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## Local students initiate spring clean up

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Seventh graders, Oliver Kelley (left) and Jayden Davis, enjoyed the spring weather March 11, 2021, by cleaning up along the sides of Main Street in North Springfield. The two friends came up with the idea after going for a bike ride together and seeing how the melting snow was exposing all the trash littered throughout the winter. Neighbors who witnessed their good deed applauded them for making a difference in their community.

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## Delivery drivers share their tips with cooking staff

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Athens Pizza recently shared an inspiring story about two of their young delivery drivers, Harrison Gleim and Max Hooke, who had the idea to set aside a few dollars each day from their tips to give to a member of the kitchen staff. They held a random drawing to select the staff member who received the \$100 they had collected to share their appreciation for the kitchen staff's hard work. Harrison and Max plan to continue with the drawing every month.

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## Bellows Falls Police Department consider hiring bonuses to recruit

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — On Tuesday, March 9, the Bellows Falls Police Department discussed staffing concerns with the Village Trustees. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup discussed the frustrations the Police Department was having with hiring officers. According to Pickup, it is "creating retention difficulty...[and] this issue is going to become more of a problem for our scheduling." He mentioned that other regional police departments were offering sign-on bonuses to recruit

new officers.

Police Departments in Dover and Wilmington, Vt., and Keene and Hanover, N.H. have offered sign-on bonuses to recruit new officers. In an interview, Dover Police Chief Randall Johnson said the bonus was implemented in his department in February of 2019 and explained that offering the bonus "had helped to attract a certified officer." Johnson explained that if the candidate passed the evaluations this would be the first time the bonus was awarded. He said that the bonus was given incrementally over a two-year period to encourage long-term commit-

ment.

Captain Todd Lawrence from Keene Police Department said that 16 officers were hired since the bonus program was implemented in 2019. He said four out of the 16 were certified officers. Lawrence mentioned that through the hiring process he had learned that four of the officers who came from local departments had planned to relocate to Keene before the bonus program was announced; but he agreed the bonus, "helped kick-start the process." KPD also offers a relocation bonus for moving expenses that two of them utilized.

Speaking to Bemis about the bonus, he explained that the Trustees have not made any decisions. He said this was a tool that could be used to get qualified candidates.

At the Trustees meeting, Bemis said BFPD had "at least one [part-time] candidate" they hoped to send to a class in June but explained it could "take up to a year" for the training.

Becoming a law enforcement officer in Vermont requires a new hire to pass background checks, testing, and evaluations. They also attend a 16-week course at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. Officers

must be certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council, which includes entrance testing, the academy program, and field and service training. For officers who are certified in another state, they do offer a waiver process when hiring in Vermont.

To maintain certification, police officers must also attend up to 30 hours of in-service training annually. A higher level of certification means more qualified officers and increased salaries.

In an interview, Lt. Justin Sanctuary of Walpole Police Department said that their department does not always offer a bonus, but one of the reasons

they do is for the cost of training. A bonus helps attract more certified officers. "We try to use money already allocated to retain and attract new applicants," he commented.

Bellows Falls Police Department is currently seeking to hire a full-time police officer. They have internal postings and are conducting one-on-one recruitment. They have also posted information on their Facebook page and the town website.

The Bellows Falls Village Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

## Rockingham considers funding for Vilas Bridge

BY BETSY THURSTON

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — On Tuesday, March 16 the Rockingham Selectboard discussed updating the town's website and seeking federal relief funds for the Vilas Bridge project.

Bonnie North said she created the basic template structure of the website last year, but had "noticed inaccuracies" and missing items. Currently, the site is maintained by Town Planner Chuck Wise and Finance Director Shannon Burbela, and North wondered if any other staff member could help maintain the site.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said he wanted new staff to take this on, but they needed to be trained first. He said, "[The website] right now is pretty generic," and suggested the board have a broader discussion for the type of website they wanted to host. He mentioned municipal websites ranged from simple municipal ones to more comprehensive sites offering business, real estate, lodging, points of interest, and resources.

North suggested this was a good topic for a working meeting. She said she was available for free to train staff and was also willing to volunteer "to create a more marketing oriented site for

the town."

Rick Cowan asked if they wanted a site for both visitors and residents. North mentioned that the previous manager Wendy Harrison supported a website for both, but when Chuck Wise became the interim manager he felt that it should be just a municipal website and visitors should be directed to a separate one.

Chair Peter Golec suggested this was a discussion for another meeting, and the board agreed to schedule a working meeting for website details. North recommended that they add the content removed last year, including pictures, mapping information, resources, and local links.

During the Tuesday meeting, Pickup also presented the board with updates on the Vilas Bridge. Currently, the bridge is on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's 2021-2030 10-year plan with preliminary engineering scheduled for 2023. The state of New Hampshire owns 85% of the bridge but has committed to funding 50% of the \$10.2 million project.

Pickup explained that the House of Representatives had changed their stimulus funding, replacing the earmarks eliminated in 2011 with community project funding opportunities.

These are provisions that direct funds toward specific projects with heavy community support and each member of Congress is awarded 10 of these projects for their districts.

Pickup said there was a small window for the town to reach out to Rep. Peter Welch to show support for the Vilas Bridge project. Pickup suggested the town ask for the full \$10 million. The deadline is April 15; however, Congress is on recess from April 6-17. He said Sen. Patrick Leahy had indicated he was in favor of the new funding process.

Susan Hammond agreed with Pickup. "We should jump on this." She said she didn't see New Hampshire adding the Vilas Bridge to their list of 10 projects, but maybe a letter of support from New Hampshire representatives would help.

North said that she had been in contact with J.B. Mack, principal planner of the Southwest Region Planning Commission, and Sue Westa and Chris Campany from Windham Regional Commission. She had asked them if Bellows Falls collaborated

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## BF Alumni Weekend canceled

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Bellows Falls Alumni Association has decided to cancel the 2021 Alumni Weekend. We feel that the safety of our alumni is the most important thing. Although we are almost to the light at the end of the tunnel of this situation, we feel it is safer not to have the weekend in 2021 and come back stronger than ever in 2022.

So, we are planning on Alumni Weekend 2022 being the biggest and best. We will be celebrating and welcom-

ing three graduating classes, the classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022. I urge all to attend Father's Day weekend of 2022 and really give the three classes a weekend to remember.

We will also be honoring three 50-year classes in 2022, the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972. To really celebrate the three 50-year classes, we need help. The association pays for the members of the 50-year class reunion. So, with no weekend for two years, the expenses will be higher than usual in 2022. I urge you to pay your dues this year if you can and donate to the spe-

cial 50-year class fund we will be setting up. I know times are tough for many, but if you can please help as we want to make 2022 as special as can be. You can get dues information from the alumni website, www.bellowsfallsalumni.org, or visit our Facebook page.

We will be still crowning the queen and her court for the Class of 2021 so please be on the lookout for this information in June.

We hope to see as many of you as possible in 2022 and to celebrate in the alumni spirit we are all used to and proud of.

## Charlestown Middle School teams with River Valley Animal Protection League

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. — In January, Charlestown Middle School sixth graders were assigned to create a podcast interview using primary sources — someone who is an expert or who has had direct experience with an event. Everyone had free choice to choose their topic, and one student, Clynton Harris, wanted to know what it was like to run an animal shelter.

