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Whisper Room dedication for Spencer Huntley at RVTC

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The River Valley Technical Center in Springfield welcomed the family of Spencer Huntley into their Audio Video Production Department Tuesday, Dec. 21 for a dedication of their new Whisper Room, made possible by a financial gift in Spencer's memory.

A Whisper Room is an insulated, soundproof booth, which eliminates all outside noise, and is used to record voice over work in a production studio.

Father Mark, mother Sharon, and sister Madison Huntley were all on hand for the presentation of a carved

mahogany plaque to be placed on the booth, bearing an inscription provided by the family which read, "In loving memory of Spencer Huntley who encouraged others to embrace their individuality. Let your voice be heard!"

A former RVTC student, Spencer, 18, had passed away in a tragic car accident in October of 2011. At the time, he was participating in a two-year sound engineering program at RVTC, having graduated from high school in May earlier that year.

A scholarship fund in his name was initially established through Green Mountain Union High School, but because of a somewhat nar-

row set of criteria, the scholarship had been awarded only twice since his passing. Subsequently in 2019, Mark suggested the family donate the entire balance, approximately \$8,000, to the tech center for use in the Audio Video Production Department where Spencer had thrived as a student, something that couldn't be said of his time at GMUHS, according to his mother, Sharon.

Reaching out to RVTC Superintendent and Director Scott Farr and other AV department staff, the decision to purchase the Whisper Room was suggested and began to move forward in late 2019. After finally arriving and being set up in late 2020, the pandemic had

shut down in-person learning and the whisper booth sat idle until classes resumed for the 2021-22 school year. Since then, it has been used extensively.

"Noise just melts away, we use it every chance we get," said Zach McNaughton, RVTC Video Production instructor.

Farr, who had been director when Spencer had attended at RVTC, said he was glad the phrase on the plaque included the word "individuality," which was a quality that distinguished Spencer.

For RVTC, the addition is another example of how they help keep their AV production program vibrant and continually evolving,



From left to right; Mark Huntley, Madison Huntley, and Sharon Huntley stand in front of the Whisper Room dedicated to Spencer Huntley at RVTC.

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with upgrades as an important tool to attract students to explore new possibilities for their future while being in a supportive environment.

McNaughton expressed his appreciation for the whisper booth and what it does for the AV department.

"This has really helped the program and will be used constantly."

For more information on the Audio Video Department and other programs offered through River Valley Technical Center, visit www.rvrtc.org.

Rockingham listers Roberts and Obuchowski to retire

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – In March of 2022, two board members of the Rockingham Lister Department will retire; Camilla Roberts started with the department in 2004, Paul "Obie" Obuchowski in 2018.

Roberts said there was a steep learning curve with the position, and soon after she was elected she became chairperson. There was training and a lot to learn: statutes, timelines, and bureaucratic procedures. She said she "felt comfortable after 3 years," and she found the job fascinating.

Roberts acknowledged, "I feel grateful to the community [for] opening my eyes... everybody who is here is included and be-

longs here."

She grew up in Pomfret, and in the '80s operated a dairy farm with her husband in Grafton, eventually moving to Rockingham with her family in 2003.

Roberts said, "In 18 years [of being a lister] I've learned so much." On retirement, she said she will remain a state hearing officer for the Vermont Property Valuation and Review Department, which is a part-time position.

Obie said he had joined the board as a write-in on the ballot for one year after Michael Harty's passing. He ran again on a three-year seat.

He said he had served 35 years on the Board of Civil Authority and was familiar with lister cards, doing site visits, tax appeals, and sat

on the board for two major town reappraisals, 25 and 15 years ago.

Obie explained the main reason he was interested in the Lister Department was working for his community. He had spent 30 years on the school board, 15 years on the library board, and was five times past president of the Alumni Association. When his daughters were little, he was involved with fraternal organization programs for kids, seniors, and veterans through the American Legion Post 37 and the Elks Lodge 1619.

Obie reflected that his brother, Michael, was the out-of-town representative, serving the last 36 years in the State Legislature. He said, "I was the in-town Obuchowski to do things."

He was born and raised in

Bellows Falls, leaving only for college where he began dating his wife Terry, who recently retired from Central Elementary School after 42 years. He said he was looking forward to their future, which involved working less, travel, and golfing.

About the lister office, Obie said when he first came into the department, he learned quickly that the process was being "fair and equal." He said the question for the school board was, "how does this benefit the kids?" The listers treat everyone and every case "fair and equal," no matter who you are.

Roberts has offered to remain available to assist the new Board of Listers as a consultant in order to help them get trained for their responsibilities and the

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next town wide reappraisal. She said in 2017 they were able to do the reappraisal themselves, which saved the town money. Roberts explained it was also because they knew the community and how it works.

Both Roberts and Obuchowski explained that improvements of property assets increase the value of your property. A rising real estate market can also increase the value of property. When the value goes up, the Grand List rises and the tax rate goes down.

The goal for the future of the Lister Department is to have three trained

board members who can do the next reappraisal themselves. They explained they recognize a partial reappraisal needs to happen and they are preparing for that now. There will be more information posted on the partial reappraisal this spring.

The listers will be on The Feed Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. They hope to find two qualified candidates to take over for Roberts and Obuchowski in March. If you are interested in learning more about the available positions, call 802-463-1229 or email listeners@rockbf.org.

2021 End of the Year Review

JAN. 5 – Westminster considers withdrawing from unified school district

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – An informational School Board meeting was conducted via Zoom, as Westminster residents determine if the town should secede from the merged school district with the towns of Grafton and Athens. Westminster had previously been forced to join the unified Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District in 2018 under Act 46. According to another current Vermont law, it is understood that town residents can vote to withdraw from a merged school district after a one-year period.

By Joe Milliken, *The Shopper*

JAN. 19 – Rockingham Veterinary Clinic preparing

new home on Main Street

CHESTER, Vt. – The Rockingham Veterinary Clinic is finalizing the building and fit out of their new location at the site of the former Zachary's Pizza in Chester with plans to be opened by early to mid-February.

By Sharon Huntley, *The Vermont Journal*

JAN. 26 – New plans for Bellows Falls garage project takes shape

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Windham Windsor Housing announced they are altering their plans to restore the former Bellows Falls Garage building located on Rockingham Street. Originally it was believed the estimated cost of restoring the 1920 concrete building would be \$9.1 million. However, after having the 27-unit

building reassessed as construction companies began bidding on the project, it was determined that the cost will be an estimated \$9.9 million.

By Joe Milliken, *The Shopper*

FEB. 1 – Bob Miller: It's been a great run!

