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Vilas Bridge repair project gaining momentum

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It has been a long 13 years since the Vilas Bridge, which connects Bellows Falls to Walpole, was closed by officials of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation due to a lack of funds to repair it. However, circumstances seem to finally be headed in the right direction after additional federal infrastructure funds were recently signed into law.

The infusion of additional funds and the introduction of the “10-year New Hampshire transportation plan,” which requires New Hampshire legislative approval, has prompted New Hampshire (which owns 93% of the bridge, and Vermont 7%) to allocate nearly \$18 million to repair the dilapidated Vilas Bridge in 2028-2029, with initial engineering to begin in 2023 and preliminary construction work in 2026.

Last year, New Hampshire Transportation officials placed the Vilas Bridge under the 10-year plan but with only 50% funding attached to the project, in hopes that Vermont would provide the other 50%. Although Vermont denied the request, Vermont Transportation has offered help in the past. In 2013, VTrans offered to loan New Hampshire funds to repair the bridge, if in turn, New Hampshire would fund Vermont’s part of the repairs at a later date. Unfortunately, an agreement could not be reached.

Ironically enough, it was Rockingham Town



Vilas Bridge project. PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

officials, led by Rockingham Selectboard member Bonnie North, who began researching what new federal infrastructure funding might be available to help repair the bridge, while also coordinating with Walpole and New Hampshire state officials on how to tap into these funds.

Now, with the new federal funding, the long awaited project has been fully endorsed by New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, the N.H. Executive Council, and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The last hurdle will be the final approval of the 10-year plan by the New Hampshire Legislature.

Although the Vilas Bridge – which was built in 1930 – is not a particularly long or large structure, spanning approximately 635 feet long and 25 feet wide, complications may arise with the immediate area surrounding the project. There is not an abundant amount of space near the bridge, making it more

difficult for construction workers to set up their staging area.

What’s more, there is also a set of sewage pipes that run under the existing bridge to the Bellows Falls sewage treatment plant. These wastewater lines, along with the overall significance of the historic bridge, make this project a rather delicate one.

Additionally, there has been a growing concern from local Vermont communities over the years of delays, because the bridge links downtown Bellows Falls to New Hampshire. With the bridge being unavailable, the local economy is affected every day by the rerouting of potential consumers. There are also growing environmental issues regarding the “overuse” of the adjacent Church Street Bridge. The final decision on the plans to repair the Vilas Bridge is pending a legislative decision.

Rockingham residents invited to submit proposals for ARPA funding

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Town of Rockingham will be holding two public meetings on Wednesday, March 16 and Wednesday, April 13, both at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House for a session on proposed projects for the region’s APRA funds.

Camoin Associates, along with ARPA committee members, will facilitate discussion and further development of the ARPA submissions; local organizations and individuals have submitted project proposals for this meeting and more are welcome at the meeting. All projects are welcome.

The Saxtons River Village Trustees, The Bellows Falls Village Trustees, and

Rockingham Select Board will determine where each municipality’s ARPA funds will be allocated, but the boards encourage community wide input and public engagement.

There are three aspects to determining ARPA spending that the Vermont League of Cities and Towns encourages:

- 1) Prioritize good governance: convene stakeholders and build consensus, ensure transparency, and do not create future deficits.
- 2) Leverage ARPA aid: strategic planning process, leverage other federal funding, coordinate with other state and local programs, collaborate with community partners and organizations, use existing

delivery systems, and don’t reinvent the wheel (learn from others).

- 3) Invest in best uses for long-term recovery: urgent health and economic needs, short-term investments with long-term benefits, identify and address pre-Covid inhibitors to growth, and manage progress.

ARPA funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

To RSVP and submit projects please contact development@rockbf.org, or visit the ARPA information page at www.rockinghamvt.org/community-economic-development-projects.

Bellows Falls Trustees review ARPA funding, budgets

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Tuesday, March 8, the Bellows Falls Trustees discussed ARPA funding and financials.

Development Director Gary Fox said flyers and notices were posted for the first of two ARPA public meetings which will take place on Wednesday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. with childcare and food provided at 5 p.m. Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to RSVP. Camoin Associates will facilitate the process and projects will be introduced at the Joint Board Meeting. The next public meeting is Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Director Alyssa Harlow reviewed the budgets of the Bellows Falls Fire and Police Departments.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup said Harlow had spent a lot of time allocating the budget appropriately and correctly. He said that, based on her work, he “felt confident” about the FY2023 numbers.

Pickup said that concerns for the Public Safety Building included water in the basement and

ADA issues. He hoped to know by June whether they will receive FEMA funding and fire assistance grants.

Pickup said that the biggest expense would be paving for the parking lot project, scheduled for this year, 2022.

Harlow said that Chief Shaun McGinnis didn’t think that they spent the approved \$20,000 from the article in FY20 for improvements to the building. She said that it was either in a special fund or the general fund. James McAuliffe said that if they wanted to preserve the money, it should be “clearly stated [that] it’s going to a reserve fund.”

Village President Deborah Wright mentioned that petroleum expenses should be raised due to the increased costs of propane and diesel.

Pickup said that daytime response was a concern for the Fire Department, referring to the call at the Saxtons River Elementary School where a broken pipe had caused flooding issues. He said that there were challenges on manpower during the weekend and workday. Wright wondered if they should budget for overtime for those calls.

Pickup said that, for office expenses, the Firehouse reporting program was updated at a one-time cost.

He explained that, without upgrading this system, the Village would not be eligible for national fire assistance grants.

Pickup said that the drone is a “tremendous asset,” and had been a great tool to get damage control completed after the storms in July.

Moving on to the Police Department, Pickup mentioned that the base budget was consistent but that they were not at the 100% staff goal of six full-time officers. Overtime had resulted from coverage and having to send new officers to the academy. Harlow said the actual retention and recruitment bonus was at \$10,500 and budgeted \$18,000 in FY23 for six full-time officers at \$3,000 each.

The board discussed the \$25,000 allocation for vehicle purchases in FY22 with an additional \$25,000 in the reserve fund for FY23.

McAuliffe said that there was an expectation of revenue to offset the expenses. Wright agreed that they anticipated more than they collected on ticketing.

The Joint Board meeting is on Tuesday, March 29 in the Lower Theatre of the Opera House at 6 p.m., and will include all three boards, including the Saxtons River Trustees to discuss the first ARPA meeting findings.

Rockingham Meeting House Conservation conversation

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – For 235 years, the Meeting House has graced a hilltop overlooking Rockingham Village, cared for by the generations who have stepped up to keep its walls straight and true. What does the future hold? How best to steward this National Historic Landmark for future generations?

Come join a community conversation, “The Future of the Rockingham Meeting House,” at Rockingham Town Hall, Lower Theater on Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.

To start the conversation, a short presentation will be made of the history of the meeting house, its current state, and future conservation needs.

“The intent of this gathering is to look at the conservation challenges faced in maintaining a building of this type and age,” said John Leppman, chair of the Rockingham Town Historic Preservation Commission and president of the Rock-



Rockinham Meeting House. PHOTO PROVIDED BY ELIJAH ZIMMER

ingham Meeting House Association. “This is not a fund-raising event but rather a time for our community to come together and reflect upon what we need to do to preserve what is the oldest public building in Vermont and one of the very few early style New England meeting houses

still standing in its original form.”

This event is sponsored by the Rockingham Meeting Association in partnership with the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission. For access to the conversation via Zoom, register by email at clg@rock.bf.org.

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Springfield Library holds scavenger hunt —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Spring is just about here and the Springfield Town Library is celebrating with a scavenger hunt. Arman Kazaryan and Damian Stagner, along with help from Ms. Kristen Wilson's class at River Valley Technical Center, have designed a fun "Lost in the Library" adventure for you to try from March 23 – March 31. Participants of all ages can work together or separately, but it is best to have one person who is 12 years or older as part of the team.

Stop at the library's front desk to get your packet and scanning device. The scenario of the hunt is that ten couples were visiting



RVTC class helped design a scavenger hunt adventure. PHOTO PROVIDED

the library and got separated. They need your help finding their match. Search for and scan the QR codes to get a hint about the location of each character's significant other to help them reunite. Each clue has an underlined word that will help you create the mystery phrase. When you are done, return the packet to the front desk to be entered into a drawing.

The library staff truly appreciates the collaboration which exists between the library and RVTC staff and students. We encourage everyone to come in to try out the scavenger hunt that the students have created. We are proud of the way they have applied what they have learned in the classroom to help us provide the community with this experience.

The Springfield Town Library serves as the heart of our town. We connect people, ideas, and endeavors of all kinds. Together, we honor our past and embrace the future. We transform lives.

Laura Cody McNaughton Scholarship applications —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Laura Cody McNaughton Public Health and Community Service Award of \$8,000. This college scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior from Springfield or the surrounding area who exemplifies Laura's leadership and giving spirit, and who is pursuing further education and training in a field where these principles may be put into practice. The recipient will have demonstrated a commitment to service within their school and community.

Laura Cody McNaughton was valedictorian of Springfield High School, Class of 2000. She was involved in school and community activities throughout her years in the Springfield School System. After receiving a Masters of Public Health and working for public health organizations in the Boston area, she returned to Windsor County and served as a District Director for the Vermont Department of Public Health. She also served on the Weathersfield School Board.