His teacher, Rose Marie Marinace, put him in touch with the shelter staff, and

shelter president of the River Valley Animal Protection League, Donna Montgomery, gave his questions to the shelter director, Kara Lee. Clynton and Kara couldn't meet for the interview because of Covid, but everyone worked creatively to help the project be a success.

Kara wrote down the answers to Clynton's questions about running the shelter and caring for the animals. Clynton wrote a script that helped tell the story with her expertise, and then he recorded it.

Mrs. Marinace noticed Cly-

ton's enthusiasm for the project from start to finish, and they worked together to polish it up for submission to National Public Radio's Student Podcast Challenge.

Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Marinace hope to bring students to see the shelter at a later date when field trips are allowed because supporting an early interest in volunteering is good for kids and for the nonprofits they support. Until then, they'll be waiting to hear the winners of the contest in the late spring.

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# Silent auction to benefit Senior Solutions

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, is hosting a silent auction to raise funds to support our Home Visitor Programs. These volunteers support our area's older citizens by doing anything from shopping or picking up groceries for them to making friendly phone calls to help reduce the feeling of isolation and loneliness and to keep us all connected with each other. These volunteers are looking forward to being able to meet with their partners in person.

You can help support these wonderful programs by donating something to our silent auction we have planned for this April. Businesses that donate to the auction will receive publicity on the auction website, as well as in newspaper articles promoting the fundraiser. All we need from you is a brief description of what you will donate; the value of the item, gift certificate, or service; and where we can pick up your donation. Items must be received

by March 22 so we have time to get them onto the auction site. We will continue to accept donated items throughout the auction and want them as early as possible to give us time to post them on the website.

The Silent Auction will run throughout the month of April. Winners will be announced in May and arrangements will be made for pick up or delivery of auction items. For donations or more information about the auction, call us at 802-885-2664 or email [tblanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:tblanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

We invite you to join the Volunteer Visitors group! So here is a snapshot from our volunteer coordinator with some of activities we do with our volunteer visitors: "With the help of our volunteer, Jaqueline, we are well over 50 items for our silent auction; 50-plus volunteers have been actively providing shopping/errand trips as well as in-person home visits to 110-plus recipients throughout Windsor and Windham counties and 14-plus volunteers are

making friendly calls to those who are isolated."

Their next in-service volunteer gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom. There will be a discussion on interacting with those who are blind or visually impaired and an overview of resources with speaker Mike Goldberg, a home visitor volunteer and former Director for Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Discussion will also include elder abuse. Like all Senior Solutions staff, volunteers are considered mandated reporters of elder abuse. Your role is to be aware of the signs and report to them. Arthur Smith, project director for the Elder Justice Grant, will join the meeting and give an overview on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. He will be available to answer any questions that follow.

If you would like to become one of our amazing volunteer visitors, just call our Help Line at 802-885-2669 and tell us you

want to join the team. There are all kinds of things you can do to keep our aging Vermonters connected with their communities where we know each other and feel familiar. This is one way to support our friends and neighbors, as we all grow older in Vermont.

The National Council on Aging is launching the Annual Boost Your Budget Week campaign during April. The official campaign week is April 12-16, 2021. Become an educated consumer and save money on healthcare, prescriptions, food, and save money. This year we are working with ABLE-NH to promote the NCOA Benefits Enrollment Center, which offers a huge variety of benefits that older Americans have

How can fixed income Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers learn about the many ways to improve their health and economic security? If you are aged 60 or older or disabled, contact Senior Solutions Help Line at 802-885-2669 and find

out.

Our next BCTV program of "Keeping Up With Senior Solutions" will be recorded soon. We are also planning programs on self-neglect and interviews with some of our Senior Center directors. Sen. Bernie Sanders recently spoke via Zoom with Cynthia who oversees the Meals on Wheels program at the Brattleboro Senior Center. She was able to explain to him the constant challenge of receiving only about half of the cost of the meals. The need to fundraise in order to provide good quality meals is always part of their work. In addition, about 25% more have signed up for MOW over this year due to the economic strain of the pandemic. Covid-19 funds and Bernie's generous donation will be wonderful and much needed infusions of financial support this year.

Her observation is that while Covid-19 funds will expire, the chances of the extra 25% more recipients will probably not disappear. That will place an

additional burden on the ability of facilities such as hers to sustain the long-range financial burden of providing meals for the already underfunded program. We need to find a source to permanently structure better financial resources for MOW. The Thompson Center in Woodstock, the Bugbee Center in White River Junction, the Black River Senior Center in Ludlow, the Bellows Falls Senior Center, the Springfield Senior Center, and the Senior Center in Brattleboro all deserve our thanks for continuing to serve their communities through this difficult past year.

The Whitingham, Londonderry, Dam Diner and many other community groups have been tireless in their services to community nutrition programs. So many in Vermont have pitched in to fight against food insecurity that I wish we had the space to thank them all. So, please either volunteer a couple of hours a week or contribute to their meals programs. It will make a difference.

## Upcoming constituent meeting with Rep. Leslie Goldman

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – Rep. Leslie Goldman will host a constituent meeting Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. to discuss

issues, questions, and concerns with constituents of Vermont's Windham-3 District. Rep. Goldman and her intern, Alexis

Drown (UVM '24), will hold an hour-long online Zoom session to hear from constituents and discuss legislative plans for the coming year.

The meeting will be accessible via Zoom and will be open to all constituents of Windham-3. Rep. Goldman and her intern, Alexis, look forward to hearing from constituents. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArduurqDsiGdLYWSjnFkFgZO-jTaKqJUFS>.

## Parks Place Community Center new board members, secretary, and treasurer

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – In January, Parks Place's governing Board of Directors welcomed two new members.

Cynthia Stoddard, the former town manager of Putney who serves as director of support and training at NEMRC, a computer software and consulting company, was elected to serve as treasurer of Parks Place. Stoddard replaces Philip Per-

lah, who served in the role for six years.

Rick Holloway, an employee of Chroma Technology since 2001, serves on numerous local nonprofit boards and who has been a fixture of the community for years, was welcomed to the organization in the January board meeting.

Additionally, James Malley of Bellows Falls, who has served on the board since 2013, was elected to serve as Parks Place's secretary in November.

The 13-person Board of Directors is tasked with supporting the mission of Parks Place and its executive director. Parks Place, based out of Bellows Falls, was founded in 1995 and serves as a one-stop hub of resources for its community members.

For more information, call 802-463-9927.

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with Walpole, would that help the town to receive an earmark from Congress or Senate. Mack responded that Bellows Falls and Walpole should put this

front and center, and Campany agreed that a shared position between the towns would be helpful.

North said there was also a grant available that two states could apply for together called the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant. She said, "I think we could be more cooperative and more respectful of [Walpole's] challenges." North asked to be appointed as initial liaison with Walpole on joint grant applications and community funding projects.

Golec said the full board had met with the Walpole Selectboard two years ago and suggested because this was not on the agenda it should be dis-

cussed at their next Selectboard meeting. Cowan moved to appoint North as liaison with Walpole for informational purposes to be ratified at a later meeting, and Hammond seconded the motion.

Pickup asked for clarification on the Vilas Bridge resolution for Congress, and the board agreed the next steps would be to contact Rep. Welch and Sen. Leahy.