LUDLOW, Vt. – It is bitter-sweet to write my last letter for the paper. As I approach my retirement date of April 30, 2021, I am preparing my staff as well as my community for the transition. On Feb. 1, 2021, I stepped down from my role as publisher and handed the reins over to my entrusted assistant publisher, Shawntae Webb.

By Bob Miller, *The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

FEB. 2 – Springfield is Vermont's first town to host au-

tomated vehicle testing

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield became Vermont's first town to accept the testing of automated vehicles on its town roads, after the Springfield Selectboard unanimously voted yes to this new progressive program set in motion by Vermont Agency of Transportation.

By Joe Milliken, *The Shopper*

MARCH 16 – Woolson Block commercial space renovations nearly complete

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The nearly two-year renovation of the Woolson Block building, a beautiful three-story brick building located on Main Street in downtown Springfield, is nearly complete. After recently com-

pleting the second and third floor residential spaces, which features 15 rental apartments, the remaining street-level commercial space is nearly completed and ready to be utilized.

By Joe Milliken, *The Shopper*

APRIL 6 – Robert S. Adcock named chief executive officer for Springfield Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital's Board of Directors announced that Robert S. "Bob" Adcock, MBA, FACHE, of Wildwood, Mo., has been named its new chief executive officer.

APRIL 20 – Rockingham Roasters opens on the Square

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A new café and coffee roastery

called Rockingham Roasters, located on the Square in Bellows Falls, opened its doors for business. Owned and operated by Jennifer Gurley, the café is located at 3 Rockingham Street. The space was previously occupied by the internet provider, Sovernet, before Jennifer purchased the historic building, built in 1890, three years ago.

By Joe Milliken, *The Shopper*

MAY 1 – Chloe Jerman-Brown crowned 65th Apple Blossom Cotillion Queen

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 65th Apple Blossom Cotillion took place at the Springfield Community Players Theater, under Covid guidelines, Saturday, May 1, and

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BFDDA to announce Shop Local raffles at Flat Iron Cooperative

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance for our 2021 Shop Local prize drawing to be held Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 5:15 p.m. at the Flat Iron Cooperative. Enjoy soup by Smokin' Bowls, wine by Vermont Vines, Catamount Porter, as well as tea, espresso, treats, and more.

Bring your filled Shop Local cards in by Jan. 1 to the following businesses: Village Square Booksellers, Lisai's Market, Halladay's Flowers & Gifts, and J&H Hardware.

Each filled card gives local shoppers a chance to win one of over 40 gifts generously donated by participating businesses,

including a two-night stay and breakfast for two at the Grafton Inn.

Thank you shoppers for taking care of our Bellows Falls, Grafton, Rockingham, Saxtons River, and Westminster small businesses and spending locally this holiday season!

For those that can't attend our drawing live, find

BFDDA on Facebook for a live video. For a list of Shop Local gold sponsors, participating businesses, and BFDDA members, visit www.bellowsfallsvt.org.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors: Chroma Technology and James Plumbing & Heating.

Westminster Cares Annual Appeal fundraiser

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Westminster Cares Board of Directors met Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Westminster Institute. Westminster Cares wishes to express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the generous outpouring of support we have received to date for our 2021-22 Annual Appeal fundraising drive. Funds from this appeal enable us to continue serving the community as we adapt to these uncertain times. Thank you to all the individuals, families, and businesses who have contributed so

far, and to the entire community for your incredible support this year!

Memorial & Honor Donations received through Dec. 12, 2021

On behalf of Bill and Issy Parada and the Parada Family – thank you to all the Westminster Cares volunteers for your kind and caring services to our family and to all the members of the community from Peter, Pam, and Michael Parada.

In honor of:

Lori Larue from Anony-

mous; Libby Mills, “Truly a work of art,” from Tom and Marcia Wessels and Laurie Alberts; Bill Smidutz from Fred and Lorraine Yates; Karen Walter from Lee and Byron Stookey; the work Westminster Cares does in the community from Susan Auslander, Lisa and Jim Calchera, and Lois Barber; and all the volunteers who deliver Meals-On-Wheels from Peggy and Dirk Jager.

In memory of:

Hank and Phyllis Anderson from Don and Cindy Anderson; Evelyn Aubuchont and Kelly Harrison from Judy and Pete Harrison; Karen Augusta from Robert and Emery Ross; Justin Beebe and the Montana Wildland Firefighters from Ally, Rich, and Susan Talbot; Nance' Belisle from Charmion Handy; Judith Berkley from Penelope Arms and Anonymous; Lloyd E. Church from Carol Church; Reg Cote from Wendy Speid; Patricia H. Damon from R. Damon; Marguerite Dawson, Helen Cordano, and Joanne Scopa Cordano from Don and Donna Dawson; Almon Flagg from Ken Flagg; Clare Goodell and Terry

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Bellows Falls residents support Free Pantry



SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Each holiday season, **Gabriel McAuliffe** and his mother, **Courtney**, of Bellows Falls, Vt., reach out in different ways to help those in need in the town of Rockingham. For Christmas 2021, they decided to support the outdoors 24 Main Free Pantry in Saxtons River,

and filled the shelves with non-perishable food and personal care supplies. Pictured: Gabriel making his donations with pantry organizer Berta Martin of Saxtons River in front of the pantry in Saxtons River.

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YEAR

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Chloe Jerman-Brown was announced as this year's queen. She was escorted by Harry Valentin. Members of her court were selected and they are Anna Church, Skyler Congdon, Jordan Noyes, and Hannah Hallock.

MAY 4 – Westminster reestablishes independent school district

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

By Joe Milliken, The Shopper

MAY 28 – JC's Market opens Memorial Day Weekend

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – JC's Market and Deli, located in on Main Street in North Springfield, will

host their grand opening Friday, May 28. John Clafflin, his wife Joey, and their two daughters Taylor, 15, and Gracie, 12, are excited to bring this family business into town.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Shopper

JUNE 4 – Shear Beauty Salon now open in Woolson Block

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Since it opened June 4, Shear Beauty Salon in downtown Springfield has hit the road running. Owner Daryl Turner has been in the salon business for 15 years at a local salon, but last December she decided she was ready to set out on her own. Now, half a year later, she has opened her chic space as the first business in the newly remodeled Woolson Block.

By Amanda Wedegis, The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

JUNE 10 – Springfield Food Co-op opens their new location

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Food Co-op officially opened their new store June 10, moving from their location on River Street to their updated and larger store at 6 Main Street in downtown Springfield. The new building offers a larger selection of their great products and pre-made foods, as well as an outdoor seating area.