This scholarship honors her many contributions to the greater Springfield community. Applications

are available in high school guidance offices. The deadline is Friday, April 29, 2022.

The Laura Cody McNaughton Memorial Fund was established by the family and friends of Laura Cody McNaughton to fund this scholarship. Each year the community and friends come together for the "Lace Up for Laura" Memorial 5K race which provides the funds for this scholarship.

Due to Covid, the race has not been held for the last two years, but plans are underway to resume the race Saturday, June 25. Further announcements to come, or go to the "Lace Up For Laura" page on Facebook.

News from the Springfield Town Library —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — As of Monday, March 7, masking in most of the Springfield Town Library became optional. We are still encouraging masking and social distancing to keep everyone safe. Masks will remain required in the children's room unless Windsor County is in the 'low transmission' level on the CDC map.

On Wednesday, March

16 there will be a DIY Glassware craft for teens and adults at 6 p.m. Come be creative with metallic markers and plastic stencils, or perhaps the artist in you wants to create their own design. This is an in-person craft and will be located in the Flinn Room. Sign up by calling the library or with the link on our website. Thank you to FOSTL for their support of these free adult craft programs. Contact Tracey at stlvtprograms@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The Red Clover Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 17 and on March 24 at 4 p.m. Youth in grades K-3 dive into the Red Clover Award nominated books by reading together, discussing what is read, and creating a project together. Attendees will participate in a raffle to win a book each week. Sign up by emailing Michelle at stlys@vermontel.net or call the library.

Join Springfield Town Library for Story Time on Monday, March 21 and/or March 28 at 10 a.m. We will join with the Springfield Area Parent Child Center's

Playgroup for a gathering full of stories, songs, games, and activities. Great for families with young children. This will take place at the Springfield Community Center.

The new evening "Curiouser and Curiouser" book club will meet on Monday, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Flinn Room to discuss "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. Options are available to participate via Zoom as well. Contact Sue at springfieldlibrary@hotmail.com if you need the link.

The Springfield Town Library has started a Teen Advisory Board for Youth ages 13-18. This group will meet on Wednesday, March 23 at 5 p.m. Teens will plan programs and earn community service while having fun. For more information, please call Michelle at 802-885-3108 or email at stlys@vermontel.net.

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Chester explosion —

Last week I wrote about the 1904 fire where Chester Hardware is today. Many will remember the Nov. 18, 1971 explosion at this same location:

“It was a miracle that no one was killed,” said Chester Fire Chief Albert Damore. He echoed everyone’s thoughts as men from his department helped clean up the aftermath of a pre-dawn fire, touched off by a propane gas explosion that leveled a commercial block and heavily damaged surrounding homes.

Damage from the explosion was not contained to the immediate area, but spread for a half-mile around, as hundreds of windows shattered from the force of the blast. The total damage was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. The Andover-Chester Elementary School, located a scant 500 yards from the fire, sustained an estimated \$5,000 in glass damage, plus the possible buckling of a brick wall.

According to State Police Detective Sgt. Joseph Cioffi, the 4:34 a.m. explosion was the result of a leak in a tank of liquid propane gas. The tank was one of many loaded on a truck and stored in the gas station for the night. The fire, fed from the other propane tanks as they exploded in the heat, quickly spread through the debris scattered by the blast. Before the firemen arrived, the flames had quickly moved in both directions, engulfing the gas station and the Monier LP Gas Store on one side.

Gould’s Market, three apartments, a truck, and a car in the lot were destroyed. In all, the fire leveled about 100 yards of buildings fronting Route 11, located just a block north of the junction with Route 103. The fire was on the outskirts of the main business section. Six houses surrounding the fire had all their windows facing the scene blown out. One sustained fire damage around the eaves.



Chester explosion ruins. Notice the propane tanks in the burned out truck.

PHOTO BY BUD NADEAU

Vermont Bank and Trust Co., located across from the blaze, lost all its front windows. The bank alarm, set off when the windows shattered, enabled police to pin point the time of the blast to 4:34 a.m. Ten people were homeless after the fire. They all escaped unaided from the buildings, but two were taken to Springfield Hospital, where they were treated for lacerations and then released. Walter Carter, 62, and Ernest Nadeau Jr, 20, were injured. They had been cut by the flying glass or the glass scattered on the ground.

Monier described the blast, which woke him up in his house a few yards down the street, as sounding like a big jet plane that had crashed and blown up. “My wife went to the window and looked up the street,” Monier said. “My God,” she told me, “it’s up by the store.” When I got there, I figured the people must be gone in both buildings. Everything was burning,” Monier and his bookkeeper, whom he described as his right hand, poked quietly through the blackened, steaming wreckage this morning, looking for the company’s records.

They didn’t hold out much hope for finding them. “We just put in a whole new book-keeping system last week,” Monier said, “and now it’s all lost.” Chief Damore, who lives just behind the fire area, described the blast as an explosion like a jet plane that had crashed, a rumble, and then a big boom. “I came around the corner and the whole thing was on fire. All three places were going and there was fire all over the street. I couldn’t imagine anyone getting out alive,” Da-

more said. The chief added that when he returned with the fire equipment he couldn’t get through to the other side of the fire because the burning debris was piled two feet deep blocking the street.

Furthermore, the heat was rupturing other propane tanks in the building and they were exploding one at a time. “We could only work from this side,” the chief explained, “and we had to wait for Springfield to arrive to get at the other side.” In all, ten departments responded: Westminster, Rockingham, Walpole, N. H., North Walpole, N. H., Springfield, Chester, Cavendish, Ludlow, Bellows Falls, and Saxtons River. Saxtons River was turned back and sent to cover the Rockingham station. Many other departments responded to cover empty fire stations. The fire was finally under control after an hour.

The street was cleared with a bulldozer and dump trucks. Vermont Highway Department trucks carted off much of the debris scattered through the area. The street remained cordoned off this morning while clean up operations continued.

The first meeting of Chester Historical Society is Thursday March 24, upstairs of Chester Town Hall at 7 p.m. We will have an extensive slideshow of old Vermont photos. Chester and other Vermont towns will be included. Ever see a two-headed calf? All are invited, whether members or not.

The Great Falls and an Abenaki relationship with Place —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join Rich Holschuh for a conversation around the significance of relationship with Place on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. over Rockingham Library Zoom. He will focus on an Abenaki cultural worldview and its lasting implications while referencing a local site: Kchi Pontekw, the Great Falls in present-day Bellows Falls.

Rich Holschuh is a resident of Wantastegok (Brattleboro, Vt.) and an independent historic and cultural researcher. He has served on the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs and is a public Liaison and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Elnu Abenaki, members of the contem-

porary Indigenous community. Rich is founder of the Atowi Project. His work draws upon indigenous history, linguistics, geography, and culture to share beneficial ways of seeing and being in relationship with Place. For more information about the Atowi Project, go to www.atowi.org. This program was made possible in part by funding through the Vermont Division for (Rockingham) Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.



Rich Holschuh discusses an Abenaki’s relationship with place, referencing the Great Falls of Bellows Falls.

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To request a Zoom invitation to this program, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

Featured Pet

Micah is a gorgeous, one-year-old Maine Coon mix. This handsome guy was found as a stray kitty, but was not claimed by an owner. Micah loves food and love from human friends. We have noticed that Micah may be best as an only kitty, as he is not enjoying the company of other cats or dogs yet here at the shelter. He was found outside, so Micah may enjoy exploring

the great outdoors again in his new home, but he could also be just content to be an indoor only kitty, with some time. If you are interested in adopting this sweet and stunning boy as your only pet, please visit our webpage to submit an adoption application. Once approved, we would set up an appointment to meet Micah and adopt.

Please contact your vet prior to submitting your application, so they are aware we will be calling. Adoption fee has been sponsored.



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Hunter safety course in Chester —

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Rod & Gun Club will be hosting a free traditional hunter safety course, starting March 28. Each student must complete the course and attend all of the following classes: March 28, March 30, April 1, April 4, April 6, and April 8, from 7-9 p.m. with a mandatory field day on April 9, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Registration is through the Vermont Fish & Wildlife at www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont/107-vermont-hunter-education-traditional-course. You must register before the first class. Limited seats are available. For more information, call Paul Stoddard at 802-376-9929.

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opinion

Dear Editor,

Delayed, but not forgotten. The Springfield Democratic Committee planned its second annual food drive in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King for Jan. 17. Due to weather conditions it was rescheduled for Saturday, March 5. Once again the people of Springfield demonstrated their generosity by donating \$450 and

617 pounds of food to The Springfield Family Center. We are so proud of our community. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you. We thank the management and the staff at Shaws for not only allowing us to do the food drive, but for the kindness of all the employees with whom we interacted. We thank every single person

who donated money or items of food. It felt good to be part of something so positive on this delayed community action day. Sincerely, Char Osterlund Chair, Springfield Town Democrats Springfield, Vt.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMISSIONS

Subject to space. May be edited for clarity, grammatical errors, and libelous statements. Must be kept under 400 words. Must include name and town for publication. Viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the views of The Vermont Journal & The Shopper.

Dear Editor,

The outpouring of kindness and caring for the loss of my darling husband, Seymour Leven, has given us comfort and strength. Our appreciation for all the friends of a very long and wonderful lifetime (99 years of age and 75 years of marriage).