The Rockingham Selectboard's next meeting is Wednesday, April 7. Monthly meetings are now on the first Wednesday and third Tuesdays of each month in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House at 6 p.m. The Joint Board meeting is Tuesday, March 30 at 6 p.m.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Do you remember?

### The icebox

When I was young, old-timers called a refrigerator an icebox. In their day they had wooden iceboxes. When the electric refrigerator came along, old-timers continued to call them iceboxes. The refrigerator that I grew up with was an electric Kelvinator. It was about five feet tall with rounded corners at the top.

When you opened the door, there was a tiny freezer box at top center. It might have been 12 or so inches wide, made of aluminum with a flimsy aluminum door. Open the little aluminum door and the freezing coil was visible in the top. This was our freezer space. The rest of the space inside was reserved for refrigerated goods.

This freezer left a lot to be desired. My parents bought cheaper ice cream, usually Neapolitan, which was chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry. The flavors were in sections in the carton. In my house chocolate and vanilla were quickly consumed, but not the strawberry.

If you put the unused strawberry back in the freezer, it would refreeze. If the ice cream was left in the freezer very long, large ice crystals would form. As if strawberry wasn't bad enough, the ice crystals didn't do a thing to improve the flavor. Hard pressed, it would do in a pinch.

Our refrigerator had to be defrosted several times a year. Ice over an inch thick would build up on the inside and outside of the little freezer box. Defrosting took several hours. To expedite the process, we would take a butter knife and try to pry the ice away as it weakened. You had to be careful not to puncture the freezer coil. Water dripped everywhere as the ice melted.

### The antenna

Do you remember having a TV antenna? On High Street we had an antenna for television reception. About 20 feet from the house was the antenna. There was a two-inch diameter metal pole that went into the ground. The antenna pole was attached to the metal pole with two or more u-shaped clamps



**White Frost icebox at Chester Historical Society.**

PHOTO PROVIDED

that resembled muffler clamps. Our antenna was probably 18 feet or more off the ground.

We got three channels in those days - WMTW Channel 8 out of Poland Spring, Maine. Next was WMUR Channel 9 out of New Hampshire. Both of these channels came in well although in black and white. Do you remember Marty atop Mt. Washington giving the days weather? If you remember him, you'll remember his goofy grin when he signed off. It was a big deal in my house to see Marty on TV. WCAX Channel 3 out of Burlington never came in well, being snowy much of the time.

If it became windy, the antenna could move and you'd lose the picture. It was usually me, because I was the youngest, who had to go outdoors and turn the antenna. Sometimes I used a pipe wrench to turn the frozen pole.

Someone inside would rap on the window to let me know when the picture was clear. Sometimes I'd turn a bit too far

and the picture became snowy. There they were in comfort inside the house while I shivered in the knee-deep snow. They were waving their arms and yelling at me. Ok, I would turn the antenna back some.

I remember when the Parkers got a Motorola antenna system. There was a box on top of their TV that had a dial about four inches in diameter. Whether you turned the dial clockwise or counter clockwise, the antenna would follow. It was magic.

Kim Kendall's antenna was on the peak of the gable end of the house. They only got Channel 8.

The roof is slate so how to get up to the antenna had to be solved. Kim's father, Nelson found a tall slim spruce tree, maybe five inches diameter at the butt. Nelson cut it to about 30 feet long and split it lengthwise down the middle creating the sides of a 30-foot ladder. Next Nelson nailed narrow boards between the sides for steps. When the antenna had to be turned, they got out this homemade ladder. Picture the base of the ladder well away from the house, so much so that the ladder incline matched the pitch of the roof.

The photo with this article is a metal icebox in Chester Historical Society collection. It dates to 1915 and was the Cadillac of iceboxes. Do you remember the test patterns?

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# VSO presents "Music for Days Like This"

**REGION** - On March 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will premiere the third installment of its online concert series: Music for Days Like This. Hosted by poet Reuben Jackson, attendees will experience a unique combination of classical and jazz music, visual art and poetry by BIPOC artists - including special readings by Pulitzer Prize winner and U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove. Two VSO commissioned pieces will also be premiered - one composed by University of Vermont music faculty member and renowned jazz trumpeter Ray Vega, and one by Carlos Simon, recipient of the 2021 Sphinx Medal of Excellence.

As a series, "Music for Days

Like This" interweaves the traditional with the unexpected, and features newly commissioned music from female composers, Black composers, and composers under the age of 20, intertwined with works from more traditionally performed composers. For this installment, the VSO is elevating the works of Vermont-based BIPOC-identifying artists, with visual art pieces by Crystal Stokes of Worcester, Julio Desmond of Burlington, and Alan Blackwell of Brattleboro to be projected throughout the concert.

In addition to the two world premiere commissions, compositions by Florence Price, Matthew Evan Taylor, Dorothy Rudd Moore, and Scott Joplin, among

## Weston Playhouse's 85th season

**WESTON, Vt.** - Susanna Gelert, executive artistic director of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, announces the 85th anniversary season of Vermont's oldest award-winning professional theatre.

Kicking off the season the weekend of June 26 and recurring throughout the summer, Weston presents the Celebration Series: a festival that captures Weston's history and future in a series featuring Walker Farm Music concerts, performances, and other outdoor events under the tent on the grounds at Walker Farm.

Next is "Ring of Fire," created by Richard Maltby Jr., conceived by William Meade, and featuring the music of Johnny Cash. With more than two dozen classic Cash hits, including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," and "A Thing Called Love," a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians creates a unique portrait about an American legend. Performances run Aug. 11 to Sept. 5.

Closing out the season is Katori Hall's "The Mountain-top," a gripping fantasy about America's shared history that imagines the final night in the life of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. April 3, 1968. Performances run Sept. 29 to Oct. 24.

Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss! Performances run July 22 to Aug. 7.

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Next is Lisa Peterson and Dennis O'Hare's "An Iliad," a gripping adaptation of Homer's classic. The eternal, enchanting power of storytelling comes to life through a solitary bard on a bare stage who throws us right into the midst of conflict where heroes and countries clash in a quest for power and glory. Performances run July 14 to Aug. 7.

Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company is bringing a production of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens's "Seussical" to outdoor venues across the state of Vermont. Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the

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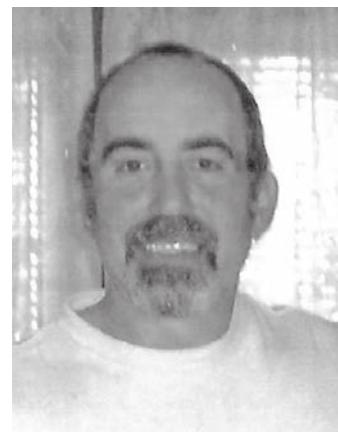
## Gregory M. Janowski, 1963-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Gregory "Greg" M. Janowski, 57, passed away March 10, 2021 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born May 28, 1963 in Burlington, Vt., the son of Zigmund R. and Ruth (Thomas) Janowski. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School in 1983.

Greg was employed in the maintenance department in the Springfield Public School System since 2007. In his spare time, Greg worked on small engine repairs.