JUNE 20 – Bellows Falls Alumni Association Court

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls High School Alumni Association was not able to have a traditional Alumni Weekend in 2021. However, they were able to crown a queen as selected by her 2021 classmates. This year's queen is Emma Graham. Her court includes Olive Pinette, Mary-Elizabeth Rawling, Isabel Stack, and Sydney Bazin.

By Doug MacPhee

Continued next week.

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The Dance Factory thanks community for successful "The Nutcracker"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Dance Factory would like to extend heartfelt thanks and immense gratitude to the myriad community members whose contributions made this year's production of "The Nutcracker" possible.

To our amazing cast of dancers: Thank you for your time, talent, and dedication, and for being so mindful of staying healthy and safe. Performing in masks is incredibly difficult, but you rose to the occasion like champions. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

Thank you to the individuals and families who so generously supported the production, as well as to our corporate sponsors: Bean Group, Bibens Ace Hardware, Blair Books, Chester Telegraph, Denise E. Photography, Edgar

Bakery, Inn at Weathersfield, National Field Representatives, Six Loose Ladies, Smokeshire Design, Springfield Food Co-op, Style House Salon, Tina's Hallmark, Willow Farm Pet Services, and WoodWright Carpentry.

Thank you to Green Mountain Union High School for hosting the production this year. Special thanks to the town of Chester, Crown Point Excavating, and GMUHS for moving quickly to complete emergency water main repairs so that the show could go on, and to the Heritage Deli and Bakery for use of their facilities while the repairs were ongoing.

Thank you to Blair Books, Sage Jewelry and Gifts, Tina's Hallmark, and Woodbury Florist for selling tickets; to Marguerite

Janiszyn for the original artwork and to Garet McIntyre for poster design; and to Asah Cramer and SAPA TV for making the production accessible to those in our community and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently behind the scenes: Kate and Mark DeRosia, Erica and Mark Yuengling, Wendy Svec, Julie Kelley, Meredith Kelley, Lauren Greenslet, Jordan Harper, Jessie DeRosia, Aria Yuengling, Sean Whalen, Stacie Illingworth, and Suzanne Stern.

Finally, thank you to everybody in this wonderful community who has nurtured and supported "The Nutcracker" throughout the past three decades. We could not have done it without all of you, and we look forward to seeing you next year!



Dance Factory's 30th annual "The Nutcracker" production.

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LOCAL HISTORY
 BY RON PATCH

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Deal me in

I think most readers know I collect Vermont antiques. Years ago I used to see decks of playing cards with Vermont scenes. Today they are seldom seen. They date to 1910.

Printed on the front of the card box is "Vermont, 'The Green Mountain State,' Souvenir Playing Cards, 53 Views of Especial Natural and Historic Interest, Published by CHISHOLM BROS. PORTLAND, MAINE."



Circa 1910 Vermont playing cards.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

Online I found a little information about the company

"Hugh J. Chisholm was originally a large distributor of printed news materials sold on railroads and steamships throughout the northeast. In 1876 he started a lithographic printing company with his brothers that produced many pictorial tourist guides.

"While their lithographic material was printed in Portland, they imported engraved material in from Germany. At the same time they became heavily invested in Maine's wood pulp industry. By 1892 they had become an early pioneer in publishing view-cards of the Northeast. Many of their cards were made as heavily retouched photochromolithographs."

This deck of cards is in its original box. Each card is a different Vermont scene. The nine of clubs shown with this article is Summit Cut in Mount Holly.

Summit Cut

From History of Mount Holly, Vermont by Carroll R. Tarbell:

"The Green Mountain Turnpike was the way to the outside world until December 1849 when the Rutland and Burlington Railroad was completed at Summit. On the east side was a rock cut three-quarters of a mile in length and on the west side, a swamp where the bones of a mammoth were found (see Appendix, page 246.)

"The cut was drilled with hand tools, one man sitting and turning the drill and two men alternately striking it with sledges. Black powder was used as dynamite had not been invented. Derricks, probably operated by steam engines, were used. Some places the stone was placed in a semi-circle around where the derrick stood. There are stone piles which would indicate that short lines of tracks were laid away from the cut. Cars were probably drawn by horses and the rock dumped beside the track."

"Elder Packer in his Journal records, 'One man killed in 1848.' Two men were killed on Section 8, and 5 on the Summit in 1849. If eight were killed, a lot more must have been injured, more or less seriously.

"I've been told there was a shanty town for the workers and their families which the townspeople called 'Little Dublin.' Bea-

man B. Bixby who lived in the Olney farm didn't settle with the railroad until October 1852. In the end he accepted \$500 for damages.

"Beginning on the north line of land owned by the heirs of Thomas H. Bixby, thence running northerly on the centerline of said Rail Road through the rock cut and including four rods wide on each side of said center line about one-hundred and twenty Eight rods to land of Samuel Hemenway, Jr. And I hereby discharge Rail Road Company from all Claims for damages Sustained by me during and since the Construction of said Road either to my land or water Crops fences, wood and timber and all claims for damages of Every description whatsoever to this date. And I also hereby Convey to said Company the privilege of maintaining and servicing the turn table at the station at Mount Holly Summit. (Vol. 13, page 18.)"

In Tarbell's History of Mount Holly is this photo of the Cut. It's a postcard with a caption: "Summit Vt. Highway Bridge over Big Cut on line of Rutland R.R."

Below the photo Tarbell notes, "The bridge was removed in 1919."

The mammoth Page 246 as mentioned in part:

"Elephas primogenius Blumenback. It is a remarkable fact, that in making the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, which extends from Burlington to Bellows Falls, two of the most interesting fossils ever found in New England were brought to light. These were the remains of an elephant and a whale. The former were found in Mount Holly, in 1848, the latter in Charlotte, in 1849..."

"...In making this excavation, the workman found at the bottom of the bed, resting upon gravel which separated it from the rock below, a huge tooth...Soon afterwards one of the tusks was found..."

"...The length of the tusk, measured along the curve on the outer surface, is eighty inches..."

The Mount Holly Historical Society has this tusk on display at their museum in Belmont. Check it out.

This week's old saying, "I feel more like I do now than I did before."



Mount Holly mammoth tusk.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Gratitude is abundant at Black River Good Neighbor Services. On a cold December Saturday, the Ludlow Fire Department together with Proctorsville Fire Department came together to demonstrate their good neighbor style within the community. Spending a very long day in Ludlow Shaw's parking lot, the two departments collected an amazing amount of food on behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services Food Shelf. Coordinated by firefighter, Angela Kissell, fire trucks parked and cheer-

fully collected food. And, at the end of the day delivered it to us.

