p.m.
 Springfield at Leland & Gray, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 –
Girls basketball –
 Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 6 p.m.
 Green Mountain at Arlington, 7 p.m.
 Springfield at Otter Valley, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 –
Boys basketball –
 Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 7 p.m.
 Leland & Gray at Long Trail, 5 p.m.
 Springfield at Otter Valley, 6 p.m.

The Fallen Outdoors Team Vermont brings veterans outdoors —

REGION – The Fallen Outdoors Team Vermont is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the sole focus of getting veterans and service members into the outdoors. We do this through coordinating and facilitating hunting and fishing trips with local guides, charters, outdoorsmen, volunteers, and our organization's staff. The goal is to get veterans and service members out on hunting, fishing, and camping trips wherever possible across the nation.

these have been on hunting and fishing trips with charter fishing captains, local hunters, or fishermen who want to bring a veteran along with them.

Team Vermont has specific goals we would like to accomplish over the next year. First, we would like to facilitate 10-15 major fishing trips and 6-10 hunting trips each year. We personally plan to invite veterans and service members out on trips monthly.

Secondly, we have a goal of facilitating outdoor adventures for 100 new veterans and service members over the next 12 months. Our second goal is to pur-



Fallen Outdoors Team Vermont.

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en Outdoors currently has a series of events planned for 2021, including: ice fishing, black bear hunts, guided waterfowl hunts on Lake Champlain, charter fishing trips, Whitetail deer hunts, fall turkey hunts, small game hunts, river, pond and lake fishing, waterfowl hunts, whitetail hunts in Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio, and kayak and canoe trips.

If you are an active service member or veteran or know someone who is, and would like to participate in our excursions, please contact of our team by emailing robert.farnsworth@thefallenoutdoors.com or visit our website, www.thefallenoutdoors.com/vermont.

chase gear for veterans to use on hunting, fishing, and camping outings. This allows veterans who may not have the funds to purchase equipment the ability to experience outings with limited to no financial burden.

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2021 Connecticut River speaker series

REGION – This year, the CRJC Subcommittees will be working together to celebrate and learn more about our Connecticut River – its history, science, and culture. We invite residents of the Connecticut River Valley to join and participate. The 2021 Riverwide speaker series will host four events to occur virtually on a Tuesday at 6 p.m. Register or find out more at www.crjc.org/lrs.

- March 23: River Paths for Wildlife
- May 25: Future of Inva-

sive Species Management

- Sept. 28: A History of the Connecticut
- November TBA: Water Quality & Green Infrastructure

This year, members are also working to advance water quality monitoring of the Connecticut River, and we welcome volunteers to help us in this effort. By using the knowledge and wisdom of riverside communities, we might better prevent expensive and culturally ruinous troubles, safeguarding the magic of the Connecticut River.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions preserves and protects the visual, ecological, and agricultural resources of the Connecticut River Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as guides its growth and development. The five CRJC Local River Subcommittees, which include all 53 riverfront communities, comment on river related permits and watershed planning. Enabled by both states, volunteer commissioners and members act as the "eyes and ears" on river related issues. In addition, members advance public awareness and involvement on issues of local priority.

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This 3+/- acre parcel is located towards North Springfield with frontage on the Black River and Spoonerville Brook. A large portion of the property is cleared with some wooded area for buffer. A nice sunny location. \$35,000

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A reminder to remove ice shanties

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont state law requires that ice fishing shanties be removed from the ice before the ice weakens, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

The shanty must be removed before the ice becomes unsafe or loses its ability to support the shanty out of the water, or before the last Sunday, March 28, whichever comes first. All contents, debris, wood, and supports must also be removed so they do not become a hazard to navigation in the spring.

The fine for leaving your ice fishing shanty on the ice can be \$1,000, and shanties may not be left at state fishing access areas.

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An extensive employment description can be requested by calling the Town Hall. The application is located on the Town of Westminster's website at www.westminster-vt.org, and/or obtained by emailing Assistant@westminster.org, attention Highway Road Crew Employment Application, or at the Town Offices.

To apply for this position, please complete the employment application and mail to:

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Applications for this position are due no later than **March 26, 2021 by 4:00 pm.**

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MARCH 4 –
WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. –
On March 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., there will be a four-session virtual workshop on “Local Investment 101: How to Reboot the Region’s Economy after Covid-19” with Michael Shuman, community economist and author of “Put Your Money Where Your Life Is.” Scholarships are available upon request. Contact nancy@vitalcommunities.org. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/local-investment-101-workshop-series-tickets-136718688277.

MARCH 9 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Please join us March 9 at 7 p.m. for the Southern Vermont Astronomy

Group’s monthly meeting. SoVerA member and former president, Claudio Véliz, will be presenting on variable star observing and measuring. Meeting will be held via Zoom at www.zoom.us/j/94691230307.

