



# Chloe Jerman-Brown crowned 65th Apple Blossom Queen

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 65th Apple Blossom Cotillion took place at the Springfield Community Players Theater, under Covid guidelines, Saturday, May 1, and Chloe Jerman-Brown was announced as this year's queen. She was escorted by Harry Valentin. Members of her court were selected and they are Anna Church, Skyler Congdon, Jordan Noyes, and Hannah Hallock.

The contestants selected Chloe Jerman-Brown and Sam Presch as Miss and Mr. Congeniality. The Directors' Choice awards went to Victoria Otis and Sawyer Pippin. Nicholas Houghton received an award for selling the most "Apple Blossom Leaves" as part of the fundraising activities.

The musical theme for this year's production was "I Feel Good." Contestants and their escorts performed to "Let's Twist Again," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "Hey Jude," "I Got You," and "Great Balls of Fire."

Early in the program, the 2020 Apple Blossom contestants and escorts were honored as their cotillion was canceled due to the onset of the pandemic over a year ago.

Other participants in this year's cotillion included Molly Leonard, Victoria Otis, Kaelie Peoples, Hannah Presch, and Reilly Tennis. Escorts were Hayden Morancy, Cooper Harbeson, Nicholas Houghton, Tanner Gintof, Christopher Jeffers, Marshall Simpson, Sam Presch, Sawyer Pippin, and Dominic Bates.

Pam Church and Carrie Jewell returned as the co-directors of the cotillion. The Master of Ceremonies Larry Kraft received a tribute for his 20 years of service to the cotillion by Church and Jewell. Marie LaPlante volunteered, once again, to be the official photographer. SAPA TV was on hand to videotape the performance and will have the show for viewing on their channel and website.

Springfield Hospital and the cotillion production team are very grateful to the Springfield



Chloe Jerman-Brown, 65th Apple Blossom Cotillion Queen. PHOTO PROVIDED

Community Players Theater and over 130 sponsors and volunteers who supported this event. The cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital and the proceeds from this year's event provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and the services of the hospital.

# Westminster reestablishes independent school district

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – After being mandated by the Vermont Board of Education in 2018 to merge with the towns of Grafton and Athens and form an elementary union school district under Act 46, the state board has now voted to approve Westminster's plan to reestablish its own school district.

Back in January, Westminster almost unanimously voted to break away from the Windham Northeast Elementary Union School District, with the blessing of both Grafton and Athens, after all three towns had strongly disagreed with the original decision of Act 46.

However, Westminster took advantage of another Vermont law, which allows town residents to vote and withdraw from a merged school district after a one-year period, if they did not originally vote to form the union school district and had been forced to comply.

This allowed the Westminster Education Advisory Committee, led by Westminster School Board Chairman and town moderator of the virtual meetings, David Major, to create a petition and organize a special vote on possible secession. The plan would allow for the town to reestablish its own school district. "This also means demonstrating to our children how democracy



Westminster Center School. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

runs and how participating can make a difference," Major had said during a virtual town meeting back in January.

In the recent virtual meeting with the VBE to decide the outcome, Major explained the advisory committee's outline and expressed the town's desire to bring back its former school system of past generations, a community-focused school district consisting of kindergarten through eighth grade.

The VBE accepted the outline and approved the request for Westminster to become an independent school district. The decision not only allows Westminster to once again run their school independently, but also allows Grafton and Athens, who fully cooperated with the decision, to also maintain their own school building and directors.

The decision allows Westminster to create a community-orientated governance that they believe will regenerate

more interest in the decision-making process of their school. Additionally, Westminster will remain part of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union and, when Westminster students reach high school, they will still attend Bellows Falls Union High School.

The next step in this process will be for Westminster to elect new school board members at next month's town meeting, as the new district will be in effect as of July. According to Major, there are plenty of worthy candidates and the process would not be a problem. However, an approval from the state may be required to allow the school board election to take place next month.

Yet another step in the process will include VBE's next decision on finalizing the formal status of Athens and Grafton, now that the decision has been made to allow Westminster to reestablish its own school district.

# Trustees discuss village audit, BFPD hiring memorandum

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, April 27, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed a draft of the Village Audit with Josh Quinn and Ron Smith of RHR Smith & Company. Municipal Manager Scott Pickup requested approval of the Bellows Falls Police Department Memorandum of Agreement.

Quinn presented the audit, expressing that fiscal year 2020 was a difficult year. He explained the accounts receivable with \$3.2 million in water and \$1.2 million in sewer were "basically reimbursement requests for your bonds and loans." He explained that some of the requests were late, which is why they were in receivable.

Quinn said if the money was not spent it would come out of the debt and that "both of those [funds] at the end of the day are operating at a surplus."

James McAuliffe asked if the "due to" account would be reduced when they received the \$830,000 from the sewer fund, noting the fund went from zero to \$964,000 in 2020.

Quinn explained that when it was received, it would flow through the town's cash account through the "due to" and "due from" accounts and then into accounts receivable. He added that he thought that the funds had already been

received. McAuliffe said the March statement showed \$1.1 million in the "due to" account.

Smith explained they would find out more information. He added that the village was in a favorable equity position. He explained, "People have a hard time understanding that you can have an equity position but at the same time have a cash flow problem, and here's the reason why right here."

McAuliffe explained, "The big issue for this board is setting the rates for water and sewer." He said they had accepted the budget, which "raised questions in my mind, as to who needs rate increases and who doesn't... That's part of the urgency as far as we're concerned here."

Village President Deborah Wright agreed and said that when they set rates, "We want to know we are on firm ground."

Quinn agreed to work with the Trustees, ensuring reimbursement requests were completed, and that the village had the most timely information that they needed to make those decisions.

Also during the meeting, Municipal Manager Scott Pickup presented the updated Memorandum of Agreement for hiring negotiations for the BFPD, appreciating the extra effort done by the village. He said the agreement would give

the village a scheduled wage to use as part of recruitment.

Pickup explained that wages and benefits were important to new hires and flexible compensation schedules were beneficial to the department's long-term goals. He understood affordability was a concern and "Public safety is one of our largest costs in our general fund. Last year, we had vacancies," which resulted in a positive cash flow.

Pickup thought this was a good package and would provide a "helpful, more transparent, more professional and higher performing department."

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the MOA. He said normally a three-year contract renewal was routine, but now they are calling it "the perfect storm," and one of the biggest issues they found was the lack of new police officers. He suggested this would position the village to move forward competitively in a competitive environment. "I think we all agree that it's important that Bellows Falls have a highly functioning police department."

Wright acknowledged, "Our dollars spent are as moderate as we can possibly

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# Parks Place now offers virtual meeting lab

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Parks Place, a community resource center concentrating on health and human services in the Greater Falls area, is now offering a Virtual Meeting Lab to the local community. The lab will play an important role as part of their mission to help connect community members with the various resources they need.

Mascoma Bank generously provided Parks Place with a \$2,500 grant to create the lab, a positive response to a growing need for providing people with the capable technology and consistent access to the internet they need in order to tap into these necessary services.

"Since the pandemic began, many people in our community who are required to attend virtual meetings for access to resources, face barriers such as not having access to a computer or dependable Wi-Fi," Parks Place Executive Director, Megan Applegate, said in a recent interview.

"And from what we hear

from our providers, virtual meetings aren't going away anytime soon, and in fact, many agencies are now requiring providers to have 'face to face' virtual meetings for services to continue – therefore, think Zoom meetings instead of voice calls."

After reaching out to some other local agencies who also face these new requirements and possible barriers that affect the people they serve, Parks Place decided to be proactive and pursue the grant through Mascoma Bank to create a lab space to assist with these virtual meetings.

"We are happy that our Virtual Meeting Lab is now set up in our building and is available to reserve for virtual meetings," Megan added. "We've set up Zoom and Microsoft Team accounts, have headsets and webcams, offer log-in support to get people settled and ready for whatever meetings they have, and to help them fulfill re-

quirements set in place for these meetings."

The new computer lab is now officially open to the public and off to a promising start. "In just the first few days, a community member facing homelessness utilized our computer lab for a job interview. They returned the next week to tell us they had been offered a full-time job. This type of interaction illustrates exactly why we felt that this project is so important."

Additionally, two computers are also set up for public use and can be reserved to check email, to print forms and applications, and much more. For more information or to reserve computer time, please call Parks Place at 802-463-9927.



Parks Place Executive Director Megan Applegate and Office Manager Julie Cermola at the organization's new computer lab. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# Bike to the Box for National Take Back Day

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Greater Falls Connections hosted a Bike to the Box event on National Take Back Day. The event was held at the Bellows Falls Police Department and through a partnership with Bellows Falls Police Department, children were able to have their biking speed clocked by Community Liaison Officer Thaddeus Buckley. The event, held Saturday, April 24, was a way to promote the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

"It was so nice to see such a great turnout for the Bike to Box event. What a great community we have here in Bellows Falls," Officer Buckley said.

At this event, GFC had resources and information available to families on how to avoid prescription drug misuse and abuse. The coalition continuously looks to use educational resources to prevent substance

abuse disorders in Windham County.

Families were able to meet members of the Brattleboro Big Brothers Big Sisters group. Bike to the Box provided an opportunity for Windham County families to meet with local community agencies and learn more about resources available to them.

