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Ludlow DRB completes review of Divided Sky Foundation request

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow's Development Review Board picked up where they left off Monday, May 10, for the third and final time, concerning the application by the Divided Sky Foundation to adapt the former Green Mountain at Fox Run location to a 40-bed detox and residential treatment facility.

Although anyone could view the meeting via live stream, participation in the Zoom meeting itself was limited to those involved with, or impacted by, the project including facility owner's Divided Sky Foundation representatives; Ascension Recovery Services representatives who will run the facility for DSF; those who live near

the location at Fox Run Condominiums; Troy Caruso, owner of the new Fox Run Golf Club; legal representatives; local law enforcement; local and state addiction counselors; as well as other board and town officials.

Ludlow's Development Review Board is a quasi-judicial board, with all participants being sworn in before testifying in the meeting.

Patrick Smart began by leading the board by reviewing the 18.63-acre site plan including parking, which garnered challenges from the Fox Run condo owners and in particular by Ludlow Police Chief Jeff Billings said that the town has always allowed at least 6 to 12 cars parked on that corner, and they had never had an issue reported from anybody from the condo

touched on staff shift changes, incoming deliveries, visitors, and facility guests.

Ascension Recovery Services representatives noted that based on their decades of running similar facilities, the 20 parking spaces will be appropriate, specifically noting that the guests at the facility would be pre-registered and would include transportation to the facility by another party, and shift changes would be staggered.

Some of those spaces are on the road itself on the corner, which several condo owners said would be a concern. Ludlow Police Chief Jeff Billings said that the town has always allowed at least 6 to 12 cars parked on that corner, and they had never had an issue reported from anybody from the condo

units.

The board asked for clarification on security at the facility, and the Ascension team said that there were security cameras, a security person on staff 24/7 as well as additional 24/7 staff performing rounds. Questions were asked about whether facility residents would be allowed to leave the building. The Ascension representatives said that all free time is scheduled, including time outdoors, and that behavior technicians and other staff would constantly monitor their time outside.

The board heard testimony concerning the admissions process for the facility with Girardi asking whether Divided Sky could guarantee that they would not admit dangerous or violent individuals. Ascension

representatives outlined the extensive screening process to make sure individuals are emotionally capable and appropriate for the facility. In addition, they would be receiving continual assessments throughout the first 24-48 hours. They also said that if an individual was deemed extremely dangerous or posed a problem, they would not be acceptable for this facility.

Attorney for Divided Sky, Chris Roy, took issue with comments from several condo owners and Girardi that residents would represent a danger, saying, "There is literally no evidence before the board to suggest any real danger of any disruptive behavior that will impact the character of the area." Board Chair Phil

Carter later stated that they had received a lot of evidence in support of the fact that facility guests do not result in increased crime.

Girardi introduced an expert witness that was brought in to discuss real estate values but Carter said that issue was not relevant to the DRB.

Questions about sewer issues raised in the previous meeting were addressed, and recent sewer repairs were essentially complete with the only thing remaining being a testing phase.

As the board concluded the proceedings, they agreed to allow all parties to submit proposed findings and conclusions by May 24. The DRB will then have another 45 days for the board to make their final decision.

Chester American Legion weekend outdoor market

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, May 8, a new outdoor marketplace of vendors offering everything from handmade crafts, jewelry, and clothing to children's books, baked and farm goods opened in the field next to Chester's American Legion Post 67 on Route 103.

The opening morning, with about 25 eager vendors, was in the high 50s, dreary and overcast, and more than one person said, "At least it's not raining." That positive attitude was pervasive as friendly, optimistic vibe prevailed among both vendors and their prospective customers who all seemed happy to be out for the first time in over a year.

Early on, one of the staff at the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary table selling homemade baked goods said they were "doing well so far. It's been a good turn out."

Last fall pandemic restrictions caused the cancellation of what would have been the 46th year of the ever-popular Ches-

ter Fall Festival of artists and artisans on the Chester green.

Ed Peterson, newly elected Commander of the Post, came up with the idea of having an outdoor flea market on the field next to their building as an alternative. Their field allowed much more space for distancing than the traditionally vendor packed green for an event. Based on the success of last fall's event, the Legion is now going to hold an outdoor market on their field every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Columbus Day and on as weather permits.

Organizer Sue Willis said, "Everyone was begging to come back again." She says she is "looking to make it a fun place to come and shop."

Vendors were not only locals but some came from as far as Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Manchester, and Windsor. Willis hopes to get as many as 40 vendors coming consistently through the season. She says there is no requirement to come every time. She says she is "loosey goosey" but would like to have things lined up at least a

week in advance.

In the first hour, she said she had already signed up three new vendors for the next weekend. A crafter who also had handmade silver jewelry said she would come about once a month. Matt and Laura Bittel of Hiz and Herz Crafting from Arlington indicated they would come about once a month as well.

Willis says there are plans for the future. She hopes to add a farmer's market with fresh vegetables and other farm goods as well as food to eat like hot dogs and lunch items and larger vendor areas for flea market type items. There is quite a bit of space to expand. She also says the Legion is putting all the rental money into a "field development fund" with the hope of adding things like outside restroom facilities as opposed to the current portapotties.

This year, the Legion's traditional Fourth of July celebration will be added with horse pulls, fireworks, and other festivities. Willis said, "I think we're going to be a success!"

Peterson stressed that they will follow all the changing pandemic guidelines, and the wide-open field is an excellent setting for the new market. Anyone seeking information can call Sue Willis at 802-384-0128.

RC Racing bringing together community around a track



From left to right: Chris Chadwick, Caleb Bigelow, Bruce W. Wright III, Bruce W. Wright II, Robert and Karlene Glidden, Shawn and Meagan Lindberg, Pam and Buzz Lindberg, John "Rocky" Pisciotta, Rhianon and Robert Glidden.

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BY SHARON HUNTLEY

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PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Robert Glidden, Deputy Fire Chief of the Proctorsville Fire Department, has turned a hobby that he started enjoying with his son Miles around Christmastime into a project that is bringing community members, both old and new, together.

The hobby is remote control truck or vehicle racing and has culminated into an organized Facebook group "Proctorsville VT RC Club" with 135 members and the building of a track at Greven Field with a 4-foot wide track on an 80-by-30-foot area, complete with an elevated driver's platform to oversee the various jumps and banked turns – perfect for the 1/10 scale vehicles that will be rocketing around, jockeying for position. There will also be room for spectators to place their chairs around the track for viewing.

Since Glidden and his family have become enthusiasts, he was surprised to discover that there was a history of

RC racing back in the '80s and early '90s when Buzz Lindberg and his son used to race behind where Outer Limits Brewing is now. Cavendish Town Manager Brendan McNamara was also an early supporter of the idea, recognizing that there was nothing like this around. Glidden has also seen former community members, who now live in surrounding areas, return to Cavendish to renew their old ties, as well as their enthusiasm for the sport.

Since then, support and interest has continued to grow. The Facebook page was launched and a logo was designed. They've even gotten a few sponsors including Granite State Hobbies in Claremont, who has donated an RC truck and charger to be raffled off as a fundraiser.

The track is being finished now with a plan to officially open Saturday, June 5 with an all-day event that will begin with the official track opening at 11 a.m. Different races will take place throughout the day including adult races, kid races, two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive entries. Racing will be free and prizes awarded to the winners. There will be hot dogs and

hamburgers for sale as well as raffle tickets to win the truck and charger combo from Granite State.

Although the track will open with official racing, according to Glidden, the idea is to have the track available for use whenever anyone wants to use it. He said they are not sure if they will continue to have formal events but the RC group as a whole will decide that. The idea from the beginning was to inspire the community to participate in this fun, family hobby.

The track will be maintained from early spring until sometime in October, when it will be broken down and stored for the winter. There will be hand tools, rakes, and shovels at the track site at Greven Field for participants to help with maintenance as well.

