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Bellows Falls Rural Development visit, one year later

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – A year ago, Rockingham launched three citizen task forces eager to complete “actionable goals” by tackling areas of need identified by a process brought to town by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. In December of 2019 at the invitation of the Selectboard and Development Director Gary Fox, VCRD staff came to Bellows Falls and held three open community meetings in a process they called “Let’s Take Action, Rockingham.” Areas of need were identified as establishment of a youth center, redevelopment of Bellows Falls buildings, and the advancement of community energy, efficiency, and resiliency.

Now, a year later, Fox says the launching last year coincided

with the Covid-19 shut downs and caused some “stalls and set backs,” but now he feels “it is starting to come together.”

The Youth Center Task Force was heavily dependent on input from students. School shut down and the loss of in-person social interaction was a major disruption that put the project on the back burner for many involved. It is hard to imagine creating a safe gathering place when the pandemic wisdom is for them not to gather at all. Task force leader Hailee Cochran reports that they are now starting in earnest again.

Laurel Green, leader of the Energy, Efficiency, and Resiliency group, reports gains on a number of fronts that include quite a few collaborations with both new and existing groups. They created the organization Sustainable Rockingham that



Three empty buildings identified for development on Rockingham Street in Bellows Falls.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

formed five teams: Resilience, Renewable Energy, Gardens-Composts-Swales, Weatherization, and Transportation. Out of that has come Rockingham Help and Helpers that brought together local organizations in response to Covid to fill the

gaps in community services. They are partnering with the Rockingham Library to present programs to foster resilience and revise the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. They are also collaborating with the Bellows Falls Community Garden,

Rockingham Energy Committee, and the MOOver – formerly The Current – for public transportation. Anyone wishing to help in these projects should contact laurellplaned@gmail.com.

Ray Massucco, who leads the Development of Bellows Falls Buildings Task Force, says they set out to fill a need for a current roster of empty buildings to offer perspective developers. He says now they are partnering with Fox’s efforts to create an incremental development alliance bringing a number of various kinds of partners such as government, grant funders, businesses, and nonprofits together to create a marketing analysis of what to target and its impact on development and infrastructure. Some grants have already been obtained. Fox says progress on all fronts is to be re-

ported to the Selectboard at the end of March.

Fox says that VCRD staff are returning to set up a meeting of all three task forces to see if they can collaborate on a single plan. He can envision perhaps a youth center in a formerly empty building that will be redeveloped in an environmental friendly way. Fox sees that and other similar projects to be identified as fulfilling the primary purpose of the process – that being the creation of a corps of community people who will become ecocentric and knowledgeable in moving forward. He has recorded multiple trainings from experts the council provided. Contact Gary Fox through the Rockingham/Bellows Falls Development Office for access to the trainings or for information on the various projects at development@rocbf.org.

Woolson Block commercial space renovations nearly complete

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The nearly two-year renovation of the Woolson Block building, a beautiful three-story brick building located on Main Street in downtown Springfield, is nearly complete. After recently completing the second and third floor residential spaces, which features 15 rental apartments, the remaining street-level commercial space is nearly completed and ready to be utilized. The Youth In Transition Housing Program is also located in the below street level and garden terrace part of the building.

The construction of the reno-

vation project, managed by co-partners Springfield Housing Unlimited and Housing Vermont, began in April of 2019 as part of a \$37 million “affordable apartments” development project throughout Vermont. The project was supported by federal low-income credits and Vermont Affordable Housing credits through the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.

With the two floors of residential space completed in December 2020, the concentration has been on completing and making available the street level, 5,000-plus square foot commercial spaces. There are four commercial spaces available, including a 1,086-square-foot

space, a 931-square-foot space, a 1,312-square-foot space, and a 789-square-foot space.

“All the commercial spaces are ‘open concept’ with a factory-style atmosphere, and have been historically renovated to be as close to the original 1904 building as possible,” Jessica Martin said in a recent interview. Martin is the executive director of Springfield on the Move and coordinator of leasing the commercial spaces.

“The pressed tin ceilings and wood floors have been renovated, the store fronts have new energy efficient windows, and feature heating radiators that are separate from the commercial spaces’ forced air heating and

cooling units. Additionally, select commercial spaces can also be connected to create greater square footage if needed.”

There are significant “early bird” incentives available for secured leases in 2021, and all four commercial spaces are ADA compliant. There is also ample free public parking located in the Park Street Factory Lot, which is a very short walk from the building.

“Springfield on the Move/WB Main LLC are the master lease holders of all four commercial spaces,” Martin added.

For more information, go to www.springfieldonthemove.net or email at springfieldonthemove@gmail.com.



The Woolson Block commercial spaces are nearing completion.

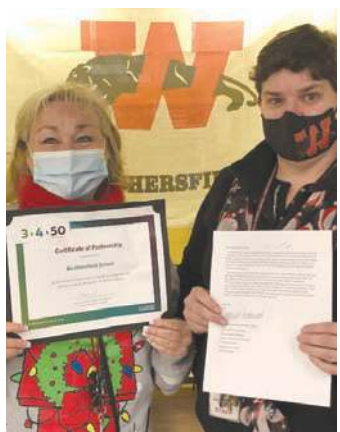
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Weathersfield School, Children’s Place Preschool achieve gold in Health Initiative –

REGION – Weathersfield School in Weathersfield, Vt. and The Children’s Place Preschool in Windsor, Vt. are the latest in Windsor County to achieve Gold-level status in the Vermont Department of Health’s 3-4-50 campaign. The 3-4-50 program highlights how three behaviors, physical inactivity, poor diet, and tobacco use, lead to four chronic diseases, cancer, heart disease, and stroke, Type 2 diabetes, and lung disease, which result in more than 50% of the deaths in Vermont.

The Windsor Early Child-care Education Center achieved Gold-level status in 2020, joining the town of Windsor and Trinity Free Evangelical Church who both achieved Gold-level status in 2019, along with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Care Center, which has held Gold-level status since 2017. Achieving Gold-level status demonstrates that an institution has a genuine commitment to promoting health and wellness and reducing chronic disease.

Jen Tucker of The Children’s Place Preschool stated, “We are very honored to receive this



JeanMarie Oakman and BJ Esly of Weathersfield School.

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achievement. Our staff and children have taken little steps towards the big achievements.”

JeanMarie Oakman, principal of the Weathersfield School, notes, “We are very honored to receive this status and are very proud of the staff and students for making healthy choices a way of life.”

The 3-4-50 Program has three commitment levels – bronze, silver, and gold – based on the number and scale of the wellness measures implemented.



Jen Tucker of The Children’s Place Preschool.

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In order to achieve Gold status, the Weathersfield School incorporated many healthy activities into its program, including, but not limited to: Let’s Get Active challenges; numerous water bottle filling stations around school; participation in Way to Go, VT, to lower the carbon footprint by promoting walking or riding a bike; offer 30 minutes every day for recess, even during this pandemic and the abbreviated school day; and a strong relationship with Mt. Ascutney Pre-

vention Partnership and Rise VT Windsor County. “These groups supply us with grants and information on the dangers on all types of tobacco use and grants to purchase extra recess equipment,” explains JeanMarie Oakman.

The Children’s Place Preschool demonstrated how they are exceeding both in nutrition and physical activity standards with some examples including: a school garden project; introducing efforts around tobacco cessation curriculum for parents; create policies that support nutrition, physical activity, and quit tobacco support; eliminate sugary drinks and juices and offer water all day; create and maintain a children’s vegetable garden as a teaching tool, and to supply vegetables for snacks and meals.