The DEA sponsored event is a way for Americans to safely remove unused prescription drugs from their homes. According to the DEA's Take Back website, "A majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet." GFC works to provide the community members with resources and educational materials to help prevent youth substance abuse.

"I cannot underscore how great it was for both the community and police officers to

develop meaningful connections in a positive and fun way," said Haliee Galendak Cochran from Friends for Change.

Greater Falls Connections is a nonprofit based out of Bellows Falls. GFC provides resources, workshops, and educational materials to community members in an effort to help those struggling with substance abuse disorders.



Bike to the Box for National Take Back Drug Day. PHOTO PROVIDED

Those interested in being involved can visit [www.greaterfallsconnections.org](http://www.greaterfallsconnections.org) and find out about future involvement opportunities.



## Lions Club annual food drive supports Family Center

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On April 17, the Springfield Lions Club collected 684 pounds of food and \$365 in donations for the Springfield Family Center. Thank you so much to all who came out and supported our annual food drive. Thank you to Springfield Auto Mart for the Family Center's new van, which was of great help in transporting all the donations!

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# Welcome to the SunnySide of Springfield

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – As of May 1, Springfield welcomed its newest food truck to town, SunnySide Taqueria. Owners Jordan and Kayla Baker originally were planning on opening a deli in town, but due to the pandemic they took their ideas and pivoted to a food truck.

Wanting to do something different from the existing food trucks, they decided to create an original spin on tacos. Mixing influences from both of their backgrounds in catering, they've created a fast, casual, and affordable experience. They serve breakfast, which includes break-



Jordan and Kayla Baker of SunnySide Taqueria. PHOTO BY PADRAIC SCANLON

fast bowls, burritos, and their incredible Huevos Rancheros, and a lunch menu that has unique tacos including vegetarian options.

Their hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, you can find their truck by Nortrax in Springfield, and Tuesdays and Thursdays by IVEK in the Industrial Park in North Springfield. Weekend hours will be flexible to help with their plans on catering events. Follow them on Facebook, Instagram, or their website at [www.sunnysidetaqueria.com](http://www.sunnysidetaqueria.com).



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## Athens fourth annual plant sale

**ATHENS, Vt.** – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, will hold our fourth

annual plant sale Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens, Vt.

After over a year and a long winter living with a global pandemic, we relish the idea of this annual outdoor spring event comes the end of May. Visitors will find a variety of perennials, annuals, and vegetable seedlings, as well as delightful garden-related raffle prizes. Once again, the plant sale will be outdoors on the Meetinghouse lawn with plenty of safe social distancing and no need for person-to-person contact. Experienced gardeners from the Athens Area Garden Club will be there to answer questions and offer gardening advice.

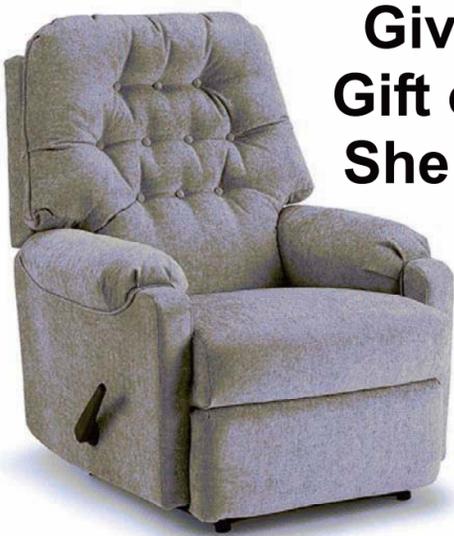
The Athens Brick Meeting-

house is historically significant to the Windham County region of Vermont, and particularly the 12 surrounding towns that comprised the "Old Athens Circuit" – Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney, and Mount Holly. Circuit preachers from Athens traveled out to these towns to perform religious services. Quarterly camp meetings with the Methodist con-



Athens fourth annual plant sale is May 28. PHOTO PROVIDED

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gregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Meetinghouse, which was known as the "Mother Church."

This national historic landmark, located at 2 Meetinghouse Rd. just off Route 35, will be open for viewing the Meetinghouse sanctuary and vestibule during this May 29 event. All proceeds go to support ongoing efforts to preserve this historic gem. Donations made to the Athens Historic Preservation Society are fully tax-deductible and will support ongoing efforts to preserve the Meetinghouse.

For more information or to make plant or other donations, contact Sherry Maher at 802-869-2141 or email at [athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com](mailto:athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com), or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

## TRUSTEES

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make them," and recognized that recruiting has become a problem in Vermont. She said, "Every town surrounding us is also looking for more officers."

The Memorandum of Agreement was passed unanimously.

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





# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Chester Reservoir

I usually write my weekly column Saturday mornings. When I lay my head on my pillow Friday night, I usually know what I'll write about the next morning. Not so this week. Saturday morning, May 1, was a sunny but chilly morning. I still hadn't thought of anything to write about. I apologize for my shortcoming.

I called Lee Decatur at 9:45 a.m. to see what he was up to. We decided to go up to Chester Reservoir to try our hand fishing. Boy was it cold! We sat with our backs to the wind. The only thing biting was the wind. I saw Clayton Jennison drive by. Lee asked who Clayton was. I asked Lee if he knew Dee Robinson.

"Yes." Clayton and Dee are brother and sister.

Soon a white Jeep showed up, and I recognized Arne Jonynas. He got out of his Jeep with his dog, Bella, who I nicknamed "Bela Lugosi." She's a fine 13-year-old black lab. Arne had a Green Up bag and went to work picking up trash. Lee and I watched as Arne walked around picking up the winter's trash. Eventually, Arne made his way to the dam where Lee and I were fishing.

I haven't always agreed with Arne, but I've always liked him. I introduced Lee and Arne. Soon we were having a friendly visit. Arne has a camp on the upper road so he knows the area. We talked about Bill and Marjorie Orcutt and their property. I told Arne just beyond the Water Farm, Dana Kendall and I planted 10,000 Christmas trees in 1968.

### Christmas trees

Dana's mother, Retha, worked in the Town Clerk's office at the time. She got us the job. The trees were little seedlings maybe six inches tall. I demonstrated to Lee and Arne how we planted them.



2019 Chester Rod & Gun Club Fishing Derby. There were 60 kids registered.

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One of us was slightly bent over with a grub hoe. We would plunge the hoe into the sod and pull back. This created a hole about four inches deep. The other walked along with a sack of seedlings and would place a seedling in each hole, and then press the sod back with his foot. It went pretty fast. Arne says today these trees are huge and that the snowmobile trail goes right through them. My memory is a little foggy now, but I think we were paid ten cents for each seedling. Dana and I spilt the proceeds.

I told Arne up that on the upper road my father planted 40,000 trees in the 1930s. Again my memory fades, but I seem to remember my father telling me there had been a forest fire up there in the late 1920s or early 1930s. I was young when my father showed me the trees he planted. I'm sure seeing the trees he planted influenced me to do the same.

### Fishing derby

For as many years as I can remember, the Chester Rod & Gun Club has sponsored a kids' fishing derby. When I was young, they were held in the Lovers Lane Brook behind Mrs. Kelly's Buttonwood Farm. Today, they are held at Chester Reservoir.

The reservoir used to be the town water supply. In those days public use was restricted and only fly-fishing was allowed. I

remember fly-fishing there with my father. Today, our water comes from the well near the solar farm on Route 103, so the reservoir is now open for public use.

It's a wonderful asset for townspeople. Some people launch a canoe, others a kayak. I noticed a few years ago that the emergency spillway was beginning to deteriorate some. On this May 1, I noticed sand bags at the edge of that spillway. I walked over to investigate. There was fresh concrete setting up. Arne told us the town had just worked on the spillway earlier that week.

This year the fishing derby is May 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. George Wilson will register your kids to win prizes. Prizes are for the first fish, the largest, and the most. They give away some really nice prizes including rods, reels, and tackle.

Danny Clemons and I always go to watch the kids fish. Some kids really get into it. It takes us back to the day when we were young doing the same. You might consider joining us. There's extra parking in the gravel pit.

*This week's old saying is from my father: "There's only one thing you can give and still keep and that's your word."*

## Susanna Gellert describes Weston Playhouse season

LUDLOW, Vt. – During her recent appearance on "Spotlight" Susanna Gellert, artistic director of the Weston Playhouse Theatre, discussed how the playhouse will reopen this season following a year's absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In response to a question as to how the new season will deal with Covid and the regulations associated with it, she indicated the following basic changes would be made for the current season:

- All productions will be held outside under a large tent enclosure in the Walker Farm area;
- Social distancing will be observed in both seating and stag-



Susanna Gellert.

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- ing;
  - Audience seating will not be reserved.
- Gellert indicated that the four

major productions will include "An Iliad" from July 14 through Aug. 7; "Seussical" from July 22 through Aug. 7; "Ring of Fire" from Aug. 11 through Sept. 5; and "The Mountaintop" from Sept. 29 through Oct. 24.

There will also be a celebration series throughout the summer. More information on this and the major productions is at [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org). Ticket information is available at 802-824-5288 or [tickets@westonplayhouse.org](mailto:tickets@westonplayhouse.org) beginning June 1.