Anyone who has an RC truck in the 1/10 scale is invited to participate in the June 5 event and should reach out the group via their Facebook page for details. All community members are invited to enjoy the event either by just watching the fun, or they can try their hand at RC racing using loaner vehicles that will be available on site.



Opening day at the new Chester American Legion Outdoor Market that will run on weekends through Columbus Day.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

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GMUHS Interact Club Food Drive

CHESTER, Vt. – On May 3, the GMUHS Interact Club delivered 271 pounds of food to the Chester-Andover Family Center Food Shelf. Collected during their April Food Drive, this wonderful assortment of shelf-stable food products will make their way into the weekly food boxes prepared for CAFC food shelf recipients.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for students in middle and high school. Green Mountain's club is sponsored by our local Chester Rotary Club. Each year, Interact Clubs complete at least two community service projects. Through these efforts, Interactors learn the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness, and respect for others, and understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work. This food drive

service project makes a positive difference in the family center's ability to meet the supplemental food needs in our community.

Every week, food shelf volunteers prepare boxes of shelf stable food items, fresh fruit and produce, dairy and meat for pick up on Thursdays and Fridays at our food shelf. Residents of Chester and Andover who could benefit from supplemental food are encouraged to sign up to be a food shelf recipient. The only requirement is proof of residence. For more infor-



GMUHS advisor Pamela L. Johnson-Spurlock, Interact member Sadie Kobak, and CAFC Food Shelf volunteer Jonne Adler check in food items collected during the Interact Food Drive Service Project.

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mation or to sign up, stop in at the food shelf during business hours, Thursdays from 1-5 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You can also call the center at 802-875-3236 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

The Chester-Andover Family Center is located at 908 Vermont Route 103 South in Chester. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to make a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing, and household goods.

The family center depends on the community to help fulfill its mission through referrals and donations. Tell your friends and neighbors about how family center programs can help our most vulnerable citizens and please consider donating to support this work. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org.

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The Tea Project, Flood Brook's ancient tradition curriculum

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Flood Brook School has brought an ancient tradition into the curricula as a way to encourage hands-on instruction and mindfulness to science.

It all began last January when the Vermont Agency of Education circulated a weekly news update to educators announcing a number of new school guidelines, essay contests, events, and courses. Buried near the bottom of the list was an intriguing entry: "The Tea Project: Designing, Planting and Caring for a Perennial Tea Garden." The professional development course was run by Castleton University, under the direction of herbalist, Angie Barger.

The Tea Project caught the attention of administrative assistant, Ann Alford, who circulated the AOE offering to staff in a school email. Alford's note caught the attention of faculty members Sonja Thorley, instructional

coach; Carinthia Grayson, middle school science; Jennifer Cox, special education and; Rebecca Scott, clinician.

"At first, we all loved the idea of using tea and the outdoors as an alternative approach to learning," says Thorley. "But we all knew that success would depend on the kids. Turns out the kids just love it."

The Tea Project works on multiple fronts. It began with groups of students planting herbal tea seeds in trays of small plastic pots in early March. Their seeds are responding by sprouting like crazy. There are several kinds of tea including lemon balm, mountain mint, sage, and echinacea.

By the end of May, the seedlings will be ready to plant into a designated garden spot. When the students return in the fall, they will harvest some edibles that have been planted with the herbs, but will probably need to wait another year for the plants to fully mature so they can be dried and

ready for drinking.

"The kids are clearly immersed in the growing process," Grayson says. "They monitor the plants periodically and pinch the leaves to identify the herb by its aroma. Lemon balm is a special favorite. The whole process fits neatly into our teaching of the biological life cycles of plants."

After returning from recess, the students in Grayson's science class prepare their tea and sit down as a group, with plenty of time built in to sip and swallow. As an important part of the Tea Project, students are also guided in an intentional mindfulness practice of deep breathing, tea sipping, and noticing how the tea feels in their bodies.

"The children are learning the calming effect of drinking tea in a mindful manner," says FBS Clinician Scott. "It relieves stress, anxiety, restlessness. It must be working, one question I hear constantly from students of all grades is, 'Are we having tea today?'"

Whiting Library receives national grant funding

CHESTER, Vt. – Whiting Library has been selected as one of 300 libraries nationwide to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library conduct community outreach to better understand the needs of Chester and Andover residents. As part of the grant, Whiting Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill

vital to library work today. The library will then host conversations with residents of Chester and Andover about the future of our area and the library's role in creating a vibrant and connected community.

Grant funds will also allow the library to send out a community-wide survey, asking all residents to share their hopes and visions for Chester and Andover. Look for this survey in your mailbox in June. Whiting Library wants to hear from everyone, whether you are a frequent library patron or have never stepped foot in the door.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this incredible community-building opportunity," said Li-

brary Director Deirdre Doran. "This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents better and help create the programs and services our community needs to thrive. We want to generate fresh ideas, to really dream big with these conversations and the survey, uncovering what residents consider essential to creating a healthy, vital, and connected community."

Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has reimagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Whiting Library is excited for the opportunity to better serve our residents, creating the library we all want to see in Chester.

And remember, Whiting Library is now open by appointment. Give us a call at 802-875-2277 to set up a time to come in and enjoy in-person library services. Masks are required. Front porch pick-up is still available as well.

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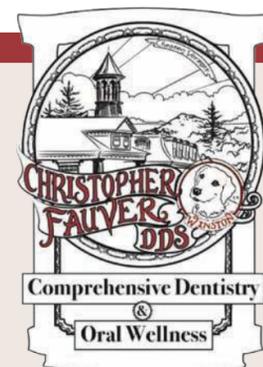
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The country auction

Country auctions as I knew them are now a thing of the past. Vermont was a different place in the 1960s and '70s. In those days there wasn't a great demand for antiques. I remember paying \$400 for the contents of an eight-room house. I mention this only to help paint a picture of those days.

Sometimes these country auctions were at the end of a dirt road. It was dirt where the wagon wheels and cars had traveled for 150 years. In the center of the road grass grew. This was an inviting scene as you drove to the auction.

It wasn't uncommon to encounter a farmer driving his herd of cows across the road from the pasture to the barn for milking. Here you sat in your car and waited for the cows to pass. It wasn't a big deal. We weren't hurried as today.

As you approach the farm, ram-shackled buildings come into view. Rocky hillside pastures resemble the old world. The house was often an old cape with an ell on one end. Orange daylilies were blooming around the milk house. Off to the side was the cow barn. The auctioneer was set up in front of the ell. Chickens were running about scratching and pecking the ground for pebbles and insects – careful where you step!

Off to the side were the women from the grange. They sold coffee and donuts. Coffee was 25 cents as were homemade donuts. Chocolate chip cookies were 10 cents.

Horse-drawn vehicles were stored in the ell. Up overhead was an attic. To gain access, you climbed a vertical wooden ladder. Hornets and hundreds of protruding roofing nails promised pain. Here generations of chairs, tables, chopping bowls, pantry boxes, and hundreds of



A 1908 auction poster. Pete Delaney lives at this property today.

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other country antiques awaited liberation.

The manure spreader was outdoors in the weather. Pa was talking with neighbors who came to visit. He was wearing his well-worn denim bib overalls and a soiled Beacon Feeds cap. In his bib pocket was a hunk of "Days Work" chewing tobacco. Pa was in his 80s now and a little gimpy so he leaned on his cane for support. Many of this generation of Vermonters were born before 1900. They had a different mindset. It was my pleasure to have met them.

The house was furnished with antiques. The newest thing in the house was an electric refrigerator or a television set with rabbit ears.

Ma always wore a printed cotton dress. Her nylon stockings were rolled down to just below the knee. She wore black shoes with thick heels.

