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## Rescheduled Plymouth Town Meeting to Monday, April 12

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Plymouth's annual town meeting has been rescheduled approximately six weeks later than originally planned as a result of delays in receiving and getting out the annual town report.

The rescheduled meeting will now take place Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. both via Zoom and with limited seating at the Plymouth Town Hall. According to Plymouth Town Clerk Sandi Small, there is seating available for 20 Plymouth residents in case they do not have access to a computer or reliable internet service. Registration in advance for those seats is strongly encouraged. Town officials will be abiding by all Covid-19 health protocols including appropriate distancing in the Town Hall.

The April 12 meeting is informational only, with no voting being allowed on the floor – a change made for this

year only. Historically, the articles, other than the town officers, are voted on the floor. Officers are voted by Australian ballot on the following day. This year, all articles will be voted by Australian ballot Tuesday, April 13.

Originally scheduled for Monday, March 1, Small needed to delay the meeting once she learned they would not get the town report back in time from the printer to have it in the hands of voters 10 days prior to voting, as required by state statute. Once she knew they would miss that window, the decision was made to reschedule with enough time to get the word out to voters with the date change.

Some confusion on the meeting change did impact the vote on the Windsor Central Supervisory Union school budget, which took place as originally scheduled Tuesday, March 2. With registered voters numbering over 400, only 40 voters turned out for the vote, though

turnout usually spans from 100 to 200 citizens. Small was unsure whether that was only because of confusion over the town meeting being rescheduled, or if concerns about Covid-19 may have been a factor as well.

All instructions for the Zoom meeting are available on the Plymouth town website on the bulletin board. If any residents would like an absentee ballot, contact the town office and one will be mailed out. Copies of the town's annual report are also available at the town office.

Small expects that next year, barring any pandemic complications, town meeting will return to Plymouth's typical format.

Until then, Small and Assistant Town Clerk Elaine Pauley are making the best of it. "It's just another thing that's happened this year. We're dealing with it. That's what we do. That's our job," she said.

## Ludlow residents weigh in on Downtown Village Revitalization projects

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Planning Commission hosted a virtual meeting Tuesday, March 16 to hear ideas from local residents for a Master Plan for Ludlow Village, currently being worked on by Mount Ascutney Regional Commission as part of a Downtown Village Revitalization Grant.

Jason Rasmussen from MARC has begun working on the project, developing a plan that can be identify and prioritize improvements to Ludlow Village that can realistically be implemented.

The Downtown Village Revitalization Grant, totaling \$18,000, covers the expense for the plan only, which will be finalized by May 31, 2021, and not for the improvement projects themselves.

Key among the considerations for the village are relaxing some zoning regulations to keep changes that have been made as part of responding to the pandemic, including outdoor dining, parking changes, and takeout windows.

Once priorities are identified, next steps would include fundraising and seeking out grants for selected projects.

Signage was a suggested im-

provement made by several meeting attendees as well as a suggestion from MARC. These would include limiting backlit signs, particularly those of gas stations, with Freeport, Maine given as an example.

Resident Phoebe Tucker suggested incorporating more art and murals throughout town, specifically suggesting a mural on the side of the Brewfest Beverage building.

Resident Eric Alden suggested establishing parklets, taking parking spaces and using them for tables outside of restaurants. He also suggested more historic looking lighting and incentivizing businesses to make façade improvements.

Ludlow Director of Planning, Rose Goings, suggested benches along the business district much like Saratoga Springs.

Planning Commission Chairman Alan Couch said he would like to bury the electric wires in the downtown. Resident and realtor Kathy Burns said that she and the Muellers, Okemo's former owners, had looked at burying the wires years ago, but the cost was unbelievably high – upwards of several million dollars. She said that regardless of whether all the wires can be buried, that wires for phone and cable that are strung across Main Street

should be addressed with Comcast and TDS, forcing them to run along the sides of the road. Burns suggested looking into Epic Grants for a project that large.

Justin Hyjek and Eliza Greene, owners of Main + Mountain and Homestyle Hostel, suggested establishing multi-use trails to link with some of the town parks like Dorsey Park, and revitalizing those spaces with community grills and gathering areas.

Reducing speed through Main Street, including speed bumps, moving parking to just one side of the street, was also brought up, as was navigational signage to highlight the downtown area.