"Spotlight" is a public affairs program on Okemo Valley TV hosted by Ralph Pace. The entire program may be seen on [www.okemovale.tv](http://www.okemovale.tv) or on Comcast channel 1076.

## BRAM presents Courtney Karl as Patsy Cline

LUDLOW, Vt. – Join the Black River Academy Museum for an evening with the music of Patsy Cline. Courtney Karl will bring life to the music of an iconic American performer Saturday, June 5 at West Hill Recreation Center in Ludlow, Vt., from 4-7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase and masks are required.

The legendary Patsy Cline comes to life once again through the sounds and stories of Courtney Shayne Karl. Courtney has been a professional Patsy Cline tribute artist for over 10 years and will take you back in time to the days when this amazing singer graced stages of America. A lifelong affinity for Patsy Cline's music along with a nudge from her grandfather has helped transform Courtney Shayne into one of the finest impersonators performing today. She has been recognized nationally for her appearance and now tours throughout the United States in the national touring show, "Memories of Patsy."

Admission to the outdoor

event can be purchased at the door on the day of the concert. Advanced tickets are available through Venmo @BRAcademyMuseum. Alcohol is not permitted in the town-owned park. Please bring your own chairs and follow all public health guidelines. The rain date for the event is Sunday, June 6.

The Black River Academy Museum preserves the history of the Ludlow area through education programs, exhibitions, and the stewardship of hundreds of artifacts. For more information, contact Executive Director Georgia Brehem at 802-228-5050.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

Dear Editor,

It is with excitement, confidence, and sadness that I announce that the Northshire Bookstores are passing out of Morrow ownership.

I started the process of selling the stores before Covid, but the pandemic reinforced that the time was right for me to move onto other things. When thinking about selling, my main worry was always finding someone – or two – who had the right sensibilities as well as the chops; someone who appreciated The Book, the art of bookselling, and our amazing staff and who also had the background, energy, vision, and resources to carry the bookstores into future decades. Amazingly, my first conversation led to Clark and Lu French of Manchester, Vt., who are the new owners of Northshire Bookstores.

My parents started the original store in September of 1976. We lived in a dark apartment underneath the bookstore. I

was 9. While the ladder leading to the trap door in the floor of the service desk area was very cool, I was not coaxed into bookselling full time until 1998. It was just for a couple of years to help my parents with an expansion... And here we are 23 years later.

Perhaps it is fitting that I am at a loss for words, given how many words we have shepherded from soul to soul over the decades. What is bookselling without paradox, irony, humor, hope and fear, and a whole lotta hard work? The books that have lived in the stores are so varied and numerous, like a beach with each grain of sand a different color. But, as I sit here letting memories flow over me, it is the people I am most grateful for – the amazing colleagues who have worked at the bookstores, the inspirational authors who have convened with us in Manchester and Saratoga, the kindred souls at other bookstores

and at publishing houses, and the generations of guests who have made all this possible for us. What a beautiful adventure! I am grateful to all of you – thank you!

In the midst of Covid last summer I received a letter from a customer which started, "Over the last 45 years your bookstore has been both a salvation and inspiration for our family." We have tried our best to live up to the highest standards of independent bookselling and to serve the communities that have supported our mission. It has been an honor.

My last request is that you welcome Clark and Lu into the Northshire family and support them as they make the bookstores even better in the coming years.

With gratitude,  
Chris Morrow  
Manchester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

When we opened the doors of the Northshire Bookstore on Main Street, in September of 1976, we couldn't have imagined that it would become one of the many institutions that distinguish this corner of Vermont. We have gone through countless transitions and challenges to arrive at this point. And now, our family is transitioning again.

This is a bittersweet watershed event for us to be sure, but one we are confident will be seamless and beneficial to the welfare of the bookstore and its service to the several marvelous communities it serves...the communities of Manchester and Saratoga,

the community of book-loving visitors who continue to support us from their homes, near and far away, the community of publishers with whom we labor to connect author and reader, and our vast community of authors, who provide us with the riches we endeavor to share. Without the support of these various communities the Northshire Bookstore would not have prospered and grown to its current place in the world of books.

We feel confident that we are passing the store's stewardship into good and competent hands. Clark and Lu have been longtime patrons and supporters of the Northshire. They are book-knowledgeable, commu-

nity-oriented, long-time residents, and have proven business and leadership acumen. Most importantly to us, they have a deep appreciation for the existing team of booksellers whose experience and institutional knowledge is irreplaceable, and who are well prepared to see the bookstore through its next few decades of growth and service to the community we love.

We are eminently grateful to all of you for your support and caring these many years and to know that all your book needs will continue to be met in this wonderful community.

Gratefully,  
Ed & Barbara Morrow  
Manchester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Since 1976 the Northshire Bookstore has been one of our community's most important cultural and business institutions. It has fostered a love of reading, knowledge, and discourse while offering the area's finest retail shopping experiences, both in Manchester and in Saratoga Springs.

Throughout our many years as Manchester residents, we have been loyal patrons of the bookstore and admirers of its founders, the Morrow family. As this beloved family-owned business approaches its 45th anniversary, we are thrilled and honored to become its next stewards. Along with our own-

ership team members Jon and Tom West, we are committed to continuing the legacy and high standards the Morrrows have cultivated over their long tenure.

Our family has been fortunate over the years to be involved in many exciting area ventures, including the Taconic Hotel and the recent restoration of the former Mark Skinner Library building. We have experienced the value of community engagement first-hand by serving as board members of local institutions, such as the Manchester Community Library, Taconic Music, and Burr and Burton Academy.

The Northshire Bookstore is a significant local landmark and a vital community center. This conviction and our lifelong love of reading and book collecting are what drew us to this endeavor. Equally important to us is the bookstore's dedicated staff. We value their decades of expertise in creating an unparalleled retail experience and are grateful for their guidance as we begin this exciting new chapter.

The Northshire is more than a bookstore to us. It's a vibrant gathering and shopping venue where memories are made and discovery is encouraged. Supporting and nurturing this enriching experience is our highest priority. We are sincerely grateful to the Morrow family for trusting us with their life's work and welcome the opportunity to continue their legacy for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Clark & Lu French  
Manchester, Vt.

## ASCUTNEY, VT.

### Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning service is 11 a.m. and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Services are also available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit [www.obbcvt.org](http://www.obbcvt.org).

## CHESTER, VT.

### St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.

Services at St. Joseph's include Saturday at 4 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. There are no live streams for these masses. For more information, go to [www.stmaryjoseph.com](http://www.stmaryjoseph.com).

## LONDONDERRY, VT.

### Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. online only. Fill out a form at [www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org](http://www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org) to be sent a link to the live stream.

## LUDLOW, VT.

### United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online. Please be safe and care for each other. Email [unitedchurch@uds.net](mailto:unitedchurch@uds.net) for more information. Visit [www.unitedchurch.us](http://www.unitedchurch.us) to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy has resumed at 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. Please note, the church is limited to 50 participants. For more information, call 802-885-2615.

### First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. Live streaming is available on Facebook @ FCCUCCSpringfield. For more information, call 802-885-5728, email [fccucc@vermontel.net](mailto:fccucc@vermontel.net), or go to [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org).

### Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

In-person Sunday services start at 10 a.m. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Live streaming is also available. For more information, check out Facebook @ PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

### Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services have resumed at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy via Zoom. For more information, go to [www.uspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uspringfieldvt.org).

### 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.

### First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday service are at 10 a.m. via Zoom. For links and more information, go to [www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH](http://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH).

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Put two and two together?  
4 Recede  
7 Crib cry  
11 Weaving frame  
13 Standard  
14 Author Hunter  
15 Falco of "The Sopranos"  
16 "The Greatest"  
17 Donate  
18 Line dance  
20 Wife of Jacob  
22 Moreover  
24 Like bell-bottoms  
28 Fragrant flower

**DOWN**

1 Mr. Guinness  
2 Nitwit  
3 Slay  
4 Ecol. watchdog  
5 Event for Cinderella  
6 Fleeting  
7 The Duchess of Sussex who once starred in "Suits"  
8 Bird (Pref.)

9 Dallas hoopster, briefly  
10 Chemical suffix  
12 Multi-state lottery with a huge jackpot  
19 Blackbird  
21 In the style of  
23 "CSI" evidence  
25 Ocho —, Jamaica  
26 Isaac's eldest  
27 Cozy rooms  
28 Doorframe piece  
29 Cruising  
30 Flag feature

31 Mentalist's chair  
35 Church seat  
38 Stitch  
40 Helium, for one  
42 Oxen harnesses  
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47 Tiny bit  
48 Drescher or Tarkenton  
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# GRAVESIDE SERVICES

## Flora L. Anderson, 1932-2021

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Flora L. Anderson, 88, died Feb. 19, 2021. She was born June 12, 1932. A graveside service will be held May 15 at 11 a.m. at the Houghtonville Cemetery in Grafton. Immediately following, there will be a gathering at the Bartonville Grange. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bartonville Grange, P.O. Box 119, Upper Bartonville Rd, Chester, VT 05143. Any questions, please contact Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls.

## William J. Brown

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A Celebration of Life for William J. "Boh" "Grumpy" Brown will be happening Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 12-3 p.m., at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown, N.H.