On July 30, 2011, Greg married Valarie Hamel in Springfield, Vt. Greg was affectionately known by his friends as "Ziggy." Greg enjoyed snowmobiling and riding motorcycles, loved his two dachshunds, and was an avid bowler and member of the Springfield Plaza Bowling Leagues.

He is survived by his wife Valarie of Springfield, son Zachary Currie and wife Abigail of North Carolina, stepson Mark Phelps and wife Donna of Massachusetts, sister Gail Carlson of Wyoming, and two aunts Mary Wilk of Connecticut and Theresa Janowski of Vermont. He is also survived by two nieces, one



**Gregory M. Janowski, 1963-2021.**

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nephew, and several cousins.

Greg was predeceased by his father in 2002 and by his mother in 2016. Greg was a dedicated and loving caregiver to his parents for many years.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Cavendish Village Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

Contributions in Greg's memory may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

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## Minnie I. Wright, 1933-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. — Minnie Idora (Ross) Wright died Nov. 21, 2020 in Walpole, N.H. She was born July 8, 1933 in the village of Amsden, town of Weathersfield, Vt., to William Charles and Bertha Delana (Northrop) Ross. She graduated from Burlington High School and attended the University of Vermont where she studied nursing.

She was married Oct. 30, 1953, in Putney, Vt., to Stearns Parker Wright, of Westminster, Vt., and settled in Walpole, N.H. They had four children and divorced in April 1974.

Minnie had worked for the Walpole Post Office as clerk for over 25 years and substituted as Postmaster for Westminster Station, Vt. and Drews-

ville, N.H.

She is survived by her children Charles B. and wife Linda, and Daniel L. and wife Jennifer; two grandchildren Michelle, and Michael and wife Joan; two great-grandchildren Kadon and Lochlann; a half-sister Cornelia Hallecks; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two

children Donna M. and Dale E., and by sisters Ann Rouelle, Mary Howard, May Taylor, and brother Charles Ross.

There will be no services held. Donations in her memory may be made to the Walpole Congregational Church, P.O. Box 393, Walpole, NH 03608, where she was a Sunday school teacher many years ago.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

#### Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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### CAVENDISH, VT.

#### Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

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

### CHESTER, VT.

#### First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email firstuniversalistparishchester@gmail.com.

#### Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

## Virgil A. McCue Sr., 1935-2021

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Virgil Arnold McCue Sr., 85, of Warner Center Road, died March 10, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. Virgil was born Nov. 19, 1935, in Brookfield, Vt., the son of Leonard A. and Alice M. (Rogers) McCue. He attended schools in Brookfield, Vt., and tractor-trailer driving school in Springfield, Mass. He worked many years for the St. Johnsbury Trucking Company. He was a member of the Bellows Falls Elks and American Legion. He loved hunting and fishing, and enjoyed spending his time with his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Virgil McCue Sr. to the VA Medical Center, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009, or to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont, 1 Hospital Court, #8, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. will be assisting with the arrangements.

### GRAFTON, VT.

#### Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

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

### LUDLOW, VT.

#### Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

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

#### Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.

Service is at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. For more information, go to Facebook @TysonCommunityChurch, call 802-522-8249, or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

### MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

#### Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

We're returning to our renovated sanctuary. Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Glenn Davis is available to counsel or pray with anyone who is struggling with anxiety or other issues at 802-259-2440.

### SPRINGFIELD, VT.

#### United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

### WALPOLE, N.H.

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

Sunday services are 10 a.m. via Zoom. The services include organ music, readings from the Bible, prayers, and a sermon by Rev. Duncan Hilton. We plan to resume outdoor services when the weather is warmer. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

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Dear Editor,

For over a year, the state of Vermont has been aggressively promoting their testing program for automated vehicles (AVs). State experts advise us that AVs on our public roads are slated to be an inevitable part of Vermont's future. Statewide very few municipalities share the enthusiasm. To date only Springfield has authorized the AV testing program.

There have already been promotional presentations in Bellows Falls to bring the testing program to village and town roads. The subject is expected to be discussed yet again at a Joint Board meeting March 30 – meeting agenda and Zoom details will be posted at the town website: [www.rockinghamvt.org](http://www.rockinghamvt.org). The testing program acknowledges how it is the first step in the introduction of completely driverless vehicles.

I applaud the wisdom of Vermont towns that have looked after the public interest by rejecting AV testing on their roads. A green light for the AV testing program will start

Vermont down a very slippery slope.

But before careening down that slope proposed by the state, the performance of our daily technology warrants a review: Internet, our phone, Zoom meetings, our GPS, etc. When those frangible everyday tools fail, we're annoyed but we emerge unscathed. That's because we didn't trust automation technology to control a vehicle traveling at 80 feet per second (55mph) and as close as a blink of an eye from other vehicles or pedestrians. Like most digital technology, AVs controlled by automation will be vulnerable to failures and hacking.

Claims of AVs having potential in Vermont have all the credibility of a robocall. The promotion of the AV program has imaginatively conflated AVs with an array of solutions to urgent problems, even though much more immediate, practical, and beneficial solutions exist.

If the state succeeds in its

pursuit of AVs, Vermont roads will become their game board, and everyone and anything on the board will be unwitting players. In our local scenario, the state is asking us all to grasp at the latest shiny thing and embrace the next new wonderful. It's a policy hustle we needn't fall prey to.

Not since the 1950s promise of "Electricity too cheap to meter" have authorities made a sales pitch of this magnitude. When their promise was broken and the electric bills kept coming, many of us learned to rely on a more dependable adage: "If it sounds too good to be true, it is."

I'm counting on the wisdom of my elected officials in Bellows Falls and Rockingham to reject authorizing automated vehicles on our roads.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Smith,  
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Due to some recent confusion surrounding the Chester Planning Commission's work on rewriting the town's Unified Development Bylaws, or UDBs, the commission feels that it's important to provide clarity and insight to that process. The UDBs are being rewritten so as to be closely aligned with the existing Town Plan and Chester Village Master Plan documents, which provide a long-term vision created for the benefit of Chester's citizens and property owners with regard to continuing and improving upon the good quality of life our small town offers its residents. Here are some points of clarification.

All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Attendance is encouraged, and public in-

put is welcome and has been very helpful to the commission when provided. The Chester Planning Commission meets regularly from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays, via Zoom and at Town Hall. The Zoom link is on the main page of the town's website at [www.chestervt.gov](http://www.chestervt.gov), while meeting agendas and minutes can be found at [www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html](http://www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html).

The Town Plan and the still evolving proposed bylaws documents are both available for viewing and downloading on the Planning Commission page of the town's website as well. The rewriting of the UDBs is very much a work-in-progress and will include multiple public hearings and workshops, where property owners and residents will have access to large scale zoning maps as well

the opportunity for face-to-face discussion with Planning Commission members in a less formal setting. The public will be encouraged to ask questions, gain clarity, voice any concerns, and provide feedback on the proposed bylaws before the document and zoning maps are finalized and submitted to the Selectboard for their review.

The latest version of the proposed zoning maps are available on the Planning Commission page of the Chester town website: [www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html](http://www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html).

We thank you for your trust in us and we look forward to seeing you at any one of our upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,  
Chester Planning Commission  
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I appreciate Stuart Lindberg's letter outlining a number of concerns about renewable energy. The points about use of "rare earth" minerals, child and slave labor are valid and not given enough attention. These same minerals are used in cell phones, computers, and other electronics.