Ludlow Municipal Manager Scott Murphy updated the group with several projects that are slated to happen in the town already this year, including a mountain bike trail behind the elementary school; two free public Wi-Fi hot spots at the library and the former high school building; and painted picnic tables that were purchased as part of a \$6,000 Better Places Grant, designed by artists from Fletcher Farm and the independent school, to be placed in Veteran's Memorial Park, Kesman Park, Elm Street

## Important Information for Chester Taxpayers

CHESTER, Vt. – On March 17, the town of Chester Selectboard chose an online website to be its newspaper of record.

This was a decision to save the town money in legal advertising. While we understand the town's desire to save

money, it denies those Chester residents who don't have internet access to legal notices.

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residents with local news in a timely fashion. If you want to continue to see Town of Chester legal notices in The Vermont Journal, we urge you to contact any member of the Chester Selectboard and attend the next meeting April 7.

## Chester considers change to Route 103 bridge project

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Route 103 bridge project, a contentious topic for the town back in September of 2019, was once again before the Chester Selectboard during their March 17 meeting, with area residents voicing concern that the board may change their mind on how to reconfigure replacement of three bridges that span the Williams River along Route 103.

Back in 2019, VTrans proposed their preferred alternative to deal with the three bridges in need of repair along Route 103: Thompson Bridge, Jewett Bridge, and Palmer Bridge. In their preferred alternative, VTrans suggested constructing one bridge, at a new crossing location, to replace all three.

At that time, resident Amy Mosher, who owns a historic farm on the land impacted by the bridge project, made a plea to the Selectboard to choose Alternative 4, an option that would help protect the "integrity and esthetic beauty" of their historic farm and not require exercising "imminent domain," something that was a possibility for the VTrans preferred alternative.

Back then, the Chester Selectboard voted for Alternative 4, which will result in a full bridge replacement in a new location, removing both the Jewett and Thomp-

son bridges, and make repairs to the Palmer Bridge, which were done shortly after the September 2019 decision.

Now, VTrans engineers are back before the board, showing them options for a project that could again bring up the possibility of going with another bridge configuration that was not approved by the board in 2019.

Board chairman Arne Jonynas admitted that he has gotten pushback from the town residents since VTrans seems to have changed the project from what the board decided.

Since that time, properties have been sold, including the property at the end of Palmer Bridge. The new owner called into the Selectboard meeting because he had been left a notice on the door that a project that impacted his property was being discussed. The homeowner admitted, however, that he was not aware of any impending bridge project when he bought the property, which Jonynas said was a big concern. The previously approved project would not impact the homeowner, but changes to the project would.

Amy Mosher was again before the board asking for the board to reaffirm the 2019 agreed upon alternative, saying she was "blindsided by this today." In her prepared statement that she read to the board, she said that she trusted that the town was on the right path and that she thought "the issue of taking land was behind us." She said she found out that day that condemnation of her land

was still being proposed.

VTrans said that they were now beginning the next phase of engineering the project and wanted to make sure the board was still confident with their choice.

Jonynas said the board would not take any action on the matter that meeting and that he would like to make sure everybody in the area is aware of what's going on.

Board member Heather Chase said that some of properties involved are being sold right now and the board should make sure they've contacted people and let them know the situation. "I don't believe that's been done. I'm concerned about that," she said. Still, Chase was open to revisiting the project that was selected saying that part of their job was to do their due diligence. "If the state is asking us to revisit this, we have to revisit it," she said.

Board member Lee Gustafson said he was leaning towards sticking with what they had decided but wants to know all the numbers and what they're getting into.

In 2019, the project was projected to cost \$1.6 million, with the town being responsible for 10%. New changes in project funding from the state and federal may have the town responsible for as little as 2.5%, a positive development regardless of what project if finally selected.

The topic will again be revisited at the next Selectboard meeting Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m.

Park, and Dorsey Park. The picnic tables will be accompanied by trash receptacles with coordinated trash removal.

Tucker suggested the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the village. Couch said that the planning commission has looked into that in the past but it is "a little tricky," but said they should look at that further. Green said that an electric charging station was being installed at Main + Mountain and could be used by

others in the town.

Local business owner Troy Caruso asked if there were funds available to purchase something on or near Main Street to add additional parking or a parking structure to help open up the street. Couch suggested that was a question for the Village Trustees but did not think there was a "rainy day fund" available for the purchase.