To learn more about the 3-4-50 program, contact Jackie Lindamood, public health nutritionist at the Vermont Dept. of Health, at Jackie.Lindamood@vermont.gov or 802-289-0546.

Kurn Hattin Homes’ maple sugaring season is underway

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kurn Hattin Homes’ maple sugaring season is officially underway under the instruction of Conor Fitzgerald, assistant farm manager. Conor, with the help of sixth and seventh graders, spent the last few weeks tapping several species of maple trees at Kurn Hattin. Buckets were mounted, sap levels checked, and when nearly full, they were taken to the science classroom for the boiling process.

Boiling sap gives the students the opportunity to observe and learn about the process of evaporation while using a refractometer to measure and compare the sugar levels in both the initial sap and the final product of syrup. The students will be running experiments on which type of maple tree produces the most sap and has the most sugar content.

In addition to the classroom boiling process, Kurn

Hattin Homes also utilizes its sugarhouse for producing larger quantities of syrup for campus use. The maple sugaring season at Kurn Hattin will continue through March and, depending on weather conditions, into April. Pancakes with homemade maple syrup? Those are enjoyed year-round!

Follow their journey: www.kurnhattin.org.



Kurn Hattin Homes children checking sap levels.

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SAPCC announces “The Week of the Young Child”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center is pleased to announce its 28th annual celebration of “The Week of the Young Child” during the week of April 10-16.

First established in 1971 and sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, The Week of the Young Child is an annual event that recognizes that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children’s success in school and later life. It is a time to plan how we as citizens of a community, state, and nation

will better meet the needs of all young children and their fami-



Celebrate “The Week of the Young Child” with SAPCC. PHOTO PROVIDED

lies – to focus public attention on those needs and recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Although 2020-2021 has been a challenging year for celebrations because of Covid-19, the staff at the SAPCC, together with our sister agencies across Vermont, invite you to join us and show support for our young children, their parents, and our educators, in a unique show of “HANDS”! Our goal is to “Paint the Community” with handprints now through April 16 to honor and recognize those who have worked so hard during this pandemic.

Homemade handprints will contain messages of gratitude showing appreciation to all or tag special teachers, students, and others involved in education to spread inspiration and a message of hope.

Check out our Facebook page for more information or call us at 802-886-5242.

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BFUHS February Elks Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Ashleigh Clarke-Williams has been named the February Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Ashleigh, a senior, is the daughter of Tara Clarke of Bellows Falls.

Ashleigh is a dedicated student who works hard in her classes. She comes to school prepared, works hard to thoroughly complete assignments to meet expectations, and uses feedback to improve her skills. Always willing to participate in class discussions, she offers insightful com-



Ashley Clarke-Williams. PHOTO PROVIDED

ments and asks good questions.

Ashleigh arrives to school with a smile on her face and pep in her step that sets a positive tone in the classroom. She is friendly and courteous and a pleasure to work with.

A quiet leader and good role model, Ashleigh gets involved in school and community activities, and is always willing to help whenever she can. She has helped with class fundraisers, has volunteered at Girls on the Run events, Bingo, and others.

Clearly deserving of this award, BFUHS and the Elks are honored to have Ashleigh represent us as the February Student of the Month.

Area students named to Dean’s List

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lizzy Parker of Springfield, Vt., was named to the Dean’s List at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. for the fall 2020 semester. To qualify, Dean’s List students were registered for at least 12 credits, received no grade below “C”,

earned at least three times as many grade points as the number of calculable credits recorded by the registrar, and were in at least the upper quartile of their school or college.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Amanda Hodgkins of Walpole, N.H.,

was named to the Dean’s List at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., for the fall 2020 semester. Dean’s List students have completed at least two graded courses in the Fall 2020 semester with an academic standing for a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester.

Monadnock Farm Share returns

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District is excited to announce the continuation of the Monad-

nock Farm Share Program for its third year in 2021. The Farm Share Program provides limited-income Mo-

Monadnock region residents with the opportunity to support their local CSA farmer and receive reliable high-quality produce on a regular basis all season long. To be eligible for this program your annual household income must not exceed \$50,000 per year. Farmers raise funds to cover 25% of the program costs and 25% of costs is provided by the Cheshire Medical Center for Population Health through its Healthy Monadnock Initiative. The customer is responsible to pay 50%.

Applications will be selected on a first come, first serve basis and funding is limited. The CCCD will accept applications until May 1, or until available shares have been awarded. More information and applications are available on the Conservation District website www.cheshireconservation.org/farm-share or by calling 603-756-2988 ext.4 or emailing info@cheshireconservation.org.

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FROM JEAN ILLINGWORTH



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

The party line

Growing up on High Street in the 1950s and '60s we had a party line. Party lines were the opposite of a private line. In our neighborhood, as I remember now, there were three households on our party line.

Ted Spaulding, then living on the Town Farm in Gassetts, told me there were 10 houses on his party line. These houses were mainly along Route 10.

I've tried to remember who was on our line. I know the Parkers and Alice Bliss were. I called Milan Cook to see if his family was on our line. No, they had a private line. Herbie Randall didn't have a phone; he was too deaf. Blanche and Harry Glynn didn't have a phone either. Milan told me Harry or Blanche used Cook's phone if they needed to make a call. The Crockers had a private line. I don't remember if the Pierces had a private line.

How our party line worked as I remember: the phone would only ring in your home but anyone on your line could listen to your conversation at any time by simply picking up their receiver. Some busy bodies might pick up their phone just to see if they could hear who you were talking to and about what.

Alice Bliss was a wonderful and kind woman. If someone in town suffered a loss, Alice was the first to get in her old black car and drive around door-to-door collecting money that she would then give to the family in despair, sometimes just 25 cents at a time. Alice had been burned out years before and knew the hardship firsthand. Alice talked to everyone she visited as she went around town. Everyone in town knew Alice was a gossip.

I remember my mother on the phone one day when she heard the telltale click of the receiver. After a couple min-



Alice Bliss in her kitchen on High Street.

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utes, my mother said, "Alice, hang up."

Sometimes us kids would hear the click and wanted to have some fun. We would make up some exaggerated story knowing Alice was listening; and if we were convincing enough, Alice would be sure to repeat it. Alice was a good sport.

I remember Chester's exchange was Tremont and Springfield was Turner. A call from Chester to Springfield was a toll call. If you had to make a toll call, you waited until after 7 p.m. when the rates were lower. Actually, Springfield was a toll call into the 1980s.

Alice was crazy about Bingo. Every week, Alice played Bingo somewhere in the area, quite often at the Grange. I remember her telling my mother when she won big a couple times.

Eggnog Hill

Idlenot Dairy was a large dairy run by the Aldrich family in Springfield. They had smaller refrigerated box trucks for home delivery. The milkman would stop at our house to see if my mother needed anything. If my mother needed anything, he would go out to the truck and get it for her.

In his truck he had cases of milk, orange juice, cottage cheese, butter, and eggs. One summer day the milkman drove in our yard. My mother needed something so the milkman went out to the truck to get it.

On the rear of the truck were two doors that closed together in the center. There was a handle to secure the doors closed. This summer day the milkman forgot to secure the doors. He backed out of our driveway to High Street. Here High Street is rather level, but as you go up to the Parkers or Cassistas the hill is very steep.