## Timothy J. Goodell

NEWFANE, Vt. – A graveside service for Timothy J. Goodell, 60, who died Feb. 23, 2021, will be held Saturday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Williamsville Cemetery in Newfane, Vt., with Pastor Gerry Piper officiating. See full obituary at [www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituaries/f/timothy-joel-goodell](http://www.davismemorialchapel.net/obituaries/f/timothy-joel-goodell) for directions to the cemetery.

## Caroline Martin

CLAREMONT, N.H. – A graveside service for Caroline Martin, 80, who passed away Feb. 5, 2021, will be held Friday, May 7 at 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont, N.H. Pastor George Keeler will officiate.

## David H. Pollard, 1930-2020

LUDLOW, Vt. – Full military services for David Hume Pollard, formerly of Ludlow and Springfield, Vt., and also of Hopkins, S.C., will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt., May 22, 2021 at 1 p.m. David was born in 1930 in Ludlow to Henry M. and Lillian B. Hume Pollard. David passed away Oct. 10, 2020.

## Robert M. Rorison

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A celebration of life for Robert M. Rorison will be held June 5 at 11 a.m. at his home on 150 Barlow Rd. in Springfield. After the service, a luncheon will be provided with a time to share memories of Bob. Please bring a lawn chair and mask. Barbara Rorison and family want to thank everyone who contributed to the Springfield Humane Society and to the Springfield EMS.

## James A. Martin, 1942-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – James A. "Sarge" Martin, 78, passed away Monday morning, April 26, 2021, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born Dec. 19, 1942 in Claremont, N.H., the son of Paul and Anita (Owen) Martin. He graduated from Windsor High School.

He served in the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, from 1963 to 1967, and two additional years in the Reserves.

Sarge worked as a correctional officer in several facilities in Vermont, including Windsor, Woodstock, Rutland, and Springfield. Jim enjoyed his time as a volunteer firefighter with the Springfield Fire Department in his early years.

On Feb. 9, 1978, he married Caroline Fish in Springfield, Vt. She predeceased him Feb. 5, 2021.

Jim was an avid collector; collecting stamps, records, and baseball cards to name a few. From his request to various businesses around town to save stamps for him to his frequent visits to Riverside Restaurant in Springfield, Vt., Tremont House of Pizza and Dusty's Cafe in Claremont, N.H., Jim's family quickly learned that he was well-liked, recognized, and taken care of within these communities.

Jim and Caroline spent many summers vacationing in Maine. Some of his favorite pastimes were listening to police scanners, playing music in various forms and in any genre, tearing out the "funnies" from the newspaper, rolling coins, and stopping at yard



James A. Martin, 1942-2021.  
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sales around town.

He is survived by his daughter Jessica (Keith) Filiault of Grantham, N.H.; brother Dennis (Becky) Martin of Lebanon, N.H.; two grandchildren Emily and Stephen Krueger; four step-grandchildren Seth, Colin, Brady, and Faith Filiault; two nephews Timmy and Austin; one niece Angela; and several cousins. His beloved dog Ginger and cat Sugar will miss him dearly. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother Richard, and sisters Kathy and Pauline.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Davis Home in Windsor for the wonderful care James received over the past few months. Memorial contributions may be made to the Davis Home, 45 State St, Windsor, VT 05089.

A graveside service for both James and his wife Caroline will be held May 7, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont, N.H.

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

## Mary Jane Bosworth, 2021

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Mary Jane Bosworth, 77, of Saxtons River, Vt., passed away peacefully in her sleep April 26, 2021.

Mary Jane was a proud member of the Bellows Falls High School Class of 1961, continuing her education to earn a bachelor's degree in music education from Castleton State College. Mary Jane studied the Kodaly Music Theory in Hungary and taught music in the Rockingham schools for 27 years.

Actively involved in her community, Mary Jane served as bell choir director of the Saxtons River Ringers and was very engaged with both the Women's Fellowship of Christ's Church and the Saxtons River Historical Society. She loved travel, gardening, music, and was an avid baker and craft artist. Mary Jane frequently donated her talents to local charities and projects.

Mary Jane is survived by her sister Peggy Tucker of Springfield, Vt., her nephew William M. Bosworth, and her nieces Katie Brown, Erica Tucker, and



Mary Jane Bosworth, 2021.  
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Heather Cannistraci. She was preceded in death by her parents Millard and Dorothy Bosworth and her brother William H. Bosworth.

The memorial service was held at Christ's Church in Saxtons River May 2, 2021. Following the service, a private interment service for family and close friends occurred at the Saxtons River Cemetery. In place of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to the Saxtons River Historical Society.

## Joan Heath, 1932-2021

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joan Heath, 88, passed away peacefully Friday morning, April 23, 2021. She was born Oct. 9, 1932 in Owego, N.Y., the daughter of Fred and Nettie (Shrauger) Carrigan. She attended school in Owego, N.Y.

On Oct. 5, 1955, Joan married George Robert "Bob" Heath in Pennsylvania. They made their home in Owego for many years and moved to Missouri for just over a year before moving to North Springfield, Vt. in 1977.

Joan was a mother and homemaker, raising her five children, as well as driving school bus for 35 years. She was also bus coordinator for a number of years. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, camping, and traveling the 48 contiguous states. She also loved her cats and feeding the birds. Family and friends were of the utmost importance as she and Bob hosted numerous picnics and

parties.

Joan is survived by her husband George "Bob," one son Jerald "Jeff" Heath; three daughters Virginia Orendorff, Judi-Lynn Corliss and her husband Gene, Sherry Rawson and her husband Alan; one sister Catherine Dier and her husband Kenneth; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and predeceased by one son James "Jim" Heath, five brothers Bruce, Dale, Frederick, Kenneth, and Thomas, as well as one sister Judith.

A graveside service will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt. at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Russell M. Jenks, 1974-2021

BONDVILLE, Vt. – Russell Matthew Jenks, 46, passed away peacefully in his home April 8, 2021 due to heart failure. He was born May 20, 1974, in Bondville, Vt., the youngest son of Marion and Lawrence Jenks. He graduated from Burr & Burton Academy.

He owned and worked alongside his father for Jenks Brothers Caretaking & Jenks Brothers Plumbing. From an early age, Russell could be found outside, a true lover of nature. His family's fondest memories of him are fishing, hunting, gardening, and meticulously working on the home he built from the studs up. The long stonewall that runs the length of his drive was dotted with tall rock statues, reminding us we are going in the right direction.



Russell M. Jenks, 1974-2021.  
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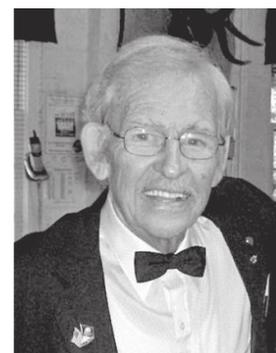
Survivors include his parents Lawrence and Marion Jenks; his four siblings all of Bondville, Vt.; and his five nieces and nephews. There will be a private service for the family.

## Ernest J. "Turk" Aumand Jr., 1925-2021

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – Ernest James "Turk" Aumand Jr., 96, passed peacefully Monday, April 26, 2021 at the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction, Vt. Ernest was born April 9, 1925, in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Ernest J. Aumand Sr. and Mary "Mame" Ratchford Aumand. He attended schools in North Walpole, Bellows Falls (St.Charles), and Bellows Falls High School in 1943.

Turk served on the naval ship U.S.S. Santa Fe CL60 and with the incredibly famous Navy Seabees (Phillippine Islands) during World War II from 1943-1946. After the war, he worked in the family business, Aumand & Sons of North Walpole, N.H. Turk held membership and was an officer in many community organizations, including Bellows Falls Polish-American Club, BF Moose 59, Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars, BF American Legion 37, BF Elks Lodge 1619 (Exalted Ruler), all of which he socialized with his friends enjoying his Myers Rum.

Turk liked to entertain, was a jokester, and laugh – he had a contagious and unforgettable laugh. He had a few hobbies: one of the first racecar drivers at the Claremont Speedway, started up a weight lifting group at St. Peter's Church, arm wrestling champion in the New Hampshire and Vermont region, was considered a wine sommelier, was a very well-known and excellent caterer for parties, reunions, weddings. He also water-skied the Connecticut, coached various sports, and was one of the rebellious North



Ernest J. "Turk" Aumand Jr., 1925-2021.  
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Walpole (peepot harbor) River Rats.

On June 18, 1949, he married Sophie Rose Rachiski of Springfield, who survives. They have three children whom also survive, Ernest III "Smokey" and Diane Beers of North Walpole, Richard Sr. and Leann of North Walpole, Mark and Bobbi of Santee, Calif.; brother Ray of North Walpole; grandchildren Brandon, Jusden, Victoria, Jarrod, Richard II, Michaila, Andrew, Arabella, and Roussane, along with many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents. Turk was very well-known and loved by all; he is "the Man, the Myth, The Legend."

There will be a church service at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole, Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. We will have a remembrance celebration of life at Turk and Sophie's home, 10 Kilburn St., North Walpole, N.H., following the service.

## Larry L. Childs, 1946-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Larry L. Childs, 74, passed away at his home April 2021. He was born Sept. 7, 1946 in Springfield, Vt., son of Wilbur and Bernice (Dennett) Childs.