After the 90-minute-plus meeting, Couch thanked par-

ticipants for their input with Rasmussen wrapping up the discussion by saying his team will be sifting through all suggestions to figure out what works, what doesn't work, what might be problematic, as well cost implications. He said that there may be both short-term and long-term projects identified.

The next Ludlow Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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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 earned.

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.

## Tree and Shrub Sale deadline –

CHESTER, Vt. – The deadline for ordering offerings from Chester Townscape's annual Tree and Shrub Sale is Monday, March 29. Each year, CT selects good-size, proven trees and shrubs and offers them to the public at below

regular retail prices. Profits from this fundraiser support CT's community beautification projects.

The five 2021 specimens are a Korean Dogwood tree and four shrubs: compact Red Osier Dogwood "Artic Fire,"

Dwarf Sweet Pepperbush "Hummingbird," Azalea "Ribbon Candy," and Doublefile Viburnum "Summer Snowflake." All specimens are hardy and low maintenance, sport colorful blossoms, and offer multi-season interest. Most are native, and all appeal to pollinators and/or birds.

Buyers do not have to be Chester residents; but they do have to preorder and pay before March 29 and then pick up the plants, likely in the first week of May, from Sunshine Acres Nursery on Route 11 in Chester.

For an informative and colorful order form that gives details about the plants, their prices, and where to send the check and order, please visit [www.ourchester.org](http://www.ourchester.org) or [www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html](http://www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.html) to download the form. For more information or an order form, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or [lbwillist@comcast.net](mailto:lbwillist@comcast.net).

## Weston Rod & Gun Club Green Mountain Conservation Camp scholarships

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Rod & Gun Club is accepting applications for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp to be held this summer. Two scholarships of \$250 each are available to allow youth, ages 12-16, to attend either a basic or advanced weeklong session.

The mission of the Green Mountain Conservation Camp, "Teaching youth about Vermont's Natural Resources," is accomplished through hands-on learning experiences about fish, wildlife, ecology, botany, forestry, hunter firearm safety, outdoor First Aid, and other related topics. Opportunities for hiking, canoeing, fishing, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, and orienteering are available. In addition, campers have the opportu-

nity to meet our Vermont State Game Wardens, foresters, fisheries, and wildlife biologists and others who work outdoors.

Interested applicants should submit a brief statement introducing themselves – name, age, school, town of residence – and why they want to attend GMCC. Letters should be mailed to the Weston Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 124, Weston, VT 05161 and postmarked by Saturday, April 10.

More information about the GMCC can be found on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife web-

site: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/244](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/244). Specific Covid restrictions, including a reduction in the number of campers, mask wearing, and other procedures defined by the GMCC must be followed and can be found on the website.

The Weston Rod & Gun Club is a volunteer organization supporting the ideal that "a true sportsman leaves the forest and stream in better condition than he or she finds it." We thank the community for their continued support, especially when it comes to educating our youth.

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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.



Spring outdoor clean up. PHOTO PROVIDED

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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

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?

*This week's old saying: "The older the tree, the sweeter the sap."*

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

## 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 Desmont 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

others, will fill out this not to be missed multimedia program curated by VSO's Creative Projects Chair Matt LaRocca.

Tickets are available on a pay-what-you-can sliding scale and will be accessible March 27 at 7:30 p.m. through April 3, 2021. For more details and tickets, please visit [www.vso.org/events](http://www.vso.org/events). Closed captioning will be available for any spoken portions; please indicate if you are interested in closed captioning at checkout. This season is made possible in part by the Northfield Savings Bank Innovation Fund, and this concert is supported by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council and sponsored by Copperleaf Financial and Davis & Hodgdon.

## Weston Playhouse's 85th season

**WESTON, Vt.** - Susanna Gellert, 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 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

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

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.

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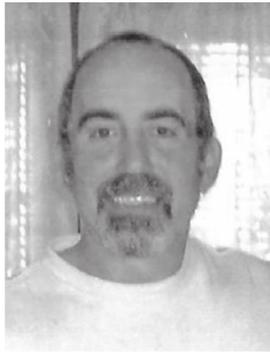
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# obituaries

# CHURCH SERVICES

## 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.



Gregory M. Janowski, 1963-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

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 Valerie 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 Valerie 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

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.