Beginning in the 1960s, the interstate brought newcomers to Vermont. Vermont began to change. These newcomers loved going to country auctions.

Add to this mix my generation who were a product of the '60s. We were looking for the "alternative lifestyle." Some of us found it in the antiques busi-

ness. What a diverse group we were. We could be who we were and people let us be. I miss that the most today.

These old-time country auctioneers were storeowners, farmers, or your insurance agent. You knew you could trust him.

Bus Mars

Bus was in Pawlet, Vt. Bus had an almost square dance type chant, "And a one dollar bid, and a two dollar bid, and a three dollar bid to you... And a four dollar bid, and a five dollar bid, and a six dollar bid back to you."

The auction

These auctions were a lot of fun. Many people came to enjoy the day and maybe buy a box lot for 50 cents. The auctioneer knew most customers by their first name. I remember one day Harvey bought an antique sword. When it sold, the auctioneer said, "Having trouble at home, Harvey?" Everyone chuckled.

Auctioneers had clever gimmicks to induce bids. A common ploy when trying to sell a potty chair that no one wanted was to say, "It'll make a great planter." Or if selling a chamber pot, "Ladies, this is perfect for serving spaghetti."

Country auctions are a subject that would require many pages to accurately depict. I've only scratched the surface here, but hopefully it'll give you a glimpse of what life was like.

This week's old saying I have used before but thought it appropriate for this story. It is from a farmer I did business with on a very hot July day. I was complaining about the heat when the old man said, "Corn don't grow good if the wife can't sleep naked."

Tour Rudyard Kipling's historic house

DUMMERSTON, Vt. – The Landmark Trust USA, a non-profit historic preservation organization, invites the public to tour Naulakha, the Dummerston house and gardens of author Rudyard Kipling.

The tours are available Sunday, June 6, from 1-4:30 p.m., and Monday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will support the organization's non-profit mission to bring new life to heritage buildings. The property's beautiful rhododendrons are likely to be in full bloom at the time. The event will be held rain or shine and no dogs are allowed. RSVP online at www.landmarktrustusa.org/events.

As Covid safety measures, the tour will be self-guided with informational handouts, and visitors will be required to wear masks and observe social distancing.

Built for Rudyard Kipling in

1892, Naulakha is a National Historic Landmark. The famed author wrote "The Jungle Book," "Captains Courageous," and portions of the "Just So Stories" in this house. Much of Kipling's original furniture remains, and the entire house has been meticulously restored and maintained in a style that matches the historic period when the house was built.

Naulakha sits at the top of a tree-lined hill, with sweeping views of the Connecticut River Valley. On the grounds are a tunnel of rhododendron bushes, gardens, a stone pergola, and a clay tennis court. Visitors can also tour Kipling's Carriage House, another of The Landmark Trust USA's historic vacation rentals, where Kipling's coachman Matthew Howard lived, as well as the Barn Museum – once home to Kipling's horses Nip and Tuck – that now serves as a mini-museum of his

family's life in Vermont.

"We look forward to welcoming the community to tour Rudyard Kipling's historic estate and gardens," said executive director Susan McMahon. "The annual rhododendron tour has been one of the Landmark Trust USA's most popular events."

The Landmark Trust USA preserves and restores historic properties through creative and sustainable uses for public enjoyment, education, and inspiration. Most of Landmark's properties are available for short-term rental. The nonprofit selects properties based on architectural and historical merit, with current properties dating from the early 1800s to 1910s. The organization uses traditional skills and methods to restore these properties. Each stay at a Landmark Trust property supports the organization's non-profit mission, bringing new life to heritage buildings.

Turning Point, "A Beautiful Journey"

REGION – On Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m., Turning Point of Windham County will host "A Beautiful Journey," an annual storytelling event to showcase the journeys of people who've lived with substance-use disorder and how they relate to the healing and transformative process of recovery.

Please visit the Turning Point of Windham County's Facebook page for information on how to register or join for the event. We all have our own stories about our lives, some of which we like to share and others that we prefer to keep to ourselves. For people in recovery, those stories involve the struggle with addiction and how it harmed their life. These stories can be intense, even terrifying. But time and time again, when these stories are spoken out loud and shared with others, people are transformed. Hope emerges.

Connection and community are key to the recovery process, and the isolation we all lived with this past year proved especially challenging and painful

for people with substance use in their past or present. People with histories of addiction may be especially vulnerable to the virus and related complications, and they may struggle to get their basic needs met.

People in recovery from addiction cannot afford to lose the supports they rely on to maintain wellness and avoid relapse. Losing these supports could be disastrous, even life-threatening. We all need more support than ever.

J.R. Layne, a participant in our inaugural event in 2019, shared about his experience as a storyteller: "What I found was, after I got up and told my story... it was so cathartic. It was the beginning of change, for me, probably the most significant step that I took in my early recovery. And, you know, that allowed me to just really look into myself – look within myself and find the truth of my story."

The process of crafting their story also provides growth and

healing. JR explains: "It pretty much splays your emotional body open and just exposes it to the world. And I was carrying a lot of anger and a lot of hurt and a lot of pain."

Listening to others' stories of recovery is powerful. People question their own beliefs about addiction. Their world is expanded, and compassion results, instead of the crippling judgment people often face.

In the end, everyone benefits, and these benefits reverberate through the community. "A Beautiful Journey started me on a road where I was able to develop some self-respect and self-love. And now, today, I can... I can embrace, you know, positive affirmations from people. And I can believe what they say to be true," says J.R., who has since become a recovery coach who uses his experience to help others gain freedom from addiction.

See the live-streamed event at www.turningpointwc.org/abj.

Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Fair postponed until 2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce recently announced the postponement of the Vermont Apple Festival & Craft Fair until 2022. Planning is a yearlong process that requires a huge amount of effort of staff and volunteers. Currently, we are still emerging from recovery after the challenges of Covid-19, and we're in strategic planning mode at this stage.

Although it saddens us to skip another year, we are so grateful for everyone's ongoing involvement. We're excited to announce that the Chamber of Commerce will be partnering

with the Springfield Farmers' Market this year to help boost their outdoor gatherings and to bring an Apple Fest-like atmosphere to their final 2021 market, which will be held in their usual location in the grassy area at 280 Clinton St. Saturday, Oct. 9.

We're so lucky to have such a determined and resilient farmers' market in our community, providing area-sourced healthy fresh food options and locally made crafts and goods. Please also follow www.facebook.com/Springfield-Farmers-Market-110988175911223 to stay in the loop.

We look forward to seeing y'all at the Springfield Farmers' Markets this spring, summer, and fall. We want to thank our Apple Festival staff, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, guests, and all of you for your continuing involvement. While we will miss seeing your smiling faces at Riverside this year, we look forward to reconvening with all of you Oct. 8, 2022.

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Dear Editor,

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In order to do this, the district manages the finances as approved at the annual meeting, providing appropriate resources and keeping them secure, housed, and maintained for long-term use. The district expects the Fire Chief and officers to maintain all the necessary certifications through training and expects them to set policies and guidelines to ensure the safety of its firefighters and medical responders. In addition, the Fire Chief is responsible for keeping com-

munication channels open to neighboring mutual aid departments, ensuring resource coordination.

In the past year, Chief Rebecca Nareau has actively pursued the department gaining licensure as a non-transport emergency medical responder - Rescue Squad. She has been successful in this endeavor. This pursuit has been driven by the fact that the majority of our calls are medical in nature.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis and the ability of people to work from home remotely via the internet, Cavendish and many other towns in Vermont have seen a significant influx of citizens from out of state. Fortunately, our call volume this year has decreased slightly. However, there is a logical assumption that with an increase in population, demand for fire

and emergency services may increase over time.

The district has always stayed within its modest budget. It is a small fraction of the overall property tax expense - just about 4%. The state's educational property tax burden continues to increase at an accelerated rate putting ever more strain on homeowners and business. In light of this, the district is striving to present a budget that is respectful of the financial stress taxpayers are experiencing.