He attended school in Springfield. He worked for Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield and for Chester High School.

Larry is survived by his sister Marilyn C. Blais of Springfield and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother James F. Childs.

Per Larry's request, there will be no services. Donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society for their Princess Fund.

## Richard A. Eastman, 1954-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Richard A. "Rick" Eastman, 66, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born May 1, 1954 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Norman E. and Norma (Tarbell) Eastman. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School in 1972.

Rick was offered a number of college golf scholarships but ultimately chose to begin his work life after graduating from high school. Rick worked at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt., Norse House in Bondville, Vt., and MJS Lawncare in Rockingham, Vt. In 1995 Rick embarked on a new career by starting his own business, Custom Car Care Services. He installed custom, real wood dashes and trim in high-end vehicles throughout New England. His business thrived for 24 years until he retired in 2019.

Rick loved sports and was an avid skier and golfer. He was a longtime member of the Crown Point Country Club where he was always in the mix for the club championships including in 2011 where he was runner-up. In addition, he participated and won many other tournaments throughout New England over the years.

He is survived by his partner of nearly 30 years Sandra Dockum of Springfield; her children Melissa Dockum of North Springfield, Andrew Dockum of Weathersfield, and Christian Dockum of Fairfield, Conn.; Sandra's grandchildren Ella, Oliver, and Rowan Dockum, and Thomas Anderson; one brother Wil-



Richard A. Eastman, 1954-2021.  
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liam Eastman of Springfield; two sisters Delores Eastman of Springfield and Linda Rutter of Lima, Ohio; and also by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents Norman and Norma Eastman and by one sister Carol Eastman Kangas.

Rick was an attentive grandparent to all of the grandchildren. He had an especially close bond with grandson Tom Anderson. They spent many happy hours talking, playing, and riding around together taking in the natural beauty of Vermont. The grandchildren were the light of his life.

A private graveside service will be held in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. A family gathering celebrating his life will be held later in the summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

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Stream Road and into the surrounding fields. You will have a chance to identify various birds by their songs and markings.

Wear your mask, wear good walking shoes, and bring your

binoculars. Meet at Crows Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville. There will be a limited number of people allowed on the walk, so please RSVP as soon as possible to Robin at 802-226-7736.

For more information and a list of birds seen on previous walks, go to [www.CavendishCCCA.org](http://www.CavendishCCCA.org) and check out the Walk and Talk page, or call 802-226-7736.

## Vermont Wildlife Course for educators

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's popular fish and wildlife summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 11-16, 2021.

The interactive field course that gets educators out into Vermont's streams, forests, and wetlands with some of the state's leading natural resource experts takes place at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp in Woodbury. Increased personal safety and sanitation measures will be in place to ensure the health and safety of all participants and staff.

Now in its 36th year, "Wildlife Management and Outdoor Education Techniques for Educators" is a one-week, three-credit graduate course taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife and other Agency of Natural Resources staff through Castleton University.

"Wildlife resources are important to all Vermonters in one way or another," says Fish & Wildlife's Education Manager Alison Thomas. "If educators can get connected with the outdoors and in turn expose

their students, then many of these students will be able to make informed decisions about Vermont wildlife and their habitat needs."

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"This course is hands-on,"

added Thomas. "It continues to evolve and incorporate new environmental education ideas and activities, but we also continue to do traditional programs that have been part of the week for more than three decades. It is a great mix of new and old with all of it being incredibly helpful and memorable. We believe during these difficult times, it is important now more than ever that we foster personal relationships with the natural world, habitat, and wildlife and encourage an individual's connection with the outdoors."

"There may still be a restriction on the number of people, including instructors, who may be gathered in one place at a given time, but we can accom-

modate that change if needed," said Thomas.

Tuition fees cover books, food, and overnight facilities. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. A course description, schedule of activities, and registration information are available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/249](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/249). If you have questions, you can email [Alison.Thomas@vermont.gov](mailto:Alison.Thomas@vermont.gov).

Buck Lake Conservation Camp is located east of Route 14, north of Woodbury Village.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife's summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 11-16 at Buck Lake in Woodbury, Vt.

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## Chester R&G Children's Fishing Derby



CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Rod & Gun Club will sponsor the annual Children's Fishing Derby Saturday, May 22, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Chester Reservoir. Children up to the age of 12 may participate in the event and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Children's Fishing program is hosted each year with the cooperation

and assistance of the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife in order to introduce youngsters to the wonderful outdoor sport of fishing. The reservoir will be stocked with trout shortly before the event. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky anglers that catch the first fish, the longest fish, and first to catch their limit of five fish. Any questions about the event, please contact George Wilson at 802-228-3695.

PHOTO PROVIDED

## Fish & Wildlife urges sustainable harvesting of wild plants

REGION – Early spring is a great time to get outside for hikes, birding, and collecting wild edibles. High on the list of the latter category are fiddleheads, the unfurling leaves of ostrich ferns, and ramps, wild leeks. Both species are quite common in Vermont, but excessive harvest has resulted in local population declines, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

While commercial harvest of either of these species is

prohibited on state and conservation lands, there is no regulation on private property.

"Studies have shown that heavy harvest of fiddleheads significantly reduces the number of fronds, or leaves, produced over the next few years," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife botanist Bob Popp. "These studies indicate that limiting harvest to less than 50% of the fronds limits its impacts and does not reduce availability the following year."

Popp says the impact of harvesting wild leeks is even more

severe because typically the entire plant is removed, but that it can be done sustainably by leaving the bulb in the ground and harvesting only the leaves. He points out that leeks mostly reproduce vegetatively by sending out underground stems, but that only the larger, older bulbs are capable of this doing this.

"We encourage outdoor activities," he added, "but we want to remind foragers to harvest sustainably and be aware of the level of previous harvesting before adding to that impact."

## Teen Conservation Weekend

CASTLETON, Vt. – Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is offering two new Teen Conservation Weekends to be held at the Edward F. Kehoe Conservation Camp in Castleton this August.

"We are pleased to announce a fun and exciting opportunity for teens ages 15 to 17," said Hannah Phelps, camp coordinator. "The new Teen Conservation Weekends will allow us to provide teens with an exciting weekend of quality environmental education. Campers will arrive Saturday morning and immediately begin participating in Hunter

Education programing, before backpacking out to a remote pond for an evening of camping and fishing."

"Teen Conservation Weekends are the perfect way for teens to unplug and engage with peers outdoors before heading back to the classroom," Phelps added.

Each weekend is limited to 25 participants. Girls can attend Aug. 14 and 15, and boys will be there Aug. 21 and 22. Arrival time is 8 a.m. Saturday morning with departure time 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

All participants are required to complete their Hunter and Bow-

hunter certificates ahead of time to allow for more hands-on fun throughout the weekend. Teens will also be expected to only bring gear they can carry themselves while backpacking.

The cost for the weekend includes all meals. Sponsorships are available on a limited basis.

To register for the weekend, email a completed application found at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/conservation-education/teen-conservation-weekend](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/conservation-education/teen-conservation-weekend) to [Hannah.phelps@vermont.gov](mailto:Hannah.phelps@vermont.gov). Any questions can be directed to Hannah Phelps at 802-249-3199.



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## Black River Area Community Coalition, Ludlow Part Time Position Available Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator is responsible for assisting the Executive Director with the implementation and coordination of coalition initiatives as they relate to youth, parents and the community. This individual is responsible for working with the Executive Director, Board of Directors, community coalition members, prevention specialists, school personnel, law enforcement and the community at large to present programs that keep youth off alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to paul.fienza@braccvt.org or mail to BRACC, PO Box 197, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more detailed information about the position and requirements please visit Indeed.com.

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Answers  
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# calendar

**MAY 8 –**  
GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum in Grafton is hosting a special spring birding walk led by Vermont Center for Ecostudies' Kevin Tolan and Nathaniel Sharp at the Herrick's Cove along the Connecticut River in Bellows Falls Saturday, May 8 at 7 a.m. Herrick's Cove is considered an important birding and biodiversity area by the Audubon Society. This walk is best for those who are comfortable beginner birders on up, but all birders are welcome. Visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org) to learn more and to register.

**MAY 9 –**  
GASSETTS, Vt. – On May 9, Mother's Day, The Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding an outside (non-open mic) Jam, from 1-4 p.m., at the grange, located near the junction of Route 103 North and Route 10. Please bring your own chairs. Face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and signing in at the table with name and phone number are all mandatory. There is a suggested donation. We

will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. We will have at least three canopies to protect from the sun. Rain date will be the next Sunday, May 16. Call 802-591-4290 for more information.

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –** Smokin' Bowls and Tiny House Café, located at 831 Rockingham Rd. in Rockingham, are hosting a Mother's Day Brunch Buffet Sunday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be many tables set up outside, some with tents over them. No indoor seating available. We are still socially distancing! Reservations are suggested by messaging Smokin' Bowls on Facebook.

**MAY 11 –**  
CHESTER, Vt. – Please join Southern Vermont Astronomy Group's monthly meeting held via Zoom Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at <https://zoom.us/j/94691230307>. Featuring Michel Tournay, amateur astronomer and astrophotographer from Canada, presenting on eclipses.