There is a great need in our community, and it was a true pleasure knowing that the two Fire Departments took on this effort, spending many hours on our behalf collecting such an impressive amount of food. It's what a community is all about, helping and supporting each other, in this case neighbors helping neighbors. How grateful we are!

On behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services

Food Shelf, our sincere thanks go to the Ludlow Fire Department and the Proctorsville Fire Department, whose commitment is so important to BRGNS. Folks in the communities of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville, and Plymouth will all benefit from your efforts and generosity.

Sincerely,
Krey Kellington
Executive Director
Black River Good Neighbor Services

Dear Editor,

We should pay more for our groceries so workers can get a raise. I'm thinking especially of the workers at my own favorite store, by far, the Market Basket in Claremont. The management and team there have worked their heads off to keep the store clean, safe, and well stocked – steep challenges lately.

I think of the baggers like Emile, Herb, Cathy, Patrick, and Louise, always friendly and helpful while they handle thousands of pounds of groceries, on their feet all day every day. What a great

service they have done. And they've been nice to us all this time, when maybe we weren't at our best.

Most of all, these good people have served us without quitting or getting to work from home or collect unemployment. They've risked their health. They've kept the rest of us going.

To my family, they are true heroes, the ones who "stand in the gap," like the Bible says: *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I*

should not destroy it: but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30)

These workers are standing in the gap. We should pay a bit more for our groceries so they can get a raise. What about a two-cent surcharge on every item in the cart, for a start? Going straight to workers. This is the very least we can do.

Thank you, Market Basket workers, and all who stand in the gap.

Sincerely,
Sean Whalen
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Last Wednesday's Selectboard meeting with public discussion on the mask mandate was truly eye opening. It's difficult to listen to the same theme from so many people: "My personal freedom is more important than yours."

Whatever happened to taking care of your neighbor with regard to public health? Wearing a mask is such a simple thing to do – it keeps your germs from me and mine from reaching you. It's not perfect or forever – it's just until the worst is over. It's a simple sacrifice that apparently many in Chester

seem unwilling to make.

Contradictions and illogic: An owner of a local grocery spoke out against a mask mandate because his clerks would have to enforce it. Yet, he has no problem with a sign on the doors to his establishment: "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service." Who enforces that rule? Why not simply add "No Masks" to it?

A woman asked the selectboard to enforce the speed limit on North Street for people's safety, yet was opposed to a mask mandate to keep people safe.

Many of the business owners who spoke seemed fear-

ful of losing customers if they required them to wear a mask. For them, it isn't about public safety; it's purely a business decision. We all have a choice, and mine is that I will not shop in an establishment that does not require a mask so that I might feel safe. I don't think I'm the only one who feels that way.

Can't we get through this difficult time without jeopardizing the health of our friends and neighbors? Can we say, "Your health is as important as my personal freedom?"

Stay safe, wear a mask – it won't kill you. But Covid might!

Sincerely,
Kathy Pellett
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Discussion and debate about whether to wear a mask as a means to halt the spread of Covid-19 is traveling around Vermont like a wildfire, or, perhaps better said, like a virus.

The matter comes up frequently at the governor's weekly press conferences. Selectboards up and down the state, from Hardwick to Morrystown, Stowe, Charlotte, Brattleboro, and Bennington are grappling with the issue.

The governor and many others say mandating masks in public spaces and indoors would be unenforceable, counter productive, and divisive.

If a mask were required at a selectboard meeting, a city council, or even the governor's press conferences, a person who refused

to wear one would be disrupting the public meeting and could be asked to leave. If they refused, they could be removed. And that says nothing about common sense.

I'm sure many a parent has had arguments – dare I say divisive arguments – with their children about bedtime, eating the food on their plate, being home by a certain time, focusing on homework rather than a television show, and other matters.

Not everyone agrees seatbelts are needed. Not everyone believes vaccinating children for contagious diseases is a good idea. Not everyone believes it is wrong and illegal to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater when there is no fire.

At times, disagreement – dare I say divisiveness – saves lives. Divisiveness is part of life. That's not the issue.

The issue is public health and the common good. More than 812,000 people in the United States have died from Covid-19 – that's almost 30% more than Ver-

mont's entire population. Millions have been stricken by the virus, millions more around the world have been sickened and died. Covid-19 is contagious. Covid-19 is deadly.

The people of any town, the state, the nation, the world need to wear masks. The people need to get vaccinated and boosted. People need to take this virus seriously to stop serious illness and, yes, more death.

Curtailing Covid-19 is not a matter of "personal rights." The adage that one person's rights end where another person's nose begins seems most appropriate in this time of need. According to the scientists and medical professionals, the Covid-19 virus passes easily between the eyes, mouth – and the nose – when inhaling and exhaling.

Covid-19 is a public health crisis and the public needs to act if the disease is to be controlled. That's not divisive. That's reality.

Sincerely,
Ross Connelly
Hardwick, Vt.

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor
The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

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.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the message at 10:30 a.m. with Children's Church for ages 3-7, and fellowship. Live streaming available at 10:30 a.m. at Living Hope Facebook page and YouTube. Services can also be found at www.sapatv.org and www.fact8tv.com.

CAVENDISH, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.
Please join us Sundays at 8:45 a.m. with Pastor John Hawkins. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, call 802-674-3443 or go to www.facebook.com/stjamesumcproctorsville.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, and keep your hands clean. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCofNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
Worship is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m. in person. Masks are optional. For more information, go to www.hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Route 103 North
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom.

To request a Zoom link, email chestervtuu@gmail.com. Sunday services run from September to early June.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.
Sunday service is 10 a.m. in person. For more information, go to Facebook @TysonCommunityChurch, call 802-522-8249, or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.
Masks recommended, but we welcome all to come and worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

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.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.
Sunday morning service is 10 a.m. Evening service is 6 p.m. All services and in-church activities have resumed. Masks are available and social distancing is encouraged. The sanctuary seating is arranged to promote distancing. Go to www.facebook.com/Springfield-Assembly-of-God-156583214402910 for links and more information.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional Liturgy is the first and third Sundays of the month. Rite II, contemporary Liturgy, is the second and fourth Sunday. Both are at 8:30 a.m. The rare fifth Sunday of the month will be Congregation's choice. Holy Days as announced. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

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.

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Henry G. Moseley, 1929-2021

GRAFTON, Vt. – Col. Henry G. Moseley, 92, of Grafton, Vt., died Nov. 22, 2021. He passed comfortably at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt., surrounded by family.