In first gear he started up the hill. As he gained speed, he shifted into second gear. The sudden lurch of the truck caused the rear doors to open. When the doors opened, the contents of the truck emptied out in the street. Try to picture a truckload of orange juice, milk, and eggs along with cottage cheese all scrambled up in the street.

I remember Billy Parker and me standing there laughing. It must have been embarrassing for the driver. The mess was cleaned up as best as could be. The mess was pushed to the side of the street. Animals must have had a feast that night.

After this event we kids named the hill, Eggnog Hill. The driver kept his job, but I bet he had a lot of explaining to do.

This week's old saying: "Ancestors are a poor excuse for not amounting to a hill of beans."

Rockingham Library Peeps Literary Diorama Contest

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library is pleased to announce its first-ever Peeps Literary Diorama Contest. Young and old alike are invited to create dioramas made of the seasonal marshmallow candies shaped as birds and animals. Entries will be submitted virtually through social media or email, and voting will be conducted online.

Participants can enter the contest by submitting photographs of their diorama, along

with their name, diorama title, and age category to the library through Facebook Messenger at www.facebook.com/RockinghamLibrary, or by email to youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org. Submissions are being accepted from March 19 through April 2. Several awards will be given including Best Diorama for each age bracket, Best Title, The People's Choice, and more.

To vote for the People's Choice award winner, the public can visit the library's Face-

book page, view the Peeps Literary Diorama Contest 2021 photo album between April 5-10, and "like" their favorite diorama. Alternately, voters can send the name of their favorite diorama to the above library email. Contest winners in all the categories will be announced April 12.

For more information and complete rules, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, or call the library at 802-463-4270.

Celebrating gardens with dramatic reading of "Seedfolks"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Settle into a comfortable chair with some popcorn or a favorite beverage and enjoy the dramatic reading of the book "Seedfolks" by Paul Fleischman Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. over Rockingham Library's Zoom platform.

This book consists of 11 intriguing monologues of neighbors from various cul-

tural backgrounds and of various ages who transform a vacant city lot into a flourishing garden. Most of the 11 readers for this piece are experienced actors. And some are enthusiastic gardeners. After the reading, information about the Bellows Falls Community Garden and how one can become a part of it will be shared.

To receive an invitation to this Zoom discussion, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 802-463-4270. Leave your phone number and email address. For those who do not have a computer, there is an alternative method of joining Zoom through a phone call. Please note that there might be a phone charge for this.

Taking a trip to Yellowstone through fiction

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m., join the Springfield Town Library for an online presentation of "Taking a Trip to Yellowstone Through Fiction." Anne Perreault will be introducing her new book, "Whatever Tomorrow May Bring."

"He stands to lose the legacy his family has built. Unless a miracle happens. Clint Anderson carries around the weight of the world on his shoulders. Most men would have given up, run from their destiny. But Clint can't. He is both mother and father to his six-year-old son, Ashton. Every time he looks at him, he sees the boy's mother, who passed away when the child was born. Reality is

different from fiction. Leah finds that she needs to make a choice that will alter her life. Will they accept whatever tomorrow may bring?"

Anne Perreault was born and raised in Germany. By the time she was 14 years old, her family moved to Dubai, UAE. She traveled extensively to various countries around the world. After graduating from an American boarding school in Austria, she attended college in England, where she met her husband. Anne, her husband, and two of their grown children now reside in southern Vermont where they are building their home. Besides writing, Anne enjoys reading and spending time with her

husband, grown children, and grand-dogger.

Sign up is required at www.eventbrite.com/e/taking-a-trip-to-yellowstone-through-fiction-tickets-136962718177. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Tracey at stlvtprograms@gmail.com or 802-885-3108 with any questions.



Legally grow your own cannabis

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Adults 21 and older are allowed under Vermont law to grow a maximum of two mature marijuana plants or four immature plants. Starting and growing marijuana indoors presents a unique set of challenges – even for those with green thumbs – and the volume of information available on the subject can be overwhelming.

On Monday, March 22 at 3 p.m., Fran Janik will detail

the process from seed buying through harvest. As owner of My Kind of Jamaica LLC, Janik is a cannabis patient advocate and legalization and technical consultant. His other services include cannabis grow consultation.

This Zoom presentation is being hosted by Neighborhood Connections. If you would like to attend, call 802-824-4343.

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obituaries

George Patrick Carroll, 1937-2021

WESTON, Vt. – George Patrick Carroll, 83, passed away unexpectedly Friday afternoon, Feb. 26, 2021 at his home in Weston, Vt. He was born July 5, 1937 in Bronx, N.Y., the son of James and Lillian (Jorn) Carroll.

George attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School and Pace University. He was employed as a sales representative with Oakite Chemicals in New Jersey and retired to Vermont in 1993 to be near The Weston Priory.

George married Marianne Corbett June 24, 1967 at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center, N.Y. George's family was his greatest joy. He was a beloved husband and father who embraced his Irish heritage and loved his country. He was an avid Giant fan, golfer, and supported his children's sporting events, competitions, and performances.

He is survived by his wife Marianne; son Christian Carroll; daughters Patricia Carroll Algarin and her husband George and Erin Carroll Lynch



George Patrick Carroll, 1937-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

and her husband Matthew; sisters Patricia Byrne and Lillian Gerlich; and five precious grandchildren and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by one brother James Carroll Jr. and by his foster son Jeffrey Sheehan.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in Weston, Vt., and will be announced at that time. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Kenneth H. Forbes Sr., 1934-2021

ANDOVER, Vt. – Kenneth H. "Skip" Forbes Sr., 86, of Andover, Vt. passed away at the Jack Byrnes Center in Lebanon, N.H., March 2, 2021. He was born Aug. 17, 1934 at home in Andover, Vt., the son of Charles and Alice Forbes of Andover, Vt.

He took great pride in the work he did as the town of Andover Road Commissioner for 25 years, and his many years as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator.

Skip is preceded in death by his loving wife Doris Forbes, his parents Charles and Alice Forbes, brothers Francis and LeWayne Forbes, sisters Estelle Bentley and Thelma Holden, daughter Karen Forbes, and stepdaughter Jodi Adams.

He is survived by his five children Keven Forbes, Jaynie Carleton, Kenneth Forbes Jr., Kimberly Fox, and Robin Thomaston. He is also survived by four stepchildren Donna Merrow, Ruthie Adams, Anne Finegan, Gary Adams, and by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Skip had a love for life, his family, and community. He was a member of the Andover Mountaineer Snow Riders Club and loved the work he did along side his son Keven on the snowmobile trails in the area. He had a great mechanical ability.



Kenneth H. Forbes Sr., 1934-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing, motorcycling, snowmobiling, camping, and mowing his grass. What made him the happiest was dancing with his wife Doris, listening to "country and western" music, playing music with the "Andover Boys," and spending time with his children.

Dad was very social. He loved talking with people and would tell you a good story if you wanted to listen. He was a good friend who would drop anything to help anyone. Most of all, Skip was an amazing father who was the example his children live their lives by today.

Services will be announced and held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Steven J. Sysko Sr., 1924-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Steven J. Sysko Sr., of Springfield, Vt., was born May 3, 1924 and passed away at home at the age of 96, Feb. 13, 2021, after a short illness. He leaves behind his beloved wife to whom he was married for 68 years, Jeanne (Willette) Sysko, and four children Victoria Blodgett and her husband Fred of Southbridge, Mass., Steven Sysko Jr. and his wife Christine of Philadelphia, Pa., Richard Sysko of Waitsfield, Vt., and Lorraine Cofran and her husband Jeffrey of Jeffersonville, Vt., seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, plus several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Sygmund Sysko of Maine and his sister Blanche Reese of Bellows Falls.