Sincerely, Gloria Leven and Family Cavendish, Vt.


Dear Editor,

Town Meeting 2022 reminded me how resourceful and nimble Vermonters are. This was our second Town Meeting season conducted during the Covid pandemic. Most of us are now comfortable operating in the virtual universe and have grown quite adept at managing meetings on Zoom or Teams. So, this year, there were options. Of the ten Windsor District Town Meetings or Informational Meetings I was able to attend, most were hybrid with people attending in person and virtually. Several were entirely virtual and only one was conducted fully in-person. A number of Informational meetings were held well in advance of the Australian Ballot voting, which

was held on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 1. And at least seven towns, Cavendish, Ludlow, Rochester, Baltimore, Londonderry, Stockbridge, and Weston, have rescheduled their Town Meetings to later in March, April, or June. While I was honored to be asked to speak at all ten meetings I was able to attend, it was a real treat to once again be able to meet in person at some of the hybrid meetings and to catch up with so many. And for those virtual meetings, I was afforded the rare opportunity to sample more of our Windsor District municipal life without having to drive an hour or 45 minutes between meetings. I really appreciated getting a flavor of the issues our towns are addressing and seeing municipal government successfully adapting to new forms of civic engagement. Only 40 towns in Vermont had a fully 'in-person' town meeting. And, in Windsor County, Barnard held that distinction. I was glad to be able to join Barnard's meeting. It was great to visit with so many, despite the fact that no delicious lunch was served. And, it began with an in-person vote for the Selectboard. As a state senator, I represent about 55,000 people in 26 towns. With 977 square miles, Windsor County is

physically the largest county in Vermont. The District also includes Mt Holly (Rutland Co.) and Londonderry (Windham Co.). It is often hard to get to know people and towns you don't live in and that are so far apart. So, a silver lining to this brutal Covid pandemic has been the ability to attend meetings I couldn't have otherwise, simply because of the constraints of schedules and travel time. Meetings on virtual platforms have meant that, in addition to town information sessions, legislators have been able to attend more chamber, supervisory unions, regional development, regional planning, Selectboard, human service meetings, and special forums than ever before. Our virtual world has also enabled more civic engagement at the state level as well. All of our Legislative Committee meetings are accessible on YouTube via a link on each Committee's webpage on our legislative website listed below. If you are interested in following a bill or an issue, explore which committee it is been assigned to and find out when it is being taken up by checking out the agendas posted for the week. After our Town Meeting break, the Senate will be returning 'in person' to the Statehouse. With the rapid decline of Omicron's

impact, many aspects of normal life are returning. For two years, we have been legislating almost entirely on Zoom. It will be wonderful to work together, face to face, again. Upon our return, the Legislature begins a fairly intense week or two of 'Cross Over'. To become law, bills need to be considered and passed by both the House and the Senate. Cross Over is that period in which all of the bills we hope to enact into law need to be voted out of our committees, and get passed by whichever body it originated in - the House or the Senate. Once passed by one body or the other, the bills 'cross over' to the other body for consideration. Cross Over is assumed to be roughly the half way point in the legislative session. I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us, or by phone at 802-457-4627. To watch Legislative Committee's in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: www.legislature.vermont.gov. Sincerely, Alison Clarkson Vermont State Senator, Majority Leader Windsor County District



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ACROSS

1 Soak up the sun
5 Joke
8 Sports figure?
12 Penne — vodka
13 Playwright Levin
14 "Oops!"
15 Picnic spoiler
16 Vacuum's lack
17 Novelist Jaffe
18 Chinese food assortment
20 Some mixologists
22 Docs' org.
23 "Uh-huh"
24 Tousele
27 "Locksley Hall" poet
32 Year in Mexico
33 Sock part
34 Stop — dime
35 Short recital piece
38 Uppity one
39 Spike's warning
40 Three, in Rome
42 JFK's vessel
45 Brother's son
49 Leveling wedge
50 Jurist Fortas
52 "I did it!"
53 Antitoxins

DOWN

1 Poet of yore
2 Jai —
3 Slender
4 Sunflower State
5 "Billions" actor Paul
6 "Exodus" hero
7 Attire
8 "Oklahoma!" carriage
9 Oscar-winning actress Emma
10 Top-of-the-line
11 Compared to
12 Hesitant
13 Objectivist
14 Rand
15 More (Sp.)
16 Popular card game
17 Lark, for one
18 Very long time
19 Fastidious trait
20 Yoko of music
21 Collar
22 Scents
23 La-la lead-in
24 Music for seven
25 Concerning
26 "Hey!"
27 Ellington's
28 "Take — Train"
29 "Toodlee-oo!"
30 Aesopian
31 also-ran
32 Tend texts
33 Fade away
34 Clothing protector

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

Anita A. Adams, 1967-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Anita A. Adams, 54, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at the Springfield Hospital. She was born Sept. 5, 1967 in Petaluma, Calif., the daughter of Paul Hunter and Linda Nason. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from the Springfield High School Class of 1985.

Anita worked as an individual aide with disabled children for many years.

She was a foster parent for many years, and welcomed many children into her home over the years.

Anita enjoyed classic cars and racing. She raced cars at the Claremont Speedway. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. She will be remembered for her kind, caring heart and great sense of humor.

She is survived by her parents Paul and Linda Hunter, sister Rachel Hunter, niece



Anita A. Adams, 1967-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Taylor and nephew Dylan, two sons Jonathan Adams and his wife Kimberly, Derek Adams and his wife Kayla, one daughter Haley Adams, five grandchildren Lilliannah Adams, Jack Adams, Elsie Adams, Emmett Adams, and Barrett Adams.

A celebration of life will be held at MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub on April 23 at 1 p.m.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Jeffrey Ruggiero, 1965-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Jeffrey Ruggiero, of Westminster, Vt., passed away on March 5, after a lengthy, hard fought battle with cancer. He passed away peacefully and surrounded by love and family.

Born April 5, 1965 in New Haven, Conn., to parents Christy (Chris) Ruggiero and Judy G. (Montalto) Ruggiero. He stayed in Connecticut, attending Lymm High School, before relocating to Vermont with the entire Ruggiero family. He married his lifelong sweetheart, Lisa, in 1985. They raised their two sons, Cris and Justin, while building their life together.

Jeff started Best Septic, in 2010, and the company quickly became an important business in the community. He was awarded the 2011 person of the year by the Greater Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce for his generous heart and devotion to the community he proudly served. Jeff was also a member of the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years, beginning in 1988 and held the title of Lieutenant.

Jeff leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Lisa; his children, Cris and Justin (wife Victoria); his grandchildren, who brought him great joy and made him a very proud Papa, Jaxson, Ryder, Brixton, and Jameson. He also leaves a large family, with



Jeffrey Ruggiero, 1965-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

brothers Joseph and Cheryl of Saxtons River, Vt., John of Saxtons River, Vt., and James of Saxtons River, Vt., besides his many nieces and nephews, Amber, Joseph, Cyrena, Michaela, Gabrielle, Danielle, and Adalia. He is predeceased by his parents, Judy and Chris, Uncle Michael Donato, nephew Vincenzo Ruggiero, and cousin Gretchen Smith.

Jeff will be remembered as a man who would give the shirt off his back to anyone he met, who never failed to crack a joke, and who brought a smile to every face. He will be missed deeply, and thought of often.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jeff's memory to the Vincenzo James Memorial Fund, River Valley Credit Union, 105 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Go to [Facebook @ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch). For more information, go to www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHESTER, VT.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St.
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Masks are requested if unvaccinated and suggested for all singing and response. View sermons on Zoom. For more information, go to www.graftoncommunitychurch.org or call 802-843-2346.

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday Bible Study for all ages at 10 a.m.; Worship

Harry Lloyd Streeter, 1936-2022



ATHENS, Vt. – Harry “Tim” Lloyd Streeter, 86, received his angel wings at Springfield Hospital on Feb. 26, 2022. Tim was born on Jan. 13, 1936 to Leslie and Anastasia (Lashua) Streeter. Tim served in the army and then went on to become a truck driver for many years. He owned Custom Wood Products in Alstead, N.H. for a number of years. After retiring, he delivered the Brattleboro Reformer for several years.

Tim is survived by his partner of over 30 years, Shirley Alsvig of Athens,

sons Lloyd and Steven Streeter of Hudson Falls, N.Y., stepchildren, Eric Alsvig (Amanda) and Melissa Williams (Michael), his sister Joanne Clark of Charlestown N.H., and several grandchildren including his beloved Cheree of Athens. He is predeceased by his sister Ellen Patoine and one brother.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being made at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT.

Keith Pierce, 1945-2022



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Keith Norris Pierce, 76, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022, with his daughter by his side.

Keith and his twin sister, Kathleen, were born in Springfield, Vt. on June 26, 1945 to Norris James Pierce and Clemency Mae (Pierce) Bargfrede. He attended schools in Springfield, served in the Vermont National Guard, and was a lifelong resident of Springfield.



Keith Pierce, 1945-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Keith was predeceased by his father, Norris Pierce; mother, Clemency Bargfrede; siblings Scott and Richard Pierce; granddaughter, Kirstie Greer; and beloved dog and companion, Ephraim, a.k.a. “Effie.”