He was the eldest son of the late Col. George Van Horn Moseley Jr. and the late Katharine Payne Moseley. He was born Oct. 15, 1929, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and was an Army brat throughout his childhood, living at West Point, Forts Benning, Bragg, Jackson, Snelling, and Lewis, as well as in Tientsin, China.

He graduated from Kent School in Kent, Conn. While at Kent, he joined the Kent School Boat Club, and in 1947 their rowing crew won the Thames Challenge Cup at Henley.

In 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, attended USMA Preparatory School at Stewart Field, N.Y., and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1948. As a cadet, he was on the varsity ski and sailing teams. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. in 1952, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

In his early career, Moseley served in various commands and assignments with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division, the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, the 503rd Airborne Battle Group, and the 173rd Airborne Brigade (separate). His tours of duty were in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Okinawa.

He obtained his Master Parachute Badge and Senior Army Aviator Badge.

In 1964, he attended U.S. Army Command General Staff College and became an instructor in Airborne Operations at the college.

He later served with distinction two tours in Vietnam. He was the first company commander of 213th "Black Cats" Assault Support Helicopter Company in Phu Loi, Vietnam.

During his career, Col. Moseley was awarded The Legion of Merit, The Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals, The



Henry G. Moseley, 1929-2021. PHOTO PROVIDED

Bronze Star Medal, and The Meritorious Service Medal.

From 1968-1971, he worked at the Pentagon, at the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development. He obtained a master's degree from American University in 1972, and was professor of Military Science at St. John's University from 1972-1975. He was a senior advisor with Army Reserve Command, NYC. Before retiring in 1980, his last assignment was as Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria.

After retirement, he dabbled in sheep farming, writing, computer consulting, flying, and sailing – mostly the latter. In 1994, using his Slavic-language skills, he placed himself under fire again as a UNICEF volunteer in Sarajevo.

Henry is survived by his wife, Eniko (Eni); by four of his five children, his son Henry Jr. (Cynthia), and his three daughters Helen Hollday (Erik), Mary Noel, and Robin Susanna. He is survived by nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five cousins, numerous relatives, and many friends.

He was predeceased by his daughter Katharine, by his brother George, and by his sister Katharine.

Funeral services are pending. His Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, May 29, 2022, time TBD, at Riverledge Farm in Grafton, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grafton Rescue Squad Inc., P.O. Box 54, Grafton, VT 05146, or to Grace Cottage Hospital, 185 Grafton Rd., P.O. Box 216, Townshend, VT 05353.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AARP Fraud Watch Network: Zelle and Venmo

REGION – Zelle and Venmo – are you familiar with these? Do you use them? Regardless of whether your answers are yes or no, they are systems that can make the transfer of money more convenient and all you need is a bank account, credit card, and a cell phone. In themselves, they are not fraudulent and may serve a critical role in dealing with emergencies that require that money be moved quickly.

Zelle and Venmo are identified as "Peer-to-Peer" payment systems. Zelle was created by several major banks while Venmo is part of PayPal. Both systems require registration. You can often sign up for Zelle through your bank or credit union and receive or use funds in your own accounts. Venmo conducts business between Venmo accounts and balances.

Are these money transfer systems fast? Very! A money transfer takes only a couple minutes. Zelle withdraws and deposits money into an existing bank or

brokerage account. Venmo uses PayPal to do the same thing; and if you are making a purchase but do not have sufficient funds, Venmo debits the credit card linked to the account. Generally, no fee is charged for transactions, but as with everything else, check with the system being used before doing anything.

So far, this seems to be a harmless way to do business. It can be very convenient when dealing with friends or family to get money from one place to another. However, as Zelle and Venmo become more popular, use by criminals increases. In fact, the FBI reports that since inception three or four years ago, scammers increased their use of the payment systems due to the speed of money transfers, ease of use, and anonymity.

So, what scams are using Zelle and Venmo? Almost all of them: fake prizes, tech support, romance, buying or selling goods and services, friend or family member in need, get rich

quick scams, check scams, and charity scams.

How to avoid becoming a victim? Think before you click. As with most scams, don't let emotion govern your behavior. With Zelle and Venmo, understand that money transfers are permanent and occur as soon as you make the authorization. If you realize that a scam has occurred, report it immediately to the bank or credit union involved. While they cannot stop the transfer, they may be able to reimburse you for the loss. If the institution does not assist you, file a complaint with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, www.cfpb.gov.

Consider these tips:

- When you get a call, don't believe caller ID – it's too easy to fake.
- Never give anyone your account or other personal information, including

passwords, via phone, text, or email unless you can independently verify their identity.

- Research and validate all requests for money transfers.
- Don't provide goods or services to anyone before receiving payment.
- If someone tells you that they sent you money by mistake, tell them to cancel the transaction. It is likely a scam if the person refuses to do this.
- Utilize two-factor authentication with all financial accounts.
- Link Zelle and Venmo accounts to credit cards, not bank accounts, to provide additional protection. You can challenge credit card charges before payment is issued.
- Avoid the complications altogether by using Apple Pay Cash, Square Cash, or features available in Gmail

or Messenger. In fact, you may have money transfer capability built into an existing bank, credit union, or brokerage accounts.

Additional tips can be found on websites for the Better Business Bureau, AARP, several banks and brokerages, and by simply using your browser search engine by typing Zelle or Venmo.

If you fall victim to a money transfer scam, report it. There is no guarantee you will get your money back, but the report information may aid law enforcement and the transfer services in apprehending criminals and improving the ser-

vices. Contact the FBI at www.IC3.gov and the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov. Also consider filing a report with AARP, www.aarp.org/fraud, and the Better Business Bureau, www.BBB.org/scamtracker. Both organizations track and report scams nationwide.

Questions or concerns? Contact me at egreenblott@aarp.org. Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network. He hosts a CATV program, Mr. Scammer, distributed by GNAT-TV in Sunderland, Vt.

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a.m. Tickets available at the Social Quarters or call 802-463-4054. Appetizers served all evening with a champagne toast and noisemakers included.



JAN. 1 –
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market will be open New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at our 80 Flat St. location. Debit and credit cards accepted. For more information, email farmersmarket@postailsolutions.org or call 802-275-2835.

JAN. 8 –
GASSETTS, Vt. – Gassetts Grange wants to invite you to our Second Saturday Breakfast, Saturday, Jan. 8. We will serve from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, plain and blueberry pancakes, home fries, toast, juices, coffee, and tea. Eat in or takeout. Hope to see you all there. For more

information, call 802-591-4290 or 802-875-1051.

SUNDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 hosts Bingo every Sunday, starting Jan. 2, 2022. Doors open at 12 p.m., and games start at 1 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has resumed meeting Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartsness 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 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

TUESDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. All-you-can-eat buffet includes milk, coffee or tea, and dessert. Suggested donation. For

more information, call 802-885-5879.

WEDNESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common, Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

THURSDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday Upper Valley Land Trust holds community garden workdays at our Up on the Hill Conservation Area off of Richardson Road in Charlestown. The garden is run by the UVLT and all of the produce is donated to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. No experience needed and all tools provided. Children welcome. An adult must accompany those under 15. Sign up to receive more information about scheduling and tasks at www.uvlt.org/food-pantry-garden.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knit Knite at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common Thursdays, from 5-8 p.m., and via Zoom, from 7-8 p.m.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Support group for parents of pregnancy and infant loss on the first Thursday of the month, from 6-7 p.m., at Springfield Area Parent Child Center, 6 Main Street in North Springfield. For details or to register, email dominiquer@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 ext. 258.

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Friday, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held in the First Universalist Parish of Chester community room. Classes are free and open to all. Drop-in class, no registration needed. For details, contact Barbara at bwquilter1778@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, visit www.okemo.com.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE Town of Londonderry, VT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Londonderry, Vermont will accept sealed bids on one Town-owned property. The property information and all bidding instructions are specified in a bid solicitation available at the Town Office located at 100 Old School Street in South Londonderry, and on the homepage of the Town's website – www.londonderryvt.org.

The property will be available for inspection at specified times on January 3, 2022, and sealed bids must be received in hand no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2022. The property will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for that property, subject to required merger with an abutting property and 24 V.S.A. 1061(a). The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

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For more information:

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- Go to the Town of Rockingham website
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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold two public hearings on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The James E. Mullen Trust has applied for a minor subdivision located south of Osgood Road. Rick Crawford has applied for a minor subdivision located west of 800 Missing Link Road. The meeting is located at the Rockingham Town Hall 3rd floor conference room and on Zoom using the meeting ID: 814 6075 8306 with the passcode 'DRB'

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in person at Town Hall, 96 Main Street, 3rd Floor Selectboard Hall to receive public input and take testimony on the following applications:

Application 202182 Springfield Housing Authority to place a 128 tractor shed in the DDCOD Overlay District. The property is zoned Central Business/DDCOD and is located at 80 Main Street.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD - SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING JANUARY 17, 2022

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The Town of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, on Monday, January 17, 2022 via ZOOM Video Conferencing for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 Springfield Town Budget.

Walter E. Martone, Chair
 Springfield Selectboard

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT

WINDHAM UNIT

CIVIL DIVISION

Docket Number 343-9-19 Wmcv

VERMONT HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY,
Plaintiff

v.
**JILLIAN N. TAYLOR and
 DAVID J. TAYLOR**
 Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale filed December 18, 2019, the Amended Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale filed August 5, 2021 ("Foreclosure Judgment") and the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage granted by Jillian N. Taylor and David J. Taylor ("Mortgagors") to Chittenden Trust Company, d/b/a Chittenden Bank dated July 18, 2007 and recorded in Book 307, Pages 479-91 of the Town of Rockingham Land Records, of which mortgage Vermont Housing Finance Agency is the current holder pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 26, 2007 and recorded in Book 338, Page 65 of the Town of Rockingham Land Records, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the undersigned will cause to be sold at public auction ("Sale") at **11:00 AM on January 13, 2022, the lands and premises known as 797 Missing Link Road, Bellows Falls, Vermont** ("Mortgaged Property") more particularly described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to David J. Taylor and Jillian N. Taylor, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by Warranty Deed of Barry Tucker and Kathryn Tucker dated July 18, 2007 and of record in Book 307, Pages 475-476 of the Town of Rockingham Land Records.

Reference is made to a Quitclaim Deed from David Taylor to Jillian Taylor dated September 14, 2014 and recorded at Book 365, Pages 198-200 of the Town of Rockingham Land Records

Being Parcel 1 on a plat entitled 'Subdivision of Land for Barry Tucker, in Rockingham, Windham County, Vermont, prepared by Bruno Associates, Inc., PC, dated August 3, 2006, drawing no. 06075-bo.dwg. Parcel 1 being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at concrete bound located on the southerly right of way limits of US Route 5, also known as Missing Link Road, said concrete bound marking the northeasterly corner of the within conveyed premises and the northwesterly corner of premises now or formerly of G. Everett and Beatrice L. Allen, Trustees; thence following along lands of said Allen South 02° 30' 00" W a distance of 441.90 feet, more or less, to an iron pin; said Iron pin marking the southeasterly corner of the within conveyed premises; thence along lands being retained by the within Grantors, Barry Oliver Tucker and Kathryn Jean Tucker, North 50° 33' 40" West a distance of 260.88 feet, more or less, to a 5/8" capped rebar, said capped rebar marking the southwesterly corner of the within conveyed premises and the southeasterly corner of Parcel 2; thence along said Parcel 2 North 01° 26' 00" West a distance of 292.85 feet, more or less, to a 5/8" capped rebar located on the southerly right of way limits of US Route 5, also known as Missing Link Road, said capped rebar marking the northwesterly corner of the within conveyed premises and the northeasterly corner of said Parcel 2; thence along a curve turning to the right along said US Route 5, also known as Missing Link Road, with an arc length of 229.85 feet with a radius of 667.30 feet, with a chord bearing South 85° 44' 10" East, with a chord length of 228.72 feet, to the point and place of beginning.

Being a portion of those lands and premises conveyed to Barry Oliver Tucker and Kathryn Jean Tucker by the Executor's Deed of Barry J. Polidor, Executor of the Estate of Albertine A. Willard, dated May 12, 2006 and recorded in Book 299 at Pages 569-571 of the Rockingham Land Records.

This conveyance is subject to and with the benefit of any utility easements, spring rights, easements for ingress and egress, and rights incidental to each of the same as may appear of record, provided that this paragraph shall not reinstate any such encumbrances previously extinguished by the Marketable Record Title Act, Chapter 5, Subchapter 7, Title 27, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Reference is hereby made to the above-mentioned instruments, the records thereof, the references therein made, and their respective records and references, in further aid of this description.

TERMS OF SALE: The Sale will be held at the Mortgaged Property. The Mortgaged Property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS, WITH NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND", subject to easements, rights of way, covenants, permits, reservations and restrictions of record, superior liens, if any, encumbrances that are not extinguished by the sale, title defects, environmental hazards, unpaid real estate taxes (delinquent and current, including penalty and interest to the date of closing), and municipal liens, to the highest bidder.