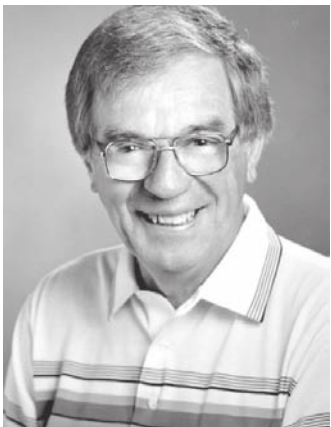
Steve was the son of Polish immigrants Zygmunt Syszko and Wiktor Koniecko and lived in Bellows Falls in his early years. After completing high school, he worked for a short time in the Moore and Thompson Paper Mill. He then joined the Army during World War II and was selected to become a member of a clandestine operation called the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA. It is believed he was one of only two native Vermonters to be chosen to be in this special branch.

After much training as a medic, parachutist, and in two other specialties, communications and demolition, he parachuted behind enemy lines in Japanese controlled Thailand. As a weapons expert, Sysko instructed the Thais in the use of the 45 Caliber pistol, 30-caliber carbine, Thompson sub-machine gun, and the highly explosive Composition "C." This training, along with the efforts of other groups, was for the intended armed insurrection against the Japanese. However, the war ended making the uprising unnecessary. While behind enemy lines, his camp was forced to flee more than once because the natives were being questioned about their existence, offering \$25,000 for any information.

Steve received the following medals for his military service: The Bronze Star from the USA, the Order of the White Elephant Fourth Class and the Santimala Peace medal from the King of Thailand Government, the China War Memorial from the Republic of China, the Atlantic Pacific Campaign with four stars and two arrows, the American Campaign, and the Good Conduct medal. Also, the OSS unit received the Presidential Citation medal.

After the war, Steve decided to use the G.I. Bill and was accepted by the University of Vermont as a pre-med student. However, he was needed at home and went back to work at the paper mill until it was shut down and moved to Florida. He then went to work for the Fellows Gear Shaper Company for 10 years and became lead man in the stockroom. There was a big layoff there in 1970 so he chose to go full-time with St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. where he had been working for some time on Saturdays anyway. He retired from there at the age of 66.

After retirement, he could finally pursue his greatest



Steven J. Sysko Sr., 1924-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

pleasures, videography, fishing – mostly for trout, which he shared with friends and neighbors – and fishing through the ice.

He was also very much the activist whether writing letters to the editors of local papers or being on the board or actively involved with several organizations in town over the years. These included the Southeastern Vermont Community Action, the Springfield Housing Authority, Springfield Democratic Town Committee, Retired Seniors Volunteer program, Planning Commission, Habitat for Humanity. He was treasurer of the Local 218 Retirees and part of the Connecticut River Joint Commission, vice commander of the Green Mt. Basha of C.B.I. He also belonged to the V.F.W., the American Legion, and was reelected for many years as a Justice of the Peace, serving on the Civil Board of Authority.

Perhaps he gained his most satisfaction for efforts he put towards investigating the possibility of creating a Springfield public access TV. Towards this end, he went to Montpelier and found there was considerable money set aside for this. He recruited some incredibly special technicians and others and so was born the Springfield Area Public Access TV, or SAPA TV. He was a board member on this until his death.

He loved making videos to put on SAPA TV, including pictures of the changing seasons and the Christmas and Halloween decorations around town. In addition, he always took videos of the Alumni Parade and the Veterans of Foreign Wars memorial celebrations. He belonged to the Springfield Senior Center and took many videos at the center whenever there were any celebrations or talented people invited to demonstrate their abilities, which were also put on SAPA TV.

Another one of the greatest contributions he made to Springfield was his tireless efforts in getting information out to Springfield voters to vote down the proposed removal of the Weathersfield Dam, Springfield's only other possible source of town water. Therefore, he and others were successful in this endeavor not once, but twice!

Steve had a long and fruitful life and will be remembered by his family as a loving husband and a father to be proud of. There will be a burial with a graveside ceremony service at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center, Vt. and a memorial Mass said at St. Mary's Catholic Church at a future date.

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Timothy J. Goodell, 1960-2021

BURLINGTON, Vt. – Timothy Joel Goodell, formerly of Springfield, Vt., passed away Feb. 23, 2021 at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vt. He was born Nov. 22, 1960 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Joel M. and Judith (Aiken) Goodell. He attended Springfield schools and Vergennes schools.

He worked in the logging industry when he was younger, never wanting to work a job inside, as he loved being outdoors in nature. Tim enjoyed fishing and was an avid Nascar and Jeff Gordon fan. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and had many friends in the Burlington area who looked out for each other.

He is survived by his mother Judy Matulonis of Springfield; one son Kenneth Goodell of California; two brothers Christopher Goodell and his wife Erica of Charlottesville, Va., and Jeffery Goodell and his wife Annette of Ridgeland, S.C.; two sisters Terri-Lynn Stockman and husband Clyde of Chester, Vt., and Lourie Wark of Ridge-



Timothy J. Goodell, 1960-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

land, S.C.; two granddaughters Kyeara and Kenzi Goodell; one niece Stacy Wark of Orange, Mass.; and one nephew Kyle Stockman of Santa Rosa, Calif.

A graveside service will be held at the Williamsville Cemetery in Newfane, Vt. at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to a food bank of one's choice.

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

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by Linda Thistle

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- 8 Bar bills
- 12 Coffee vessel
- 13 — about (circa)
- 14 Panache
- 15 Salty expanse
- 16 Chills and fever
- 17 — avis
- 18 Driver's aid
- 21 Superlative suffix
- 22 Inlet
- 23 Protractor measure
- 26 Actress Lucy
- 27 "See ya!"
- 30 Old salts
- 31 "The Bells" author
- 32 Edge
- 33 Sea, to Henri
- 34 Periodical, for short
- 35 Belt holders
- 36 Summer cooler
- 37 "Alice" waitress
- 38 Fortress on the Thames
- 45 Pearl Harbor site
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- 47 Docs' bloc

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Springfield Supported Housing Program staff and board, we thank voters of Springfield and Rockingham for generously approving town funds to support our operations for 2021. Your dedication allows SSHP to continue providing exceptional case management for clients we serve in the commu-

nity who are experiencing homelessness, or potential homelessness.

Your investment and collaboration not only increases housing stability, but improves the physical and social/emotional health of our clients and their children.

Please visit us at our website, www.sshpvt.org, or on Facebook.

Dear Editor,

Thanks to all who voted in the recent election. Having no idea what my chances were, I was happily surprised when Justice of the Peace Paul Obuchowski announced the results at the Masonic Temple. My fellow new Selectboard members Bonnie North, Elijah Zimmer, and I learned of our victories at 7:10 p.m. and were already at work in our first board meeting 20 minutes later.

With veteran Selectboard members Peter Golec and Sue

Hammond as chair and vice chair respectively, it feels like we have a capable, thoughtful, and hardworking team in place. I'm also encouraged by my recent orientation meeting with Municipal Manager Scott Pickup, Finance Director Shannon Burbela, and Town Planner Chuck Wise who are all welcoming and helpful to this new Selectboard member as he learns the ropes.