**MAY 15 –**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – First Congregational Church of Walpole, located on The

Common, is having their Rummage and Food Sale Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bag sale will be from 12-2 p.m. Rain date is May 22. Masks, please.

**WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. –** The Weathersfield Conservation Commission will host a Beaver Walk to Cook's Pond with Tyler Brown, a furbearer specialist from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, Saturday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. This program is free and open to all. Participants should meet at the Weathersfield Center Church Meetinghouse. Participants should wear masks and plan on walking about half a mile to Cook's Pond. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, email [ryangumbart@gmail.com](mailto:ryangumbart@gmail.com).

**MAY 17 –**  
LUDLOW, Vt. – American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, May 17, from 12-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow Community Center. No walk-ins at this time. Call 100-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

**MAY 20 –**  
REGION – Join Lori Wright on Zoom Thursday, May 20

Walpole, N.H., featuring Marcia and Mark Wilson. Bring your chairs and blankets. Gate opens at 12:30 p.m. Cash or check only. For details, contact [hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net).

**MAY 23 –**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – Enjoy the Flying Gravity Circus at the beautiful Hooper Institute in Walpole Sunday, May 23. Shows at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. Outdoors, family-friendly, and Covid-cautious! Young circus performers delight you with their grace and skill as you walk from station to station to enjoy another circus act. Reservations are required and are specific to your chosen show time.

**MAY 24 –**  
REGION – Music can change your mood: whether you want motivation to workout, fall asleep, or even let go of negative feelings. On Monday, May 24 at 6 p.m., join this interactive workshop with Lori Wright on Zoom that will teach you how music and sound therapy can create transformation. You will learn how to create and design playlists to help meet your goals and will even receive lists of suggested songs and artists to build your playlists. Class time is approximately one hour and includes additional instruction if technology is not your "thing." Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at [loriwright163@gmail.com](mailto:loriwright163@gmail.com) to register.

## TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to review two zoning applications. Windsor-Windham Housing Trust proposes a modification to their existing zoning permit for residential housing at 115 Rockingham Street. Scott Falzo plans to rebuild a single family home at 6 Darby Hill Road. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall or on video conference. Visit [rockinghamvt.org](http://rockinghamvt.org) for more information.

## School Bus Driver

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Ms. Erin Hunter, Carpentry Instructor  
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## TOWN OF ANDOVER PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY LEGAL NOTICE

The Select Board of the Town of Andover, Vermont hereby provides notice to the community of its intent to sell those lands and premises conveyed to the Town of Andover by Warranty Deed of Raymond O. & Marianne H. Wilcox, dated January 4, 2017 and recorded on January 12, 2017 in Book 63 Pages 366-367 of acre parcel located on the westerly side of Lovejoy Brook Road.

This conveyance shall take place at least thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of this publication unless a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the legal voters of Andover objecting to the proposed conveyance is presented to the Town Clerk.

This notice is being published and posted within the municipality pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1061 (a)(1).

Dated this 27th day of April, 2021.

## Proposed Invasive Plant Control Measures

The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation proposes to conduct treatments to control invasive exotic plants on properties owned by the State of Vermont in Windsor and Windham Counties. These will include but are not limited to: Amity Pond Natural Area, Pomfret; Mollie Beattie State Forest, Grafton; Mt. Ascutney State Park, Weathersfield and Windsor; Muckross State Park, Springfield; Williams River State Forest, Chester; Windsor Grasslands Wildlife Management Area, Windsor.

The proposed treatment area will not exceed 80 acres in size total. Application will include foliar and cut stem methods utilizing Round-up, Rodeo or Triclopyr. Treatment will occur between the 5/15/2021 and 10/1/2021, and each site will have signage displayed for additional public notice.

## TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD TAXPAYER NOTICE SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

The fourth installment of the 2020-2021 Town & Town School District Taxes is due and payable  
**May 15, 2021**

Payments can be made as follows:

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  - Through the mail.
  - Dropped into our mail slot located in the white door that faces Main Street.
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- If a receipt is desired, please provide a stamped self-addressed return envelope or an email address. Due to COVID-19 Town Hall is currently closed to the public.

Barbara A. Courchesne, Treasurer

## TOWN OF POWNAL PUBLIC HEARING ON TRAFFIC ORDINANCE POWNAL, VERMONT Via Zoom (link below)

Date: May 13th, 2021 at 5:30PM  
Via Zoom (instructions for signing in below)

1. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance

24. A person violating any of the proceeding ordinances related to litter and/or debris shall be fined not less than \$ 250.00 or more than \$ 500.00 for each offense. A person shall be fined \$500.00 for each offense thereafter.

25. A Motor Vehicle transporting garbage, rubbish, brush, sand-gravel-stone or any loose debris over a public highway within the Town of Pownal shall be secured and/or covered at all times.

2. Public Comment

3. Adjournment

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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Additional information pertaining to this Notice and its contents may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, 802-672-3655 during normal office hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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Bids will be accepted no later than 11:00 am on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at the Pownal Town Office, 467 Center Street, Pownal Vt. 05261, MARKED TRUCK BIDS. Bids will be awarded at a duly warned select board meeting. The Town of Pownal reserves the right to except or reject any or all bids. For any questions call Joel at the Pownal Highway department at (802) 442-2056.

# REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

# sports

## Spring sports schedule, May 6-29

### THURSDAY, MAY 6 - Baseball -

Brattleboro at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fair Haven at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
 Green Mountain at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.  
 White River Valley at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.  
 Brattleboro at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
 Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Bellows Falls at Rutland, 4 p.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Bellows Falls at Mill River, 4:30 p.m.  
 Leland & Gray at Burr & Burton, 4:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 8 - Baseball -

Bellows Falls at Springfield, 11 a.m.  
 Green Mountain at White River Valley, 11 a.m.  
**Softball -**  
 West Rutland at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.  
 White River Valley at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.  
 Woodstock at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Mount Anthony at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 10 - Baseball -

Fall Mountain at Lebanon, 4 p.m.  
 Green Mountain at Hartford, 7 p.m.  
 Windsor at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Fall Mountain at Lebanon, 4 p.m.  
 Twin Valley at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 11 - Baseball -

Mill River at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 Woodstock at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Green Mountain at Mill River, 4:30 p.m.  
 Springfield at Brattleboro, 5 p.m.  
 West Rutland at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Bellows Falls at Mount Anthony, 4 p.m.  
**Track & Field -**  
 Multiple Opponents at Fall Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - Baseball -

Lebanon at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.  
 Windsor at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Windsor at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
 Lebanon at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 13 - Baseball -

White River Valley at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Leland & Gray at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 14 - Baseball -

Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
 Hartford at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Bellows Falls at Brattleboro, 4:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 15 - Baseball -

Springfield at Leland &

Gray, 11 a.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 17 - Baseball -

Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Burr & Burton at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Burr & Burton at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 18 - Baseball -

Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
 Burr & Burton at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
 White River Valley at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
 Rutland at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - Baseball -

Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 20 - Baseball -

Green Mountain at Fair Haven, 4:30 p.m.  
 Leland & Gray at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.  
 Mill River at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
 Springfield at Otter Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Mill River at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
 Leland & Gray at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.  
 Springfield at Otter Valley, 4:30 p.m.

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### Girls Tennis -

Mount St. Joseph at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 21 - Ultimate Frisbee -

Brattleboro at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 22 - Baseball -

Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 11 a.m.  
 Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.  
 Mount Anthony at Springfield, 11 a.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Bellows Falls at West Rutland, 11 a.m.  
 Twin Valley at Leland & Gray, 11 a.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 24 - Baseball -

Bellows Falls at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 7 p.m.

### Softball -

Fall Mountain at Stevens, 7 p.m.  
 Green Mountain at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 25 - Baseball -

Mill River at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
 Otter Valley at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.  
 Woodstock at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fair Haven at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis -**  
 Bellows Falls at Brattleboro, 4:30 p.m.  
**Ultimate Frisbee -**  
 Burr & Burton at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 - Softball -

Bellows Falls at Hartford, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 27 - Baseball -

Springfield at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Leland & Gray at Mill River, 4:30 p.m.  
 Springfield at Mount Anthony, 4:30 p.m.  
 West Rutland at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 28 -

### Baseball -

Green Mountain at Mount Anthony, 4:30 p.m.  
 Poultney at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.  
 Stevens at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.  
**Softball -**  
 Stevens at Fall Mountain, 5 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 29 - Baseball -**  
 Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 11 a.m.



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Windsor at Springfield, 11 a.m.

### Softball -

Windsor at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
 Woodstock at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.

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**This Weathersfield home has been brought to a new level,** remodeled to offer open concept living space with a bright, sunny family room with woodstove, spacious oak kitchen, formal dining area with french door, comfortable living room, three bedrooms and 1-1/2 bathrooms. Large deck for outdoor living space, added storage/workshop space in the full walk-out basement and oversized six car garage. Situated on a corner lot with 1.7+/- acres in a rural setting and easy access to 191. **\$215,000**

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## 2021 Vermont Scholastic Chess Championships

**BERLIN, Vt.** – The 34th Vermont Scholastic Chess Championships will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30 at Capital City Grange Hall on Vermont Route 12 in Berlin, Vt.