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Hains, of Chester, Vt.; granddaughter, Kyndra Hains, of Rockingham, Vt.; sisters Charlene Knight of Perkinsville, and Kathleen Esposito and her husband Louis of West Haven, Conn.; nephews Fred Thorburn of Perkinsville, Vt., Kevin Thorburn of Northford, Conn., Dale Baldwin of Wallingford, Conn., and Richard Pierce of Springfield, Vt.; and many other cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Keith worked at Jones & Lamson in Springfield for many years. After leaving J&L, he was employed as a mechanic at Jim Ballard's Precision Valley Auto Sales for over 20 years. He was also employed as a salesman for Paul and Son Ford in Claremont, N.H. and Sherwin Williams, in addition to having his own painting business for a short period of time.

Most of Keith's life revolved around automo-

biles. He was an excellent mechanic and restored and fixed a number of vehicles over the years. He could easily tell you the make and model of any car, and tell you what it originally had under the hood for a motor. Keith enjoyed many nights over at the Claremont Speedway with Barry Messer's Pit Crew, or in the stands watching the race. His Sundays were usually spent watching Nascar races. He attended car shows and went on trips to Carlisle, Pa. to car events along with his other automobile enthusiast/restoration friends: Barry Messer, Bill LeClair, Bob Beaudry, Dick Crowson, Gary Rapinatti, Dave Martel, and Mark Gomez. Keith was great with music trivia and was known to play “name that tune” with family and friends. He always knew the songs and the artists. Some may have thought Keith was a rough/tough man but those who truly knew him knew that if he picked on you, he really liked you.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. from 1-2 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 2 p.m.

Service at 11 a.m. includes a group meeting for children. Live or past services can be viewed on Facebook at [SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldVTChurchofChrist). Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., adult class meets in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Jamie Kurpiel, Evangelist, at 870-615-0452 or email jckurpiel@yahoo.com. If no answer, call 802-886-2670.

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.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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Dale Vicki McGivern, 1954-2022

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Dale Vicki McGivern, 67, of Picknell Road, passed away peacefully at home after a strong fight with COPD on Feb. 27, 2022, with loved ones by her side and her beloved dog, Shadow. Dale was born Nov. 27, 1954, the daughter of Gordon and Irene (Lamphere) Kennett, the youngest of eleven children.



Dale McGivern, 1954-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Dale enjoyed spending her time reading books, being outside gardening – even with her lack of a green thumb. Dale was also a fun-loving woman who enjoyed family time, cook-outs, swimming, and family reunions. Dale pursued many paths in life, working at Thompson Paper Mill and sewing stuffed animals at home for Douglas Toy Company while raising her twin boys. Dale was also a caregiver to many people, taking great pride in making sure the people she cared for were treated with the utmost professionalism and compassion. Dale was never afraid to take the next leap into something new, becoming a mother of three. Dale married Ron McGivern in 1988 and together they started their own business, BF Taxi. Dale resumed being a caregiver, working for VNH and Bayada Health Care. Continuing her passion for others Dale opened her home to help yet another.

Dale is survived by her son Christopher Kingsbury, daughter Heaven McGivern, sister Ramona Sweat, two brothers Wen-

dell and wife Shirley Kennett, James and wife Nancy Kennett, several grandchildren and a few great-grandchildren, and, as you would expect having a large family, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her husband Ron McGivern, son Jeremy Kingsbury, three brothers Terry Kennett, Donald Kennett, Wayne Kennett, four sisters Gloria Coburn, Bonnie Dalley, Judith Colburn, and Elaine LaBounty.

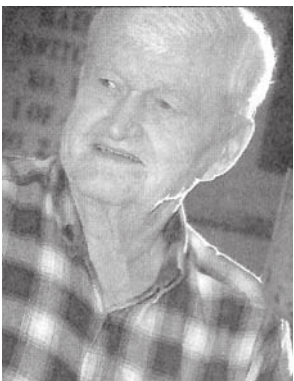
Calling hours will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a service at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Burial will be held on a later date at the convenience of the family.

Dale was a proud volunteer and supporter of Westminster Cares. We believe she would be honored if you would help them as well, in lieu of flowers please send donations to Westminster Cares PO Box 312, Westminster, VT 05158. Attn. Donna Dawson.

Donald Whitney, 1922-2022

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Donald S. Whitney, 99, passed away at his home on Tuesday evening, March 8, 2022. He was born on Oct. 11, 1922 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Phillip and Sarah (Stafford) Whitney. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School and the Co-op program.

At age 16, Don began working at the Fellows Gear Shaper with the Co-op program. He worked as a machinist and engineer with Fellows for almost 50 years, retiring in 1987.



Donald Whitney, 1922-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

After retirement, Don was active with the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vt., and served as a mentor for young machinists attending the Howard Dean Tech Center Co-op program. He initiated and assisted with the restoration of the Spencer Hollow School House, and assisted with displays and information at the Great Hall in Springfield regarding the machine tool industry. In his retirement, Don traveled the world, his visits including a trip to Siberia in one of the first Eco-tourist groups to save the Siberian Tiger. He was an avid photographer of all subjects. Many years ago, a photo he took from around the family farm in Spencer Hollow was accepted by the new magazine Vermont Life and was placed on the cover of the first issue

He was active with many clubs including the Hit or Miss Club, the Ascutney Trail Association, the Appalachian Trail Association, and the Green Mountain Club. For decades Don vol-

unteered maintaining trails, including the trails of Hartness Park in Springfield.

In 2017 he was named Springfield Citizen of the Year.

He enjoyed hiking, downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing, and winter camping.

He is survived by three daughters, Lisa Whitney of Springfield, Vt., Paula Whitney of Springfield, Vt., and Melanie Whitney of St. Augustine, Fla.; two grandsons, John Whitney and Benson Whitney, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by one son, Mark Whitney and by his five siblings, Margaret Besenbruch, Rollin Whitney, Mildred Massello, Harriet Dodge, and Alice Beadle.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 15, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Precision Museum, P.O. Box 679, Windsor, VT 05089, or to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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MARCH 17 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for the first of three Stone Village Poetry Experience monthly poetry slams at the First Universalist Parish of Chester on Thursday, March 17 from 7-9 p.m. Tuck Wunderle will serve as slam master. The UU church is located at 211 North Street in Chester's Stone Village. The slams are co-sponsored by Chester's Whiting Library. For more information or for the Zoom connection, contact Tuck Wunderle at tuckerman@terrigenous.com, or Deidre Doran at whitinglibrary1@gmail.com.

MARCH 19 –
CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a spaghetti dinner with fixings March 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Gassetts Grange in Chester to benefit Heather, baby Oliver, and help support them with the loss of 2-year-old Amarya. There

is a cost per person and donations will be accepted. First responders and EMTs will eat for free.

MARCH 23 –
REGION – All Vermont High School Journalism students and their teachers are invited to a Media Mentoring Master Class with Journalism Pros on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Vermont Independent Media (VIM), publisher of The Commons will host a Q&A with Vermont publishers/editors and student journalists and their teachers. Registration required by emailing geoffburgess2@gmail.com.

MARCH 27 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Multi-instrumentalist husband-and-wife duo Dan and Faith will play the Stage 33 Live listening room on Sunday, March 27 at 7 p.m., located at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows

Falls. Requested donation recommended for the band. Limited seating. Masks required by performer request. The performance will be recorded and filmed. More information at www.stage33live.com.

MARCH 31 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Expeditionary School at Black River is proud to host a fundraiser featuring "100 Years of Everest," presented by Jake Norton on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Join us for a live Community Watch Party at the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore. For those who can't attend in person, there will also be a live stream link. For more information, please contact Kendra Rickerby at krickerby@esblackriver.org or visit www.esblackriver.org.

APRIL 9 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Chester American Legion Post 67 Children and Youth Breakfast on Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Kids under 12 eat free. Come meet first responders and see the vehicles that keep you safe. Enjoy games, face painting, giveaways, and American Flag discussion. Surprise Easter Bunny visit and egg hunt finish the day.

SUNDAYS
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls from 8–10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

MONDAYS –
WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is

Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

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

THURSDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Every Thursday afternoon, 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.

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The Town of Grafton, Vermont (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for furnishing the Town with a 2023 Model Year Tandem Axle Truck with plow package, which meet the Town's bid requirements and vehicle specifications. Complete bid requirements and vehicle specifications may be obtained from Bill Kearns, Town Administrator, PO Box 180, 117 Main Street, Grafton VT 05146. (802) 843-2552 or email townadmin@graffontvt.org. For inquiries and clarifications of bid requirements or vehicle specifications contact Danny Taylor, Road Forman (802) 843-2456 dtaylor@graffontvt.org Bill Kearns, Grafton Town Administrator.

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Carol Cole,
REALTOR

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LEGAL/HELP WANTED

classifieds

Green Mountain Unified School District
Lawn Mowing Bids

The Green Mountain Unified School District is seeking bids for lawn mowing at Chester-Andover Elementary School. Those interested in submitting a bid need to be fully insured and should contact Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager at cheryl.hammond@trsu.org or Keith Cyr, Maintenance Supervisor at keith.cyr@trsu.org or 875-2108.

Ludlow Elementary School
Kindergarten Registration

Will be March 31st from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (802) 875-5151 about registering your child for the fall. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2022. Please bring a birth certificate and all immunization records.

Chester-Andover Elementary School
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2022/2023 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2022.