Know that I will work hard to fulfill my campaign promises,

Dear Editor,

I would like to refute Stuart Lindberg's comments about the media and hate groups (The Shopper, Feb. 24, 2021). He claims the media perpetrates hysteria concerning the threat white nationalist and other hate groups pose to the country.

I applaud the bravery of the media who exposed themselves to danger while recording the insurrection of Jan. 6 for posterity. People in the U.S. and all over the world watched as the Capitol was breached for the first time in its history. We saw who was there, and yes we saw militia members, Proud Boys, Oath Keepers. They were there and they breached the Capitol.

Lindberg distorts the impact hate groups have on our country by cherry picking numbers and not addressing impact. Yes, the membership in the KKK has gone down, but the overall number of hate groups has grown, with most of the newer ones being racist. Hate crimes have increased. The FBI has warned the biggest domestic threat to the U.S. is domestic terrorism. Added to that is the impunity with which these groups operate. Trump gave them license to spew their doctrines of hatred. Lindberg's comment

about the "experts" saying there are only "...an estimated 9,200 philosophically committed militant racists" in the U.S. gives me pause. I would like to see that source. Who are the experts, how did they measure "philosophically committed"? Lindberg does not mention the role of the internet in spreading racist and anti-government hate messages. It took only one day for the Fox News lie about antifas and the insurrection to get mentioned 400,000 times. We also must consider the impact on the lone wolves who absorb this online hatred then go out and act on it. Remember Dylann Roof who killed nine Black people in church after he prayed with them? Then there is the congressman, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) who gave a keynote address at a white supremacist event and retweets white supremacy ideology.

Lindberg thinks there has been a massive paradigm change in how we view one another. That is a tough one to measure and difficult for me to believe in light of recent events. Three Black women in Vermont have stepped down from leadership roles since 2018 because of racist insults and

Thank you,
Lee Trapeni, executive director
Tricia Pardee, president
Carla Kamel, vice president
Don Barcome, treasurer
Lindsay DeCell, secretary
Springfield Supported Housing Program

one of which was to be completely accessible to constituents. To that end, here's my email address: rickcowan00@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas. If you'd prefer a telephone conversation, please email me your phone number and a convenient time to call.

Sincerely,
Rick Cowan
Rockingham Selectboard

threats (a Vermont Legislator, a Hartford Selectboard member, and a chair of a regional NAACP organization). Voter suppression legislation aimed at Black voters is proliferating at a staggering rate. "Twenty-eight states have introduced, prefiled, or carried over 106 restrictive bills this year..." (Source: www.thenation.com/article/politics/republican-voter-suppression)

Lindberg also blames the media for making us think that anyone who has an opposing viewpoint is a Nazi, a bigot, or a racist. Remarks like that are meant to divide people and are an insult to intelligent people.

Hate groups are hate groups, and they are a threat to our existence as a democratic nation. Like Lindberg, you can tell your friends you love them, but why not consider contributing to groups that will fight against racism and hate groups. I suggest: Southern Poverty Law Center, ACLU, NAACP.

Sincerely,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

A sincere thank you to the voters of Weathersfield for visiting the polls and mailing ballots in support of the Fiscal Year 2022 School Budget. We are grateful for your commitment to invest in the future of our students!

We would also like to thank the Budget Advisory Committee who thoroughly reviewed the budget and made

Dear Editor,

In these trying times, we at Our Place Drop-in Center have so many to thank for helping us meet the needs of our neighbors.

For conducting food drives or donating food, we thank Chroma Technology, the Bellows Falls Women's Club, Bazin Brothers Trucking, the Saxtons River Village Market, Black River Produce, Shaw's, Cota & Cota, and Lisai's Market.

For donating funds, we are grateful for organizations like the Elks, the American Legion Post 37, the Women's Fellowship of Christ's Church, the Rolling Wheel Sams, the Bellows Falls Rotary Club, and the Walpole Players, and banks like Mas-

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, I headed to Ludlow from Mount Holly for a haircut and in the process my battery warning light came on, then the brake light and then my car slowly died. I made it just to the Ludlow side of the lights at Route 100 North.

First, a kind lady checked to make sure I was okay. I had called my husband and as he drove up so did our very dear friend, Eric Rossier, returning from the Cape in his hay truck – and

Dear Editor,

With the recent regime change in Washington, D.C., the Democrats are in charge of the executive branch, the House, and the Senate. Quite rapidly, we are witnessing corporate America and Big Green Energy flooding social media and legacy news with advertisements pushing the virtues of transitioning to battery-operated transportation.

The external costs of this Green New Deal are being largely ignored. The claims of cleaning up the environment and creating a more socially responsible society completely overshadow the downsides of this transition. There are unmeasured costs that exceed even the billions of taxpayer dollars being expropriated from every American citizen to fund this change.

While the environmental

budgetary reduction suggestions in areas that would have the least negative impact on the education of our students. We appreciate your time and the thoughtful consideration that went into this process.

Respectfully,
Weathersfield School Board
AnneMarie Redmond, Chairperson and WSESU Representa-

tion Assembly of God, Christ's Church, and St. Luke's Episcopal.

Additionally, many businesses, large and small, have been generous, including Silver Forest of Vermont, Baldasaro Enterprises, Applied Bolting, Sonnex, Bryant Chucking and Grinder, Whitney Blake, Crown Point Builders, Greater Falls Insurance, the Vermont Country Store, Flatness Specialists, Benson Woodworking, the Rock and Hammer, and Janitech.

The members of these local churches have come forward with weekly contributions and fundraising events: Renewed Life in Jesus, First Congregational Church of Westminster, the Congregational Church of Westminster West, the First Baptist Church, Faith Chris-

Chief Billings as well! The chief called Benny's Towing in Chester and my husband and I drove to Tony's Auto Service Center to arrange things; he figured the problem was my alternator and said he'd take my car.

When we returned to my little RAV4, Benny arrived, loaded my car, and hubby and I did a little grocery shopping, including wine, which at that point we needed! When I called Tony the next day to give him my phone number,

devastation created by mining operations is a huge concern, even more egregious is the use of children, as young as 6 years old, being "employed" as miners in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The rate of pay for these children is anywhere between 75 cents and \$2 a day. This is child slave labor.

International Rights Advocates have filed a lawsuit against Apple, Google, Dell, Microsoft, and Tesla on behalf of 14 Congolese parents. Other defendants in the lawsuit include the Chinese firm Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt. (Source: www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/dec/16/apple-and-google-named-in-us-lawsuit-over-congolese-child-cobalt-mining-deaths)

Amnesty International has also been diligent in exposing and advocating for the children and parents of the Congo.

tive Mark Yuengling, Vice Chair and WSESU Representative Kristen Bruso, Clerk Jacqui Antonivich, WSESU Bargaining Council Member Jaimie Turner, WSESU Representative Dr. David Baker, Superintendent, WSESU JeanMarie K. Oakman, Principal

As a result of this help, we have been able to provide almost 1,000 take-out breakfast and lunch meals a month, food pantry supplies to 82 families representing 208 people, and delivery to 34 homebound seniors.

Above all, we are grateful for our staff, who have been there to keep Our Place serving those who are struggling with hunger and isolation. Thank you, Amanda, Kim, Gary, Yesenia, and Lisa.

Sincerely,
Sarah Campbell, for the Board of Directors
Our Place Drop-In Center
Bellows Falls, Vt.

he said my car was all done! I couldn't have asked for a better experience. And to top it all off, my hairdresser Paula had a cancellation and I got in on Thursday!