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The Mortgagors or their executors, administrators and assigns may redeem the Mortgaged Property at any time prior to the Sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including post-judgment expenses and the costs and expenses of sale.

Dated at Cabot, Vermont, this 29th day of November, 2021.

Vermont Housing Finance Agency
 By: Steckel Law Office
 By:/s/ Susan J. Steckel
 By: Susan J. Steckel, Esq.
 P. O. Box 247
 Marshfield, Vermont 05658-0247
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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Re: Appeal of Decision of Commissioner of
 Department of Environmental Conservation,
 The Findings of Fact of the same, and the
 Classification and Wetland Determination #2019-484.D
 Decision of the Agency Upon Request for Reconsideration

Docket No. 21-ENV-00131

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Comes now Magris Talc USA, Inc. and pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220, and as owner of or Lessee property and as otherwise interested aggrieved person who has been or will be injured by the proposed act, determination, delineation, findings and decisions pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §8504 appeals the decision and findings of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the determination, classification and findings regarding certain alleged wetlands located in Ludlow, Vermont by the Watershed Management Division, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources and all actions pertaining thereto.

Said Appeal applies to the property located near the mine site at 103 Argonaut Road, Ludlow, Vermont and specifically to alleged wetlands known as "Wetland 2/Stick Wetland, Vernal Pool South, and Wetland P". (Wetland Determination #2019-484.D)

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MUST ENTER AN APPEARANCE WITHIN 20 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE BY FILING AN APPEARANCE IN WRITING WITH THE CLERK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT AND BY SERVING WRITTEN NOTICE PURSUANT TO RULE 5 OF SAID COURT, its address is: Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division 32 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 303 Burlington, VT 05401


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Springfield Hospital welcomes FEMA team —



Federal Emergency Management Agency team.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Springfield Hospital is pleased to welcome a Federal Emergency Management Agency team to assist the hospital in its pandemic response.

Working in close collaboration with the state of Vermont and the Vermont Department of Health, Springfield Hospital is utilizing the six-person FEMA

team that arrived last Friday to staff an outpatient pediatric vaccination clinic onsite at the hospital. Beginning Monday, Dec. 27, an additional treatment clinic for Covid-positive patients will also be offered onsite at the hospital.

Pediatric appointments can be scheduled online by visiting [www.springfieldhospital.org/covid-](http://www.springfieldhospital.org/covid-19-vaccine-info)

19-vaccine-info. The Covid Treatment Clinic requires a physician referral from primary care providers and is available by scheduled appointment only.

The FEMA team will work with hospital staff through Jan. 15, 2022, and possibly longer depending on availability.

“The FEMA professionals are providing great support to our Springfield Hospital staff, which has worked around the clock to provide needed care to our community resulting from Covid-19 and many other illnesses. The FEMA team will help us provide additional access to pediatric vaccinations, and treatment for Covid-positive patients throughout our region, and we are grateful to receive these federal resources,” commented Bob Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

For more information about Vermont’s Covid-19 response, including vaccination, testing, and prevention, please visit www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19.

Six potential 401(k) rollover pitfalls

REGION — You’re about to receive a distribution from your 401(k) plan, and you’re considering a rollover to a traditional IRA. While these transactions are normally straightforward and trouble-free, there are some pitfalls you’ll want to avoid.

1. Consider the pros and cons of a rollover

The first mistake some people make is failing to consider the pros and cons of a rollover to an IRA in the first place. You can usually leave your money in the 401(k) plan if your balance is over \$5,000. And if you’re changing jobs, you may also be able to roll your distribution over to your new employer’s 401(k) plan.

Though IRAs typically offer significantly more investment opportunities and withdrawal flexibility, your 401(k) plan may offer investments that can’t be replicated in an IRA — or can’t be replicated at an equivalent cost.

An IRA may give you more flexibility with distributions. Your distribution options in a 401(k) plan depend on the terms of that particular plan, and your options may be limited. However, with an IRA, the timing and amount of distributions are generally at your discretion.

Under federal law, 401(k) plans offer virtually unlimited protection from your creditors, whereas federal law protects your IRAs from creditors only if you declare bankruptcy. Any IRA creditor protection outside of bankruptcy depends on your particular state’s law.

Required minimum distributions from traditional IRAs must begin by April 1 following the year

you reach age 72. However, if you work past that age and are still participating in your employer’s 401(k) plan, you can delay your first distribution from that plan until April 1 following the year of your retirement — if you own no more than 5% of the company.

2. Not every distribution can be rolled over to an IRA

For example, RMDs can’t be rolled over. Neither can hardship withdrawals or certain periodic payments. Do so and you may have an excess contribution to deal with.

3. Use direct rollovers and avoid 60-day rollovers

While it may be tempting to give yourself a free 60-day loan, it’s generally a mistake to use 60-day rollovers rather than direct trustee-to-trustee rollovers. If the plan sends the money to you, it’s required to withhold 20% of the taxable amount. If you later want to roll the entire amount of the original distribution over to an IRA, you’ll need to use other sources to make up the 20% the plan withheld. In addition, there’s no need to taunt the rollover gods by risking inadvertent violation of the 60-day limit.

4. Remember the 10% penalty tax

Taxable distributions you receive from a 401(k) plan before age 59.5 are normally subject to a 10% early distribution penalty, but a special rule lets you avoid the tax if you receive your distribution as a result of leaving your job during or after the year you turn age 55. But this special rule doesn’t carry over to IRAs. If you roll your distribution over to an IRA, you’ll need to wait until age 59.5 before you can withdraw those dollars from the IRA without the 10% penalty. So if you think you may need to use the funds before age 59.5, a rollover to an IRA could be a costly mistake.

5. Learn about net unreal-

ized appreciation (NUA)

If your 401(k) plan distribution includes employer stock that’s appreciated over the years, rolling that stock over into an IRA could be a serious mistake. Normally, distributions from 401(k) plans are subject to ordinary income taxes. But a special rule applies when you receive a distribution of employer stock from your plan: You pay ordinary income tax only on the cost of the stock at the time it was purchased for you by the plan.

Any appreciation in the stock generally receives more favorable long-term capital gains treatment, regardless of how long you’ve owned the stock. Any additional appreciation after the stock is distributed to you is either long-term or short-term capital gains, depending on your holding period. These special NUA rules don’t apply if you roll the stock over to an IRA.