We thank the taxpayers for their continued support. This year's meeting was postponed due to the meeting size restrictions imposed by the state of Vermont. The rescheduled meeting date is Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office. If Covid restrictions are still in place, we will move the meeting to the larger space in the fire station across the street.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg, Cavendish Fire District 2 Chairperson
Bob Evens, Committee member
Scott Ranney, Committee member

Masks still required on all SEVT vehicles

REGION - All Southeast Vermont Transit drivers and riders will continue to wear face coverings for the foreseeable future. "Although we welcome the governor's and the CDC's recent guidance on mask wearing, please remember that

masks are still required in all SEVT vehicles," said Randy Schoonmaker, SEVT CEO. "Public transit is governed by the Transportation Safety Administration and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, which still requires face coverings be worn

on all public transit vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation."

As soon as the guidance from the TSA and USDOT is changed, SEVT will review the policy and communicate any changes.

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Game Warden David Taddei for his thoughtful and humane approach the now-famous Bellows Falls bear. Educating residents is time consuming but pays dividends now and in the future. Removing bird feeders and stopping those who directly feed the bear are the

logical first steps in getting this wayward creature back into the woods where he belongs.

Killing a bear who is fed 50-pound bags of sunflower seeds is like murdering a human who heads to the local McDonald's for a quick and easy meal. Vigilantes who propose to shoot

the bear would be breaking multiple laws and endangering their neighbors. Stray bullets are much more dangerous than stray bears!

Sincerely,
Rick Cowan
Rockingham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take a moment of my time to thank all of my relatives and friends for all of the cards, flowers, and gifts that I received in celebration of my 90th birthday. It is an age that I never thought I would reach! Thank you to everyone for your thoughtfulness and generosity. God bless you all!

Love,
Marie Perrault
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As we near the end of the session, I have been thinking how to give you a flavor of what it's like to be a legislator. Prior to being a member of the Legislature, I had never been aware of the process of bills being "reported." The reporter of the bill has a crucial role and is responsible for informing the House of the intent of the bill and how the provisions will address the problem. The process starts with first reading. This is when a bill is introduced to the House and assigned by the Speaker to the committee of jurisdiction.

If it is a policy issue, it will go to a policy committee, such as healthcare. Testimony is taken, the bill is likely revised or amended, and if there is money attached to it, it will go to Appropriations. If there is a fee or a tax attached to it, it will go to Ways and Means. Those committees will analyze the implications and make recommendations in their reports to the House. The main communication of the intent and provisions of the bill takes place at second reading. This report to the full body is done by the bill reporter - or reporters if it is a long and complex bill.

Being the reporter of a bill can be extremely stressful. The reporters have to be completely knowledgeable about every aspect and implication of the bill both from the intention to the provisions. They need to be familiar with every witness testimony. Once the report is completed, the reporter is then "interrogated" by any member of the body. The interrogation goes through the Speaker of the House.

Members never talk directly

to each other, never mention each other's name or mention anyone who has provided testimony by name. The goal of this is to keep it impersonal and keep focus on the issue before us. When the bill passes the House in second reading, it is referred for third reading. Questions that were not answered during second reading can be answered prior to third reading, which takes place the next legislative day. Once the bill passes third reading, it is referred either to the Senate, or - if it's a bill that's already been through the Senate - to the Executive Branch.

One afternoon, I listened to the second reading debate on a bill titled "An act making miscellaneous changes in education law" (S. 115) presented by the Education Committee. The debate went on for over two hours including on an amendment offered by a member not on the committee. The 20-page bill is expansive, addressing issues such as upgrading financial software for all school districts, creating a work group to support our libraries, requiring availability of menstrual products in our junior and high schools, and other provisions. The bill had 18 sections and four different people reported on the bill. The House Education Committee heard over 36 witnesses. The interrogation was intense and thorough. The amendment was discussed in depth. The amendment failed, and then the bill passed by a voice vote.

Another bill that came up for second reading this week was a very important bill banning perfluoroalkyl substances (S. 20) and other chemicals like it from various aspects of our lives. These are "forever" substances

that remain in our environment and in our bodies forever. They are toxic and carcinogenic and can be found in many places like in ski wax, firefighting foam, and in the carpets that our babies crawl on. The reporter of the bill was a freshman, and he did an incredible job with this extremely complex topic. He expected significant interrogation and although he got several questions, it was very benign. The House then passed the bill on a roll call, which meant that each member was called by name and had to vote "yes" or "no." This was recorded in the House Journal. I voted "yes" on this bill and I'm proud to say the House passed it unanimously.

So you may be wondering if I will report a bill. The answer is "yes!" S.22 is a six-page bill that came to the House Health Care Committee from the Senate. It is a consumer protection bill asking clinicians who provide non-FDA approved stem cell treatments to obtain informed consent. I was asked to report the bill by the chair of my committee because of my healthcare background. My report is written, but I haven't delivered it yet. Fingers crossed on a kind interrogation.

Please look for my end of session report that will be coming out at the end of May. And as always, please stay in touch through my website, email lgoldman@leg.state.vt.us, or phone 802-869-2989. Or even better, come to my next constituent meeting May 22, from 10-11 a.m. Registration can be found on my website as well.

Sincerely,
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by Linda Thistle

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FUNERAL SERVICES

obituaries

Larry Snide

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A funeral service for Larry Snide, 82, who passed away Jan. 21, 2021 will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Springfield, Vt. Friends may call at the church from 10-11 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral service in the Walpole Village New Cemetery in Walpole, N.H. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

Gene H. Williams

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Gene H. Williams, 88, who passed away Dec. 14, 2020, will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Susie Webster-Toleno will officiate.

Jennie Norton Laird, 1922-2021

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Jennie Norton Laird, 98, of Alstead, N.H., passed away peacefully, under hospice care, Sunday, May 9, 2021. She was born Sept. 20, 1922, in Norwood, Mass., daughter of Albert Norton and Katie Mae Smith.

Jennie married Harold Laird Aug. 24, 1946. They were married for 67 years. They had four children Robert, Elizabeth, Harold Jr., and Willis Laird.

She worked as a waitress and retired from the A&P store in Bellows Falls, Vt., was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, camping, cookouts, and loved going to Foxwoods and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Monty; her daughter-in-law Annette Laird; and her sister-in-law Betty Bell. Survivors include seven grandchildren and their spouses Michelle,

Paul, William, Charlotte, Leslie, Shane, and Nicole; 15 great-grandchildren and their spouses Cody, Kyle, Sierra, Greta, Alex, Billy, Michael, Ally, Danielle, Sharee, Robert, Rebecca, Josh, Amanda, and Brianna; 12 great-great-grandchildren Huckson, Colson, Haisley, Braydon, Colin, Jason, Joshua, Ramses, Caiden, Wyatt, Rowen, and Oliver.

She is predeceased by her 14 siblings Charles, Lena, Blanche, William, Ivy, Lillian, Laurence, Flindy, George, Winnifred, Leo, Albert, Everett, and Samuel; also her husband Harold Laird Sr.; her three sons Robert, Harold Jr., and Willis; her grandson Lyle Laird; and her son-in-law Paul Monty Sr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friendly Meals, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602.

Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Gayland M. Williams, 2021

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gayland Merton Williams of North Springfield passed away at Springfield Hospital May 9, 2021, surrounded by family members. He was 84.

Mr. Williams was born in Bellows Falls, the son of the late Alberta and Wendell Williams of Springfield. Mr. Williams had been a mechanical engineer, working more than 20 years for Bryant Grinder Corp., continuing a family legacy of working for Bryant that included his grandfather, his father, and a brother.