All Vermont students from kindergarten through grade 12

are eligible to compete for State Championships in nine divisions – each grade Kindergarten through Grade 6, Middle School for grades 7 & 8, and High School, for grades 9 through 12. All abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Advance registration is required. Complete rules and registration information, including Covid-related procedures, can be found at [www.vtchess.info](http://www.vtchess.info) or by contacting Mike Stridsberg, tournament director, at [mike@vtchess.info](mailto:mike@vtchess.info).

## Covid Bridges virtual run to benefit Neighborhood Connections

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – As a take on covered bridges – a quintessential Vermont attraction – Vermont Covid Bridges is a virtual race to benefit Neighborhood Connections. Scheduled from Saturday, May 15-23, choose to walk, run, skate, or bike any distance. Anticipating

that this is the last virtual race of the pandemic, this campaign gives us the motivation to go outside, get exercise, and enjoy some fresh air after a long Covid winter. At the same time, you will be raising money for a good cause. Each participant will receive a Covid Bridges ga-

tor and medal.

To register, go to [www.runsignup.com/Race/VT/Londonderry/CovidBridges2021](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/VT/Londonderry/CovidBridges2021). Want to donate? Text VTBRIDGES at 44321. Thank you for your continued support of Neighborhood Connections.

## Vermont Disc Golf Tournament comes to Chester

**CHESTER, Vt.** – The Chester Disc Golf Club will be hosting the second Disc Golf Vermont Tour stop of the 2021 season Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9. The “Stone Village Shootout” will feature over 80 registered players from Vermont and New England competing in the two-day event.

The Disc Golf Vermont Tour is a points-based series of events held on various disc golf courses throughout Vermont during the 2021 season. Players earn points at each event based on their performance, and division winners are announced in the fall at the completion of the tour.

The 18-hole Chester Disc Golf Course is located at the Pinnacle Recreation Area on Lovers Lane in Chester. Opened in 2016 and designed and constructed by



Disc golfer putting on hole 6 at Chester Disc Golf Course. PHOTO PROVIDED

local volunteers and disc golf enthusiasts, the course features multiple tee pads on each hole to accommodate both beginner and advanced players. The course is free to play and open to the public year-round. For more information, please contact Gary King at 802-875-5153.

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# arts & entertainment

## FOLA to reopen the Heald Auditorium with silent movie “The Freshman”

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – After discussing the options with Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, FOLA plans to reopen the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. with its annual Silent Movie Festival, featuring the comedic eloquence of Harold Lloyd in the comedy classic, “The Freshman.”

According to Scott Stearns, FOLA’s program director, “This will be a wonderful chance for area folks to enjoy the great comedy of Harold Lloyd along with the incomparable musical background created by Jeff

Rapsis.” He added that FOLA will be restarting its movie and musical schedule at that time with events planned through the end of the year.

FOLA has already made arrangements with Susan Haefner and Lisa Brigantino for a live musical concert in the auditorium Saturday, Nov. 13.

The full schedule for the restarted 2021 season will include:

- Saturday, Aug. 21, Silent Movie Festival: “The Freshman”
- Saturday, Sept. 25, “Brigadoon”

• Saturday, Oct. 23, “Sleepy Hollow”

• Saturday, Nov. 13, live musical concert featuring Susan Haefner and Lisa Brigantino

• Saturday, Dec. 18, “It’s a Wonderful Life”

• Wednesday, Dec. 29, “Little Women” starts at 5 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all events will start at 7 p.m. As indicated by Murphy in his discussions with FOLA, all of these plans are subject to both the future developments associated with the Covid-19 virus as well as plans initiated by Gov. Scott.

## Band, duo join sing-along concert to benefit Community Asylum Seekers Project

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** – A family band and an award-winning duo have joined the lineup for the Repairing the Breach sing-along concert with Annie Patterson and Peter Blood Saturday, May 8 at 7 p.m. to benefit the Community Asylum Seekers Project.

“We’re thrilled to have them bring the passion, fun, and musical gifts of Munit and Z Lovebugs to another one of our shows,” said Blood.

The new family band performed at a recent People’s Music Network weekend at

the March Long Line for Racial Justice concert to benefit The Respect for Girls Project in Sierra Leone and the Repairing the Breach concert for the Ohio Poor People’s Campaign.

They will be joined by Emma’s Revolution with Pat Humphries and Sandy O, who are known for fearless, truth-telling lyrics. The award-winning activist duo has sung for the Dalai Lama, won praise from Pete Seeger, and been covered by Holly Near. Their recent release, “Our House is on Fire,” was selected as the opening track for Hope Rises, a compilation CD from a nonprofit co-founded by Noel (Paul) Stookey of Peter, Paul, and Mary.

The benefit concert will support the work of the Windham County-based Community Asylum Seekers Project and is part of a tour that encourages the pursuit of social justice and charity within communities.

According to Patterson and Blood, Repairing the Breach, Songs for the Journey is inspired by the Rev. Dr. William Barber II and the Poor People’s Campaign and will focus on the specific theme of immigrants and asylum

seekers among us, using music as a path to justice, spreading hope and putting a spotlight on the value of working together for a better world.

Patterson and Blood have played a central role in creating a singing movement in North America and abroad with their songbooks “Rise Up Singing” and “Rise Again.” Together, they have led hundreds of sing-along concerts and workshops across North America, New Zealand, and the U.K., and have made it their lifelong mission to help create change for peace and justice through song. They accompany their songs with guitars, banjo, mandolin, autoharp, African drum, and pennywhistle.

Concertgoers can register online at [www.riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-brattleboro](http://www.riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-brattleboro) and will be sent a Zoom link and a song sheet to sing along with Patterson and Blood. Admission is by freewill offering, with suggested donations.

For more information about CASP, go to [www.caspvt.org](http://www.caspvt.org) or email [info@caspvt.org](mailto:info@caspvt.org). Further information about the concert is available by contacting [unadonly@gmail.com](mailto:unadonly@gmail.com).

## Keiser & Kekic Color Light Pattern duo show

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – From May 12 through June 12, Canal Street Art Gallery presents “Keiser & Kekic Color Light Pattern” duo show Carol Keiser’s paintings and the fine art glass from Nicholas Kekic of Tsuga Studios.

Nicholas Kekic recently completed the move of his studio, showroom, and gallery from Chester to Bellows Falls and has been included in the inaugural Craft Optimism marketplace – an avant-garde curated, climate-connected makers’ market by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Carol Keiser was recently accepted into the National Association of Women Artists and has accepted an invitation to her first showing in New York City

at the esteemed Van Der Plas Gallery.

Carol Keiser has painted on both canvas and kiln-fired tile in her studios in Putney and Mexico for the past 40 years. Her imagery includes scenes of women at leisure, romantic couples, flowers, mountains, sun, moon, sailboats and ladders, which often possess cultural, provincial, and art historical significance. Many of these subjects are symbolic of the natural world and connection to the divine. Keiser is a member of the Vermont State Craft Centers, The New Hampshire League of Arts and Crafts, and The Newbury Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston. Her biography has been included in “Who’s Who of America” and “Who’s Who of American

Women.”

Nicholas Kekic is a third generation glass blower. His work honors the old traditions of the art form while bringing a modern sense of abstract composition and design. Kekic credits his drive to growing up among the early studio art glass movement in America. Nickolas Kekic and his wife Tamasin built Tsuga Studios in 2000 in Chester, Vt. In 2017, he decided to expand his business to Bellows Falls where he found a site to melt and cool his glass using renewable hydroelectric power from the Connecticut River, shrinking his carbon footprint and energy costs. Kekic is a member of the Vermont Glass Guild and the New Hampshire League of Craftsmen. Most recently, he has

exhibited at the 44th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show.

To learn more about both artists’ inspiration and process, visit the online viewing room at [www.canalstreetartgallery.com](http://www.canalstreetartgallery.com). Don’t miss the Third Friday Gallery Night Live with Carol and Nick May 21 at 6 p.m. on CSAG’s Facebook. Parties of four may view the exhibit in person during business hours.

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

## Main Street Arts is springing back

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – Main Street Arts is springing back to life with events, art exhibits, new programming, and much more to come following a year of Covid-19 restrictions. MSA Co-Chair Gina Cote said, “We can’t wait to see our neighbors and friends once again.”

As MSA reopens, “normal” may look different for a while. Board member Maryann McArdle explains, “In the coming weeks, we’ll focus on outdoor activities, and programs you can enjoy with your friends and family all socially distanced.”

Among the programs are a series of summer picnic events in the new Saxtons River Park just off the center of the village that will include theater and puppets, food trucks, and spin art. In addition, an outdoor music series is planned for MSA’s side lawn. McArdle added, “We are eager to work together with our

neighbors and friends to make our reopening safe and fun for everyone in our community.”

According to Co-Chair Susan Still, the MSA Board has been conducting a community survey for several weeks and is still gathering information. “We’ve learned a lot. It isn’t surprising that classes for young people and older adults are in demand but will need to be reimagined. Theater is still a popular offering. Our forced cancellation of ‘Cabaret’ at the Bellows Falls Opera House last spring, just days before opening night, was difficult for everyone and we hope that there will soon be opportunities to offer theater, large and small, for our community. We are discussing ways to offer outdoor group play readings this summer, and plan to eventually return to MSA’s historic theater and the Bellows Falls Opera House once such gather-

ings are safe and comfortable.”