Please contact the school office at 875-6832 or kim.leonard@trsu.org to let us know your child will be attending.

TOWN OF OF WESTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Weston Development Review Board will meet at 5:00 PM on Wednesday April 6, 2022 at the Weston Town Offices at 12 Lawrence Hill Road to hold two public hearings on the following applications:

1. Steve Soboleski and Jessica Berg have submitted an application for a minor subdivision (into two lots) of a lot they own at 495 Holden Hill Rd. Minor subdivisions are reviewed under Section 590 of the Weston Zoning Regulations.
2. Weston Community Hub has submitted an application to amend an existing site plan that permitted a 27 seat cafe and community gathering space on property owned by the Weston Playhouse Theater Company at 719 Main Street. The proposed amendment would permit an addition of a brick patio for outdoor dining with no increase in the number of patrons. Site plan reviews are conducted under Section 708 of the Weston Zoning Regulations.

Attendance is subject to then current COVID guidelines at the Town office. There is an option of remote attendance.

Those interested in seeing the applications, submitting written comments, or attending the hearings remotely should contact the town's Zoning Administrator at: Town of Weston P.O Box 98, Weston Vt. 05161, or by calling (802) 824-4669, or emailing to Zoning@westonvt.org.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

***The Springfield Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM* Proposed Town Road Name Changes**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Springfield Planning Commission to hear comments regarding proposed road name changes for several town highways and private roads. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Note that the Planning Commission does not possess the authority to change the name of town highways. The purpose of this Hearing is to hear comments regarding recommendations that the Planning Commission will submit to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will consider the recommendations at a future meeting and subsequently take official action to change road names.

The Planning Commission will discuss changing the names of the following town highways and private roads:

- Cutler Road
- Baker Heights Road
- Baker Road
- Sunny Ledge Road
- Sunny Hill Road
- Private road at 62 Maple Dell Road
- Private driveway off of Connecticut River Road
- Private driveway at 258 Fairground Road
- Private driveway off of Spencer Hollow Road
- Private driveway off of Walnut Hill Road

You may attend the Public Hearing in-person at the following address:

Springfield Town Hall, 3rd Floor Selectman's Hall
96 Main Street

Springfield, Vermont 05156

***Please note that appropriate face-coverings are optional at Town Hall.**

In lieu of in-person attendance, you may choose to attend the meeting virtually at the following link. Virtual attendance is strongly encouraged.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821122069?occurrence=1649284200000> Zoom Meeting ID: 818 2112 2069

Comments regarding the proposed road name change may be submitted verbally at the Public Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Steve Kraft, Springfield Planning Commission Chair, at jskraft@vermontel.net or Renee Vondle, Springfield E911 Coordinator/Zoning Administrator, at toszoning@vermontel.net.

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Calligraphy Cheer with Jorika Stockwell, March 26, 11-3. Learn several different styles and scripts of calligraphy through writing the word cheer. Register by 3/23.

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LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Update from Expeditionary School at Black River
- Green Mountain HS playoff basketball games
- Local Forecasts from West River Weather Guy
- Innkeepers' Ski Race
- Books & Movies at Cavendish Library

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166 Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167 (TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv (05/11/22 - TFN - 13)

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community

LEGAL NOTICES

Senior Solutions accepting grant requests

REGION – Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, will be accepting applications for supportive

funding for community organizations providing aging services. Funding for these community projects is being provided under

the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. To be eligible for funding, proposed projects and activities must meet Older American Act requirements that funds be used to support:

- Low-income older individuals,
- Low-income minority older individuals,
- Older individuals with limited English proficiency,

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- Focused development of resources to help build greater capacity, and advance the development or implementation of a comprehensive and coordinated system of service to older adults.

Organizations applying for funding must demonstrate sufficient operational capacity and proven

project track records, and the ability to provide data and quality results/outcomes related to the investment back to Senior Solutions.

Applications for the first round of funding will be accepted from March 1 – May 31, 2022, with grants to be awarded by June 30, 2022. Upon award, the organization must complete

a grant agreement with Senior Solutions prior to funding. Interested applicants should apply online at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

This is the first year in a three-year grant being administered by Senior Solutions. There will be additional grant opportunities beginning Oct. 1, 2022 and Oct.1, 2023.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MOWING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Charlestown Selectboard is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals for mowing, trimming and grounds maintenance of Town owned properties on a contract basis for the 2022 season, commencing on or about May 1, 2022. The selected contractor shall provide all necessary equipment, supplies and personnel necessary to accomplish the specified tasks in a prompt and workmanlike manner. The selected contractor will be required to provide evidence of adequate insurance including Auto Liability, Commercial General Liability and Workers' Compensation coverage. A bid package including a list of properties to be mowed/maintained may be obtained by contacting Jessica Dennis, at (603) 826-5368. A mandatory pre-bid meeting to include an inspection tour of the subject properties (weather permitting) is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Town Office. Bids will not be accepted from any firm or individual not represented at the pre-bid meeting.

Bids must be submitted on the official Bid Forms, in a sealed, plain envelope clearly marked, "BID FOR 2022 MOWING" and related work. Failure to submit any of the above items or the submittal of incomplete or inaccurate information shall result in the proposal being considered irregular.

The Town of Charlestown reserves the right to reject any irregular bid and the right to waive technicalities if such waiver is in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Charlestown reserves the right to reject any proposal for any reason without recourse by the submitting contractors, and to award a contract to any contractor, on any basis which the Town of Charlestown determines in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Town.

A copy of proposal documents may be obtained at the Selectboard office or by calling Jessica Dennis, Administrator, at 603-826-5368 or e-mail (jessica@charlestown-nh.gov) with any additional questions.

All proposals must be received in the Office of the Selectboard by 4:00 PM on Wednesday April 6, 2022. Proposals should be submitted to: Office of the Selectboard
233 Main Street
PO Box 385
Charlestown, NH 03603

Town of Londonderry, VT
JOB OPENINGS

Road Crew Member/Equipment Operator

Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits.

Transfer Station Attendant

Part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on weekends. Backhoe experience preferred.

Administrative Assistant to the Conservation Commission

Part-time (~ 2 hours per week) assistant to the Londonderry Conservation Commission, to provide notices, attend and take minutes of meetings, often held on evenings, and provide administrative services as necessary.

Applicants must complete and submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: www.londonderryvt.org. Submit via email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org or mail to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Other supporting information from applicants is welcome. Positions opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.

REGION – Criminals are working hard diverting money away from those in need: case in point, the Ukraine. People around the

world are answering the call for assistance by donating to charities addressing the crisis and, thus, creating a "perfect storm" for scammers

that focusses on tragedy, human suffering, emotion, and fear. What's legitimate? What's a scam? Here are some steps to take before clicking "Donate Now."

1) Don't click on notices that appear in pop-up windows or on social media sites. These are favored places for criminals.

2) Research the charity. How long has it been in existence? A long history means a track record. Who are the people behind the organization? Check their profiles online. They likely have credentials showing other similar involvements.

3) Refer to online charity rating services. Even a well-known program can have a less than stellar record. Here are a few reputable organizations that rate charities based on transparency and financial activity: Better Business Bureau; Charity Navigator; Charity Watch; Consumer Reports; and GuideStar.

4) Request a pledge card (mailed or downloaded on your computer). Pay by

check or use a credit card to provide traceable records. Credit cards provide some protection against scams; a check gives you a traceable address that can be investigated if a scam is suspected. Avoid online donations and never give out personal financial data unless you can absolutely verify the legitimacy of the solicitor. Similarly, avoid donating with cash transfer programs, gift cards, or money orders. Having a clear pathway for the donation between you and the recipient is advisable. Charity scams create multiple victims: the donor, the intended recipients, legitimate charities. Don't allow your emotions to control you. Taking a few precautionary steps will ensure that your donation will reach the intended recipients.

Questions or concerns?
Contact egreenblott@aarp.org. Elliott Greenblott is a retired educator and coordinator of the AARP Vermont Fraud Watch Network.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE
TOWN OF WINDHAM

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Windham, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed for such town remain either in whole or in part unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