It's also important to note that child and sweatshop labor have been used to produce gold, diamonds, most major brands of chocolate, clothing, and many other consumer items, whether necessary or "nice to have" items (For more, see GreenAmerica.org).

Fossil fuel and uranium mining have done incredible harm to the Navajo people in the Southwest. Burning coal has been detrimental to the health

of countless residents of Appalachia, particular children, many of whom are dependent on inhalers to breathe. Fossil fuel pipelines, which have a long history of leaking, threaten the water supplies of millions who draw water from the Missouri, Mississippi, and other rivers; they are damaging Indigenous communities and destroying sacred sites.

The pesticides used to grow conventional cotton and foods poison farm workers. I could go on...

We need to be very concerned about these things. We can't simply, blindly, substitute wind and solar energy for fossil fuels. We cannot continue to depend on the latter either. We need to reduce, conserve, and make our lifestyles more energy efficient.

We need to pressure suppliers and manufacturers to be sure they source their products in a sustainable way that does not use child labor – a simple thing anyone who loves chocolate can do to help is purchase Fair Trade Certified chocolate.

We can investigate where our food and products come from and how they are made and grown. We must think outside the "consumption is good" boxes that we have been encouraged to stay in for most of our lives.

And let's support a transition to sustainable energy, but let's do it right.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Diegoli  
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Common sense does not need a court of law. It does not need a news anchor or a specialist. It only needs one person. My common sense tells me when the umpire has called strike three. It does not matter what the video shows. It's strike three. No need to bicker over the past. Let us fix the present.

Regardless if we agree with the trillions of dollars being borrowed to spend on Covid relief or not, the state of Vermont is receiving a few billion. Instead of spending it on pet projects and payoffs, we need to get our state on a stable financial footing. Two major issues are: 1) the poor financial health of our healthcare system, and 2) the retirement debt our politicians promised but did not fund to our education system and state workers.

Our healthcare system is underfunded to the point that multiple hospitals each year fear bankruptcy. As good as the healthcare professionals are, they cannot make up for the poor government management of the finances. We need to

fund the operating budgets and capital expenditures so the facilities are deserving of the people.

Hospital administrators are educated in efficient ways to deliver good quality healthcare. Medical doctors, nurses, respiratory, physical therapists, etc. are trained in providing medical and patient care. Laboratory, radiology technicians run departmental operations to analyze and deliver data for diagnosis. Why in the world would we let politicians and a "Care Board" tell them how to do things and for how much?

The first thing "We the People" of Vermont need to do is insist our representatives allocate money to the healthcare system in quantities the medical community instructs and needs. We want a solvent healthcare system now and in the future. We want it to deliver top quality healthcare through the state.

The second issue to address is the deficit in our state and education retirement accounts. There is a promise all Vermonters have made to these Vermonters about retirement. I support the plan put forth by

State Treasurer Beth Pierce as a starting point. We need to fund our obligations. But we also need to make the retirement plan sustainable.

Converting to a defined contribution plan going forward, as private companies have, is a must. Defined benefit plans, such as the pension plan we have, are unaffordable except for the smallest and richest of cash flow businesses. We need to look into funding, freezing, and transferring the future risk of the pension plan to a private company. At the same time, set up a defined contribution plan with employer contributions that are generously allocated.

We the citizens of Vermont need to stand up now. We need to tell our representatives what we want. It is the past representatives, some current, that have caused these horrendous situations. It is time we the people insist on fixing them. If you do not do it now, they will spend the money on pet projects. In the end our health and healthcare system will suffer.

Sincerely,  
Gerald Mittica  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Town Meeting week certainly was different this year. While I missed the in-person visits, delicious food, and touring around Windsor District, our virtual Zoom Town Informational Meetings enabled me to stop in to 10 gatherings. Without having to drive half an hour or 45 minutes between meetings, I was afforded the rare opportunity to sample more of our Windsor District municipal life. I really appreciated getting a flavor of the issues these towns are addressing and seeing municipal government successfully adapting to this form of civic engagement.

From Andover's discussion about allowing ATVs to use town roads to Reading's debate on moving from a three- to a five-person Selectboard, and from Woodstock's update on the renovation of the Town Hall to Hartford's illuminating candidates' forum – each town's meeting was educational and very interesting.

As a state senator, I represent about 55,000 people in 26 towns. With 977 square miles, Windsor County is physically the largest county in Vermont. The district also includes Mount Holly in Ruttland County and Londonderry in Windham County. It is often hard to get to know people and towns you don't live in and that are so far apart. So, a silver lining to this horrific Covid-19 pandemic year has been the

ability to attend meetings I couldn't have otherwise, simply because of the constraints of schedules and travel time. Meetings on Zoom or other virtual platforms have meant that, in addition to town information sessions, legislators have been able to attend more chamber, supervisory unions, regional development, regional planning, Selectboard, human service meetings, and special forums than ever before.

And, of course, our Zoom world has also enabled more civic engagement at the state level as well. All of our Legislative Committee meetings are accessible on YouTube via a link on each committee's webpage on our legislative website listed below. If you are interested in following a bill or an issue, explore which committee it has been assigned to and find out when it is being taken up by checking out the agendas posted for the week.

Sincerely,  
Sen. Alison Clarkson  
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

In his March 17 letter to The Vermont Journal, Mr. Stuart Lindberg sets the tone by referring to the transition to the Biden presidency as "regime change," a term normally used for a military coup or similar takeover of the government. Well, that might have happened if Trump's supporters had taken over the Capitol and killed Mike Pence and Nancy Pelosi, but fortunately our democracy survived.

Mr. Lindberg says that the Green New Deal is all about "cleaning up the environment and creating a more socially responsible society," but that's not the main concern of the modern environmental movement. The main concern is climate change.

Climate change is a scientific fact. The National Academy of Sciences, our most honored scientific organization says, "Natural changes in the Sun and Earth cannot explain today's global warming. Human activities are causing Earth to heat up in ways that are different from warm periods in the past."

According to the American Meteorological Society, "Humans are causing climate to change and it poses numerous serious risks." This is echoed by all serious scientific organization, including the American Physical Society, the American Chemical Society, and the Royal Society, as well as NASA, which states: "Scientists attribute the global warming trend observed since the mid-20th century to the human expansion of the greenhouse effect." Those who say that climate change is not real or that we are not causing it should explain how they know more than the thousands of scientists in these organizations. Mr. Lindberg wrote about "regime change," a product of his political philosophy or his imagination, but did not mention the term "climate

change," which is a scientific fact.

Mr. Lindberg justifies his attack on stopping greenhouse emissions by appealing to the terrible plight of children working the cobalt mines in the Congo, cobalt currently being used in lithium batteries. But children are forced to work in other types of mines around the world, extracting gold, salt, coltan, copper, and tin, and work in quarries in Nepal and Madagascar (Source: [www.borgenproject.org/facts-about-child-miners](http://www.borgenproject.org/facts-about-child-miners)). We should be equally concerned about them.

I don't doubt Mr. Lindberg's concern for child cobalt miners, but these other minerals don't fit well with Mr. Lindberg's denial of climate change. Child labor must be stopped, but "the net damage costs of climate change are likely to be significant and to increase over time." (Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.) It must be stopped too.

Sincerely,  
Kem Phillips  
Cavendish, Vt.