And what about other programs such as art exhibits, lectures, and concerts? Cote said, “MSA is a deeply-rooted community organization, and we want to hear more from our friends and neighbors about the types of programming they have enjoyed and would like to see again over the next year and beyond.”

She continued, “MSA started nearly 35 years ago as a community- and family-centered

arts organization and the board wants to keep that focus while also encouraging new types of activities, outreach programs, and performances. MSA has always contributed to the vitality of Saxtons River and the larger community, and now it has an important role to play in helping our community recover and heal from Covid’s forced isolation. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer at the park and MSA – with proper safety precautions, of course.”

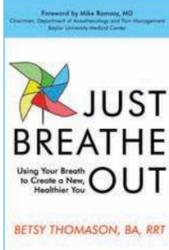
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# Food shelf refrigerators help keep produce fresh

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester-Andover Family Center & Food Shelf serves nearly 200 Vermonters each month. As the pandemic forced Vermonters into lockdown in 2020, record numbers of Vermonters faced unemployment and food insecurity. The food shelf saw an increasing number of patrons each week. But the family center committed to never turning a family away.

At the same time, Efficiency Vermont responded to the crisis with limited-time offers to support nonprofits providing critical services to Vermonters. Energy efficiency improvements can reduce costs, allowing these organizations to serve more Vermonters. Efficiency Vermont rolled out its first-ever statewide offers to significantly bring down the cost of efficient equipment that these providers need every day.

Efficiency Vermont Customer Engagement Lead Meghan Chambers had visited the Chester-Andover Family Center & Food Shelf twice. After the first visit, Meghan helped take advantage of our traditional offers to upgrade to efficient LED lighting in their consignment shop. During the second visit, the family center wanted to talk about upgrades for the food shelf.

The food shelf needed new refrigerators. Working refrigerators are necessary to store and distribute fresh food, dairy, and meat. When the food shelf is low on fridge space, they may have to turn down food donations. Energy efficient refrigerators can help

them trim their energy bills and leave more to spend on food.

That means that when a fridge or freezer breaks down, they don't turn away a family. Instead, every family might get a little less, particularly less fresh food. But new refrigerators are expensive. Buying a new fridge would take funding away from food purchases.

Efficiency Vermont's offers were available for a limited time to nonprofits serving vulnerable Vermonters. That included food shelves, shelters, domestic abuse response centers, senior services and centers, veteran services, community health and substance abuse programs, libraries, community centers, racial and social justice organizations, and job training centers. Our staff quickly reached out to nonprofits we thought might benefit.

When Meghan connected with the food shelf, she learned that one of their fridges had broken down. They were scrambling to get an affordable replacement. Thanks to the incentives, the food shelf replaced the broken fridge and another older, less efficient fridge with two new glass-door refrigerators. These new efficient models help patrons see what's available before opening the fridge to reduce energy loss through an open door. The food shelf also added a new refrigerator and freezer to keep up with increased demand.

"Our mission is to provide high quality fresh produce, dairy, and meat to our food

shelf participants," said Nena Nanfeldt, a board member at the Chester-Andover Family Center. "Currently, we shop weekly for these items. Our new refrigeration will allow us to take advantage of special food offers and help us maintain our produce. Our ability to provide more fresh food to food insecure residents in our community is important. Thanks to Meghan, this will happen."

Energy Star-certified refrigerators are around 40% more efficient than non-certified models. Inefficient equipment emits significant excess heat. That's not a problem in the winter. In the summer, it might make food spoil faster or working conditions harder for staff and volunteers. The new models emit less heat, keeping the space more comfortable year-round. They're also cleaner, helping create a more welcoming space for all patrons. But the best part: food shelf patrons immediately benefited by getting access to more fresh food each week.

These offers helped 17 food shelves in 2020. Upgrades included new refrigerators and freezers, lighting, and convection ovens. Efficiency Vermont also helped 33 other human service nonprofits. In each case, the upgrades will save the organization money for years to come. Those savings will go back into the communities they serve. Thanks to this work, a greater number of Vermonters will benefit in the coming years.

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# Fraud Watch Network: The Internet of Things

REGION – Who's spying on you? How do they do that? What are they hoping to accomplish? How can you stop them – or at least construct roadblocks? We can begin with the easier, more understandable threats. They have been discussed, and we have been warned about them for decades.

Computer security experts tell us that protection for our devices is relatively easy – run latest version of the operating system and applications. Purchase and install current versions of virus and malware security and updates. They can be frequent; the "bad guys" are constantly refining their skills.

Many internet users have Wi-Fi networks at home or in the office. These networks generally require the use of two devices, a modem to capture the provider's signal and a router that allows transmission of the Wi-Fi signal. Modems are connected directly to a provider's service line so there is a minimum risk for information or identity theft. Not true for a Wi-Fi router.

Routers create that Wi-Fi network and users need to be concerned about criminals accessing it. On the good side, routers come with assignable passwords and IDs as protection. On the bad side, many users install the routers but leave them running on the default codes, which many criminals already know and is the primary reason information and identities are stolen and

devices are compromised.

Keep your devices current. We tend to lean towards the expedient – not bothering to change passwords and IDs, sharing information on open networks.

With all of that said, there is an area of threat that most of us face but for which awareness and understanding may be lacking: IoT, the Internet of Things. IoT means devices are more interconnected than many realize.

I first discovered this shopping at a Costco. While waiting in a store exit line, my wife's cell phone beeped and a message appeared. The refrigerator on display by the exit line was reaching out to us with information on temperature settings and shopping reminders – the Internet of Things. We purchased a Samsung television and while programming it, an email address and other information was requested. This was not coming from our service providers – they already know this information and much more including viewing habits. The request came from the TV manufacturer so they could capture information. The Internet of Things!

Do you have a smart doorbell, accessible home security system, internet-accessed home heating and cooling system? A remote room monitor system for an infant's room? A toy with either a camera or microphone that allows for remote eavesdropping? All these devices and more are part of the Internet of Things.

All, including devices like Alexa and Google Home, may have attractive features, but be-

ware; they can be used to spy and eavesdrop. Consider what else is possible. What if the criminal was able to access the home system? Would it be possible to change the access codes for the house? Unlock doors and windows? Access and disable heating when the weather is freezing? So, what can be done to set up "roadblocks" to IoT access?

First, when considering the purchase of any IoT device, read, review, and question. There are a number of online resources such as Consumer Reports, C-Net, PC-Mag, and even Mechanics Illustrated. If purchasing from a "bricks and mortar" store, question the sales people: Are passwords and encryption changeable? Can I block features that I do not want? Does the manufacturer collect, use, or sell data from my device? Avoid completion of personal questions included on product warranties. These questions allow companies to profile consumers to pitch products to you online, by phone, and in the mail. They are unnecessary in activating warranties.

As a consumer, you are also a product that is bought and sold for information nonstop. Before making that technology purchase, know all the capabilities, benefits, and dangers before you activate the product.

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# HCRS to host free screening of "Angst" supports our youth

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's nonprofit community mental-health agency, will host a free special screening of "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety" Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. The online screening, being held as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, will be followed by an informative panel discussion led by HCRS staff.

"Angst," a 56-minute documentary about anxiety, has sparked global conversation about anxiety through its

candid interviews with youth, perspectives of experts, and tips, tricks, and strategies to help reset thinking patterns. The film also highlights how anyone can be touched by – and overcome – anxiety through a unique and revealing interview with mental health advocate Michael Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history.

Part of the beauty of this film is the openness of the children and young adults featured; for some of them, the "Angst" project marks the first time they are publicly sharing their experiences with anxiety. The hope is that their candidness and brav-

ery will inspire our community to do the same. The film is also hopeful and optimistic; Noah, a teenager featured, describes it this way: "Anxiety doesn't define me. It's not just a curse; it also gives me strength."

"Everybody needs to know that anxiety disorders are real, common, and treatable instead of viewing them as a personal choice or something to be ashamed of," said Dr. Jerry Burbick, senior director of Anxiety Disorders Center, Child Mind Institute. "Getting help early is crucial in giving people the tools they need to feel better. We just need to start the conversation."

"The conversation surrounding mental health really hits home for me," said Michael Phelps. "Many people don't understand how debilitating mental illness truly can be, and even more than that, how common it is, yet people are afraid to have serious discussions about it. I welcomed the opportunity to be a part of Angst to further the dialogue around mental health and to help people understand the impact anxiety has on our mental state and encourage people, especially kids, to ask for help."

George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, shares, "We're pleased to be able to offer this film free to our communities as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (May 2-8). It is so important to be able to support our youth when they are experiencing mental health challenges. I hope you'll join us for this screening to learn more about how you can help."

To sign up to watch this free film screening and receive the Zoom link, contact Mary at [mmoeuken@hcrs.org](mailto:mmoeuken@hcrs.org) or by calling 802-886-4567 ext. 2157.



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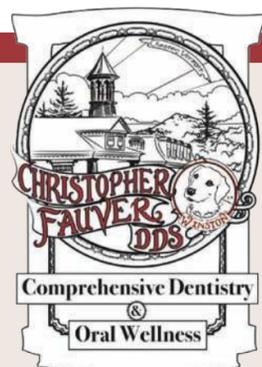
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