1. Being lands and premises known as 365 Howard Hill Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 010027.2) conveyed to William B. Sepe by Warranty Deed of Albert P. Chaleski and Sandrale Chaleski dated December 6, 2004 and recorded December 8, 2004 in Book 41, Page 133 of the Windham Land Records.
2. Being lands and premises known as 6186 Popple Dungeon Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 020003.) conveyed to Peter Van Alstyne, Jr. and Billie Jean Van Alstyne by Warranty Deed of Cathy L. Prouty and Douglas C. Prouty dated June 7, 2006 and recorded June 9, 2006 in Book 44, Page 51 of the Windham Land Records.
3. Being lands and premises known as 458 Scott Pet Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040106.) conveyed to David J. Stobo and Julie A. Stobo by Warranty Deed of Peter E. Heyniger dated September 25, 2012 and recorded September 26, 2012 in Book 50, Page 453 of the Windham Land Records.
4. Being lands and premises known as 1.60± acres of land (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040330.) conveyed to John A. Simmons and David B. Runyon, Jr. by Warranty Deed of Norman P. Haller and Joy M. Haller dated October 14, 1981 and recorded October 27, 1981 in Book 21, Page 63 of the Windham Land Records.
5. Being lands and premises known as 34 Timber Ridge Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 040403.) conveyed to John Norton by Warranty Deed of Gregory G. White dated July 2, 2003 and recorded July 16, 2003 in Book 39, Page 512 of the Windham Land Records.
6. Being lands and premises known as 994.05± acres of land, (Windham Grand List Parcel number 050004.) conveyed to Jack B. Dennis the following Deeds:
 - i. Quitclaim Deed of Jack B. Dennis and Therese M. Smith dated October 17, 2005 and recorded October 20, 2005 Book 43, Page 279 of the Windham Land Records;
 - ii. Warranty Deed of Vermont Land Trust, Inc. dated December 28, 2010 and recorded January 20, 2011 in Book 48, Page 519 of the Windham Land Records; and
 - iii. Quitclaim Deed of U.S. Talc Company, dated February 19, 2010 and recorded March 22, 2010 in Book 47, Page 657 of the Windham Land Records.
7. Being lands and premises known as 1397 Burbee Pond Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 070144.) conveyed to Karen A. Watts by Warranty Deed of Alexander M. Lehmann and Sandra Lehmann dated August 17, 2018 and recorded August 18, 2018 in Book 56, Page 10 of the Windham Land Records.
8. Being lands and premises known as "Parcel 1", consisting of 1.70± acres of land, (Windham Grand List Parcel number 070201.) conveyed to Walter M. Webb III by Warranty Deed of Walter M. Webb II dated June 8, 1989 and recorded June 23, 1989 in Book 26, Page 369 of the Windham Land Records.
9. Being lands and premises known as 1401 Old Cheney Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 100031.2.) conveyed to Gary Allen Cheney and Susan Shangraw Cheney by Warranty Deed of Benjamin W. Partridge, Jr. and Cora C. Partridge, dated July 20, 1985 and recorded July 22, 1985 in Book 22, Page 521 of the Windham Land Records.
10. Being lands and premises known as 179 Chase Road (Windham Grand List Parcel number 100076.) conveyed to Amy E. Graves, Daniel G. Hall and Alicia J. Merrill by Warranty Deed of Sherburne H. Hall, dated June 30, 2009 and recorded July 1, 2009 in Book 47, Page 184 of the Windham Land Records.

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A § 5254, such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Windham Town Office, a public place located at 5976 Windham Hill Road, in Windham, Vermont on the 6th day of April 2022, at 9:00 A.M., to discharge such taxes with costs unless paid previous to that date.

Dated at Windham, Vermont this 24th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Paul Wyman
Paul Wyman
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Windham

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windham Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 21-PR-06768

In re ESTATE of :

GREGORY M. JANOWSKI

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: GREGORY M. JANOWSKI

Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD

Decedent's Town of Residence

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 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 within the four (4) month period.

Dated:

March 8, 2022

Signature of Fiduciary

Valarie Janowski, Administrator

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Valarie Janowski		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., P.O. Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield VT 05156	

Name of Publication: Vermont Journal-The Shopper-Windsor County

Publication Date: March 16, 2022

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Probate Division
Address of Probate Court: 12 The Green
Woodstock, VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
Windsor Unit

PROBATE DIVISION
Docket No.: 21-PR-07257

In re ESTATE of :

DANIEL MURRAY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: DANIEL MURRAY

Decedent

late of SPRINGFIELD

Decedent's Town of Residence

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 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 within the four (4) month period.

Dated:

2/18/22

Signature of Fiduciary

Kathleen Brochu

Executor/Administrator		Mailing Address	
Kathleen Brochu, Administrator		c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519	
Phone Number	Email	City, State, Zip	
802-885-2582		Springfield, VT 05156	

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Woodstock, VT 05091

LEGAL NOTICES

community

Funding for homeowners for failed wells, septic systems

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is providing \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support low and moderate income Vermont homeowners in repairing or replacing their failed or inadequate on-site water or wastewater systems – often referred to as wells or septic systems.

Eligible homeowners are encouraged to apply for funding by April 15, 2022 to be considered for the first round of funding. This funding will ensure Vermonters have access to safe drinking water and adequate wastewater disposal. Applicants will be notified of first round awards in May and June 2022, and awards must be spent prior to the end of 2026. Starting April 16, 2022, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and funding will be provided as available.

“Properly functioning water and wastewater systems are critical to Vermonters and to our Agency’s mission to both safeguard human health and protect Vermont’s natural resources,” said Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter Walke.

The eligibility requirements include:

- A failed or inadequate drinking water or wastewater system
- Residential property owners who own and reside on the property
- Single units or owner-occupied multi-family homes, up to four units
- Households earning up to \$120,000 per year

Community groups cannot directly receive awards but can help homeowners by directing them to this program and helping them apply as needed. For those with accessibility needs, the Agency has a dedicated staff member who can help fill out the application at no cost to those who request this additional assistance.

For more information, visit the funding webpage (www.bit.ly/3HtHbBa).

Interested parties are also invited to attend a webinar on Friday, March 18, 2022 from 12-1 p.m. on Microsoft Teams (www.bit.ly/3Hm57mL) or call in to 802-828-7667, Phone Conference ID: 361 521 6# to learn more and ask any questions about the process.

Volunteers to host international students

REGION – The Program of Academic Exchange is accepting applications to host high-achieving high school exchange students for the 2022-2023 school year.

The PAX scholarship program is exceedingly prestigious, with admission rates lower than acceptance to Harvard. Applicants must have a minimum of three years of English study and undergo rigorous academic and character testing, and a formal interview. PAX alumni currently account for over 550 heads of government around the globe.

Hosts have the opportunity to share their world with these exceptional students, providing them their first taste of maple syrup, the fun that goes along with their first snowfall, and the knowledge to create a better local community through volunteering. Students take this knowledge home and as scholarship program alumni, they help others see the world outside their borders as generous and supportive.

Host families are diverse: there are no prerequisites other than an open mind and enthusiasm to learn about new cultures. Hosts are tasked to provide students with sleeping and study areas, transportation to and from school activities, and access to three meals per day. Students will have full medical insurance and personal spending money. PAX and its partners handle logistics such as visas, travel, and orientation, and provide support for students throughout their stay.

PAX students come from over 70 countries across Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Local families are currently hosting students from Spain and Ukraine.

Founded in 1990, PAX is a not-for-profit educational organization. It is one of a select few U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Programs chosen to participate in its prestigious U.S. government-sponsored YES and FLEX programs, which bring students from countries with predominantly Muslim populations or were formerly under Soviet influence.

For more information on hosting, please contact Kimberly Eckhardt at keckhardt08@gmail.com or 802-824-3792.

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

A public hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont to consider:

Applicant:

Paul & Jess Glynn

Type of Application:

Conditional & Change of Use Application – Shoreland Overlay

Proposal:

Renovate existing camp with new foundation, dormer, roof, and septic for full-time use

Location:

942 Scout Camp Rd.

Application #:

2022-02

Dated: March 8, 2022

Mike Coleman, Chairman

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Windsor

Unit

PROBATE DIVISION

Docket No.: 21-pr-06961

In re ESTATE of:

MICHAEL B. O'DONNELL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of:

Michael B. O'Donnell

Decedent

late of

Springfield

Decedent's Town of Residence

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 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 within the four (4) month period.

Dated:

02242022

Signature of Fiduciary

Dan O'Donnell

Daniel O'Donnell, Co-Administrator

Kathleen O'Donnell

Executor/Administrator

Daniel O'Donnell, Co-Administrator

Mailing Address

c/o Parker & Ankuda, P.C., PO Box 519

Phone Number

802-885-2582

Email

City, State, Zip

Springfield, VT 05156

Name of Publication:

Vermont Journal - The Shopper

Publication Date:

March 16, 2022

Name of Probate Court:

Vermont Superior Court, Windsor County, Probate Division

Address of Probate Court:

12 The Green

Woodstock, VT 05091

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS

NOTICE OF SALE

Said lands will be sold at public auction at Town Office, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont, a public place in such Town, on the 7th day of April, 2022 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of land in the Town of Plymouth, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years indicated are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

1-15 Crimson Hawk Road

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Salt Ash Mountain Corporation to Cesar A. Millan Abreu by deed dated May 7, 1985 and recorded in Book 48 at Page 148 the Plymouth Town Land Records

1-23 Crimson Hawk Road

For the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Tyler Nathan Westcott and Beth Westcott to James S. Berman, Trustee by deed dated December 1, 2011 and recorded in Book 114 at Page 129 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

1-6 Hawk Spur Road

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Juergen Brandt to Juergen Brandt and Sabine Engl by deed dated April 29, 2002 and recorded in Book 87 at Page 190 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

2-78A Kestral Drive

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Salt Ash Mountain Corporation to Paul Chadwick and June Marie Chadwick by deed dated February 21, 1983 and recorded in Book 44 at Page 340 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

1-25 Crimson Hawk Road

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Salt Ash Mountain Corporation to Dr. Paul Chadwick and June Marie Chadwick by deed dated December 10, 1979 and recorded in Book 39 at Page 392 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

960 Grand View Lodge Road

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Roger E. Steward and Carolyn A. Steward and Ellery C. Steward and Sally Jane Steward to Peter P. Courtney and Alba L. Courtney by deed dated November 18, 2016 and recorded in Book 122 at Page 486 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

4772 Route 100

For the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by S & A Properties VT, LLC to Michael Darmetko and Christine Darmetko by deed dated February 6, 2004 and recorded in Book 95 at Page 43 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