I love living in a rural area in such a wonderful, caring state. Vermont and her people are The Greatest! Thanks to all for making my breakdown a positive experience!

Sincerely,
Marilyn Roberts
Belmont, Vt.

(Source: www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2016/01/child-labour-behind-smart-phone-and-electric-car-batteries)

Vermonters are known for being both environmentally and socially aware. Sadly, this awareness only goes so far as what is reported in the mainstream media. I encourage everyone who reads this to dig a little deeper and learn the impacts of your own purchasing decisions and how your tax dollars are being spent.

As dirty as fossil fuels may be, I am certain that the automobile I drive is made by highly paid union workers and fueled by oil industry workers who are protected by hard-earned labor and safety regulations.

Sincerely,
Stuart Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I'd like to share with our visitors from out of the area, a little poem I copyrighted in 2010.

Mudseason

Flatlanders don't understand.
Spring follows winter they vow,
But they're not so slick,
They'll learn pretty quick,
That mudseason's just about now!

Sincerely,
Falko A. Schilling
Saxtons River, Vt.



Rendering of mudseason.
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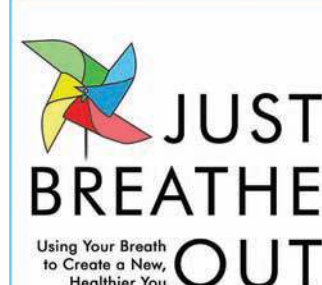
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Everyone can play a role and take action to help end the opioid overdose epidemic.

Reach out, if you think you or someone you know has a problem. Talk to family members, friends, or a health care professional.

Be supportive (not judgmental) if a loved one has a problem. Recognize that a substance use disorder is a medical condition, not a moral failing. Show support towards people in recovery. Acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. Encourage them to maintain their recovery program and supports

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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@trs.u.org to let us know your child will be attending.

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Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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GMUSD School Board

Has an Immediate Opening

The Green Mountain Unified School Board (GMUSD) seeks two Cavendish Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 1st 2022. The Board meets regularly, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities such as serving on board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

GMUSD Board
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Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day seeks donations

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Do you have items to donate to Grace Cottage Hospital's 71st annual Hospital Fair

Day? Grace Cottage is seeking items for its online auction, Aug. 1-8. See www.gracecottage.org/events.

To donate high-value new or used items, including jewelry, antiques, household items, cars, trucks, snowmobiles, ATVs, mo-

torcycles, boats, etc. – all tax deductible – call Andrea, C.J., or Charma at 802-365-9109. Selected items may be auctioned online.

To donate arts or crafts, call Art Show Chairperson Lauri Miner at 802-365-4194.

To donate hardcover books, call Book Booth Chairperson Ann Allbee at 802-365-7213 to schedule an appointment. For more information

about Hospital Fair Day, go to www.gracecottage.org/events or call Fair Day Chairperson Eileen Fahey at 802-365-4030.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Duke Enterprises, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown dated October 14, 1970 and recorded on October 21, 1970 in Book 31 at Page 148 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102023; 2242 North Main Street.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Peter Prizio by Warranty Deed of John J. Doran, Peter Prizio and Jack C. Lannon, dated March 30, 1987 and recorded on April 1, 1987 in Book 44 at Page 472 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #009011-200; 911 address: Barker Road 4.59 +/- acres of land on the north side.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Ridge Resort Holdings, LLC by Warranty Deed of Magic Carpet Properties, Inc. dated August 17, 2005 and recorded on September 13, 2005 in Book 62 at Pages 356-358 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #070004-200; E911 address: 20.12 +/- acres of land at Magic Mountain)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward John Brown by Warranty Deed of Lawrence A. Grover and Hazel E. Grover, dated August 6, 1981 and recorded on August 8, 1981 in Book 40 at Page 53 of the Londonderry Land Records. Reference is made to Easement Deed of Duke Enterprises, Inc. to Edward J. Brown, dated August 25, 1982 and recorded on August 25, 1982 in Book 40 at Page 554 of the Londonderry Land Records. Excepting, however, approximately 0.12 acre of land conveyed to the State of Vermont by Warranty Deed of Edward J. Brown, dated September 27, 1993 and recorded on October 1, 1993 in Book 51 at Page 8 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #102024; E911 address: 2296 North Main Street.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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The 65th Apple Blossom Cotillion underway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Cotillion, under very strict guidelines regarding Covid-19, is now underway. This year there will be two performances Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. At this time, general public in-person seating will not be available. However, the Grand Performance will be videotaped for viewing after the event.

Ten area high school senior girls and their chosen escorts have begun their rehearsals. The Springfield Community Players Theater has graciously offered their stage for the rehears-

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Barton Coburn by Warranty Deed of Milton Thomas Coburn, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded on June 2, 2017 in Book 79 at Pages 766-767 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019009-502; 911 address: 61 Coburn=s Way.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Margaret M. Pendry and James M. Pendry by Quitclaim Deed of Margaret M. Pendry dated December 28, 2006 and recorded on December 28, 2006 in Book 63 at Page 284 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #018035; 911 address: 220 Boynton Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to John J. Stapinski, Ronald B. Sancho, Mario Sorbara and Patsy Sorbara by Warranty Deed of Alice F. Paige, dated March 9, 1982 and recorded on in Book 40 at Page 464 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #004055; E911 address: Lots 55 & 77, Magic Circle, Magic Mountain)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. '5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The ZOOM meeting for the Divided Sky Foundation to be held on April 12, 2021 will be opened to those with Party Status ONLY per Vermont Statute, 24 V.S.A. § 4465 Please see the Statute below:

(b) For the purposes of this chapter, an interested person means any one of the following:

(1) A person owning title to property, or a municipality or solid waste management district empowered to condemn it or an interest in it, affected by a bylaw, who alleges that the bylaw imposes on the property unreasonable or inappropriate restrictions of present or potential use under the particular circumstances of the case.

(2) The municipality that has a plan or a bylaw at issue in an appeal brought under this chapter or any municipality that adjoins that municipality.

(3) A person owning or occupying property in the immediate neighborhood of a property that is the subject of any decision or act taken under this chapter, who can demonstrate a physical or environmental impact on the person's interest under the criteria reviewed, and who alleges that the decision or act, if confirmed, will not be in accord with the policies, purposes, or terms of the plan or bylaw of that municipality.

(4) Any ten persons who may be any combination of voters or real property owners within a municipality listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection who, by signed petition to the appropriate municipal panel of a municipality, the plan or a bylaw of which is at issue in any appeal brought under this title, allege that any relief requested by a person under this title, if granted, will not be in accord with the policies, purposes, or terms of the plan or bylaw of that municipality. This petition to the appropriate municipal panel must designate one person to serve as the representative of the petitioners regarding all matters related to the appeal.

(5) Any department and administrative subdivision of this State owning property or any interest in property within a municipality listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development of this State.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE ON YOUTUBE FOR OTHERS TO VIEW.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to RJC, LLC by Warranty Deed of Angelo Scarnati, Jr. and Elizabeth M. Scarnati, dated November 20, 2014 and recorded on December 3, 2014 in Book 73 at Pages 727-729 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #004004; E911 address: 208 Magic Circle; Lot 4)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Shaun G. Zaro and Kelly Ann Zaro by Warranty Deed of Roy C. Zaro, dated October 18, 1990 and recorded in Book 48 at Page 252 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #019001; Approximately 1.1 +/- acres of land on west side of Lowell Lake Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. '5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 22nd day of April 2021, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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als and performances. Due to the pandemic, there will not be any elementary school children participating this year.