6. And if you’re rolling over Roth 401(k) dollars to a Roth IRA

If you establish your first Roth IRA to accept a rollover of Roth 401(k) dollars, you’ll have to wait five more years until your distribution from the Roth IRA will be qualified and tax-free, regardless of whether or not you’ve met the five-year requirement in your employer plan. So if you have a Roth 401(k), and you think at some point you might want to roll it into a Roth IRA, you might want to open one now so the clock starts ticking on the five-year requirement as soon as possible — this assumes you don’t already have a Roth IRA.

When evaluating whether to initiate a rollover from an employer plan to an IRA always be sure to: ask about possible surrender charges that may be imposed by your employer plan, or new surrender charges that your IRA may impose; compare investment fees and expenses charged by your IRA and investment funds with those charged by your employer plan; and understand any accumulated rights or guarantees that you may be giving up by transferring funds out of your employer plan.

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This year, CCCD will be taking all orders online through the Fedco group order form. To view detailed step-by-step online ordering instructions, payment instructions, and for further information regarding the sale, visit the CCCD website at www.cheshireconservation.org/plantsale.

Pick up will be at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole this spring; details to be announced at a later date. CCCD will be partnering again with Wichland Woods Mushrooms this year, and will post a separate mushroom order form to

the CCCD website plant sale page in the next few weeks.

All proceeds of the plant sale help to cover operating costs of the CCCD and will benefit conservation efforts in Cheshire County. In addition to improving your landscape, you are helping fund conservation projects in our community.

For more information, to sign up to be added to plant sale updates, or for assistance in completing your online order, contact Bence Hershon, outreach coordinator, at 603-756-2988 ext. 3011 or email bence@cheshireconservation.org.

Susan G. Komen Vermont Snowshoe at Grafton Trails

GRAFTON, Vt. – 2022 Susan G. Komen Vermont Snowshoe registration continues with standard registration rates in effect through event day, Sunday, Jan. 16. Complete event details, including registration rate information, is available online at www.komen.org/vermontsnowshoe in the FAQ section.

The 2022 Komen Vermont Snowshoe will be held in-person Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center. The center will open at 8:30 a.m. for new registrations and pre-registration snowshoe activities. The Vermont Snowshoe is a family-friendly event. Snowshoe demos will be available on a first come, first serve basis, courtesy of our official snowshoe partner, Dion Snowshoes. Snowshoeing is expected to begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Komen Vermont Snowshoe is offering a virtual option for those who prefer to #Snowshoe-WhereYouAre.

Registrants indicating that they wish to be recognized as a breast cancer survivor or someone living with metastatic disease will automatically receive an event tee shirt. A group photo is planned for snowshoe morning at 9 a.m.

While fundraising is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Registered snowshoers raising \$50 or more will receive an event tee shirt. Komen Vermont Snowshoe proceeds will support the Komen Helpline, Treatment Assistance Program, national breast cancer research, and Komen advocacy in pursuit of health equity for all.

Pre-registration tee-shirt pick up will be held outside at official lodging partner, the Grafton Inn, Saturday, Jan. 15, between 4-6 p.m. This will be a great time to drop off Snowshoe donations, as all donations handed in and made on-

line by Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. will qualify for Top Fundraising recognition.

There are volunteer opportunities for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and there continue to be sponsorship opportuni-

ties.

Questions may be addressed to Susan G. Komen Development Manager for Vermont, Linda Maness, at LManess@komen.org or by calling 802-548-4691.

New fishing regulations begin Jan. 1, 2022

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's fishing regulations will look different Jan. 1, 2022. But don't worry, most of the new regulations have been simplified and provide additional fishing opportunities. If you fish like you have in the past, you will be legal with a few exceptions.

"We've worked with our biologists, warden service staff, fish and wildlife board, and the public to develop regulations that are easier to understand while still providing protection for fish populations across Vermont," said Director of the Fish Division Eric Palmer. "These new changes allow anyone to fish nearly all water bodies in the state year-round as long as they practice catch and release."

Some additional highlights include:

- In certain lakes and ponds, the winter harvest season for trout will start Jan. 1.

• You can keep eight trout from streams and rivers. This means eight total fish of any combination of brook, brown, or rainbow trout.

• Many waters that were previously seasonally closed are now managed under general regulations.

• All of these changes mean that the number of

tables in the Fishing Guide is reduced from ten to three.

To get all the details, visit Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com where you can download a copy of the "2022 Fishing Guide & Regulations" or grab a hard copy at one of many license agent locations across the state.

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Memor Workshop with Pam Bernard winter sessions

WALPOLE, N.H. – Award-winning author Pam Bernard will hold her popular memoir workshops again on Zoom. They will begin the week of Jan. 3, 2022 and continue through February. Days and times vary depending

on the workshop. Writing memoir involves more than recounting experience. In fact, the compelling memoir has little to do with experience. Rather, the work of memoir is in the struggle to understand what to do with that experience,

how to perceive it as the adult narrator who receives flashes of memory, often unbidden. Ultimately, the central task of memoir is to fashion a narrative, to weave the disparate threads of our lives into a story with which a reader can identify, because that story is, above all, emotionally true.

We never really know ourselves until we begin to write about our unique experience. A safe, nurturing space in which to begin, to experiment, to challenge one's assumptions, is crucial. These workshops combine the serious study of craft – narration, voice, tone – with ample writing

from prompts. During each workshop participants will begin a fresh draft, as well as have the opportunity for existing drafts to be critiqued by the group.

Pam Bernard is author of four books, the most of recent a verse novel titled "Esther." She is also a painter, editor, writing coach, and adjunct professor at Keene State College. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College and B.A. from Harvard University. Her awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please email pam@pambernard.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call 603-756-4177 for more information, including days and times.

Rockingham Library presents "Bearing Witness and Endurance of Voice"



Lucy Terry Prince.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Thursday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m., Shanta Lee Gander will be present-

ing the life story of Lucy Terry Prince via Zoom, hosted by the Rockingham Library. Lucy Terry Prince was born in Africa, where she was kidnapped by slave traders and transported to Rhode Island. While still enslaved in 1746, she wrote "Bars Fight," the oldest known poem in the United States written by an African American. Prince later regained her freedom and moved to Vermont with her husband, Abijah Prince, and fought for her family's land rights all the way to the highest court in Vermont.

In this presentation, Shanta Lee Gander illustrates Prince's importance as a poet and orator, and as one unafraid to fight for her rights within the landscape of early Vermont, New England, and America. Gander will also perform Lucy's only surviving poem, "Bars Fight."

This talk is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information, contact Rockingham Library at 802-463-4270 or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

"Bearing Witness and Endurance of Voice: The Legacy of Lucy Terry Prince" is a Vermont Humanities program hosted by Rockingham Library, supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or Vermont Humanities.

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