832 Grand View Lodge Road

For the years 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Peter J. Marcessault and Geraldine A. Marcessault to Jesse A. Gagnon by deed dated May 30, 2019 and recorded in Book 127 at Page 65 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

Route 100A

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kathleen Billings, Tax Collector to Todd Gilman by deed dated December 4, 2006 and recorded in Book 102 at Page 767 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

Round Top Road

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Charles W. Johnson to Todd Gilman by deed dated October 20, 2005 and recorded in Book 99 at Page 728 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

Merrill Hill Road

For the years 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Kenneth Griffin to Edwin George Griffin by deed dated November 24, 1980 and recorded in Book 40 at Page 444 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

35 Amherst Inn

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being Unit 35 of Amherst Inn, Parcel No. 1268, owned by Vera M. Jenne, Trustee of the Plymouth Town Land Records

7952 Route 100

For the years 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Charles F. Knapp, Ardis Knapp and Steven M. Knapp to Charles F. Knapp, Ardis C. Knapp, Steven M. Knapp, Nancy Knapp Gilbert and Cheryl Knapp Conant by deed dated August 22, 1984 and recorded in Book 46 at Page 422 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

5307 Route 100

For the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John Mansfield and Mary Mansfield to John G. Mansfield and Mary M. Mansfield by deed dated June 23, 2005 and recorded in Book 98 at Page 725 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

Route 100

For the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Salt Ash Mountain Corporation to Emilio Martin Augustin by deed dated April 17, 1987 and recorded in Book 54 at Page 354 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

104 12 Road

For the years 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Clayton Blay and Ruth Blay to John B. Mercier by deed dated February 21, 2003 and recorded in Book 91 at Page 9 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

2-47 East Ash Road

For the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Salt Ash Mountain Corporation to Peter J. Meyer and Linda Meyer by deed dated May 27, 1984 and recorded in Book 45 at Page 498 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

2-76 Kestral Drive

For the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by John Hewitt and Thelma Hewitt, Trustees Hewitt Realty Trust to John Milano and Kathleen E. Milano by deed dated November 6, 2000 and recorded in Book 81 at Page 419 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

84 Merlin Way

For the years 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Arthur E. Deffaa and Fatimah K. Deffaa to Michael Neville and Elizabeth M. Neville by deed dated November 1, 2019 and recorded in Book 127 at Page 730 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

1830 Lynds Hill Road

For the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Thomas Rossi and Linda Rossi to Philip O'Brien and Catherine Newman by deed dated July 19, 2019 and recorded in Book 127 at Page 339 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

2-20 East Ash Road

For the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Diana M. Weeker and Claire E. Poll to Sudad Saman by deed dated March 9, 2015 and recorded in Book 120 at Page 174 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

1-30 Crimson Hawk Road

For the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Stephen Whaley and Michelle G. Whaley to Stephen C. Whaley by deed dated March 3, 2017 and recorded in Book 123 at Page 57 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

810 Crown Point Road

For the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Jeffrey M. Broadwell to Chad A. Wheeler and Kyle A. Wheeler by deed dated October 6, 2016 and recorded in Book 122 at Page 401 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

Route 100 (Tax ID 486-153-11244)

For the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Herbert Carver, Trustee of the Carson Trust to Robert Zorn by deed dated February 23, 2000 and recorded in Book 85 at Page 492 of the Plymouth Town Land Records

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. § 1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Plymouth Town Clerk, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, Vermont 05056.

Dated at Plymouth, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Sandie Small, Collector of Town and Town School District Taxes
Town of Plymouth, Vermont

House Education Committee hears testimony on school meals

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont’s House Education Committee this week heard testimony around the Universal School Meals bill, S.100, which nonprofit Hunger Free Vermont has worked to advocate for within the state.

If voted into law, Vermont would become the third state to require school meals be provided at no cost to students’ families, after Maine and California.

The state’s schools would use a combination of federal and state funding to pay for meals.

For the past two years, a federal program afforded Universal School Meals in all Vermont schools. This waiver is set to expire in June. Should the S.100 bill not pass, local leaders would need to decide whether to charge families once again.

Earlier this week Karyl Kent, director of school nutrition for Lamoille North School District, provided testimony in favor of the bill,

saying, “Universal School Meals allows us to focus on kids, not money. Time that would have been spent chasing delinquent bills and trying to get payments from families that cannot pay will instead be used procuring local foods, integrating cultural diversity into our menus, creating efficiencies in our production, and developing creative solutions to meeting the needs of our school communities.”

Statewide Campaigns Organizer for Education Justice for Rights and Democracy, Mia Schultz, echoed Kent’s view. She said, “In Vermont it is a constant struggle for all students to get equal resources and to be treated in an equitable manner, providing nutritious and locally sourced breakfasts and lunches is an easy and crucial way to ensure that all students are able to focus on school itself and not let hunger be a dangerous distraction for any child in Vermont.”

Two Maine Senators, Democrat Senate President Troy Jackson and Assistant Republican Leader Senator Matthew Pouliot, spoke to Vermont leaders via Zoom. Pouliot said the decision to provide free meals was a “no brainer,” since parents’ tax money funds schools and students are provided with other school day necessities including textbooks, desks, and more.

“Why should we not be providing to them a meal so they can make sure their brain is fully ready to digest, if you will, the information that we’re sharing with them in the public school system?” he asked.

The committee indicated that they will continue to work on the bill and hear testimony next week, including from several high school students. Full testimony transcripts can be found online at www.legislature.vermont.gov.

HCRS and Northeastern Law School present harm reduction research

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont’s nonprofit community mental-health agency, and Northeastern University School of Law will present research related to harm reduction practices in Windham County on March 30, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. Harm reduction refers to reducing negative social or physical consequences associated with various behaviors – in this case drug use. This approach is premised on values of public health and human rights and addresses conditions of use as well as the use itself.

Law Office 6, a group of 14 first-year law students from Northeastern, has been collaborating with HCRS on a research project related to expansion of harm reduction policies within both the health care setting as well as within employment

practices and policies. Even though harm reduction policies are well researched and demonstrate significant short and long-term health benefits, many providers and organizations feel concerned about the risks to their licensure and/or organizations when educating patients on safer drug use methods or supplies or discussing options for safer consumption.

The harm reduction manual created as a part of this project will provide tools for providers to feel more confident in implementing harm reduction services and approaches to care in their everyday work. The manual will further provide guidance on the benefits of hiring individuals with a spectrum of lived experiences, such as drug use. This project will further a collective commitment to social justice by expanding education, compassion, and dignity with regards to harm reduction as an evidence-based health

care framework.

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital has also been an active partner in this project. “At Healthworks, our providers take the approach that the best way to meet the medical needs of people with Substance Use Disorder is to create a non-judgmental, non-coercive, and collaborative clinical environment,” said Rebecca Burns, RN, Director of Community Initiatives at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. “Supporting the person’s current situation and encouraging safer drug-use practices may seem counterintuitive to some, but it can easily make the difference between life and death, can yield better long-term health outcomes, and respects patient autonomy and consent.”

To access the public presentation of this year’s research on March 30 at 9:15 am, go to the following Zoom link at www.northeastern.zoom.us/j/91656309674.

MARCH 26 – LUDLOW, Vt. – CBD Yoga Class on Saturday, March 26 from 6:30–8 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

APRIL 2 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Crystal, Sound, and Energy Healing Journey on Saturday, April 2 from 6:30–8 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in

Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

APRIL 3 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Reiki I Certification on Sunday, April 3 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

APRIL 6 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Reiki Practitioner Share on

Wednesday, April 6 from 6–8 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration at www.jasperforest.com. Donation suggested.

MAY 22 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Meditation, Sound Healing, and Juice Cleanse Retreat on Sunday, May 22 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Jasper Forest, 110 Main Street in Ludlow. Preregistration and prepayment required at www.jasperforest.com.

School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Recovery Program is Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., at the old St. Charles Catholic School building, 25 Cherry Street in Bellows Falls. The program is free. Call Celeste with any questions at 802-376-3507.

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 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

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 – WALPOLE, N.H. – Alcoholics Anonymous women’s meeting, a 12-step recovery program for women who have a desire to stop drinking, is happening every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Westminster and Elm streets in Walpole, N.H. For more information, call Viva at 802-732-8330.

FRIDAYS – WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, Walpole.

SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Participants may need to show proof of Springfield residency. This free program will continue to run as long as there is interest from the community. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga classes at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Yoga Stretch with Kathy Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Slow Flow Yoga with Lisa Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Drop in rates apply. Open to all. For details, call the Spring House at 802-228-1419 or visit www.okemo.com.

DAILY – REGION – If you want to drink that’s your business, but if you want to stop, that’s ours. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aavt.org or call your local hotline at 802-885-8281 and join a meeting. You are not alone.

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Spa day at Kurn Hattin –

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Spring is right around the corner, and a rejuvenating afternoon at the spa seems like the perfect way to welcome the new season. For the past 15 years, Kurn Hattin Homes’ houseparent, Sue Peltier, has continued the tradition of a Do-It-Yourself Spa Day in Hubbard Cottage after Winter Break.