MARCH 10 –
REGION – AARP Vermont is offering a series of free virtual presentations on consumer fraud. On March 10 is “Medicare Fraud: It’s Enough to Make You Sick.” Annually, \$65 billion is lost to Medicare Fraud that could be applied to extended benefits and reduced taxpayer liability. This presentation explains how the crime is committed, how to protect yourself, and how to report it. Two

presentations are offered at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Contact Elliott Greenblott, AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Coordinator, at egreenblott@aarp.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –
Vermont author Kim Nace reads her picture book “All People Pee” to

children and grownups alike Wednesday, March 10 at 10 a.m. over Rockingham Library’s Zoom. Nace is the co-founder and executive director of the Rich Earth Institute in Brattleboro, whose mission is to turn sanitized human urine into fertilizer while supporting

sustainable agriculture and protecting vital water resources. For more information, go to www.richearthinstitute.org. For an invitation to the Zoom event, call 802-463-4270 or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

MARCH 11 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. –

On Friday, March 11 at 4 p.m., join South Londonderry Free Library for “Preparing for Financial Longevity” with Rhonda Lathrop as part of the Spring Wellness in our Community programming. Rhonda P. Lathrop is a financial advisor with Merrill, Bank

of America. Her role is to help clients visualize, articulate, and pursue their financial and lifestyle goals. Please register with Rhonda in advance at Rhonda.P.Lathrop@ML.com or 802-362-0985. There is no cost to participate, but donations to the library are welcome.

The Vermont Birth Experience documentary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –
The United States has the highest maternal mortality out of developed countries. The rate is three to four times higher for women of color. With there being a high rate of interventions and unnecessarily high infant and maternal mortality rates, local birth workers wonder what Vermont does differently that makes it so much safer to birth

here. With the takeover of Dartmouth-Hitchcock and so many maternity centers closing, options are becoming more limited, but providers work hard to keep the options that are available at a top level of care. The important thing in birth is that people have options and that they know their options. We cannot tell parents to trust their

gut and then expect them to magically know what option is for them. We need to provide them with education and resources and allow them to make the choice that feels right to them. It takes a village – birth workers and postpartum providers are a huge part of that village!

Jess Kimball, local doula and birth assistant at Sacred Transitions, Monadnock

Birth Center, produced a documentary capturing what makes Vermont such a special and safe space to birth. The documentary, titled “The Vermont Birth Experience,” is being shown on SAPA TV sporadically and will show at Springfield Cinemas 3 March 10 at 7 p.m. and March 27 at 1 p.m. It is currently available online on Vimeo for purchase or

rental. All proceeds are going to support families struggling to access doula care. Direct donations to the doula scholarship can be made through the non-profit Women’s Choice in Care nonprofit, earmarked for Sunflower Postpartum Care, or on Sunflower Postpartum Care’s website, www.sunflowerpostpartumcare.com.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to review two zoning applications. Randall Walter proposes a change of use for 154 Westminster Street. Windsor-Windham Housing Trust proposes a modification to their existing zoning permit for residential housing at 115 Rockingham Street. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room or at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82549816482>

Chester-Andover Elementary School KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2021/2022 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2021.

Please contact the school office at 875-6832 or kim.leonard@trsu.org to let us know your child will be attending.

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on March 22, 2021 via Zoom from the Town Hall for a Preliminary Hearing on an Application for a Variance.

PROPERTY OWNERS: Chris Augusto
APPLICANT: Chris Augusto
LOCATION: 847 Farrar Road
DISTRICT: R120

ACTION REQUESTED: Build a single family residence on non-conforming lot – variance requested

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
Jill S. Barger
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
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The Development Review Board will be holding a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on March 22, 2021 via Zoom from the Town Hall for a Preliminary Hearing on an Application for a Variance.

PROPERTY OWNERS: Barry F. Fowler
APPLICANT: Barry F. Fowler
LOCATION: 74 Cobleigh Street
DISTRICT: Village Center

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow rebuilding of unattached garage with a large footprint.

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.

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For the Development Review Board
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TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT REVIEW

Christopher Lindgren of 7 Maple Hill Rd, Weston Vt., has submitted an application for a major subdivision, just north of Maple Hill Rd on Rt.100, parcel I.D.#.09-02-42.00.

The Town of Weston Planning Commission will hold a virtual hearing on this application March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Information on the application and how to attend the hearing may be obtained by emailing the Zoning Administrator at zoning@westonvt.org.

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 25th day of February, 2021
Will Goodwin Zoning Administrator Town of Weston Vermont

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VERMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday 03/17/2021, to hold a public hearing for an application from Kurt Hathaway of Londonderry, to use the former Doane Real Estate building at 1347 Vt. Rt 11. for tool and material storage. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available by emailing the town’s Zoning Administrator at zoningadmin@londonderryvt.org.