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# outdoor

## Hammond Cove Shooting Range will open April 1

HARTLAND, Vt. — The Hammond Cove Shooting Range in Hartland, Vt., will open Thursday, April 1 at 10 a.m. The range operates under rules set by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Range users must sign in with an onsite range safety officer and have a valid Vermont hunting or fishing license or be the guest of someone who does.

Before using the range, shooters are urged to review the range rules: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/shooting-ranges/hammond-cove-shooting-range](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/shooting-ranges/hammond-cove-shooting-range). For information about staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities, go to [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/covid-19-related-information](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/covid-19-related-information).

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## Fish & Wildlife suggests removing bird feeders by April 1

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says warm spring weather and melting snows will cause bears to come out of their winter dens in search of food. The department recommends taking down bird feeders at night doesn't work, because bears will still feed on seed that is spilled on the ground.

"We are already receiving our first bear reports, and the warmer temperatures predicted now will stimulate more bears to emerge from their dens to seek any food sources they can smell," said For-

rest Hammond, Vermont's bear biologist. "Bears are very fond of suet and bird seed, especially black oil sunflower seed, which they can smell from a long distance. Bringing feeders in at night doesn't work, because bears will still feed on seed that is spilled on the ground."

Bird feeders are just one of the things that can attract hungry bears. Other sources of food that bears find appealing are pet food, barbecue grills, garbage, household trash containers, open dumpsters,

campsites with accessible food, and food wastes. Purposefully feeding a bear is not just bad for the bear — it is dangerous for you, it causes problems for your neighbors, and it's also illegal.

Fish & Wildlife also offers the following tips to avoid bear problems:

- Keep chickens and honeybees secure within an electric fence or other bear-proof enclosure.
- Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally.
- Feed your pets indoors.
- If you compost, learn to do it without causing odors

that attract wildlife.

• Store trash in a secure place. Trashcans alone are not enough.

• If bears are entering your dumpster, request a bear-proof one from your waste hauler.

"We are asking anyone who has a problem with a bear to report the incident in a form that we have on our website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com), under Living with Black Bears," said Hammond. "There is a section in the form where you can ask us to call you to provide advice."

## BRAT, Springfield Town Library present “Wetlands are Wonderful”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — On Wednesday, March 31, from 6-7 p.m., Black River Action Team and Springfield Town Library invite the whole family to a virtual presentation on "Wetlands are Wonderful" with Zapata Courage.

Zapata, a district wetlands ecologist with the state of Vermont, shares her far-ranging experiences with these soggy, boggy, and priceless parts of our landscape. From the Green Mountains of Vermont to Kenya's Amboseli National Park, Zapata has stories to tell about why wetlands are incredibly valuable not just to wildlife that depends on them for habitat, but also to the humans who may not realize the many benefits wetlands offer us.

Zapata will offer a fun

"homework assignment" for students who would like to share their work on a Vermont state blog. Sign up before March 30 to take advantage of this free and fun hour-long adventure. Go to [www.tinyurl.com/yerrwqf7](http://www.tinyurl.com/yerrwqf7).

## Forest Service to use prescribed fire to improve wildlife habitat

RUTLAND, Vt. — Green Mountain National Forest officials announced that they, in partnership with local fire departments and land management agencies, are planning to use prescribed fire to treat approximately 200 to 600 acres of the more than 400,000-acre national forest. The Forest Service says that it will use prescribed fire as a management tool to reduce heavy accumulations of grass and brush to reduce the potential for large uncontrollable wildfires, to restore critical wildlife habitat, regenerate early successional growth, and improve overall watershed conditions on the national forest in Vermont.

In the coming weeks, GMNF fire personnel will use prescribed fire in certain areas on the forest. The prescribed fires are not likely to impact local residents, although smoke will be visible from the surrounding area and adjacent landowners may smell smoke. Occasionally, smoke will impact roads immediately adjacent to the prescribed burn. Please slow down and proceed with great caution if you need to enter areas of heavy smoke. Smoke impacts to roads should be of short

duration. The timing of the prescribed burns depends on weather and vegetation conditions that meet very specifically defined limits — called the "prescription" — so the ignition dates are subject to some adjustment, though the "burn window" is not likely to exceed more than six weeks. The Forest Service will announce additional details on burn locations closer to the date of planned ignition. If a burn cannot be completed during the designated burn window, or soon after, it will likely be postponed until the fall of 2021.

Prior to each prescribed fire, crews will have already prepared the burn area by constructing control lines on the ground. On the first day of ignition, crews will further secure the burn perimeter by "blacklining" — a method of applying fire to a strip of vegetation immediately inside the control lines — to create a wide barrier that contains the fire within the designated area. Once the blacklining area is secure, firefighters will use ignition devices to light vegetation in the interior of the burn area.

Prescribed fire restores declining wildlife habitat and improves watershed conditions. The areas planned for burning are now overgrown with thick brush and have been identified by the Forest Service as being critical wildlife habitat. Plants in the area used as forage by wildlife have become coarse, dense, and overcrowded. The post-fire landscape will support a more diverse variety of grasses and forbs, which will be more palatable and nutritious for wildlife species. Each burn site will be closed to the public, and access will be limited for the duration of prescribed fire activities. If it is necessary to temporarily close forest roads and trails, the Forest Service will notify the public of these closures by posting signs. Such closures will be subject to modification based on the actual date of ignition during the burn window. Firefighter and public safety will be the highest priority for each prescribed fire.

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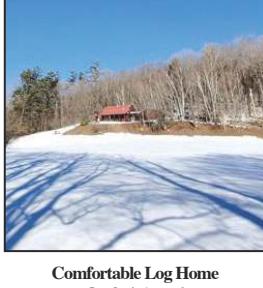


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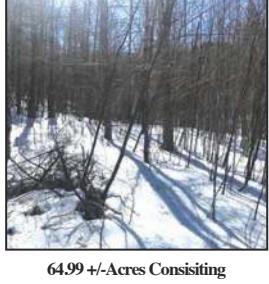
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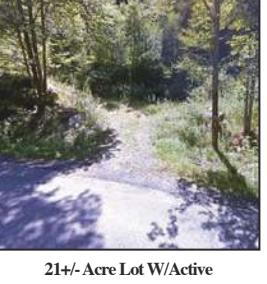
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Contact: All communications concerning this invitation to bid are to be addressed to Jeffery F. Strong, Public Works Director at dpwjeff@vermontel.net or 802-886-2059. All bids should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "2021 Paving Bid".

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"2021 Paving Bid"  
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**Bid Deadline:** Thursday April 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**Bid Opening:** via zoom, immediately following deadline. All who received bid documents will be provided a zoom link the day before the opening deadline.

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

### TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and take testimony on the following application(s):

**Application 202106** Douglas & Lori Gurney for a Minor Subdivision Review (Section 405) to subdivide Parcel 009-2-28 (81.70+- acres) into 2 lots of 78.13+- acres and 3.57+- acres. The property is located at 500 Chester Road and is zoned RA-2 and RA-5 / Observatory Protection Overlay District.

**Application 202107** Town of Springfield/Springfield on the Move for a Conditional Use / Site Plan Approval to hold "concerts at the Comtu" during the month of August on an annual basis. The property is located at 5 Main Street and is zoned Central Business / Downtown Design Control Overlay District.