Mr. Williams was an inventor and skilled craftsman, converting his former maple-sugaring house into a personal residence, an accomplishment he did almost entirely on his own over several years and in ill health before finally moving in two years ago.

Mr. Williams was an avid fisherman and boater, earning Merchant Marine Officer credentials in 2007. An owner of a fishing boat, he spent many days on Lake Champlain and Lake Sunapee.

Mr. Williams was a graduate of Springfield High School. At Springfield, he played fullback for varsity football teams and was a shotput, discus, and javelin thrower in track and field. He qualified for New England Championships in the shotput his senior year.

Mr. Williams attended Embrey Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Miami and flight soloed Oct. 17, 1959. He would later return to Springfield and Bryant. He was also a teacher and had various businesses, including his maple-sugaring operation for which he constructed what was then a modern sugarhouse on the family's Maple Street property. He was among the first to use flexible tubing to replace buckets as a principal way of gathering sap, and that led to inventing clamp devices

to attach tubing from trees to larger plastic piping, creating an efficient artery system of collection.

Mr. Williams' inventiveness resulted in his development of reverse osmosis equipment to remove water from maple sap, thereby significantly cutting down "boiling time" and saving oil burner fuel. He sold some of these machines to other sugarmakers.

Among Mr. Williams' favorite memories were his times with his family at his parents' camp on Lake Sunapee. It was there that he and family members built a mahogany speedboat and where Mr. Williams, in his teens, worked as a mechanic at a boatyard.

Mr. Williams was married first to the late Anne Stewart. The couple divorced, and Mr. Williams, in 2004, married Priscilla Lynch, who died in 2018.

Mr. Williams is predeceased by his brother Gene Williams, formerly of Springfield, and is survived by Gene's wife, Mary; by a brother, Glen Williams, of Springfield; a daughter, Darshanne W. Williams, of North Springfield; a son, Terrence L. Williams, and his wife, Julie, of Amherst, N.H.; and a son, Andrew G. Williams, and his wife, Susan Lawrence, of Unity, N.H. Mr. Williams is also survived by a stepson, Terry Lynch, of Springfield, and his wife Kate.

Other survivors include three grandchildren, Brittany Leavitt of Houston, Texas; Heather Marchegiani and her husband, Steven, of South Windsor, Conn.; and Christopher Williams and his wife, Sarah, of Portland, Maine. He is also survived by four step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two nieces, and a nephew.

The family plans a future memorial service. The Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

Jennifer Butler, 2021

LUDLOW, Vt. – Jennifer Butler (Flockton), 52, of Ludlow, Vt., and originally from Plymouth, Mass., left us, surrounded by her daughter and grandsons at home April 30, 2021 from natural causes.

Jennifer was predeceased by her parents, Diana Ide and Matthew Young. She is survived by her older brother, William Flockton of Milford, N.H.; her daughter Samantha DeCarvalho of Ludlow, Vt.; and her three beloved grandsons Aiden, Lukas, and Bryson.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 22, 2021 at 4 p.m. at the Buzzards Bay Eagles Club in Buzzards Bay, Mass. All are welcome to attend and celebrate.



Jennifer Butler, 2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Houseplants and/or donations can be given directly to the family.

John V. James, 1952-2021

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – John V. James, 69, of 12 Henry Street, passed away peacefully May 8, 2021, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. John was born Jan. 19, 1952, in Bellows Falls, Vt., to Walter and Mary (Monte) James. He attended Saxtons River Grammar School and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1970. After graduation, he briefly attended Husson College majoring in accounting. While he was at Husson College, he made their collegiate baseball team as a walk-on and earned the nickname "Johnny Hustle."

John was known by many as a community staple in Bellows Falls through volunteering countless hours of time coaching various sports and his association with multiple groups. The two biggest commitments that people will always remember were his experience with the Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football League (CVPWFL) and Bellows Falls Babe Ruth Baseball. John coached and volunteered for CVPWFL for over 30 years and coordinated the Babe Ruth Program for another 15-plus years. If John wasn't coaching, he could be seen attending local sporting events that didn't even pertain to his family. He enjoyed being at the events where he could routinely watch the games, talk to parents and spectators to complement their child or offer any advice that a parent or family member wanted.

Outside of his volunteer opportunities and spending time with family, John was feverishly passionate about golf and work. John was a fixture at Bellows Falls Country Club since the mid-1970s. From April through

September annually, he would spend countless hours at BFCC, Hooper, and other local venues playing the game he loved. He just enjoyed spending time with the members, non-members, and conversing with the people he met along the way. As for his work, John worked for his father, and brothers, at James Trucking in Saxtons River after returning home from college. When the family business closed, he had a few jobs looking for his next landing spot. Finally, he landed at his final place of employment hired by Luke Bazin to become the parts department manager at L&B Truck Service; now known as ATG. He stayed at this company until he passed.

John is survived by his wife Linda, whom he married July 15, 1972, in Saxtons River, Vt., three sons, Jeffrey and Botin "Bou" of Attleboro, Mass.; Jarrod and Jill (Baldasaro) of Bellows Falls, Vt.; and Nicholas and Hieu (Nguyen) of Hawaii; two brothers, Paul of Wilmington, Vt., and Robert of Jaffrey, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Dillon, Avery, Emma, Walker, Cadance, Saul, and Tram. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Mary of Saxton River and his two brothers, Donald and Walter III. John enjoyed spending time with his family. He was routinely seen at games all over Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and even New York to be with them and watch them play. He was a great family man!

Calling hours were held Sunday, May 16 at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held Monday, May 17 at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt., followed by a burial in the St. Charles Cemetery.

Thomas P. Battista Sr., 1940-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Thomas P. Battista Sr., 80, passed away Monday, May 10, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 25, 1940 in Bristol, Conn., the son of Antonio and Frances (Giovino) Battista.

He graduated from New Britain High School in New Britain, Conn., and later graduated from the Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Conn. He also attended music classes at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., the University of Southern Maine, and at Dartmouth College.

On June 26, 1965, he married Teresa Calvo at St. Mary's Church in New Britain, Conn.

Mr. Battista taught music in Connecticut for 17 years, moving to Springfield in 1980 to become the chorale director at Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School for 22 years. As choral director, he organized many concerts and festivals at local, district, and state levels. Over the years, he brought many guest musicians into the schools, and hosted the All-State Music Festival in 1996. He was also instrumental in creating the Springfield High School Madrigal Singers. Under his leadership, students participated in district, state, and All New England Music Festivals, exchange concerts, and numerous high school musicals. Mr. Battista was named as an Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1982, and named Outstanding Music Educator for the Vermont District 1999-2000. Mr. Battista retired from Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School in 2003, and then continued part-time at Elm Hill Elementary School until 2007. He was also choir director at St. Mary's Catholic Church for many years, and later choir director at the Congregational



Thomas P. Battista Sr., 1940-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Church in Claremont, N.H. for several years.

He was an avid Yankees fan, pizza lover, enjoyed Maine beach visits, attending community band concerts, going to car shows – he once owned a '69 Mach I Mustang that brought him much joy (he did sell it) but has great memories – and of course enjoying time spent being with his family and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife Teresa, son Thomas P. Battista and his wife Jennifer, daughter Donna Battista-Young and her husband Steven, grandchildren Antonio, Emilia, and Connor, all of Springfield. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother Frank.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will also be live streamed. Visitation will be held following the Mass from 12-2 p.m. at the Nolan-Murray Parish Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield High School Music Department, 303 South St, Springfield, VT 05156. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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Wardsboro Library annual Memorial Weekend plant sale

WARDSBORO, Vt. – The Friends of the Wardsboro Library is sponsoring its annual Memorial Day weekend plant sale Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 170 Main Street. Admission and parking are free, and the event will be held rain or shine. The annual plant sale is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Wardsboro Library, a nonprofit organization that supports the library.