The musical theme for this year's production is "I Feel Good" and will feature songs from the '60s.

The high school senior girls who will be competing for the title of Apple Blossom Queen are Anna Church, Skyler Congdon, Chloe Jerman-Brown, Hannah Hallock, Molly Leonard, Jordan Noyes, Victoria Otis, Kaelie Peoples, Hannah Presch, and Reilly Tennis.

Pam Church and Carrie Jewell return as the co-directors of the Cotillion. Larry Kraft will be the event's master of ceremonies for his 20th year, and Marie Laplante will once again be the official photographer.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital. The proceeds from this year's event provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and the services of the hospital.

To support this event, including becoming a cardboard fan, visit www.springfieldhospitalgiving.org. For more information, contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or speplau@springfieldmed.org.

Memoir Workshops

WALPOLE, N.H. – E.L. Doctorow said, "Writing is like driving a car at night: you never see further than your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way. If you have dreamed of writing about your life but don't know how to take the first step, or if you have a project in progress and need reliable feedback as you go forward, there is a place for you in one of these rigorous workshops. Workshop leader, Pam Bernard, carefully shapes each group so that participants can feel both nurtured and challenged at whatever level of experience."

While fiction encourages the writer to create a story, memoir demands that we discover a story. It can also be said of the need for poetry's fresh insights to be enacted on the page. If what Dag Hammarskjöld said is true, that the longest journey is the journey inward, then the deeper study and practice of memoir or poetry can facilitate and illuminate that journey.

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at the New Hampshire Institute of Art and Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College and B.A. from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email pam@pam-bernard.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call for more information, including days and times, 603-756-4177. All workshops are on Zoom.

LEGAL NOTICES

MARCH 21 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Fire Department and Black River Good Neighbors will provide an Easter Dinner Saturday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. Curbside pick up will take place at the Ludlow Fire Station. Menu includes ham, potatoes, gravy, corn, roll, and dessert. Call Angela at 802-356-3823 by March 21 to reserve your free dinner. There will be a maximum of 125 dinners provided.

MARCH 22 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Adults 21 and older are allowed under Vermont law to grow a maximum of two mature marijuana plants or four immature plants.

On Monday, March 22 at 3 p.m., Fran Janik will detail the process from seed buying through harvest. Janik is a cannabis patient advocate and legalization and technical consultant. This Zoom presentation is being hosted by Neighborhood Connections. If you would like to attend, call 802-824-4343.

LUDLOW, Vt. – American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, March 22, from 12:30-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main Street, in Ludlow. Walk in or make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF SITE PLAN REVIEW HEARING

Ramsay Gordon Architects have submitted an application for an addition to make an existing inn at 630 Main St. ADA accessible. The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on this application on 4/5/2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Those interested in attending the online meeting or seeing the application should email 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.

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.

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VINCENT DIBERNARDO, DVM**

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TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
Russell R. Hodgkins – Town Manager
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4255 Fax 802-722-9816
Manager@westminstervt.org

Town of Westminster – Request for Proposal

The Town of Westminster, Vermont is seeking a qualified consultant to create a new “Local Hazard Mitigation Plan” which has a population of 3220 as per the 2010 census.

The selected consultant(s) shall:

A. Demonstrate the ability to identify various hazard mitigation strategies that will eliminate or greatly reduce the impact of hazards that may affect the municipality.
B. Have experience related to mitigation planning work.

The Town of Westminster has received a FEMA Grant that is capped at \$ 10,150.00. Cost-effectiveness and efficiency will be given very serious consideration when selecting the Consultant which will, in this RFP, propose a budget and timeline that makes the most cost-effective and expedient use of all in kind resources as well as other cost saving measures, such as teleconferencing. Further details of this request for service can be acquired by contacting the Town Manager at manager@westminstervt.org.

Proposals will be accepted until March 26, 2021 @ 4:00pm and proposed work must be completed by July 30, 2022 per the FEMA Grant guidelines. All proposals shall include:

A. Consultant’s qualifications and resume. Please include references and contact information for similar emergency management or hazard mitigation planning projects.
B. Description of experience with grant funded projects, especially FEMA or Vermont EM programs.
C. Project and cost proposal should include all consultant hourly rates and any associated direct expenses.

All RFP’s can be emailed directly to the Town Manager @ the email address above on or before the date specified.

MARCH 24 –
REGION – AARP Vermont is offering a series of free virtual presentations on consumer fraud. On March 24 is “Investment Fraud: A Life Savings Up In Smoke.” Approximately \$3 billion is lost annually

to investment fraud, which directly impacts the life savings of many senior citizens. Join our fraud team for an examination of how to recognize it and what you can do to avoid 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.

MARCH 25 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, March 25 at 6

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

On March 22, 2021, the Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 847 Farrar Road at 4:30 pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall or via Zoom 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 the Public 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
zoning@chestervt.gov

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

On March 22, 2021 , the Development Review Board will hold a site visit at 74 Cobleigh Street at 5:15 PM and a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall or via Zoom 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 larger 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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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

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Full-Time – Permanent Position**

Desired candidate must have the ability to perform semi-skilled work related to the operation of sewer collections. Must be able to make accurate reports of material hauled and maintenance scheduled. Operates vacuum truck and light duty motor equipment, and hand tools necessary to perform repair functions. May occasionally be called upon to operate construction equipment other than trucks in circumstances not requiring a high degree of skill, if capable of doing so. Responsible for routine servicing and preventative maintenance of vehicle in his/her charge, including minor repairs and adjustments such as preparation of snow storms. Depending on Division, Maintenance Worker II/Vacuum Driver may participate in activities such as: municipal properties repair and maintenance, masonry, plumbing, carpentry work, water/sewer repair, construction, sidewalk and catch basin repairs and replacement. Must possess all desired knowledge, abilities and physical capabilities necessary to perform heavy manual labor for long hours under varying and often rugged climatic conditions. Position is supervised by the Public Works Director and the Water/Wastewater Superintendent, or their designee and may be required to work independently on occasion. Requires an understanding of job safety, a valid motor vehicle operator’s license, valid Commercial Driver’s License, (CDL), with Tanker endorsement and employee to be on call. Grade 14 A \$16.10 up to 14 F \$19.64 per hour, depending on experience, - union position with healthcare and retirement benefits.

Send cover letter, resume and applications to the Human Resources Office, 96 Main Street, or email to: toshrr@vermontel.net. Applications and job descriptions may be picked up at the Town Office Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM by calling the Human Resources Department ahead at (802) 885-2104 or downloaded and viewed from the Town’s website <https://springfieldvt.gov/office2.com/>. All applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. E.O.E.

**HELP WANTED
TOWN OF READING, VT – HIGHWAY DEPT**

The Town of Reading VT is seeking a full time Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer. The position is fulltime, 40 hours per week, requiring some a flexible schedule which may include nights, weekends and holidays, as well as overtime. Must be able to pass a drug test, and understand the position also includes random drug and alcohol testing. Applicant must possess a current valid CDL license, have a clean driving record, and be dependable and willing to be on call during winter hours. Experience with the operation of bucket loader and road grader preferred. Manual labor and some heavy lifting is required. The knowledge and ability to do mechanical repairs is a plus. This job includes an excellent starting salary depending on experience, and benefit package including vacation, insurance and 401K.