**Application 202109** Green Mt. Power for a Conditional Use / Site Plan approval to expand commercial use to include parking area for leasee, McGee Family Dealership. The property is located at 86 Clinton Street and is zoned General Business.

The meeting will be held on the Zoom Platform: **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556776308>. Meeting ID: 875 5677 6308. For One tap mobile +13126266799,,87556776308# US (Chicago) or +16465588656,,87556776308# US (New York). To dial by hard line telephone: +1 646 558 8656

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## SEVCA receives Mittens Fund donation

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Southeastern Vermont Community Action announces a generous gift from the Friends of Bernie Sanders, made possible by sales of items bearing “the Mittens Meme,” which raised over \$1.8 million. This unique unrestricted donation will help SEVCA both relieve the hardships caused by poverty and attack its causes in Windham and Windsor counties, particularly in the aftermath of Covid-19.

As this year’s mitten season draws to a close, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic drag on, and full economic rebound is still a long way off for many residents. For example, even prior to the ramp-up of Covid a year ago this week, 1 in 12 Vermonters were food insecure, but the pandemic spiked that number to a level not seen since the recession of 2008.

SEVCA will be receiv-

Since then, 1 in 3 Vermonters have experienced a lack of adequate access to food. And it’s caused similarly deep impacts in many other areas of basic need – health, mental health, employment, housing, energy, and general financial security and wellbeing, to name a few.

“This amazing Mittens Meme gift is an unprecedented opportunity to address a wide range of needs that have been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic,” noted SEVCA’s Executive Director Steve Geller, “and it allows us to collaborate with our clients, service partners, and communities to determine the highest priorities and customize how we use it to produce the most effective impacts. Very few other funds allow that level of flexibility, and even fewer on the scale of this one.”

Community Action Agencies like SEVCA and its four partners in Vermont – BROc, Capstone, CVOEO and NEKCA – are among the over 1,000 nationwide who share the mission of easing the effects of poverty and eliminating its causes for all Americans. “The importance of unrestricted funding like the Mittens Fund to fulfilling that mission cannot be overestimated,” said SEVCA’s Director of Planning & Development Carolyn Sweet. “SEVCA receives millions of dollars in grants every year, but most of them are tightly

restricted as to their purpose and what they can or can’t be spent on. This gift enables SEVCA to use it in the way it will do the most good...for immediate relief, long-term recovery, and/or capacity-building to prevent, prepare for, or respond to future impacts of this or future crises, based on all the relevant and significant factors involved.”

SEVCA is currently engaged in a process to determine the most effective uses for this donation in the context of other funding it has received or that may be available to address

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Bernie’s Mittens meme. Watercolor by Hannah Baker.

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a number of different needs and issues. According to Geller, their intention is to “optimize its use to best complement all other potential funding so that it does the most good for the most people for the longest possible time. This extraordinary resource deserves no less.”

For information about all of SEVCA’s programs and services, visit their website www.sevca.org, email sevca@sevca.org, or call 800-464-9951. All of SEVCA’s services, and the vast major-

## AAUW extends scholarship deadline

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – The Brattleboro Branch of the American Association of University Women has extended the deadline for its scholarship applications to Monday, April 5 to allow students more time to apply. “Students are dealing with so many issues now because of the pandemic that we thought it would

help them to have more time to apply,” said Karen Davis of the scholarship committee.

The branch is offering scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to qualified female candidates who are residents of Windham County. Graduating high school seniors from area high schools, preparatory

schools or home schools, and women continuing their higher education are eligible to apply. Applications will be judged on academic performance, community involvement, and financial need.

The applicant must be accepted or enrolled as an undergraduate student in a one-year certificate or

The committee can be reached at 802-390-2310 if there are questions. Applications can be sent to AAUW Scholarship Committee, c/o Melanie Crosby, 41 Harmony Place Drive, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Now in its 94th year, the Brattleboro branch is part of a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

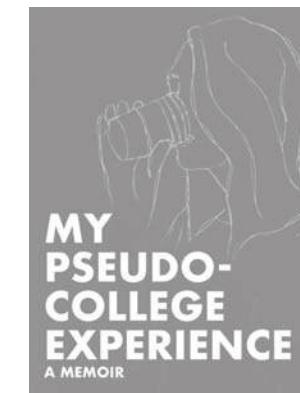
**Local author answers “Is college really necessary?”**

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Local doula Jess Kimball is now a published author. In her book “My Pseudo College Experience,” Jess answers the question, “Is college necessary for everyone?”

Jess chose an untraditional path in life, graduating high school at 16 and starting a career as a doula. She traveled the world, fell in love with people, and fell in love with being alive. There were always people saying she missed the vital life experience of college. She wondered how college could be more vital than experiencing the world so she decided to go find out.

Jess audited courses at Dartmouth College and dove head first into college life, Ivy League style. During her time she experienced the harsh, toxic hook up culture, fraternity parties, long New England winters, and the fun of New England summers. Through her writing, she submerges readers into the college experience in a second person narrative. She analyzes college life, shares her experiences, and successfully answers the very question that led her to Dartmouth.

“My Pseudo College Experience” is available for pre-order on Mascot Books and will be out on shelves and on Amazon May 4.



Book written by Jess Kimball. PHOTO PROVIDED

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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.

Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 11th day of March, 2021.

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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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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.)

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The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Londonderry, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2018, 2019 and 2020 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to 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 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 Pages 476-479 of the Londonderry Land Records. (Parcel #009011-300; 911 address: Barker Road 4.92 +/- acres of land)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to John J. Stapsinski, 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)

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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 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.)

# LEGAL NOTICES

**MARCH 25 –**  
**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." Sign up is required at [www.eventbrite.com/e/taking-a-trip-to-yellowstone-through-fiction-tickets-136962718177](http://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 [stvtprograms@gmail.com](mailto:stvtprograms@gmail.com) or 802-885-3108 with any questions.

**MARCH 27 –**  
**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – Rep. Leslie Goldman will host a constituent meeting Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. to discuss issues, questions, and concerns with constituents of Vermont's Windham-3 District. Rep. Goldman and her intern, Alexis Drown (UVM '24), will hold an hour-long online Zoom session to hear from constituents and discuss legislative plans for the coming year. The meeting will be accessible via Zoom and will be open to all constituents of Windham-3. Rep. Goldman and her intern, Alexis, look forward to hearing from constituents. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArduurqDsiGdbLYWSjnFkFgZOjTaKqJUFS>.

**APRIL 7 –**  
**REGION – AARP Vermont** is offering a series of free virtual presentations on consumer fraud. On April 7 is "Operation Protect Veterans: Defending Against an Invasion of Scammers," a program similar to "Weapons of Fraud" but with a focus on scams directed against veterans and their benefits. This presentation provides resource information, describes how to recognize the crimes, and explains techniques to avoid victimization. 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](mailto:egreenblott@aarp.org).

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**APRIL 17 –**  
**ACWORTH, N.H.** – Acworth Female Charitable Society Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., outside at the Church on the Hill. Items for sale include clothing, household goods, and "white elephants."

**MONDAYS –**  
**REGION** – "Nurturing Skills for Families in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy? It's probably the toughest job you will ever have, and sometimes it can be pretty overwhelming. You are not alone! Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at [amenard@pcavt.org](mailto:amenard@pcavt.org) or call 802-498-0603.