## 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.

Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Go to Facebook @ ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch. For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

### 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.

Sermons are available live Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on the streaming page at www.chesterbaptist.org.

## 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.

On Dec. 31, 1959, in East Alstead, N.H., he married Joyce Buffum who survives. He is also survived by his son Virgil Jr. and wife Christy McCue; his daughter Jodi McCue and her significant other Brett Goldsmith; and grandchildren Christopher, Corey, and Selena McCue, Paige Rohane, Katherine Howard, Caleb Rohane,

Kassandra and her husband Tim Maxfield, Chelsea and her husband Jeff Jones. Virgil is also survived by his great-grandchildren Ashlin, Aubrey, Avery, and Alton Maxfield, Ziya Jones, Omile Meyerrose, Violet and John Jr. Ryals, and Luna Hall; two sisters Ethel D’Amario; and Shirley Uggiano; and one brother Leonard A. McCue Jr. He was predeceased by his sisters Ruth Vaughn, Alice Bishop, and brother Joseph McCue.

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.okemovaleycatholicparishes.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 includes 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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**ACROSS**  
 1 Actress Farrow  
 4 Carries  
 9 "Blue Bloods" network  
 12 Fireplace residue  
 13 WWII sub  
 14 "2001" computer  
 15 William and Kate's daughter  
 17 Lawyers' org.  
 18 Cato's 502  
 19 Noah's landfall  
 21 Summaries  
 24 Garr of "Tootsie"  
 25 Berliner's cry  
 26 Hog haven  
 28 Quartet double  
 31 Ella's style  
 33 Congeal  
 35 iPhone voice  
 36 King of Judea  
 38 Dazzle  
 40 Right angle  
 41 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"  
 43 Sneaky sort  
 45 Secret matters  
 47 Request  
 48 Perched  
 49 Fraud  
 54 Candle count

**DOWN**  
 1 Buddy  
 2 Somewhat (Suff.)  
 3 "Caught ya!"  
 4 Dutch exports  
 5 Woodwind players  
 6 Youngster  
 7 Really annoy  
 8 Sound system  
 55 Violin piece  
 56 Bird (Pref.)  
 57 Standard  
 58 Wimp  
 59 Poke  
 9 Donor's beneficiaries  
 10 Rum cake  
 11 Venetian-blind part  
 16 Vitamin stat  
 20 Story lines  
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 30 Cash drawer  
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 39 "Blade" actor  
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# opinion

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. State-wide 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](http://www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission).

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](http://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 pay-offs, 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 Rutland 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 is been assigned to and find out when it is being taken up by checking out the agendas posted for the week.

Upon returning from our Town Meeting break, the Legislature begins a fairly intense week or two of Cross Over. To become law, bills need to be considered and passed by both the House and the Senate. Cross Over is that period in which all of the bills we hope to enact into law need to be voted out of our committees and get passed by whichever body it originated in – the House or the Senate. Once passed by one body or the other, the bills "cross

over" to the other body for consideration. In a normal year, this is assumed to be roughly the halfway point in the Legislative session. However, with Congress passing the next Covid relief bill, the American Rescue Plan, we may be in session a bit longer as we work to appropriate this vast amount of relief and economic stimulus for Vermont.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at 802-457-4627. To watch Legislative Committees in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the Legislative website: [www.legislature.vermont.gov](http://www.legislature.vermont.gov).

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

# REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

## 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 by April 1 to avoid attracting bears.

“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. Purposely 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/yerrwq7](http://www.tinyurl.com/yerrwq7).



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

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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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### 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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# community

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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.

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.”

SEVCA will be receiving

\$100,000 in “Mittens Money” and is one of the five Vermont Community Action Agencies receiving that amount. Other groups benefitting from the fund include Area Agencies on Aging to fund Meals on Wheels, Feeding Chittenden, Chill Foundation, senior centers in Vermont, and Bi-State Primary Care for dental care improvements. Together, the recipients of these generous contributions reflect Sen. Sanders’ longstanding passion for and commitment to addressing the needs related to poverty, the elderly, youth, and health care.