A large variety of hearty perennials, colorful annuals, shrubs, Gilfeather turnip seedlings, vegetables, and herbs will be available for purchase. While you are shopping, enter a raffle of select garden-related prizes. Winners will be announced at the close of the sale.

This year, the Friends are also running their Best Ever Raffle. This is your chance to win a

holiday quilt, hand-crafted by Carol Steiner. Purchase raffle tickets at the sale, during library hours, or print your own at www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Gilfeather Turnip Festival in October 2021. The winner need not be present.

The event will follow current Vermont Department of Health Covid-19 guidelines. Call 802-896-3416 or go to www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org for more information.

Fishers reel in prizes at Saxtons River fishing derby

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – A group of 77 young fishers reeled in prizes and a good time at the annual Saxtons River Recreation Area Derby May 8.

Trophies funded by the McGee/Hall family, with prizes sponsored by J&H Sporting Goods, went to the following:

- Ages 4-6: first fish, Drayden Croesus; biggest fish, Hunter Thomas; most fish, Adler Bennett.
- Ages 7-10: first fish, Audrey Merritt; biggest fish, Sophia Mylott; most fish, Au-



Sophia Mylott, left, with her historic biggest fish catch, and Audrey Merritt, winner for first and most fish caught in their age group, at the Saxtons River Rec Area Fishing Derby.

PHOTO PROVIDED

drey Merritt.

- Ages 11-14: first fish, Jacob Stockman; biggest fish, Madison Doby; most fish, Emma McCullough.

Sophia Mylott also made history by catching an 11.5-inch fish, the biggest ever caught at this derby, according to derby organizer Samantha Fletcher.

Fletcher cited high school students Lynn, Michelle, Jenna, Trenton R., Raymond, Tyler, Garrett, Dillan, Hunter, and

Jesse who helped with the registration, Covid compliance, contact-tracing, and other tasks. She was also assisted before the event by local Boy Scouts Trenton Fletcher, Jackson, Brayden, and Mason who cleared brush and a fallen tree at the site before the derby.

Best Septic also provided sanitary facilities, and Dakota Jones repaired damage to the lawn that was made by a truck just days before the derby.

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— **Weekly SUDOKU** —
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TOWN OF WESTON Notice of PUBLIC Hearing ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on June 8, 2021 preceded by a site visit at 104 Route 100, Weston. The site visit will be at 5:00 PM followed immediately thereafter by the hearing. The purpose of the site visit and hearing is to reconsider the ZBA's decision in the matter of Leah and Brandon McCanna's application for a variance for an existing shed on their property. The reconsideration will be limited to 24 VSA Section 4469(a)(5).

Property Owner: Leah and Brandon McCanna
Property Address: 100 Route 100, Weston VT
Parcel ID#: 13-00-17
Application #: ZP-17-20

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceedings is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Application materials are available by emailing the town's Zoning Administrator at zoning@westonvt.org

Due to ongoing COVID 19 health requirements, the hearing will be held through the means of remote electronic access as permitted under Act 92. If you wish to participate in the hearing, please contact the Zoning Administrator prior to the hearing for instructions.

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 6th day of May, 2021
Will Goodwin
Zoning Administrator, Town of Weston

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ASSISTANT OPERATOR

The Village of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant Operator. This is a full-time, year-round position working under the direction of the Municipal Manager and the Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator.

An Associate's Degree with study in water and/or wastewater treatment with experience in secondary water and wastewater operations and supervisory experience is preferred, but not required. Applicant must possess Grade 3DM Wastewater Certification and Grade 3 Water Certification within two years from the date of hire. Must be available some weekends, holidays and on-call and hold a valid driver's license. Applicant must be able to perform other municipal duties as directed.

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Competitive wage with municipal benefit package and training opportunities. Return a completed job application, available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or at www.ludlow.vt.us with references, to the Municipal Manager at PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 or email them to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Village of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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- Mental Health Awareness- Stop the Stigma
- Land Use Planning & Regs. from Mt. Ascutney Reg'l Cmns.

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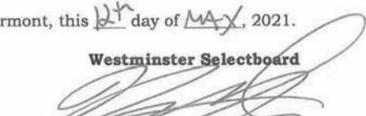
**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF INTENT TO SELL LAND**

The Selectboard of the Town of Westminster, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1061, hereby gives notice of its intent to sell or convey certain real property located on Davidson Hill Road owned by the Town, being land and premises conveyed to the Town of Westminster by Tax Collector's Deed dated July 2, 2019 and recorded in Book 202 at Page 346 of the Westminster Land Records, on June 29, 2021, for a sum no less than \$5,000.

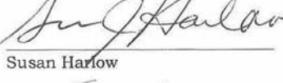
This Notice will be posted in three public places within Westminster, and published in a newspaper of general circulation, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of conveyance. If a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the legal voters of the Town objecting to the conveyance is presented to the Clerk within thirty (30) days of the date of posting and publication of this notice, then the Selectboard will present the question of whether the Town shall convey this real estate as proposed to a special or annual town meeting.

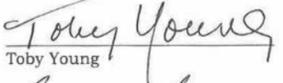
Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 12th day of May, 2021.

Westminster Selectboard


Kevin Hughes, Chair


Craig Allen


Susan Harlow


Toby Young


Jason Perry

STATE OF VERMONT Civil Division
SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit Docket No. 172-4-19 Wrcv

RED STICK ACQUISITIONS, LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
REUBEN A. OUELLETTE
MARTHA B. OUELLETTE

OCCUPANT residing at 364 South Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

According to the terms and conditions of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale (the "Order") in the matter of Red Stick Acquisitions, LLC v. Reuben A. Ouellette, et al., Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Civil Division, 172-4-19 Wrcv, foreclosing one mortgage given by Reuben A. Ouellette, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of NY, a division of Delta Funding Corporation, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded in Book 384, Page 35 of the Springfield Town Clerk's Office Land Records, presently held by the Plaintiff, Red Stick Acquisitions, LLC, via Assignment of Mortgage Agreement February 13, 2019, respectively, the real estate with an address of 364 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156, will be sold at public auction at 10:00 am on June 02, 2021 at the location of the Property.

Property Description. The Property to be sold is all and the same land and premises described in the Mortgage, and further described as follows:

Being all the same lands and premises conveyed to Reuben A. Ouellette and Martha B. Ouellette by Warranty Deed of Alan W. Hudson, Trustee of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Trust u/a dated November 22, 1993 and as amended August 30, 1994, dated December 18, 1995 and recorded at Volume 146, Page 274 of the Springfield Land Records.

Being part of the same land and premises conveyed to Anita Marie Hudson, Trustee of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Trust U/A Dated November 22, 1993 by the Quit Claim Deed of Anita Marie Hudson a/k/a Anita M. Hudson, said deed dated November 22, 1993 and recorded in Book 118 at page 133 of the Springfield Land Records.

The lands and premises may be more particularly described as Lot 11 on a survey entitled, "Property of Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Living Trust", by Gary Rapanotti, L.S., dated October 24, 1995 as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe in the easterly right of way limit of South Street, said point being the northwest corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence S 72°35'10" E, 195.58 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 72°17'05" B, 116.67 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 71°55'30" B, 116.81 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 73°17'15" E, 97.31 feet to a concrete monument, said point forming the northeast corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence turning and running S 16°16'35" W, 245.16 foot to an iron pipe, Said point being the southeast corner of the premises herein conveyed; thence N 87°13'35" W, 174.76 feet to a 3/4" rebar; thence S 78°26'00" W, 167.16 feet to a 3/4" rebar; thence S 74°44'45" W, 176.51 feet to an 3/4" rebar in the easterly right of way limit of South Street, said point forming the southwest corner of the premises herein conveyed; the last three distances forming the common boundary of the premises herein conveyed and lands and premises shown as Lot 12 on the above referenced survey; thence in a northerly direction 472 feet, more or less, along the easterly right of way limit of South Street to the point and place of beginning. Estimated to contain 3.93 areas.

Included in this conveyance is a right of way over the northwest corner Lot 12 in the aforesaid survey. These premises are also subject to a right of way over Lot II, also as set forth in the above referenced survey; both rights of way being more particularly defined and limited by "Easement Agreements Regarding Ingress and Egress Pertaining to Lots II and 12 of a Certain Plan Entitled Property of the Anita Marie Hudson Revocable Living Trust by Gary Rapanotti, L.S. Dated October 24, 1995s Drawing Number 95-478", said Basement Agreement dated 12/15/95 & 12/18/1995, to be recorded in the Springfield Land Records.

Reference is made to an Agreement Confirming Sewer and Water Lines on South Street by and Between Halter H. and Jean C. Stearns, Lloyd H. and Adelaide C. Raymond and Prosper S. and Anita M. Hudson dated October 8, 1980 and recorded in Book 78, Page 322 of the Springfield Land Records.

Terms of Sale. The Property shall be sold "AS IS WHERE IS", to the highest bidder for cash or wire funds only. The sale of the Property is subject to confirmation by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Windsor Unit. The Property is sold subject to unpaid taxes, municipal assessments, and superior liens, if any.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 80 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Mortgage Property Deposit. \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of auction, with the balance due at closing. The balance of the purchase price for the Property shall be due and payable within the latter of 10 days from the date of confirmation of said sale by the Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Windsor Unit, or 45 days from the date of public auction. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid within the period set forth herein, the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be retained by the Plaintiff herein as agreed liquidation damages and the Property may be offered to the next highest bidder still interested in the Property.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the Property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP at 518-786-9069.

Dated: May 04, 2021

Daniel N. Young, Esq.
Partner
Attorney for the Plaintiff

MAY 21 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, welcomes the public back May 21, from 5-7 p.m., for the first in-person Third Friday Gallery Night in 15 months! Come see our Keiser and Kekic Color Light Pattern Duo Show and

meet the artists. Socialize in our outdoor art tent or watch the broadcast on our Facebook @ CanalStreetArtGallery. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

as we shall be opening some colonies. Registration required. Email lindenamel@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

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." Call 603-401-8123 or email loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

MAY 29 –
ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, will hold their fourth annual plant sale Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens. Visitors will find a variety of perennials, annuals, and vegetable seedlings, as well as delightful garden-related raffle prizes.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Sofia Rei, Argentinian composer, performer, and educator, performs as part of Next Stage's Bandwagon Summer Series Saturday, May 29 at 6 p.m. behind The Putney Inn. The series highlights a broad range of music, circus, theater, dance, and theater in various locations in Windham County. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Masks and social distancing required. For more information, go to www.nextstagearts.org.

WARDSBORO, Vt. – The Wardsboro Pabic Library is having their plant sale, "From Our Gardens to Yours," Saturday, May 29, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will take place at the library, 170 Main St., Wardsboro. All Covid safety precautions will be in place and guidance from the state will be followed. There will also be a same-day garden raffle.

PUTNEY, Vt. – Westminster West Perennial Plant Sale is happening Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Westminster West Library, 3409 Westminster West Rd. Potted, field-grown perennial plants, shrubs, herbs, and more. All proceeds go to the library and the Westminster Community Fund.

May 14, 2021
**TOWN OF POWNAL
Notice of Open Position**

The Town of Pownal has the appointed position of Town Health Officer (THO) open at this time. This is a state appointed position upon the recommendation of the selectboard, with a term of 3 years and is paid with a monthly stipend of \$300. Additional information regarding the role can be found at: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer>

Letters of Interest will be accepted until 12 pm on 06/01/2021. Those interested in applying for the position should send a letter of interest via email to: info@townofpownal.org

OR MAILED TO
Pownal Selectboard
PO Box 411
Pownal VT, 05261
ATTN: Health Officer Position

May 5, 2021
**TOWN OF POWNAL
INVITATION TO BID**

The Town of Pownal is accepting blacktop bids for 4 different sections of Town Highways:

Shim and Overlay – 2" Total

1. TH 6A Middle Pownal Road, From Barber Pond road to Washing Brook Road, 5,100' by 22' wide
2. TH 33 Hidden Valley Road, From Barber Pond Road to Dirt, 3,025' by 20' wide
3. TH 7B Maple Grove Road, From Jackson Cross Roads to Transfer Station, 3,500' by 22' wide

New Pavement 3" Base and 1" Top:

4. TH 67 Puddingstone Road, 1225' By 18' wide by 4" thick.

Air temperature must be a minimum of 50 degrees, the road temperature must be above 50 degrees. A rubber-tired roller must be used on shim coat in order to knead the pavement in existing road profile. Areas which have shim and overlays applied shall first be sprayed with a tack coat.

The Town of Pownal reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality when deemed to be in the best interest of the town. The town reserves the right to alter the list of roads to be paved in the FY 21 paving season. All bids must be valid for 120 days from the bid opening date. A copy of all load slips must be handed to a town representative at the end of each day.

Award will be based upon cost per ton laid in place and total project cost. Mix design shall meet VTRANS specifications. Contractor will be responsible for sweeping, application of tack coat and traffic control.

Work must be completed within 90 days after acceptance of the bid. Bids will be accepted until June 10th, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Pownal Town Office where they will be publicly opened. Send or hand deliver sealed bids, clearly marked "BLACKTOP" along with Certificate of Insurance to: Selectmen, Town of Pownal, 467 Center Street, Pownal, Vt. 05261. Faxed bids or emailed bids will not be accepted. Bids will be awarded at a duly warned Selectmen's meeting. Call (802) 442-2056 to arrange a site visit with the Road Foreman, Joel Burrington.

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS of
LONDONDERRY**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 4111 that the undersigned listers within and for the Town of Londonderry have this day completed the abstract of individual lists (abstract) of property owners as of the first day of April, 2021.

The listers have this same day lodged abstract in the office of the clerk for the inspection of taxpayers.

On the 4th day of June 2021 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, the Listers will meet at the Londonderry Town Office to hear taxpayers aggrieved by actions of the listers from whom timely grievances have been received. Due to the health concerns caused by the COVID-19 virus, the Listers will be conducting hearings by phone only.

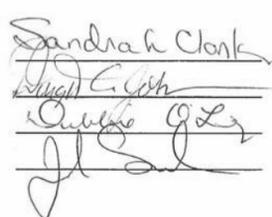
To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 4th day of June 2021.

At the close of grievance hearings, the listers shall make such corrections in the abstract as were determined upon hearing or otherwise.

Unless cause to the contrary is shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the tax year 2021, become the grand list of the town of each taxpayer named therein.

Signed at 1:00 pm in the County of Windham this 13th day of May 2021.

Londonderry
Listers: Sandra Clark
Dwight Johnson
Deb O'Leary
Assessor: Jeremiah Sund



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Springfield Dam Run is back for 2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Dam Run is back! After taking off 2020 due to Covid-19, the 15th Annual Dam Run will take place Saturday, May 22. The Dam Run was founded by Joseph Cerniglia Jr. of Springfield, Vt. Joe has gone on to complete significant athletic achievements including, a seven-time Ironman finisher, Ironman World Championship, and qualified for the Boston Marathon multiple times. Currently a USAT certi-

fied coach, Joe continues to give back to his community through events like the Dam Run.

The purpose of the annual Springfield Dam Run and Fun Run is to promote an active, healthy lifestyle, as well as provide an opportunity for family and friends to get together and be a part of their local community. This year, the Dam Run takes on even more importance as the Covid-19 pandemic winds down and people look to

get out and get active.

Edgar May Health and Recreation Center Executive Director Christian Craig stated, "We are looking forward to having a live in-person event again. After nearly 13 months of virtual or no races, it will be great to get out and run or walk with others!"

This year's event will comply with all Covid-19 guidelines required by the state of Vermont Guidelines for events.

In addition to a race/

walk, there will also be some great prizes available at the ceremony immediately after the finish. Prizes have been donated by Jake's South Street Market, Springfield Cinemas, Riverside Restaurant, VINS, Montshire Museum, Woodbury Florists, Tina's Hallmark, and the Springfield Library.

This event would not be possible without the great support it receives from local businesses and sponsors: HB Energy, Mas-

coma Bank, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, Cota and Cota Inc., Wellwood Orchards, The Melanson Company, Springfield Elks, Bibens Ace Hardware, Muse and Associates, and Willow Farm Pet Services.

All proceeds from the Springfield Dam Run are donated to local charities. If you would like to register for this year's event, you can register at Joe's Discount Beverage, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, or online at www.active.com. For more information, call 802-885-2568.



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Walpole Summer Baseball sign-up

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on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games are played at the Walpole Fields.

Players ages 10-12 will play in the senior division with players ages 7-9 in the junior division. Eligibility is based on age as of April 30, 2021 – players must be 7 or have not turned 13 by April 30.

Sign up in-person at Hubbard Park Tuesday, May 25, from 5:30-7 p.m.; Wednesday, May 26, from 5:30-7 p.m.; or Saturday, May 29, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

There is a fee to play. For any questions, please call Steve Corey at 603-313-9569.

Sports schedule

REGION – Game schedules are subject to change.

West Rutland at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

FRI., MAY 21 –

FRI., MAY 28 –

Baseball –
Springfield at Burr & Burton, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball –
Green Mountain at Mount Anthony, 4:30 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee –
Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 7 p.m.
Brattleboro at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball –
Stevens at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.
Windsor at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

SAT., MAY 22 –

Softball –
Stevens at Fall Mountain, 5 p.m.

Baseball –
Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 11 a.m.
Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.
Mount Anthony at Springfield, 11 a.m.

SAT., MAY 29 –

Baseball –
Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 11 a.m.

Softball –
Bellows Falls at West Rutland, 11 a.m.
Twin Valley at Leland & Gray, 11 a.m.

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

Ultimate Frisbee –
Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 5 p.m.

MON., 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.

TUE., 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.

WED., MAY 26 –

Softball –
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 7 p.m.

THUR., 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.

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Cottage with acreage! This property has much to offer. The cottage offers a rustic interior with open concept living space, 2 bedrooms plus a loft area and a front porch. The 26+/- acres is mostly wooded and could potentially be subdivided. Located in Weathersfield a short distance to paved roads, close to trails and recreation. **REDUCED TO \$195,000**

This well maintained commercial property is on the main highway with great visibility and in close proximity to the Toonerville, walking and bike path, for those needing a mid-day break. Ideal spacious professional office spaces, with a bit of the modern industrial, look so desired in today market, a break room and plenty of parking. The covered deck is great for coffee break time in the warm months. In addition this could, with a few alterations, become a delightful 2-3 bedroom home. Priced to sell, so call today. **\$139,000**

Lots of potential for the right person. This former general store/post office had its day being at the center of Perkinsville Village. Now it awaits someone to carry on what has been started (an extensive rehab). Includes an open space on the first floor with barn in the back, and the potential of apartments on the second floor (with third floor storage). A large village lot with .89+/- acres with views from the back yard overlooking the Black River. **\$79,900**

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Virtual Book Club

REGION – The Children’s Literacy Foundation will host a virtual Book Club with Newbery- and National Book Award-winning author Katherine Paterson Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m. We’ll be discussing Katherine’s 2015 memoir, “Stories of My Life,” which tells stories of living in Asia, raising a family as a minister’s wife, and writing many popular and award-winning books.

This event is part of CLiF’s Book Club for Grown-Ups series, which features Vermont and New Hampshire authors who write for both children and adults. Past featured authors include bestselling au-

thor Dan Brown, poets Rajnii Eddins and Verandah Porche, thriller author Chris Tebbetts, and mystery writer Sarah Stewart Taylor.

Vermont author Katherine Paterson has written more than 30 books for children and young adults and books about working with children, as well as the memoir which the book club will discuss. Come with your questions for the author.

CLiF Communications Manager Erika Nichols-Frazer says, “Our virtual Book Club series has allowed folks to connect with other readers from around the world and be inspired by some of their favorite authors.

We wanted to support Vermont and New Hampshire authors during these challenging times when in-person events are not possible. Book Club has offered an opportunity to learn about how authors create books and ask them questions. It’s also an opportunity for folks passionate about reading and writing to learn more about the work we do inspiring a love of literacy among low-income, at-risk, and rural children in our region and connect with others who are passionate about literacy.”

Sign up for the free Zoom event at www.clifonline.org.

Kids Art at Custer Sharp opens

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents its annual Kids Art at Custer Sharp from May 29 to June 16 at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Rd. Hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is free. Additional viewings can be made by appointment.

The exhibit displays work from Flood Brook K-8 students created during the pandemic. Also, new this year, we will exhibit the work of eight local high school

students from Burr & Burton Academy. It is mixed media and multicultural. Stop by and enjoy the talent and creativity of our Londonderry youth.

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society has a busy season planned for the rest of the summer too. “Growing up Londonderry,” a show about childhood past and present, will be on display from June 23-July 28. Our annual meeting July 8 at 5:30 p.m. is also called “Growing up in Londonderry” and will feature the stories and memories from a Londonderry childhood. If you have stories

or memorabilia to share, please let us know.

Our annual Local Artists Expo and Sale will be up for the month of August. Please let us know if you have work you would like to exhibit.

Our annual dine-around fundraiser is a family-style gourmet barbecue with music and games at the Custer Sharp House, Friday, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Visit www.LAHSVT.org for more information on other events and programming. To schedule an appointment, email us at lahs1780@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook.

Rockingham Library’s Spring Book Sale

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library will be hosting the Annual Book Sale for the public beginning Tuesday, June 1, and continuing through the month. Since the library is open for limited in-person visits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, visitors will need to call to make an appointment. Masks and social distancing will be required.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting the Preview Sale days, which are just for the Friends, beginning May 18 and continuing May 19, 21, 25, 26, and 28. Join the Friends to get early access to the library book sale and call to make an appointment.

Currently donations are limited to books, audios, and DVDs in excellent condition and that are recently published

since there is limited space this year. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Rockingham Free Public Library. For more information, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or call 802-463-4270 to make an appointment to visit the library at 65 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls.

Butterfield Library by appointment

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Butterfield Library has reopened by appointment only as of Tuesday, May 4. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, from 1-6 p.m. Mondays may be added later if the level of use indicates that should be done.

For everyone’s safety and protection, commonly touched surfaces will be sanitized between visits and a few “rules of the road” will apply, all in keeping with current state guidelines.

Appointments will be one-

half hour each, on the hour and half hour. In cases where there happens to be no gap between people leaving and arriving a short wait may be needed while surfaces are cleaned. Entry will be limited to one person at a time, or members of a single household. Masks will be required. The upstairs children’s room and the basement library room will be closed to visitors, but library staff will get books for you. Other parts of the building remain closed to the public at this time but we hope to fully reopen soon.

To make an appointment or to request a curbside pickup for books, call the library. Books being returned should still be placed in the drop box and not brought into the library; this allows for adequate time for

books to be held separately before reentering circulation.

Also, remember that any library patron can access eBooks or audio books through the Green Mountain Library Consortium for free. Simply go to www.gmlc.overdrive.com, sign in, and select Butterfield Library. You’ll be taken to another page where you’ll be asked to enter your library card number, and you’ll then be able to download any of thousands of books for two-week loans.

If you’re a member, email the library at butterfieldlib05158@gmail.com or call 802-722-4891 to ask, and we’ll be happy to provide your library card number.

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