**WEDNESDAYS –**  
**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – Advanced directives: Where do I find the forms? Who should be named as my healthcare agent? Who do I give the completed form to? How do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I'm unable to speak for myself? Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Taking Steps Brattleboro is offering Advanced Care Planning informational meetings via Zoom. To receive the Zoom invitation, call Dan Freeman at 802-257-0775 ext. 101 or email [don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org](mailto:don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org).  
**REGION** – Lori Wright from DG Bodyworks is offering a 45-minute slow flow yoga class via Zoom Wednesdays at 5 p.m. for all levels to improve flexibility and strength, reduce stress, and bring balance. Choose to attend the class live or watch the recorded session

## RABIES VACCINE CLINIC: VINCENT DIBERNARDO, DVM

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021  
 WESTMINSTER TOWN GARAGE  
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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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## BOOKKEEPER Payroll and Account Receivable

Two Rivers Supervisory Union in Ludlow, VT has an immediate opening for a full time Bookkeeper whose primary focus will be payroll and accounts receivable. The ideal candidate for this year round position should have 3 years of experience working in payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Background working in a school environment is helpful but not required. The candidate should be able to work independently as well as with a team and be detail oriented. Experience required for payroll software, Microsoft Excel and online reporting for payroll taxes and benefits.

Send resume and cover letter to:  
 Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager  
 Two Rivers Supervisory Union  
 609 VT Route 103 South  
 Ludlow, VT 05149  
[cheryl.hammond@trsuv.org](mailto:cheryl.hammond@trsuv.org)

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at any time during the week at your own perfect time. Contact Lori at [loriwright163@gmail.com](mailto:loriwright163@gmail.com) or call 603-401-8123 to register.

**THURSDAYS –**  
**REGION** – "Circle of Parents in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for parents aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. Whoever said parenting is easy?

**REGION** – "Circle of Parents for Grandparents" is an online mutual self-help support group aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays

## NOTICE

Residents of the North Walpole Village District are hereby Notified: Voting on the 2021 Budget & Warrant Articles is scheduled for 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at St. Peter's Church basement on Church Street, North Walpole, NH.

Residents may pick up the Village Report at the following location: Village Hall after March 24, 2021

North Walpole Village Commissioners

## TOWN HIGHWAY CREW CAVENSHAM, VERMONT

**The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a full-time Highway Department crew member. This position has a competitive wage and excellent benefits package.**

**Applicants are required to have current CDL, good driving and work records and must be in good physical health. Solid experience in construction and heavy equipment operation, including dump truck operation, is essential. This is a permanent position with retirement plan. A comprehensive job description is available to serious applicants.**

**Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:**

**Brendan McNamara, Town Manager  
 Town of Cavendish Municipal Building  
 37 High Street, P.O. Box 126  
 Cavendish, Vermont 05142  
 (802) 226-7291**

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## Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A ZOOM electronic board meeting will be held on April 12, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 476-21-SP/477-21-CU  
 APPLICANT: Divided Sky Foundation  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 262 Fox Lane Ext.  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 040233-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Site Review and Conditional Use Permit to change the use of the Green Mountain at Fox Run Weight Control Facility to a substance use disorder facility to treat 40 individuals through detoxification and residential treatment. The facility will employ 30 local, professional staff at full capacity.

The URL Link and Meeting ID No. will be available on our website [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us) when the agenda is posted on April 06, 2021. **ONLY THOSE WHO QUALIFY UNDER VT STATUTE AS AN INTERESTED PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE ZOOM MEETING.**

(Note: You must first sign up for a free Zoom account by going to: <https://zoom.us/signup>)

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

## Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 478-21-ACT250  
 APPLICANT: Divided Sky Foundation  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 262 Fox Lane Ext.  
 PARCEL NUMBER: 040233-000

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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.

## 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  
 c/o Lauren Fierman  
 609 VT Route 103 South  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149

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## HR Manager/ Generalist

Two Rivers Supervisory Union located in Ludlow, Vermont has an immediate opening for a full-time, exempt Human Resource Manager/ Generalist. The HR Manager/ Generalist is responsible for benefits, insurances, compensation and contract administration. This position will also be responsible for all employment related procedures including but not limited to workers compensation claims, unemployment claims, FMLA and background checks.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in a related field, 5 years' experience in human resources management with at least two (2) years involving benefit administration, preferably in a public school setting. Excellent communication, organizational and administrative skills are required. He/she must be an exceptional team player and problem solver and will work with an experienced high skilled team.

We offer competitive wages and comprehensive benefits, and a friendly, informal work environment.

Please send a resume, your salary requirements and a letter of interest, along with three references to:

Two Rivers Supervisory Union  
 Attn: Cheryl Hammond  
 Business Manager  
 609 Route 103 South  
 Ludlow, VT 05149

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## BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

**THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, April 5, 2021 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021.**

**SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.**

**IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

**Brian Joslyn  
 Chief Operator  
 Bellows Falls Water Dept.**

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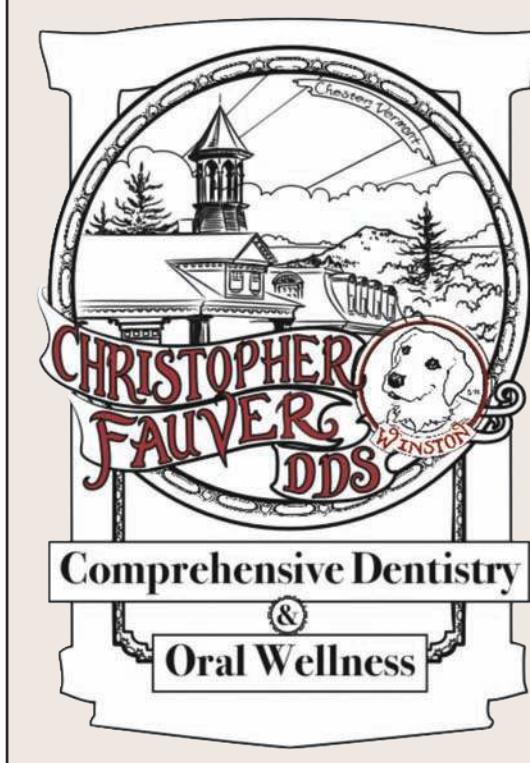
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The staff at SAPCC has been busy creating and hanging cut-out handprints with messages



Thankful Hands.

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of thanks and encouragement in the windows at their center in North Springfield to honor and recognize teachers, staff, and students of all ages for their ongoing hard work as we hit the one-year mark of the pandemic. Everyone can help make this event a visual testimony throughout our region by simply hanging handprints on your front doors or in your windows. Get creative! There are no rules.

One option is to add a message on your handprint; maybe one that gives thanks to a special teacher, educational staff member, or student. Take a photo and share it on social media using #woycthankinghands in the comment. You can also email photos to sapcc@sapcc-vt.org. SAPCC will collect all the images and create a community album to spread the messages of gratitude even further.

Please visit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Facebook event for more information or call 802-886-5242 if you need guidance or supplies to participate.



Please join us in celebrating educators, staff, and students now through April 16 by hanging handprints on your front doors and in windows across the region.

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