*Due to the ongoing COVID 19 health emergency, the meeting will be held through the means of remote electronic access as permitted under act 92, signed into law by Vt. Governor Scott on March 30, 2020. Notice of this will be provided at the time of legal posting of the meeting agenda, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please check the town’s website-www.londonderryvt.org, or contact the Zoning Administrator prior to the meeting on how to participate remotely by video or telephone.

In Search Of

The Town of Charlestown, NH is scheduling auctions of the following properties and is in search of Executor/Executrix of Estate, Heirs, or other related parties regarding the following properties:

33 Morways St – former owner Robert W. Bryant (of Athens, VT)
150 Wetherby Road – former owner Frederick L. Poisson, Sr
4 Connecticut River Park – former owner Maryann Lacroix-Thornton
564 Morningside Lane – former owner Gail G. Crawford
77 Cobb Road – former owner Timothy R. Hicks

If you are related to the above individuals or know someone who may have rights to these properties, please contact the; Office of the Selectboard, Town of Charlestown, 233 Main Street, PO Box 385, Charlestown, NH 03603. Please contact the Selectboard Office as soon as possible, property auctions are scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Walgreens, Susan G. Komen “Raise Hope, End Cancer”

REGION – Walgreens and Susan G. Komen have partnered together in the fight to end breast cancer. The funds raised by this partnership are vital for both the future of breast cancer research and the support we are providing to people facing breast cancer today during this historic period of

uncertainty and economic distress. Walgreens offers two ways for customers to donate to the “Raise Hope, End Cancer” fundraiser. During the months of February and March, shoppers may donate their Walgreens Cash rewards to the “Raise Hope, End Cancer” fundraiser

directly from their myWalgreens account online or through the mobile app. Additionally, shoppers may visit stores from Feb. 28 to March 13 and make a pinpad donation during checkout. All donations support those who need it today, while fearlessly searching for tomorrow’s cures.

“Susan G. Komen is thankful for the support of Walgreens and their customers. We are excited about the potential of this collaboration to accelerate the pace of research discovery and to support services like our Breast Care Helpline, Treatment Assistance Program, and Patient Navigation,”

said Paula Schneider, CEO, Susan G. Komen. “Thanks to this partnership, we will be able to help support people touched by breast cancer today, while we spur the development of more effective treatments.”
Join Susan G. Komen in its fight to save lives at www.komen.org.

Winona Smith Scholarship opportunities now open

MONTPELIER, Vt. –
The League of Women Voters of Vermont Education Fund is now accepting applications for its Winona

Smith Scholarship program. Created in 1995 to honor the legacy of Winona Smith, the scholarship is awarded annually to local

high school seniors who embody the characteristics and qualities Smith displayed of civic participation and community service.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic achievement, and come highly recommended by their instructor.

Applications, due May 1, 2021, can be completed online at www.bit.ly/lwvscholarship. Students need to submit two essays (500 words), one on issues concerning voting rights and the other, on the impact

of a recent civic, national, or world event. A letter of recommendation from a teacher is also required.

The scholarship can be applied towards continuation of education in an accredited vocational-technical or trade school and two- or four-year college or university. Scholarship recipients will be announced June 1, 2021.

Last year, LWV scholarships were awarded to students from Hazen Union, Rutland, South Burlington, and U32 High Schools.

Questions can be directed to Becky Miller at lwvofvt.edfund@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 100 years of experience and 800 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

- **132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont**
For the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Being a portion of the same lands and premises deeded by the Final Decree of Distribution in Re: The Estate of Gwendolyn J. Debish, Ronald J. Theissen, Administrator to John Debick by deed dated January 5, 2012 and recorded in Book 357 at Page 310 of the Ludlow Town Land Records, consisting of a building and 8.9 acres, more or less, of land located at 132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont.
- **321 Route 103 South, Ludlow, Vermont**
For the years 2019-2020. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Mervin L. Wilkinson and Kathryn A. Wilkinson to Kiran Patel, a/k/a Kiran Kumarn Patel by deed dated August 1, 2005 and recorded in Book 290 at Page 223 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **13 Lovejoy Brook Road, Ludlow, Vermont**
For the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dayle M. Brown to Baja M. Ray and Theodore L. Brown, III by deed dated October 15, 2009 and recorded in Book 336 at Page 257 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.
- **62 Andover Street, Ludlow, Vermont**
For the years 2019-2020. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Joseph E. Sutowski by deed dated December 27, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 598 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, second floor, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of March, 2021 at Ten O’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 9th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Scott Murphy

Scott Murphy, Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes