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Ludlow hears about proposed Ridgeway HUB project

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Selectboard was briefed on a proposed "Ridgeway HUB" project at their meeting Monday, June 7 by Carol Lighthall, director of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, which could result in a Train Station "Base Camp" including a train stop for the scenic Green Mountain Railroad, visitor center, bike and e-bike rentals, café, drivers lounge, public restrooms, an EV charging station, and other shops at their proposed location on Witalec Road.

Still in the planning stages, the project is a joint effort between the local Chamber and Green Mountain Railroad. In early steps in the project, VT Rail Systems and the state have approved moving Ludlow's historic train depot from its current location via flatbed on the railroad to the new proposed location on Witalec Road. VRS and GMRR are applying for a grant to restore the historic train depot station to its "former glory" and build a new platform.

Total cost of the project, which could range from \$1.6-2.6 million, is expected to come from federal infrastructure funding, congressional earmarks, or grant funds. Other potential funding sources are also being considered including investment from a local restaurateur.

Lighthall expects operational costs to be covered by tenant income, investment, or common space fees. According to Lighthall, there would be a neutral expense to the town, with no increase in taxes.

The train stop would add another stop on the GMRR scenic railway, which currently has only one stop in Chester between Rutland and Bellows Falls stretch. GMRR operates five days a week starting in September through October, three times a day, moving approximately 14,000 visitors in the course of their five-week operation schedule. They are also hoping to add winter runs as well.

OVRCC is looking for approval from the Selectboard to move forward with the project within 30 days, and asked to work with a few board members or other interested parties to discuss and solve any possible parking challenges with Okemo Mountain Resort, options for providing safe trails or paths down to the village, and other infrastructure considerations as they move forward.

Board member Justin Hyjek said he would participate in a limited capacity. Board Chair Bruce Schmidt also suggested Lighthall include a representative from Okemo as well, pointing to former board member John Neal, who is director of facilities at Okemo, and who was sitting in the audience at the

meeting. Municipal Manager Scott Murphy will also continue to work with the project.

In other news, the stone house property, which was demolished over a year ago and remains a pile of rubble on Main Street and the corner of Commonwealth Avenue, is again before the Selectboard with Schmidt saying removal of the debris is a priority for both the village and the town.

Murphy updated the board saying that the Colonial Motel, which is on the same site, has just been sold and the new owners may be involved in a solution. Schmidt indicated that although it's under the Village Trustees authority, the Selectboard would also help solve the issue, even if it means purchasing the property itself. The board should have more information at next month's meeting.

Jeff Tucker, from Dubois and King, presented a recommendation to the board for long-term planning and preventative maintenance of five dam sites along Jewell Brook. The dams are currently all in good shape but this would be something in place over a decade into the future. The board approved the proposed option, which would require a 35% match from the town

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Chester tours locations for Greenhouse project

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

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CHESTER, Vt. - Prior to their Wednesday, June 2 meeting, the Chester Selectboard toured two possible sites recommended by the Chester Community Greenhouse Committee for their proposed Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens project: one location behind the Academy Building and the other on Canal Street. The tour helped move the project further along in the planning process.

A concern for the Canal Street location was the presence of Chester's emergency back up well, which according to regulations, has to have a 200-foot setback radius all the way around it. Right now, with that status, it would make that location unavailable for the greenhouse project. Board member Jeff Holden said that the water department was working with the state to establish a secondary well put up on the Jeffrey well aquifer and perhaps take the Canal Street well out of service. If the well were not a designated back up, a pump could be used to get water directly from the well for watering at the greenhouse.

The CCGC expressed a preference for the site behind the Academy Building and with this recent development that eliminates the Canal Street location out of consideration if nothing changes

with the well's designation.

Board member Heather Chase said that esthetically, the location behind the Academy Building is ideal.

CCGC board member Robert Nied said that historical significance of the greenhouse, which was a 1936 greenhouse donated from Grafton, would fit in wonderfully with the historical significance of the Academy Building.

Changes to the Academy Building itself would need to be made to hook in to use the bathrooms already in the building. Bathroom reconfiguration in the Academy Building has been discussed many times in past years for access by information booth visitors.

Board member Lee Gustafson asked about neighbor input to date, impact on property values, need for fencing, external gardens, other aspects of site maintenance including tree trimming and removal. He also asked about whether the greenhouse would have a say over what kinds of plants were grown, specifically if someone wanted to grow cannabis. Gustafson said he would have a problem with that, since it would "not be in keeping with community values."

Nied said they would define those limitations in their user agreement, which would limit cannabis growth, invasive species, pesticides, and in keeping with organic standards, to be determined by best practices.

Holden said that he expects to have an answer about the well on the Canal Street property in a

month or two. Board Chair Arne Jonynas said that they were not able to make a decision immediately since they still needed to hear back from the town attorney as well. Gustafson said they also needed to consider some of the other uses for the either site. Specifically, the Academy Building has historical reenactments, additional parking during festivals, and other events, and overflow for the cemetery.

Other issues discussed were public access, including tourist traffic but including security for the plants growing there; education, mentoring, and other possible programs; and sustainable funding for operation expenses.

Jonynas said that whatever the concerns are as they continue discussions, he feels confident they can continue to move forward, being "a huge positive for the community in a lot of ways." The board will continue to include the issue on the agenda.

Coin Drop policy was presented with the board offering suggestions. Holden suggested the group would have written state permission with them. He also suggested limiting number of people in the road to four people at a time, as well as mandatory safety vests. Gustafson suggested signage be placed further away from either end of the drop should be included and also that coin drop collection be restricted to those groups whose services specifically benefit Chester residents. He also suggested adults only be allowed to stand in the roadways. The

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Taylor Lynn Meyette graduates Expeditionary School

LUDLOW, Vt. - Taylor Lynn Meyette is the Expeditionary School at Black River's first graduate. In a class of her own in so many beautiful ways, Taylor's work ethic and self-discipline is one of a kind. For the graduating Class of 2021, their senior year has been marked by a global pandemic, and all the changes and unknowns that will now follow suit. Yet for Taylor, as she walks forward and toward her goal of becoming a veterinary technician she does so with grace, kindness, and a sense of humor. These are the characteristics that will be her legacy at Black River.

We are proud to graduate our first student because she embodies why this school came to be and all that it aims

to achieve for future generations of graduates. Black River's mission is to "educate students to be intellectually curious, resourceful, and confident in themselves for a life of personal fulfillment and civic engagement."

A first-generation college student, Taylor credits her success to having consistent support and guidance from her grandmother, Deb Bixby, and her Uncle Kevin and Aunt Devin. This past fall when we were brainstorming her college essay, Taylor explained that her intellectual curiosity grew from her Aunt Devin encouraging her to "study hard bookworm."

At an early age, when faced with adversity, Taylor found

solace in the presence of animals. She enjoyed caring for her pets and benefited from the affection they gave back to her. Taylor credits those childhood experiences as shaping her goal: to earn a post-secondary credential in veterinary science. "Study hard bookworm" will remain her mantra as she enters the classrooms at the University of Wyoming.

By learning to focus on what is positive, Taylor's resilience is a beacon. She will graduate Black River Saturday, June 12, wearing on her cap, another quote that Aunt Devin recited to her: "Forget all the reasons why it won't work, and believe in the one reason why it will."

Taylor's resourcefulness and self-confidence is anchored



Taylor Lynn Meyette. PHOTO PROVIDED

by her grandmother's respect for the importance of public education. Deb's commitment to this school, and her consistently thoughtful communica-

tion with the me has been a key feature in nurturing ours and Taylor's potential.

The work ethic Deb has instilled in her grandchildren distinguishes them and will be an exemplar for others who choose to join this learning community. Each day Taylor is the first to arrive for class. She preps her list-to-do and offers to help with everyday tasks. Notetaking and organizing her file folders are one of the many skills that sets Taylor up for success in college and beyond. I will miss the friendly conversation that accompanied each of our start-to-the-day routine during Black River's pilot year. And, Ludlow will miss seeing Taylor's smile at the local grocery store, where she works

five nights a week.

It is because of Taylor and Deb's respect for others, as well as their faith in this community, that we are now equipped to sustain the school's future. Our progress has been in part due to the leadership of this young woman. Congratulations, Taylor! We are proud of you.

And, thank you, Deb Bixby, very much. We are forever grateful for all you do for Black River's students and staff. Because of your contributions to this learning community, we look forward teaching more students to be as disciplined and hard working as Taylor.

Written by Kendra Rickerby, Head of School, Expeditionary School at Black River.

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Composting workshop in Cavendish

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Southern Windsor Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District, in conjunction with the Cavendish Energy Committee and the town of Cavendish, will host a workshop specifically about composting Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cavendish Town Elementary School, Main Street, Proctorsville. Masks and physical distancing will be encouraged for all. State regulations on safety will be adhered to.

Effective July 1, 2020 Vermont state law banned food scraps from household trash with the exception of meat and bones. Residents must recycle by composting their own food waste or join with others to do so. This rule has existed

for several years for restaurants, grocery stores, and other food generators. The rules are now mandatory for households, but what exactly does that mean? And how can we as Vermont residents best comply with the new rules? Composting is easy and beneficial both for the community and for homeowners.

Ham Gillett of the Southern Windsor Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District will address the aspects of Vermont Act 148 that relate to recycling and the composting of food waste. He will discuss the basics of home composting and the other options available in order to comply with the law and to keep food scraps out of your trash. These include transfer station drop-off and

curbside pick-up. The presentation will last about 45 minutes with plenty of time afterwards for questions about composting and recycling in general.

As a bonus, all attendees will be eligible to win the door prize of a new Soil Saver composter and may order composters for residential use. A second drawing will be held for a compost pail, good for kitchen use to gather scraps bound for the composter. These pails will also be for sale at the workshop.

Audience questions will be welcomed and encouraged during the presentation. Residents of Cavendish and any other town are invited to attend. Composting is great for the garden, it's great for the yard, and it's now the law.

To sign up for the workshop, or for more information including prices of composter and bins, please email cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com. If you'd like to purchase a composter but not attend the workshop, please email your order. While sign up is encouraged, walk-ins will be welcomed.

Cavendish Community Fund awards grants

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it awarded three grants to organizations for different programs that will directly benefit Cavendish residents.

The first award was granted to Windsor County Mentors to defray the cost of expanding and growing collaboration with local schools, particularly in Cavendish. WCM's mission is to create and support mentoring between caring adults and youth to help the youth become confident, contrib-

uting community members.

The second grant will cover part of the cost to hold concerts on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville this summer. While the concerts are free to all attendees, there are costs involved and this award will help ensure another successful season.

The third award will help pay for the beautification of Proctorsville by Cavendish Streetscapes. They will install flower boxes on the side rails of the new bridge on Depot Street. It is expected that this grant will have lasting effects since these

boxes will hold colorful flower displays for years to come.

The Cavendish Community Fund has awarded grants since 2007 to local groups and individuals for programs of an educational, artistic, or cultural nature. The next round of grants will be awarded in the fall and the application deadline will be announced in late summer, although applications will be accepted at any time. For more information on the fund or about applying for a grant, please visit their Facebook page or you can email cavendishcommunityfund@gmail.com.

Local resident named to William & Mary Dean's List

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. – Maia Earl from Ludlow, Vt. was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the

spring 2021 semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a

3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.



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with staggered rehab to start likely in 10 to 12 years.

Fuller Sand and Gravel was awarded the paving for Bixby Road, Witalec Road, and Town Farm Road. After that approval, Murphy informed the board that the town had been awarded an unexpected Municipal Highway Class 2 Roadway grant, which would cover \$36,000 of a \$40,000 project for class 2

Andover Road. Murphy asked the board to bypass their usual bidding procedure to award this paving project to Fuller as well since they would be doing the other paving and they could expect some efficiencies if they did all four projects. The board approved the suggestion but Schmidt cast a lone "no" vote, saying he felt it sent a bad message to skirt the policy.

Two speed bumps and two "No Trespass" signs have been added to the Red Bridge area on Lake Rescue as well as in-

creased police patrols and more rigorous trash removal in an attempt to curb past parking and littering problems in that area. Murphy said they would see how that worked this year but may need to make other changes in the future.

The next Ludlow Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 6 p.m., due to the July 4 holiday.

Special thanks to Okemo Valley TV for their technical expertise and effort at this meeting.

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board will limit the coin drop to one location only, from the

between the entrance of Mountain View to Marshall Road. The total number of coin drops each year will be limited to two. The coin drop will be revised and approved in a future meet-

ing. Resident Sarah Weingardner donated 0.3 acres of her property to the Yosemite Firehouse restoration project to help provide parking on the left side of the building.

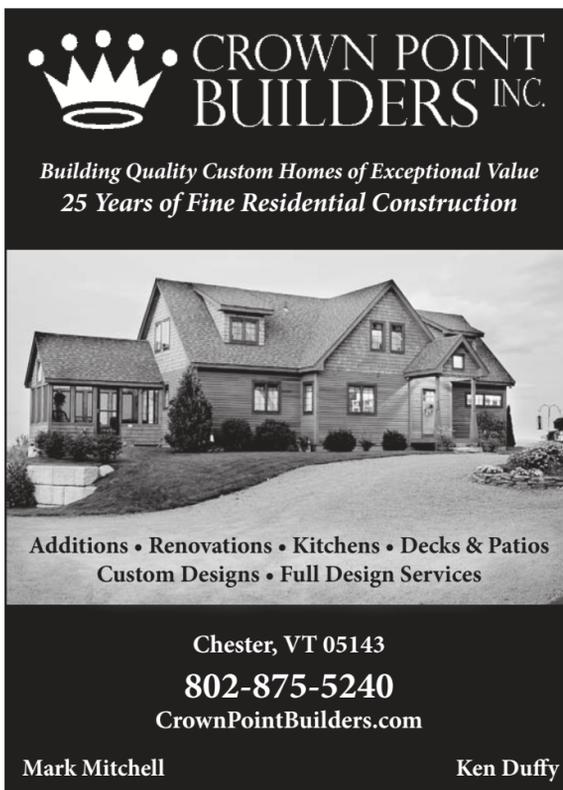
Vermont Youth Conservation Corp will be clearing a mile-long trail beginning in late June, clearing a trail to Brookside Bridge and coming into the village behind the Academy Building.

Jonynas discussed suggestions from Chester Historical Society's Ron Patch on Jeffrey Barn improvements that could easily be done by the town to preserve the area. Lee Gustafson expressed concern over the liability of having volunteers going in and out of the barn for repairs.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting will be Wednesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.



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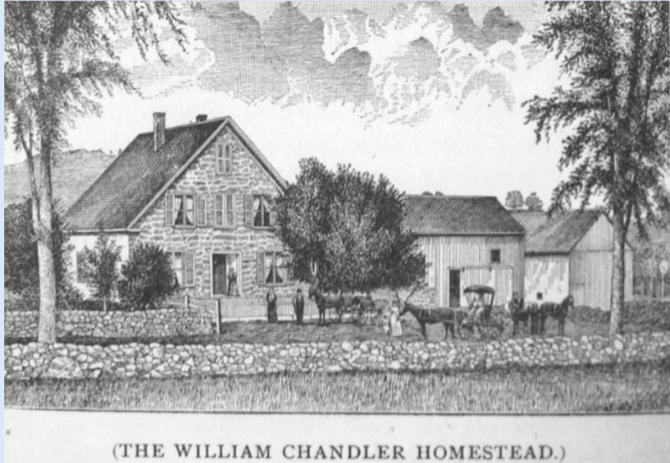
BY RON PATCH

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Historic fire

The article here was found in the March 13, 1975 Springfield Reporter. I don't remember the fire, but Ted Spaulding does. Peter Farrar told me there was a picture of the house and some history in Child's 1883 Gazetteer. I include that engraving and history from Child's.



Chandler-Healy place. Engraving from the 1883 Child's Gazetteer.

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In the Child's section, you will read about the widow furnishing "the accompanying engraving of the place..." The engraving included with this article is what she provided for Child's 1883 book. Notice the stonewalls in front of the house. Beautiful scene, isn't it? The Vermont I've been looking for.

Springfield Reporter March 13, 1975

"Mystery still surrounds the destruction by fire of one of Chester's oldest homesteads, construction of which dates back to the early 1830's. The remains of the old stone home in the Chandler District, owned by Mrs. Agnes Healey, which housed some priceless antiques, ends a history that began with the name Thomas Chandler, one of Chester's early settlers, who played an important part in the early history and founding of Chester,

"Early records of the town history indicate that the first three settled families were awarded 500 acres of land, with 1,500 going to Thomas Chandler, and his two sons, Thomas Jr. and John, as early as 1763. This land made up the Chandler District, upon which the old stone homestead was later constructed of gneiss stone quarried in the area.

"The homestead was handed down to Chandler heirs until 1921 when it passed down to a family of native Vermonters.

"Purchased in 1955 by Patrick and Agnes Healey, the historic structure is one of the several old stone homes for which Chester is so well known.

"Still under the investigation by Joseph Cioffi, state police fire investigator it appears to be suspicious that the fire may have been set to cover up the priceless antiques. Lost in the early morning blaze were valuable paintings and two pianos that were family heirlooms.

"The fire was discovered shortly after 4 a.m. Friday morning by pilot of a mail plane flying

over the area. When firemen from Springfield and Chester arrived at the scene, the main house was consumed in flames. Firemen were able to keep it from spreading to the wooden ell. The ell and the tall chimney and fireplace is all that remains of the 150 year old structure.

"Fire Chief 'Hap' Damore of Chester said that it was necessary to get water from a brook nearby.

"No one was home and the house had been closed for the winter. Mrs. Healey and her sister were in South Carolina.

"Rumors that a car bearing New Hampshire plates was in the vicinity that morning were not confirmed."

Child's Gazetteer
From the 1883 Child's Gazetteer of Windsor County is the engraving you see here along with this history:

"William Chandler, son of Willard, was born on the homestead, on road 10, now occupied by John A., April 4, 1798. He married Louisa Ellison and reared seven children, viz: Charles E., Aurilla M., Angelica L., (Mrs. David Hazelton, of Worcester, Mass.) Adoniram J., a Baptist clergyman of Clinton, Conn.; John A., Gilbert R., who died in 1855, and William, also deceased. Charles E. married Georgiana Whitcomb of Springfield. And has reared five children, as follows: Henry E., Nora G., Helen W.,

Grace M., and Eddie, of whom the latter died in 1872. Four now reside on the homestead, which was built in the spring of 1857, a substantial stone structure, located two and one-half miles from Gassetts Station, and the same distance from North Springfield. William Chandler was an industrious farmer, a good citizen, and greatly esteemed by all who knew him. His widow residing with her son John A., on the homestead, at the age of seventy-six years, and who furnished the accompanying engraving of the place, retains an interest in the estate."

From Ted Spaulding
This house was at the corner of Chandler Road and Baltimore Road. The Healys lived there. He was a lawyer from New York City. It was burned flat. The home was furnished with valuable antiques and paintings. When they went through the ashes, they found no evidence of the furniture. It was thought that robbers broke in, stole the antiques, and then set fire to the house. Ted knows of no one ever being charged with setting the fire or robbery.

This week's old saying is from Henry: "When we were little kids, I was the one your mother wouldn't let you play with."

Chester Festival Committee seeks artists and crafters

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Festival On The Green is a celebration of Vermont culture, fine art, and authentic craftsmanship. For over 40 years, this annual event has been a hallmark kick off to the fall foliage season, where thousands of people converge on Chester's historic Village Green from all over New England to support Vermont artisans and businesses. Having expanded the event space, the new event committee is seeking quality vendors to fill out this year's event.

The Chester Festival will be held Sept. 18-19, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., both days. Vendor

booths will be open until 4 p.m. each day.

Visitors to this free outdoor event will find the center of town lined with delicious food, pottery, fine woodworking, fiber art, jewelry, photography, glass, and much more with something of interest for everyone. In addition to many new vendors and returning favorites, we'll have artisan demonstrations, field games, farm animals, raffle prizes, and lots of family fun activities.

Last but not least, we're excited to announce a fantastic lineup of musicians will be performing live stage shows both days. Updates and the musical line up will be

posted on the events Facebook page and at www.chesterfallfestival.org.

For those who are interested in vending or attending this year's festival, you can find the application and more information on our website, www.chesterfallfestival.org, or call Scott Blair at 802-579-6831.

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Interpretive signage installed at Townshend's historic bridges

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Townshend Highway Department finished installing interpretive signboards at each of Townshend's seven historic bridges this past week. The new signage was funded by a \$ 16,640 USDA Rural Business Development Enterprise grant to Townshend Historical Society.

The signage project, in conjunction with development of an enhanced historic bridges resource page on the Historical Society website and digital advertising, is designed to attract cultural tourists to Townshend, stimulate the economy, and ultimately create new jobs at small, rural businesses.

It is a part of Townshend Historical Society's multi-year effort to preserve Townshend's six surviving and historically significant stone arch bridges. Restoration of the Follett Bridge on State Forest Road was completed in June of 2020. Funds are now being raised for preservation of the still traveled upon West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge, which is in urgent need of repairs.

A tour of Townshend's historic bridges by car, on foot, or by bicycle, now provides a fun, educational outing for local residents and tourists of all ages. It includes six over 100-year-old stone arch bridges built by Townshend farmer turned stonemason James Otis Follett and the Scott Covered Bridge built in 1870 by Harrison Chamberlin.

To download a tour map or to find more information on these historic bridges and their builders, visit Townshend Historical Society's website: www.townshendvt.org.



Townshend Highway Department crew and Charlie Marchant, president of Townshend Historical Society, celebrate installation of the final signboard at the west end of Scott Covered Bridge.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Senators serve on two standing committees. My morning committee is the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, and my afternoon committee is the Senate Committee on Institutions. Here are a few thoughts on the work of those committee's work this year.

The Environment

The big environmental issue, indeed the overarching existential issue of our time, is climate change. The Legislative discussion of global warming has long since moved away from debating whether or not the science is real. For many of our fellow citizens though, including some legislators, "science denial" has been replaced by "denial lite."

"Oh, I'm all for doing something about global warming, but you've got to be realistic and reasonable." For too many folks, being "realistic and reasonable" means taking only easy steps that don't challenge us to actually make real changes.

My colleague from Orange County, Sen. Mark MacDonald points out that "the Greatest Generation" took a mere 1,336 days to mobilize industry, raise two war forces, and defeat the formidable alliance of Germany and Japan. They did so by treating the war as an overarching imperative, requiring a national "all hands on deck" approach. The American people rose to the need. As far as we know, few people said, "I'm all

for beating the Axis, but you have to be realistic and reasonable. Rationing sugar and gasoline? Victory gardens? No nylon stockings? No new models of cars? A military draft?"

We need to be willing to sacrifice to keep the planet livable. But, happily, much of what we need to do is painless, or even beneficial in ways other than environmental. Weatherization, for example, makes homes more comfortable and valuable, lowers fuel costs, and creates well-paid jobs. Fuel-efficient cars save their owners money. Air-drying laundry reduces greenhouse gases, but also saves money and makes pillowcases smell wonderful.

The worst producer of atmospheric carbon dioxide is transportation, and this year the big carbon savings came from the Transportation bill. The Legislature extended the No Fare Public Transportation policy, and funded programs to help drivers trade gas for fuel-efficient cars including electric cars. We also continued the state's policy of helping people purchase electric vehicles with grants of up to \$4,000. Second to transportation, the big carbon villain is heating. We appropriated \$50 million for weatherization in fiscal year 2022, which begins this July 1.

The Climate Council's recommendations are due in December. Millions in federal funding for climate have yet to be allocated. So stay tuned.

Capital Construction

H.438 appropriates over \$127 million to the state's capital spending in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The term "capital spending" refers to long-term infrastructural investment, buildings, etc. A family tries to pay bills with current income, but typically borrows for a long-term capital purchase such as a house. Similarly, the state bonds to fund capital investments that are expected to outlive the bond. The bill authorizes this bonding.

Of the total appropriation, the bill appropriates \$44.1 million to state buildings, \$13.6 million to corrections facilities, including planning for a women's facility; \$4.2 million for a long, varied list of grants, arts, historic preservation, regional economic development, fairs etc.; \$3 million to UVM; \$4.1 million to state colleges; \$21.3 million for natural resources including state parks; and \$22 million for clean water.

The bill also addresses the ongoing development of policy on women's corrections, mental health facilities, and on the spacial, air quality, and security needs in the capital complex. It creates a moratorium on the "reefing," deliberate sinking, of vessels in Lake Champlain.

Sincerely,
Sen. Dick McCormack
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

Ownership of an electric vehicle is simple, right? Plug it in, use it, plug it in again.

But there are a few issues that will need to be resolved before our society will fully come to terms with electric vehicles. One major issue is how to get them to pay their fair share of the costs connected with automobiles generally.

Highway construction, maintenance and repair, police and rescue services are currently paid for by the petroleum motoring public. Motor vehicle registrations, driver licenses, fuel taxes, tolls, are pooled into a Transportation Fund, dedicated to paying for driving related services. The authorities calculate the costs and the fees and taxes are determined to fund the services, especially road construction, repair, and reconstruction. Simple, right?

But what happens when the percentage of vehicles on the road begins to increase from its present minuscule 3 to 4%? Those vehicles pay no fuel taxes, which are the largest share of highway revenues to the state and federal governments' highway budgets. That leaves four choices: first, reductions in amounts allocated to highway services, maintenance, repair, etc., over the long term reducing their quality; second, increasing the charges to owners and users of petroleum vehicles so that the amount for

highway services remains the same; three, finding a way for the owners and users of electric vehicles pay an amount equivalent to what they would pay if their units were petroleum powered, with equality between costs of petroleum and electric vehicles; and four, shifting much of the cost to the general taxpaying public and disregarding allocating those costs to highway users.

Each of the first three choices will encounter resistance from somebody: the first by diminishing the quality of highway use; the second by giving electric vehicle owners and users a free ride, so to speak, at the expense of the owners and users of petroleum vehicles; the third by electric vehicle owners and users howling that they are being penalized for enduring the inconvenience and limitations of non-carbon motoring and incidentally saving the planet.

The second choice would require a simple outcome by increasing the petroleum fuel tax to a level estimated to produce the necessary revenue. Over time the increase in electric vehicles would impose first heavy, then very heavy costs on petroleum vehicle owners and users, as their numbers decline. They might holler, but it will discourage ownership of petroleum vehicles and accelerate the push for fully electric vehicles.

Eventually, however, the third

choice will become necessary, although it might be avoided for a while. When petroleum vehicles become a minority, payment by electric units will be essential.

The third choice is a bit more complicated, but would work something like this. The state or Feds would calculate in some manner the average mileage use of all vehicles, including petroleum and electric units. The average miles per gallon of petroleum vehicles times the per gallon fuel tax would give an estimated average per vehicle fuel tax for petroleum vehicles. That amount would be charged to each electric vehicle, at the time of vehicle registration. Presto, the electric vehicles are bearing their fair share for highway costs, in the same proportion as for petroleum vehicles.

The fourth choice will probably eventually become the politically most palatable for those in government. Some costs will continue – driver license and auto registration fees, traffic fines – but the government honchos will rationalize that driving petroleum vehicles and their climate warming output off the road is a general public benefit, for which the general public will be charged.

Sincerely,
Bruce Graham
Chester, Vt.

Op-Ed: Unemployment benefits common sense

Nearly half of the governors – 23 and counting – have decided to end federal supplemental unemployment benefits for workers in their states. Evidently, they never heard the old adage: Don't cut off your nose to spite your face. In these bizarre times, I guess we have to be grateful that Gov. Scott was raised with more common sense.

Despite the pandemic – with the business shutdowns, layoffs, school closures, illness, and all of the other things that kept so many people out of work – personal income in Vermont actually grew in 2020. It rose to \$36.56 billion from \$34.50 billion the previous year. That was a 6% increase – the biggest since 2006 – and all of the growth was due to unemployment benefits and to refundable tax credits.

Vermonters received \$1.3 billion in state and federal unemployment payments in 2020, according to the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. It was a huge amount – more than the previous 11 years combined. But then Vermont had an unprecedented 100,000 people filing

unemployment claims in a matter of months last year.

The benefits – especially the \$600-a-week supplemental federal payments – drew criticism from some for being too generous. But for people who suddenly lost their income, the checks provided enough so they could cover the actual cost of feeding and housing their families and meeting normal expenses. And the fact that they could buy food, cover the rent or mortgage, make car payments, and shop for necessities helped to stabilize Vermont's economy.

It wasn't just unemployment recipients who benefited. The money they received also helped to support the businesses able to remain open. Unemployment recipients also paid taxes on their benefits. According to research done by the Vermont Department of Labor late last fall, from January through November 2020, the department remitted \$37 million to the Vermont Tax Department in withholding taxes on benefits paid to Vermont unemployment recipients. During the same period in 2019, the Department of Labor withheld less than \$1 million.

In states where governors are cutting off the \$300-a-week supplemental federal unemployment payments, the excuse is that unemployment is discouraging work and contributing to a labor shortage. But those claims are contradicted by stud-

ies like this one from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, published when the federal benefits were twice as much.

Scott, too, sometimes falls back on the tired canard about the lazy poor. "And to be perfectly blunt, there's some who are perfectly content staying on unemployment assistance because of the \$300 stipend," he said during an April news conference.

But he also acknowledges there are still real barriers to work and that many Vermonters continue to need support. "Child care is a big deal to some..." he said at that same press conference. "Some people just can't get back to work. They have kids they have to take care of. And they're not in school because of remote learning."

In other words, Vermont's tight labor market isn't the fault of unemployment benefits. So employers in desperate need of workers need to find new ways to attract them – like offering higher wages. And in the long run, that will be better for everyone. Just look at what happened to Vermont's economy last year when many more families actually had enough to live on – at least for a few months.

Jack Hoffman is senior analyst at Public Assets Institute, www.publicassets.org, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization based in Montpelier.

Dear Editor,

The Vermont Legislature adjourned our historic session May 21. The first half of the biennium session was historic as it was conducted 100% online via video conferencing.

I am a first year House member so I do not have much to compare the virtual session to. From my perspective, I felt the work went extremely well. Public access to all committee meetings and floor sessions were maintained. The public could watch real time or later as they choose.

Consider the positive environmental impact of 180 members of the Legislature not driving to Montpelier from all corners of the state. Say nothing of being home with family in the evenings.

I was placed on the Education Committee, not my first choice.

The learning curve was steep since my background is electrical construction work. The Ed committee composition included legislative veterans and three first years like myself. Everyone's opinions were taken seriously and all 11 members worked well together to produce some really good work.

A primary focus for most of our work focused on the pandemic and its effect on students. We passed, and the governor has signed, a comprehensive literacy bill that when fully implemented will aid in screening students early with reading issues and lift as many students as possible to competent reading level by forth grade. Having good reading skills early in life will have a significant impact on student success.

Also passed during the ses-

sion, and awaiting the governor's signature, were two important bills: a community school pilot project that will wrap the entire community into our schools' work and a school assessment bill that will inventory all schools and the condition from both a educational stand point and a physical perspective.

Lastly, two school environmental concerns are being assessed. All schools will be required to test for radon and PCBs. Note: this is only the assessment phase. Any possible remediation will need to be addressed later. I sincerely hope we are not opening Pandora's box of very expensive issues. Regardless, we need to know what is out there and start the process.

It appears the second half of the session will be in Montpelier – a whole new learning curve to look forward to.

Sincerely,
Rep. John Arrison
Cavendish and Weathersfield

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by Linda Thistle

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Beverly E. Domey and Donna L. Jarvis-Willetts

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Family and friends of Beverly E. (Jarvis) Domey and Donna L. Jarvis-Willetts are respectfully invited to attend their burial service June 27, which will be held at the Ascuneyville Cemetery at 11 a.m. Due to Covid-19 guidance, those who are not vaccinated are required to wear a mask and socially distance. A potluck celebration of life will be held at the residence of Gwenn Nichols in Weathersfield immediately following the service. The family of Beverly and Donna request that any flowers brought to the service be potted.

Marjorie C. Harlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Marjorie C. Harlow of Ludlow, recently of Mount Holly, died peacefully April 30, 2020 at Rutland Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. A cemetery committal service will be held Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, 37 N. Depot Street, Ludlow, Vt. To view her full online tribute, visit www.phaneuf.net.

Stanley J. Walasewicz

CAVENDISH, Vt. – A graveside service for Stanley J. Walasewicz, 90, who passed away Jan. 14, 2021 will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Cavendish Village Cemetery. Reverend Thomas Mosher will officiate.

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.

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch and www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

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

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North

Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. on Zoom. To request a Zoom link, email firstuniversalistparishchester@gmail.com. Sunday services run from September to early June.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

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

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.

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

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 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@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

Cynthia S. McCarthy, 1953-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Cynthia S. McCarthy, 67, passed away June 3, 2021 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Oct. 8, 1953 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Leon J. "Jack" and Frances E. (Stone) McCarthy. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1971.

Cynthia was employed as manager with the Burger King Restaurant in Concord, N.H. for 19 years. She later worked at Ruger Firearms in Newport, N.H. for many years.

Cynthia played clarinet with the Strafford, N.H. Wind Symphony for over 25 years. She also played with the Hopkinton Town Band, Kearsarge Community Band, Springfield Community Band, Upper Valley Community Band, and the Gilford Community Band. She played in several music festivals at Faneuil Hall in Boston, Mass., the Lake Placid, N.Y. music festival, the WilliamSPORT, Pa. music festival and at the D-Day anniversary in Washington, D.C.

Cynthia enjoyed traveling and visiting the Maine beaches. She had a true zest for life and took every opportunity to get her family together for adventures.

She is survived by daughter Frances Quintana, son-in-law Zac Quintana, and their children Joseph and Ben Quintana; daughter Gina Clairmont, her



Cynthia S. McCarthy, 1953-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

children Sierra and Rowan Mattice and her partner Brian Harlow; and son Levi Clairmont, his fiancé Kristen Menard, and their children Sullivan and Harrison Clairmont, and Madison, Mitchell, Maxwell, and Maverick Cummings; two sisters Marilee Abbott and Judy King; one brother Prescott Nathan Sargent; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be celebrated Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Community Band, P.O. Box 342, Springfield, VT 05156.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

Sunday services are streamed online at 10 a.m. For more information, go to Facebook @SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist.

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.

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.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

Sunday services are online. For more information, call 802-772-4148, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

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.

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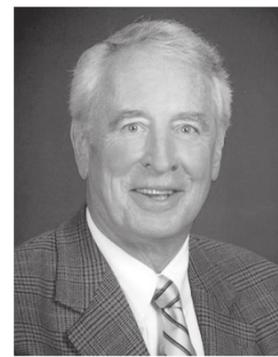
Jan Fersing, 1936-2021

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Just as the preceding Sunday and Monday, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 began as a normal day for Jan Fersing in Fort Worth, Texas. He walked down his home's second story 14 steps to start a load of laundry. Then he drove himself to the barber's. After his 2:30 p.m. haircut, everything changed. He was found "unresponsive" on the floor of the barbershop parking garage and was taken by ambulance to an ER where he was pronounced dead at 3:35 p.m. The cause of death was hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

He always said he would not go to a "home." Instead, he would leave his home of over 40 years "feet first." He never thought he would walk out on those feet for his last trip.

Jan Fersing was born July 28, 1936 in Springfield, Vt., to Leif Fersing and Winifred Stubbs Fersing. Jan was a son, grandson, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and active citizen. He is predeceased by his father, mother, brother Sten Eric Fersing, and mother of his four children, Marion Wiley Fersing. He is survived by his wife Dr. Kelly Flynn; children Betsy Younger (Tom), David (Eugenia), Nancy, and Steven; and by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were June 4, 2021 at the University Christian Church and followed by a celebration of life at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas.



Jan Fersing, 1936-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Opportunities to honor Jan, include keep your blood pressure in line; include cardio in your exercise routine; often hug your family and friends and tell them that you love them; help your family and friends whenever and wherever you can; vote as often as you can – preferably democratic; or donate time, money, and ideas.

Donations can be made to Springfield High School College Scholarship Fund, Springfield High School, 303 South St, Springfield, VT 05156; Friends of the Library, 43 Main St, Springfield, VT 05156; University Christian Church, 2720 South University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76109; or Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan St, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

Arrangements are with Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth. A fuller obituary is on their website: www.greenwoodfuneralhomes.com.

Jacqueline Snide Garrow, 1966-2021

ATHENS, Vt. – Jacqueline "Jackie" Snide Garrow passed away May 7, 2021 at her home in Athens, Vt., surrounded by her loving family after a long illness.

She attended schools in Athens and Bellows Falls. She worked several jobs but enjoyed being a nurse's aide most. She loved working in her flower gardens, arts and crafts, crocheting, and spending time with her family.

Jacqueline is survived by her daughter Crystal Allen Chison and husband Gregory of Conway, Mass., her son Tra-

vis Allen and fiancé Breianna; two grandchildren Ava and Xaver; her maternal grandmother Cora Fletcher; her mother Elaine and husband Elmer Davis; two brothers Ervin "Ike" Snide Jr. and Kim Healey and Duane Snide and wife Sheila of Athens; her sister Joanne and husband Jon Parker of Westminster; several nieces and nephews. Jacqueline is also survived by her husband of five years, William Garrow; step-daughter Emily Garrow; and one step-granddaughter Alexis.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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outdoor & sports

BRAT volunteers test area swim waters

REGION – From Memorial Day through Labor Day, folks want to be out and about, exploring Vermont's waterways to keep cool, fish, paddle, and otherwise enjoy the great outdoors. We like to know that the water we come into contact with is safe, clean, and healthy.

To this end, the Black River Action Team conducts ongoing sampling of several popular river and stream sites around the watershed to keep tabs on the bacteria levels in the water. While some level of bacteria is naturally occurring in all soil and water, elevated levels of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* – or *E. coli* – may be an indication of the presence of other pathogens in water, which could have the potential to make a person or pet ill if they come into contact with enough of it through swimming or boating – or in the case of a dog, drinking. While all warm-blooded animals host a healthy level of *E. coli* in their gut, some strains can lead to illness such as diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.

Water samples are carefully collected every Wednesday morning by a trained BRAT volunteer and transported to the Endyne Inc. laboratory in Lebanon, N.H. for testing. Samples are incubated to get an accurate count of colony-forming units (cfu) present in the 100 mL sample. A heavy

rain can wash soil, and the bacteria in it, into streams and rivers, thereby elevating the count in the water. It is recommended that people stay out of the water for 24 hours after a heavy rain, and anytime the bacteria level is at or above 235 cfu.

Charts are generated within 48 hours based on the numbers from the lab, but reflect only a "snapshot" of the water – what the bacteria level was at the exact moment and in the exact location the water was collected. By the time the charts are posted, any number of factors may have changed to alter the actual bacteria count for weekend visitors. The goal of the sampling, testing, and chart posting is to give people an overview of the long-term bacteria counts of a given site.

BRAT Director Kelly Stettner wishes to extend many thanks to all the volunteer water quality monitors, River Dippers, who commit to weekly sampling of several popular swimming and wading spots in the Black River and to the local businesses and organizations who "adopt" these spots. The annual "adoption fee" covers all the costs associated with water collection, sample testing, transportation, and chart posting every week for the entire summer at one site.

The testing sites include Buttermilk Falls in Ludlow, adopted by Okemo Mountain

Resort; Cavendish Gorge in Cavendish, adopted by Green Mountain Power; the Black River at Greven Field in Cavendish, adopted by Betty McEnaney of TPW Realty; Tolles Power Dam off Maple Street in Weathersfield, testing costs donated by Endyne; and Twenty-Foot Hole on the North Branch in Reading, adopted by the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The pond at the West Hill Road Rec Park is monitored for bacteria by the town of Ludlow, despite not yet being open for boating or swimming, and is adopted by Vermont Co-Pack. No chart will be posted at this site.

When visiting these or any Vermont waterway, please check the chart posted on-site to get a sense of the trends. Look for consistency in the numbers and stay out of the water for 24 hours after a heavy rain or any time it appears cloudy.

Learn more about BRAT and the River Dipper program by visiting www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org. Check all swimming holes around the region for historic as well as current conditions at the "Is It Clean?" website maintained by the Connecticut River Conservancy, www.connecticutriver.us.

Trail walk on Hardy Hill

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Association of Trails invites you to a guided nature walk on Hardy Hill, an in-progress hiking trail located in Cavendish. The walk will take place Saturday, June 12, starting at 10 a.m. hosted by the landowner, Pieter Van Schaik. Trail parking will be located at East Road and Susannah Johnson Lane in Cavendish, just west of Caton Place Campground. The walk will last about two hours and light refreshments will be served. Please reserve your spot by emailing erickrasnauskas@protonmail.com to say how many people will be walking.

Hardy Hill covers approxi-

mately 215 acres located on the east side of Cavendish and adjacent to the Lord State Forest. The long-term conservation goal for this land is to permanently conserve it through the state of Vermont. Before that happens though, the Cavendish Association of Trails is installing a trail network, much of it handicap-accessible, which allows the public to access both the historic and natural features of the land.

One of the primary features to explore on this walk is a large beaver pond, in which several great blue heron pairs have nested and who take up residence each year. The walk will also include the Upper Loop trail, which has several

interesting specimens of orchid and ladyslipper, as well as a large porcupine nest and a vernal pool. Binoculars are recommended for good viewing of the herons. Please wear tick protection and decent walking or hiking boots.

Soon to come is a community hike of the new Proctor Piper trail system in the Proctorsville section of Cavendish. Date and time will be announced shortly. The Cavendish Association of Trails is part of the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association. For more information about CCCA, please visit www.CavendishCCCA.org or email Cavendishcommunityconservation@gmail.com.

Vermont bass fishing season

REGION – Vermont's bass fishing season kicks off Saturday, June 12, and anglers throughout the state are eager to hit their favorite body of water in search of fun and exciting fishing adventures for largemouth and smallmouth bass.

"Anglers in Vermont are fortunate to have world-class bass fishing for both species right in their backyard," said Bernie Pientka, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Vermont's general bass season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November. Outside of those dates, anglers can fish for bass on open water on a catch-and-release basis with artificial lures and flies only on waters that are not seasonally closed.

"One unique thing about bass fishing in Vermont, compared to many other states, is the sheer amount of quality, unpressured fish," said Pientka.

Vermont's bass fishing has received national attention in a variety of fishing publications in recent years, and bass-rich Lake Champlain has become a favorite of

touring bass professionals.

The World Fishing Network recently named Lake Champlain one of the seven best smallmouth bass lakes in North America. The renowned fishing media outlet went on to characterize Lake Champlain as "perhaps the best lake in all of North America for both quality largemouth and smallmouth bass."

"There's no question that Lake Champlain hosts a very special bass fishery, probably one of the best in the world," said Pientka. "However, there are lots of other water bodies that might not get the attention, but can be just as good, simply because those bass populations don't get much fishing pressure."

Bass fishing in Vermont is a fun outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by adults and kids alike, regardless of skill level, and can also be a great source of food for the table.

"Bass fishing is a great way to get out and enjoy Vermont's great outdoors and nothing can beat a tasty meal of fresh, locally-caught fish," Pientka said.

Pientka noted that smaller, younger bass, which are also much more abundant, are generally better eating compared

to bigger, older fish.

Anglers heading out on the water to fish for bass this season should be sure to check fishing regulations, including harvest and length limits applicable to the waters they are fishing. Vermont's fishing regulations can be found in the 2021 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations booklet available from license agents or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Licenses also are available on the website.

With summer upon us and the increase in shore fishing, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department also reminds people that open fires are prohibited at all Vermont fishing access areas and state wildlife management lands.

"Vermont State Game Wardens will be strictly enforcing the open fires and camping rules at state fishing access areas this summer," said Lt. Keith Gallant. "Please help keep our lands clean and open for others to enjoy, and report violations to your local warden or use the anonymous Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-75ALERT. Reports of time-sensitive violations should be called in to a local State Police radio dispatcher who can contact a warden."

2021 Vermont Girls Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year

REGION – Catherine Gilwee was named 2020-21 Vermont Girls Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, recognizing the Champlain Valley Union High School senior as the top player in the state. She led the Redhawks to a 9-0 record this past season.

Gilwee was named "Miss Basketball" by the Burlington Free Press, and is a three-time First Team All-State and First Team

All-Metro honoree. She also is the 2020-21 MaxPreps Vermont High School Girls Basketball POY.

She guided CVU to a 30-0 record over her final two years, though both postseasons were ended by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a junior, the University of Vermont signee led CVU to a 21-0 record and the program went 74-4 over her four years.

Catherine is the fifth Red-

hawk girl basketball player to earn the honor from Gatorade.

Gilwee plays AAU basketball for the Lone Wolf Athletics where every Vermont Girls' Basketball Gatorade POY recipient for the last 16 years has played.

Lone Wolf Athletics is run by Wayne Lafley and consists of four or five girls' teams of various ages. Players come from all over Vermont and some areas of New Hampshire and New York. They are one of the best organizations in the New England area.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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— King Crossword —

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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JUNE 13 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Tri-Town Collectors Club will hold a coin, sports, postcard, and comic book Family Hobby Show Sunday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Brattleboro Holiday Inn Express. Many dealers and collectors from the tri-state area meet monthly with a daylong series of hobby activities that is packed with fun for the whole family. There is no admission charge and anyone

wishing to set up a card table to sell their material may do so by calling Joe Fuller at 802-297-1274.

JUNE 15 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor bandstand at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield. The performance will be socially distanced. Please bring a chair.

JUNE 20 – CHESTER, Vt. – On Father's Day, June 20, the Green Mountain Express and Gassetts Grange are holding an outside jam (no open mic), from 1-4 p.m., at the grange, located near the junction of Routes 103 North and 10. Please bring your own chairs. Facemasks,

social distancing, and contact information are all mandatory. We ask for a donation per person. There will be a 50/50 drawing. We will have snacks, bottled water, and some sodas on sale. We will have canopies to protect you from the hot sun. Rain date is following Sunday. Call 802-591-4290 for details.

JUNE 26 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Birds & Blooms is your chance to find a one-of-a-kind birdhouse or bird feeder, potted plants, and gift-worthy art from carvings to photographs and pottery. Join the outdoor fun Saturday, June 26 at the Svec Memorial Park in Proctorsville from 12-5 p.m. For a perfect day, wrap it up with dinner at Murdock's or a beer at Outer Limits. Thank you for supporting Cavendish Streetscapes. Find us on Facebook to preview more items.

LEMPSTER, N.H. – Lempster Book Sale Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at History Hall Grounds. Sponsored by Friends of the Miner Memorial Library. Contact 802-863-

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SUNDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has resumed meeting Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Cadets as young as 12 and senior members of any age make up this diverse group of volunteers.

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

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at St. Charles Education Center located at 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 6 p.m. Handicap accessible.

WEDNESDAYS – REGION – On Wednesdays at 5 p.m., join Lori Wright for Yoga Flow with Meditation, live or watch the video during your perfect time. A 45-minute gentle flow class with meditation to strengthen, improve flexibility, bring balance, relieve stress, and improve the immune system. Calm the "monkey mind" and help bring peace to your life, whether it is on or off your yoga mat. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or email at loriwright163@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAYS – REGION – "Circle of Parents in Recovery" is an online mutual self-help support group for

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REGION – "Circle of Parents for Grandparents" is an online mutual self-help support group aided by a trained facilitator. The group will meet Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Come and join us. For more information and to join the free group, contact Amber at amenard@pcavt.org or call 802-498-0603.

REGION – Are you interested in developing a healthier and more meaningful life while managing the Covid-19 pandemic? Join the Covid Support Vermont staff for exploration of the eight components of wellness and balance. Each week, facilitators will focus on one aspect of the Wellness Wheel and provide support, encouragement, and opportunities for interaction for participants as they find new ways towards wellness. Repeats every Thursday, from 3-4 p.m., until June 10. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-recovery-through-wellness-tickets-134663601457.

FRIDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Townshend Farmers Market

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REGION – Join Covid Support Vermont in an hour of journaling prompts and free writes to process and understand how we as individuals and a community are making our way through the Covid-19 pandemic here in Vermont. Bring writing materials and an open mind to our weekly sessions. Repeats every Friday, from 3-4 p.m., until June 11. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-through-covid-tickets-134667158095.

SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers' Market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Clinton Street, near the entrance to the Toonerville Trail. For questions or vendor application forms, contact sfog@vermontel.net.

WEEKLY – REGION – Flow and Restore Yoga weekly live stream classes with Soulfire Yoga with Joy, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, through Saturday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon. This class is a gentle to moderate hatha practice that fosters a deep inner connection and restores balance to the mind and body. Beginners to seasoned practitioners are welcome.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for grounds maintenance at Memorial Park. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids is 2:00 PM on June 17, 2021.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

Town of Rockingham – Invitation to Bid Meeting House Window Restoration

The Town of Rockingham seeks proposals from qualified historic preservation contractors for necessary **WINDOW RESTORATION SERVICES** required by the Town related to Preservation & Maintenance Work for the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH), a National Historic Landmark in Rockingham, VT. Project consists of repairing and re-setting sashes in two windows sets and replacing cracked glass window panes as may be required. Each window set has 20 over 20 lights. Work must meet Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Full RFP with specifications are posted at the Development Office, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT, or can be viewed at www.rockbf.org under Public Notices, or obtained by email clg@rockbf.org. Proposal submission deadline is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The Town of Rockingham reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or accept the bid deemed most favorable to the Town.

Town of Rockingham – Invitation to Bid Meeting House - Hearse Shed Repair

The Town of Rockingham seeks proposals from qualified historic preservation contractors for necessary **CARPENTRY RESTORATION SERVICES** required by the Town related to Preservation & Maintenance Work for the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH), a National Historic Landmark in Rockingham, VT. Project consists of repairing doors and hardware on the Hearse House, a contributing site to RMH Landmark status. Work must meet Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Full RFP with specifications are posted at the Development Office, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT, or can be viewed at www.rockbf.org under Public Notices, or obtained by email clg@rockbf.org. Proposal submission deadline is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The Town of Rockingham reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or accept the bid deemed most favorable to the Town.

Town of Rockingham – Invitation to Bid Meeting House Painting

The Town of Rockingham seeks proposals from qualified historic preservation contractors for necessary **EXTERIOR PAINTING SERVICES** required by the Town related to preservation of the Rockingham Meeting House (RMH), a National Historic Landmark. Project consists of preparation and painting of the west façade and touch-up work on the rest of the RMH exterior. Work must meet Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Full RFP with specifications are posted at the Development Office, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT, or can be viewed at www.rockbf.org under Public Notices, or obtained by email clg@rockbf.org. Proposal submission deadline is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The Town of Rockingham reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or accept the bid deemed most favorable to the Town.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/LABORER

Job Description

Definition: Grade 6

To operate a variety of specialized trucks and highway equipment, involving plowing, salting and sanding in winter, and assisting in general highway maintenance and construction work in other seasons, with a focus on operation of basic to moderately complex trucks and equipment, as well as manual labor, and other related work as required.

Characteristic Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintain Town roads, sidewalks and parking lots in winter: plow; push back snowbanks; remove snow using trucks and bucket loaders; salt and sand.
- Continuous and strenuous physical effort required to perform duties with unavoidable exposure to bad weather and hazardous conditions.
- Perform/assist with a wide variety of a full range of spring, summer and fall highway maintenance and construction work, including:
 - * Spread gravel, fill potholes, chloride roads;
 - * Clean culverts and catch basins;
 - * Put up and replace road signs;
 - * Put up and take down snow and silt fences when needed;
 - * Cut and clear trees and brush;
 - * Load and unload trucks, using power equipment if necessary;
 - * Haul asphalt for paving and other road construction materials and equipment;
 - * Repair and replace guardrails;
 - * Collect and dispose of refuse.
- Assist in routine maintenance and repairs of hand tools, small power tools and highway vehicles.
- On a limited basis, serve as a crew chief for a small highway crew at work site.

Supervision Received:

Direct to moderate supervision is received from the Highway Superintendent or crew chief.

Qualifications:

- Basic education (high school preferred) plus two to three years of relevant work experience, or a combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and skills are acquired.
- Valid commercial driver's license (CDL) Class B with air endorsement preferred. A good driving record and driving skills will be considered with the ability to obtain CDL Class B with air endorsement in 6 months. Some relevant previous experience driving trucks and/or operating light to heavy equipment.
- Good basic mechanical skills. Some experience or training in vehicles mechanics helpful.
- Physical ability to operate trucks and highway equipment.

Highway Department Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in our Highway Department. A CDL is required.

Please contact Larry at 802-672-3535.

Bookkeeper Position Available

The Town of Plymouth, Vermont, is looking for a bookkeeper to assist the Town Clerk/Treasurer in her duties. This is a part-time position, with flexible hours. The ideal candidate would have experience in municipal or state level accounting procedures.

If you are interested, please send your resume to the Town Clerk/Treasurer, clerk@plymouthvt.org, or if you have questions, please call her at 802-672-3655.

Town of Cavendish, Vermont NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers, within and for the **Town of Cavendish** have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the **first day of April 2021**; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **11th day of June, 2021** starting at 9:30 a.m. the undersigned Assessor will meet remotely to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Assessors, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2021, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

Due to the health threat caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) and recommendations based on public health, we will not be holding face-to-face grievance hearings this year. If you wish to grieve you MUST submit a grievance in writing by 4:00 on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Applications for Grievance can be emailed to Cavendish2021@nemrc.com or mailed to PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142. Grievance Applications are available at our website: www.cavendishvt.com or they can be mailed by request.

Please call 802-321-8025 for a grievance appointment.

Given under our hands at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 27th day of May, 2021

Town of Cavendish
Al Coonrad, Assessor
Diane McNamara, Town Clerk

GRIEVANCE HEARING TOWN OF LUDLOW - BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearings for the Town of Ludlow will begin on Friday, June 25 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in the Select Board conference room.

If you wish to grieve your 2021 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocations it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Thursday, July 15.

Mail: P.O. Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149
Email: listeners@ludlow.vt.us

If you wish to have a hearing in person with the Listers, please call to make an appointment, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 802-228-7206.

LUDLOW BOARD OF LISTERS

Terry Thayne
Jeannie Stasz

 **Town of Westminister**
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL Westminister, Vermont Legal Notice

The Westminister Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 to consider the following:

Application #21-66 (Dennis & Patricia Landers (Owner & Applicant)) – property located at 84 Kimball Hill South. The Applicant is requesting the conversion of a camp to a full time residence (Change of use) and a 32' x 32' addition to the existing structure. This Application will be reviewed under Section 215 Zoning Permit Procedure; Section 311 Site Plan Review; and Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #21-70 Ranney Dairy Farm, LLC and Peter Shumlin (Owner) – property located at 700 Westminister West Road. The Applicant is requesting a Major Subdivision off of Old Coddington Road. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review, Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone and Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Major Subdivision) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminister Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminister, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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Setting investment goals

REGION – Setting goals is an important part of financial planning. Before you invest your money, you should spend some time considering and setting your personal goals. For example, do you want to retire early? Would you like to start your own business soon? Do you need to pay for a child's college education? Would you like to buy or build a new house?

Think about your time horizon

One of the first questions you should ask yourself in setting your investment goals is "When will I need the money?" Will it be in 3 years or 30? Your time horizon for each of your financial goals will have a significant impact on your investment strategy.

The general rule is: The longer your time horizon, the more risky – and potentially more lucrative – investments you may be able to make. Many financial professionals believe that with a longer time horizon, you can ride out fluctuations in your investments for the potential of greater long-term returns. On the other hand, if your time horizon is very short, you may want to concentrate your investments in less risky vehicles because you may not have enough time to recoup losses should they occur.

Understand your risk tolerance

Another important question is "What is my investment risk tolerance?" How do you feel about the potential of losing your hard-earned money? Many investors would forgo the possibility of a large gain if they knew there was also the possibility of a large loss. Other investors are more willing to take on greater risk to try to achieve a higher return. You can't completely avoid risk when it comes to investing, but it's possible to manage it.

Almost universally, when financial professionals or the media talk about investment risk, their focus is on price volatility. Advisors label as aggressive or risky an investment whose price has been prone to dramatic ups and downs in the past, or that involves substantial uncertainty and unpredictability. Assets whose prices historically have experienced a narrower range of peaks and valleys are considered more conservative.

In general, the risk-reward relationship makes sense to most people. After all, no sensible person would make a higher-risk investment without the prospect of a higher reward for taking that risk. That is the tradeoff. As an investor, your goal is to maximize returns without taking on more risk than is necessary or comfortable for you. If you find that you can't sleep at night because you're worrying about your investments, you've probably assumed too much risk. On the other hand, returns that are too low may leave you unable to reach your financial goals.

The concept of risk tolerance refers not only to your willingness to assume risk but also to your financial ability to endure the consequences of loss. That has to do with your stage in life, how soon you'll need the money, and your financial goals.

Remember your liquidity needs

Liquidity refers to how quickly you can convert investments into cash. Real estate, for example, tends

to be relatively illiquid; it can take a very long time to sell. Publicly traded stock, on the other hand, tends to be fairly liquid.

Your need for liquidity will affect the types of investments you might choose to meet your goals. For example, if you have an emergency fund, you're in good health, and your job is secure, you may be willing to hold some less liquid investments that may have higher potential for gain. However, if you have two children going to college in the next couple of years, you probably don't want all of their tuition money invested in less liquid assets. Also, having some relatively liquid investments may help protect you from hav-

ing to sell others when their prices are down.

Article written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

Springfield Elks scholarships

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Elks are proud to announce the following 2021 lodge scholarship recipients who exemplify academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

Graeffn Anderson, a high school senior at Vermont Academy, will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for architecture. Parents are Scott Anderson and Tara Verheide of Ludlow, Vt.

Anna Ondre, a high school senior at Springfield High School, will be attending the University of Tampa for marine science. Parents are Kevin and Maggie Ondre of Springfield, Vt.

Gwenyth Roundy, a high school senior at Springfield High School, will be attending the University of Vermont for education. Mother is Stephanie Machado of Springfield, Vt.

Congratulations to the recipients and all of our surrounding high school graduating seniors.

Student winners of Reading is an Investment program

MONTPELIER, Vt. – State Treasurer Beth Pearce announced the names of 20 Vermont students who won this year's prize drawing for the Treasurer's Office's Reading is an Investment financial education program. The winners were drawn from 2,419 K-6 students who

completed all steps of the financial literacy curriculum, entitling them to the drawing for one of 20 \$250 college savings accounts.

"We're incredibly proud of all our Vermont students who persevered through a challenging year of school closures and distance learning to take part in the Reading is an Investment

program," said Pearce. "We're also grateful to the educators who spotlighted financial education in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, when many demands competed for classroom time."

Reading is an Investment teaches K-6 students about managing money by providing educators with

a set of curated books, lesson plans, and resources. People's United Bank underwrites the program, enabling the Treasurer's Office to provide 140 Vermont schools all the materials they need for classroom instruction. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation provides the college savings account prizes.

Local student winners include Brooklyn Foley of Ludlow Elementary School, Emily Jones of Mount Holly Elementary School, and Jake Smith of Weathersfield Elementary School.

Since the program launched in 2010, more than 44,000 Vermont students have completed the lessons.

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

A hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall Auditorium at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, to consider an Application for a Conditional Use Permit and Zoning Variance.

Applicant: Mark & Karen Metersky
Location: 892 ROUTE 100
Proposal: Second floor addition & deck

Dated June 3, 2021
Michael Coleman
Michael Coleman
Chairman

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Applicant: Mickey & Marya Carter
Location: 764 ROUTE 100
Proposal: Addition & re-building of porch

Dated June 3, 2021
Michael Coleman
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This Home offers great potential with many positive notes. Shaker siding, Architectural shingle roof, insulation added., Home includes 2 bedrooms, den, formal dining, spacious living room, front porch. Close proximity to Springfield walking trails, boat launch, golfing, skiing and more! All on 1.9+/- acres headed out of town. **\$105,000**



Post & Beam country home offers an open concept living space with lots of windows, center chimney/ woodstove and sliders to the back deck and side screen porch. Formal dining room, new kitchen, master bedroom on the main floor with full bath, two bedrooms upstairs with loft family room area and bath with claw foot tub. Walkout basement offers laundry room, office, 3/4 bath and a sitting room (ideal for in-law quarters). On 10+/- acres with trails, woods, open lawn and a pond. Easy access to the Connecticut River, Golf club, skiing and points North and South. **\$299,900**

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WINDHAM UNIT****PROBATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO: 20-PR-02116**

In re ESTATE of: Zachary Membrino

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: **ZACHARY MEMBRINO**, late of WINDHAM, VERMONT:

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the date of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented as described above within the four (4) month period.

Dated: June 3, 2021 /s/ Tracey Membrino
Executor
c/o Moore Law Offices, LLC
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
(802) 463-4327
rebecca@moorelawvt.com

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal
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arts & entertainment

Heritage Cares launches outdoor music series

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, June 26, from 12-3 p.m., Heritage Deli & Bakery in collaboration with the Chester-Andover Family Center, will kick off “Heritage Cares” outdoor music series featuring Lucky Soul, a high energy, seven-piece horn band playing classical soul, funk, and R&B music.



Lucky Soul, seven-piece horn band. PHOTO PROVIDED

The event will take place on the grounds of the Heritage Deli and Bakery at 642 Route 103 across from the American Legion in Chester, Vt.

The Chester-Andover Family Center and Heritage Deli are planning a fun afternoon with something for everyone. For the children, there will be lawn games and Barnyard Snuggles where they can “hug and feed” a baby goat. A “Paint a Bowl” tent will provide a fun crafts experience to help the CAFDC get ready for the third annual Empty Bowl Dinner to be held in October.

And what would a fundraiser be without the famous CAFDC silent auction and 50/50 raffle?

You will not be disappointed. Admission to the event is free and all activities are by donation.

Heritage Cares is the vision of Michelle Wilcox, proprietor of Heritage Deli & Bakery, and was created to raise social awareness and shine light on issues surrounding human rights through community, animals, music, food, and fun!

“I call it Music with a Mission,” exclaimed Wilcox. “We want to mix it up with fundraisers, family-friendly activities, and a beautiful day filled with music and laughter.”

The Chester-Andover Family Center would like to thank

the Heritage Deli & Bakery for giving the CAFDC a platform at this event. “We are excited and honored to collaborate with Heritage Deli to kick off this music series,” said Nena Nanfeldt, CAFDC board member. The mission of the CAFDC is to “make a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods.”

For more information about the services provided by CAFDC or for volunteering inquiries, please call the Family Center at 802-875-3236 or visit their website at www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org.

Food, wine, and beer will be available for sale, and picnic tables with umbrellas will be set up on the lawn for you to enjoy great food and live music by Lucky Soul. If you prefer your own blanket and chairs, please bring them along.

Heritage Deli & Bakery is located at 642 Route 103 across from the Chester American Legion in Chester, Vt. For more information, call 802-875-3550.

Tails and Tales: adult summer reading raffle

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library is pleased to announce its annual Adult Summer Reading Raffle program is back! This year’s program is called “Tails and Tales.” Springfield Town Library cardholders at least 18 years of age may sign up to participate anytime throughout the summer, but the first day to sign up is Monday, June 21 starting at 9 a.m.

Simply sign up at the front desk and then throughout the summer request a raffle ticket for each book read or audiobook listened to. Print your name and telephone number on the raffle ticket and drop them in the raffle container at the front desk. A winner will be drawn every Friday through Aug. 13 for a chance to win a \$10 gift card from a local business. Each winner will be notified by telephone. The first 12

adults that sign up will get an adorable tote bag.

The adult summer reading raffle is sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library and the town of Springfield. For more information, please call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108.

New this year – while supplies last – ask about our beautiful yard signs that were created and show off that you are a super reader!

World Under Wonder presents its three-part LARP program

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – World Under Wonder in Ascutney will present a three-part Live Action Role Playing, a medieval fantasy improvisational theatre game where you dress up as a character and play out a story with others while carrying around foam weapons and cast make believe spells at one another.

The adult program for those 18 and older will be Mondays from 6-10:30 p.m. starting June 28. The teen program from those 12-18 years old will be Tuesdays 5-8 p.m. starting June 29. On Wednesdays, from 5-10:30 p.m., will be community get-together days for all ages starting June 30.

Due to Covid-19, all participants are expected to have been vaccinated and show proof with card.

At World Under Wonder, our focus is the security and the safety of those involved. Tanu LARP is a role-play focused LARP with a high emphasis on character building and having the ability to do things you normally might not be able to. Whether you are small but want to be a tank, or you are clumsy but wish to be a rogue... the skill



World Under Wonder invites you to join one of their LARP programs. PHOTO PROVIDED

system of Tanu allows players to be whatever they wish they could be.

LARP is a great form of escapism and even a cathartic form of therapy. Through victories and defeats within the game world, we learn to cope or deal with the conflicts of our real lives. Players will take a game like Dungeons and Dragons off the table and play it in real time, with costumes, foam weapons, and make believe spells.

Parents and guardians can also take part in the youth program and act as a side kick to their youth involved.

Our community gathering days will be for all ages to participate in building and crafting

together, hanging out, talking about the games, and dueling with foam weapons. Come join the quest and drop in whenever you can. You are not required to be at every session each week. There is a membership fee for taking part in the weekly events or pay per daily event you come to.

Contact World Under Wonder on Facebook, or email us at worldunderwonder@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. You can visit our website at www.worldunderwonder.org.

We are a very inclusive program where the only thing excluded is exclusion. Come be a part of our community, and have fun doing it.

Kick off the summer with Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Town Library summer program is a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time and helps maintain and improve reading skills. Register at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.

Kick off the summer with an afternoon performance of “Thumbelina” Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Commons Park in Springfield. This is a magical family-friendly

production of “Thumbelina” choreographed by Ashley Hensel-Browning with a cast of local dancers.

On Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m., join us for “Raptors Up Close!” at Riverside Middle School. The Vermont Institute of Natural Science will share live animals to make this a special experience. Come discover the incredible abilities of raptors.

Join us as The Nature Museum of Grafton presents “Summer Unplugged!” each Tuesday from June 15-27 at 9:30 a.m. at The Commons Park in Springfield. Each week will have a new topic with hands-on activities, stories, and crafts.

Summer lunches will be offered Monday through Friday from June 28 through Aug. 20. Lunch and breakfast for youth ages 18 and under are available via curbside pick-up from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

Sign up for all Springfield Town library programs at www.eventbrite.com/o/springfield-town-library-28934846977. STL summer programs will follow the CDC guidance for summer camps. Masks will be required for age 2 and older as well as physical distancing, health questions, and contact information. For additional information, please email stlys@vermontel.net or call the library at 802-885-3108.

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