Community Action Agencies like SEVCA and its four partners in Vermont – BROCC, 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

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](http://www.sevca.org), email [sevca@sevca.org](mailto:sevca@sevca.org), or call 800-464-9951. All of SEVCA’s services, and the vast major-



Bernie’s Mittens meme. Watercolor by Hannah Baker.

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ity, if not all, of the services SEVCA will refer you to or help you access, are provided free-of-charge to all eligible individuals and households.

### 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

two- or four-year accredited college degree program for 2021-22 and a legal resident of Windham County for a minimum of two years.

This year’s scholarships will honor Sylvia (Hunter) Eaton and Dorothy Birge Keller, recently deceased AAUW Brattleboro members.

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.

#### 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.

Dated at Londonderry, Vermont, this 11th day of March, 2021.  
Tina Labeau, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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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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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.)

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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=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 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 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 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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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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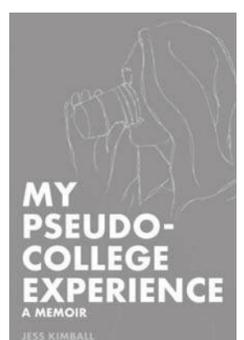
### Local author answers “Is college really necessary?”

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.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

# calendar

**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/j/8028853108> to register. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8028853108>

**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).

**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 [dan.freeman@brattleborohospice.org](mailto:dan.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

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?

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

from 4-5 p.m. Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at [amenard@pcavt.org](mailto:amenard@pcavt.org) or call 802-498-0603.

**DAILY –**  
REGION – If you want to

drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

### 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

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

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

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 review 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.

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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.**

### 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 CAVENDISH, 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 inquires 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

Cavendish is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### 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: 482-21-VA  
APPLICANT: Michael Kalen  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 67 Benson Point  
PARCEL NUMBER: 200209.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Requesting a Variance of the 50-foot setback from the lake to add a dormer to the garage and applying to expand a noncomplying structure in the front of the structure, by converting the deck into a porch.

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Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

### 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, FLMA 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

E.O.E.

### RABIES VACCINE CLINIC: VINCENT DIBERNARDO, DVM

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021  
WESTMINSTER TOWN GARAGE  
10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM  
\$10.00 PER VACCINE

WESTMINSTER DOG LICENSES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE:

\$9.00 SPAYED/NEUTERED  
\$13.00 NOT SPAYED/NOT NEUTERED

### Ludlow Elementary School

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Now open. Please contact the main office (802) 875-5151 for information on registering your child for the fall. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2021.

### 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@trsu.org](mailto:cheryl.hammond@trsu.org)

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

### 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  
Bel lows Falls Water Dept.

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# Health & Wellness

Physical • Nutritional • Spiritual • Emotional • Intellectual • Environmental • Social

## Affordable health screenings

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Residents living in and around the White River Junction, Vt. can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other

chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Hotel Coolidge in the Village – Vermont Room will host this community event April 5, 2021. The

site is located at 39 South Main Street in White River Junction. Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke, and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for

wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Consultants will work with you to create a price package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Also ask about our Wellness Gold Membership Program, which allows customers to get all the screenings they need now with a payment plan. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

**Mercedes Smith, OD**

**Your sight is our vision!**  
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Dr. Alexis Chesney will discuss “Preventing Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases” over Rockingham Library Zoom Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. With more people heading outside for exercise and safe-distanced camaraderie, knowing how to prevent these diseases is more important than ever. Dr. Chesney will review the various ticks found in North America and the disease-causing pathogens that they carry. She’ll discuss the signs and symptoms of the most common tick-borne diseases and provide strategies for preventing tick bites. At the end of her presentation, there will be time allotted for

Q&A. Dr. Chesney is a naturopathic physician, acupuncturist, author, and educator. She works full-time at Sojourns Community Health Clinic and has a small part-time private practice. She enjoys getting to the root cause of complex chronic illness and partnering with patients to find wellness and balance in their lives. Her book “Preventing Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases” is available for purchase from Sojourns Community Health Clinic or your local bookstore.

Preventing tick-borne diseases is but one of many ways to create community resilience in the face of future climate change effects.

To receive an invitation to this Zoom discussion, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto: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.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Area Parent Child Center and friends are once again celebrating the annual Week of the Young Child in a creative way and they need your help. Now through April 16, community members, businesses, and schools are invited to "paint the community" with handprints as part of the #WOYCThankingHands campaign.

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.



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