No phone applications please. Send resume and references to:

Town of Reading
PO Box 72
Reading, VT 05062
Attn: Selectboard

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont to consider:

Applicant:	Corsi Norniella
Type of Application:	Conditional Use and Variance
Proposal:	27’ x 28’ garage attached to expanded kitchen and bedroom Connector, plus 14’7” x 14’5” deck.
Location:	362 Scout Camp Road
Application #:	2021-7

DATED: March 9, 2021

Michael Coleman, Chair

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, April 12, 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, April 13, 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 \$923,509.04 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,579,709.04.
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 see if the Town will vote to allocate \$4,000 to the Cemetery Commission.
Article 6.	To transact any other necessary and legal business.

Dated at Plymouth, VT, this 9th day of March, 2021.

Shawn Bemis, Chair

Rick Kaminski

Jay Kullman

outdoor news

Online public hearings on deer and moose

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board will hold online public hearings on deer and moose management for 2021 March 23, 25, and 26. The online public hearings will have department staff and Fish & Wildlife Board members participating. The meetings will start with a 30-minute pre-recorded presentation on the proposed 2021 moose

hunting season and current health status of Vermont's deer herd that is on the Fish & Wildlife website. Public comments and questions will be taken at the electronic meetings and by phone. The department will post written responses on its deer and moose hearing webpage after the hearings. For more information and to join the online hearings, go to the Vermont Fish & Wild-

life website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, and click on the "Public Hearings Schedule" on the home page. In addition to the public hearings, anyone can leave a comment on the proposals with a telephone message by calling 802-265-0043 or by emailing ANR.FWPUBLICComment@vermont.gov. Comments on moose must be received by March 31 and for deer by May 14.

Fly Fishing for Beginners class

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Rod & Gun Club will host a "Fly Fishing for Beginners" class Saturday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the clubhouse located at 4352 Vermont Route 11 in Chester. The one-day course is free for children and by donation for adults. Current mem-

bers and children will have priority. We will go over basic fly fishing principles, equipment, knots, and casting. The course will be 90 minutes of indoor classroom learning and 90 minutes of outdoor demonstrations and practice. Equipment

will be provided. Bring an old piece of fly fishing equipment – a rod, reel, or anything that peaks your curiosity. The most interesting item wins 12 hand-tied flies or a half-day guided fishing trip. We will be practicing Covid-19 safety regulations; the class will be limited to 10 participants, and masks and distancing will be required. Up to 20 observers will be allowed for the outdoor presentation portion.

Register for the course by emailing instructor Harry Henderson at flybynt@vermontel.net. Henderson is a Fly By Night fly fishing instructor and has been fly fishing since 1959. He has been a volunteer guide for Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters.

Support Vermont's waterways

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As the all-volunteer Black River Action Team gears up to collect water quality data for nearly 40 sites around Windsor County this summer, fundraising has begun in earnest to purchase supplies and equipment. One of the resources is the Vermont Watershed Grant Program, which is funded exclusively from sales of the Conservation License Plate, www.vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/donate/conservation-license-plate. Half of the revenue from the license plate goes to the Watershed Grant Fund with the other half going to the Non-Game Wildlife Fund. Groups like BRAT can apply for funding to plan,

monitor, educate, and implement programs and projects that enhance water quality and aquatic habitat in Vermont. The maximum grant request for educational activities is \$5,000; \$3,500 for planning, assessment, and monitoring; and \$10,000 for boots-on-the-ground implementation projects. In years past, the "pot" of money ranged upward of \$100,000. The 2021 "pot" is only \$60,000. The projects span the state and a wide range of topics from improving trout habitat to a public canoe portage, and \$60,000 won't go far. The only way to increase the amount of funding is for more people to purchase a Conservation License Plate. The Conservation License Plates are not only attrac-

tive, but all proceeds from their purchase directly benefit the Vermont ecosystem we all know and treasure. The grant program supports projects aimed at increasing flood resilience, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, monitoring stream health, and much more. Although grants won't be awarded until later this spring, as director of BRAT I strongly encourage everyone to learn about the license plate program and consider buying one – it's a great way to show your support for Vermont's irreplaceable natural resources! Learn more about BRAT at www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org, blackrivercleanup@gmail.com, or leave a message at 802-738-0456.

Hunt proposed to improve health of Vermont's moose

MONTPELIER, Vt. – A limited moose hunt in Vermont's Wildlife Management Unit E in the northeastern corner of the state is proposed in order to reduce the impact of winter ticks on the moose population. The proposal was presented by the Fish & Wildlife Department to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board at its Feb. 17 meeting. "Moose density in WMU-E remains well above one moose per square mile, significantly higher than any other part of the state," said Nick Fortin, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's biologist in charge of the moose project.

The Fish & Wildlife Department recently partnered with University of Vermont researchers to conduct a study of moose health and survival in WMU-E. The results of this study, in which 126 moose were fitted with GPS tracking collars, clearly showed that chronic high winter tick loads have caused the health of moose in that part of the state to be very poor. Survival of adult moose remained relatively good, but birth rates were very low and less than half of the calves survived their first winter. "Research has shown that lower moose densities, like in the rest of Vermont, support relatively few winter ticks that do not impact moose populations," said Fortin. "Reducing moose density decreases the number of available hosts which in turn decreases the number of winter ticks on the landscape." The department would issue 60 either-sex moose hunting permits and 40 antlerless moose hunting permits in WMU-E for the moose seasons this October. That would result in an estimated harvest of 51 to 66 moose,

or 5% of the more than 1,000 moose currently estimated to live in WMU-E. "This permit recommendation will help address winter tick impacts on moose in WMU-E by reducing the density of moose, but it does so slowly, over a period of several years," added Fortin. "This allows future moose permit allocations to be adjusted as new information becomes available. Given the poor health of the moose population in that area and a clearly identified cause, we need to take action to address this issue." No moose hunting permits are recommended for other regions of Vermont. The 2021 Moose Season Recommendation and related information about moose research and management are available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Comments may be provided until March 31 by emailing ANR.FWPUBLICComment@vermont.gov or by calling and leaving a message on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife public comment voice-mail at 802-265-0043.

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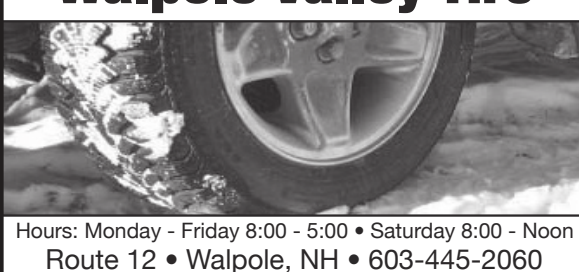
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For information about SEVCA's ongoing programs including programs that help community members to navigate the effects of Covid-19, including referral and access to applications for available supports, or to learn more about SEVCA's no-cost Money Management and Vermont Matched Savings program, or to make an appointment for our no-cost VITA tax prep services, you may visit our website, www.sevca.org, or call to make an appointment, 800-464-9951.

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A perfect retreat. This 70+/- acre property has much to offer with a mix of open and wooded land, pond, local hillside views and privacy. Backed up to Hawks Mountain for hiking. The home offers open concept living space with vaulted ceilings and lots of woodwork, two bedrooms (each with doors to the back deck, a beautiful bright/sunny bath, three bays of parking under for storage with laundry room and mudroom/entry. **JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$299,900**



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