The girls pair up and apply moisturizing lotion and soothing cucumber slices on the eyes, drink sparkling juices, and eat their favorite fruits. The day is capped with dessert first, strawberry shortcake, and dinner in their pajamas. You’re never too young to learn about the



Spa day at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. PHOTO PROVIDED

joy and importance of self-care.

Thank you, Sue, for continuing to make this special day happen!

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helped thousands of children and their families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment. Follow their journey at www.kurnhattin.org.

Schools, mental health, and suicide prevention seminars –

REGION – Featuring regional and national presenters, this series of 1.5 hour webinars applies elements of the Zero Suicide, “suicide safer pathways,” approach to school settings. Registration and attendance is free.

Interested parties can attend any or all of them:

March 18, 2022, 8:30–10 a.m.: An Overview of Prevention Prepared School Communities and Zero Suicide

Dr. JoEllen Tarallo, Center for Health and Learning, Kathryn Mason, LCSW, MSSW, Counselor, Green St. School

Mark Gebo, M.Ed., Counselor, Bellows Falls Union High School

March 25, 2022, 8:30–10 a.m.: Suicide Risk Screening

Dr. Lisa Horowitz, National Institutes for Mental

Health

April 15, 2022, 12–1:30 p.m.: Umatter® Suicidal Awareness in the School Setting (Gatekeeper Training)

Umatter® Trainers, Center for Health and Learning

April 29, 2022, 8:30–10 a.m.: Suicide Risk Assessment, Safety Planning, and Treatment for Youth in Schools: CAMS and CALM

Dr. Kurt D. Michael, Appalachian State University, CAMS-Care

May 6, 2022, 8:30–10 a.m.: Transition Planning for Students: Follow Up and Care Coordination

Becky Stoll, MSSW, LCSW, Centerstone

May 20, 2022, 8:30–10 a.m.: Suicide Postvention for Schools

Ann Duckless, M.A., Community Educator, Connect Suicide Prevention,

NAMI NH

These trainings are intended for Student Assistance Professionals, School-based Clinicians, Social Workers, Psychologists, Health and Physical Educators, Directors of Special Services, Administrators, Directors of Curriculum, SEL Coordinators, Community Health Care, and Social Service Partners and anyone concerned about suicide prevention in the school community.

Find more information and register at www.eventbrite.com/e/schools-mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-registration-260632628207?goal=0_9008cd1050-9520c4d1f5-1342895572&m_cid=9520c4d1f5&m_cid=bb5df24563.

Digital eye strain –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The average screen time in the U.S. is seven hours per day. Whether it is a cell phone, tablet, computer, laptop, or TV, prolonged viewing of digital screens can cause problems for the eyes. Using a digital screen causes the eyes to work harder and may exacerbate undiagnosed eye or visual problems. Common symptoms of digital eye strain

are as follows:

- Eye fatigue
- Headaches
- Blurred vision
- Dryness
- Tearing

The symptoms may be related to undercorrection or overcorrection in glasses or contacts, dry eye syndrome, poor lighting, screen glare, and/or unsuitable viewing distances. Digital eye strain can be evaluated and treated by your eye doctor with a

comprehensive eye exam. Your doctor may perform testing to determine the underlying cause and provide a management plan. In mild cases, the best way to alleviate symptoms is to use the 20-20-20 rule; every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break to view something 20 feet away.

Written by Dr. Mercedes Smith, optometrist at Springfield Family Eyecare.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center now offers walk-in services –

WINDSOR, Vt. – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center is now offering Walk-In Services as an option for urgent, but non-emergency medical needs. These visits are available Monday through Friday from 1–5 p.m. for patients ages two and up. Patients can check in at the Hospital’s Central Registration, through the main entrance.

Some of the conditions that can be diagnosed and treated through Walk-In Services are mi-

nor cuts and burns, urinary tract infections, strains and sprains, minor fractures, rashes, and ear, sinus, and eye infections. In addition, x-ray and lab services are available on site for timely results and further diagnosis.

If a patient’s symptoms indicate the possible need for care in the Emergency Department, a nurse will be on hand to evaluate to determine if their condition calls for transfer to ED.

“We look forward to providing high-quality care for our patients through

our new Walk-In Services,” said Joseph Perras, MD, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC. “Regardless of whether you are experiencing a minor injury or a mild illness, our providers can assist in a timely manner for quicker relief than waiting for an appointment during clinic hours, and also help you avoid the higher cost of an Emergency Department visit. It is important to your overall health that you do not postpone care or ignore symptoms needing prompt medical attention.”

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Gov. Scott celebrates 2022 maple season

REGION – Governor Phil Scott kicked off the 2022 Vermont Maple Season by tapping the unofficial “first” maple tree at the University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center in Underhill, Vt.

Vermont’s maple industry is celebrated for its world-renowned quality, taste, and nationwide leading annual production. From growing the ability to tap trees and boil maple sap utilizing leading-edge technology to studying the potential impacts of climate change on the state’s maple trees, the Research Center is widely recognized in the industry as playing an important role in the cultural growth and economic importance of the traditional agricultural crop.

“Our maple industry leads the nation, supports our economy, and strengthens the Vermont brand, while the Proctor Maple Research Center at UVM reinforces that,” said Gov. Scott. “With the strong brand recognition of Vermont Maple



Gov. Scott taps the unofficial “first” maple tree of the season. PHOTO PROVIDED

comes a responsibility to keep our standards at the highest level, and our maple producers have been doing that for decades with the help of the Proctor Maple Research Center.”

“Vermont continues to lead the nation in maple syrup production, with nearly half of the country’s maple syrup coming from our state’s family farms,” Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets Secretary Anson Tebbetts said.

The Vermont Sugar Makers Association is holding the 2022 Maple Open House Weekend throughout Vermont over two weekends this year, March 19-20 and March 26-27. Visit www.vermontmaple.org/events/ for more information.

Trio House of Waters and Vermont Comedy at Next Stage Arts

PUTNEY, Vt. – Genre-bending jazz and prog rock fusion trio House of Waters performs at Next Stage Arts on Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

“Our goal is to widen the palette of what makes its way to southern Vermont, and House of Waters is something truly unique. Max’s virtuosity on the hammered dulcimer is like nothing we’ve ever seen before,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage. “This is an opportunity for the community to experience an uncommon instrument played by a master of his craft. It doesn’t hurt that the drummer and bassist are also world-class musicians. House of Waters has been carving out a

name on the international scene for years, and we’re fortunate to be able to bring them here.”

Fresh off a globetrotting tour schedule in 2018-2019 including four tours of Europe, their first tour in India, and numerous shows and festivals in the U.S.A., House Of Waters saw their 2020 touring schedule derailed by the Covid pandemic. Luckily, as of 2021, House of Waters is back on the road.

This performance is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of Oak Meadow.

On on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m., Gordon Clark and his Vermont Comedy All-Stars return for a night of stand-up comedy at Next Stage Arts, following their enormously suc-

cessful show in November. Featured performers will include several contest-winning and touring comedians most often seen in the Burlington area.

“We all need reasons to laugh, and the Vermont Comedy All Stars do an outstanding job,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. “Comedians will be coming from all around the state to perform – partnering with the All Stars allows them to reach a new audience in the southern part of the state, and build a new following.”

The All-Stars cast includes Julia Colasanti, Nicole D’Elisa, Bill Mitchell, Toni Nagy, Tracie Spencer, Liam Welsh, and Gordon Clark.

For more information, go to www.nextstagearts.org.



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“A Big Hand for the Little Lady” with FOLA

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA will offer a most unusual Western, “A Big Hand for the Little Lady,” in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall on Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

The film concentrates on the five richest men in the territory as they gather in Laredo for their annual high-stakes poker game. The high rollers let nothing get in the way of their yearly showdown. When undertaker Tropp (Charles Bickford) calls for them in his horse-drawn hearse, cattleman Henry Drummond (Jason Robards) forces a postponement

of his daughter’s wedding, while lawyer Otto Habershaw (Kevin McCarthy) abandons his closing arguments in a trial, with his client’s life hanging in the balance. They are joined by Wilcox (Robert Middleton) and Buford (John Qualen) in the back room of Sam’s saloon, while the curious gather outside for occasional reports.

The film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Water is provided thanks to the folks at the United Church of Ludlow. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit www.fola.us.

OLLI presents “Gershwin, By George!” with Robert Wyatt

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert Wyatt will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, “Gershwin, By George!” on Tuesday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary’s Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Although Gershwin’s career covered less than two decades and ended with his tragic death in 1937, his music endures. This lively program will explore Gershwin’s life and legacy, including the chronology of the composer’s meteoric life and a listening of his 1924 recording of “Rhapsody



Robert Wyatt. PHOTO PROVIDED

in Blue” and other samples of early, unpublished music. Footage from the Gershwin brothers’ four Hollywood films will be shown.

Wyatt, a music historian and concert pianist, has performed at the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian Institution. In 1987, he discovered several unpublished piano preludes by George Gershwin and in the ensuing years pursued research that has established him as one of the nation’s foremost Gershwin scholars. He is the co-editor of “The George Gershwin Reader.” He presents music programs throughout the U.S. and is currently a piano faculty member at the Middlebury Community Music Center.

The next OLLI program on April 5 will be “The First Vermonters – Indigenous People – Abenaki Culture and History,” presented by educator Bobby Farlice-Rubio.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away. We will hand you a form and an addressed envelope to send in payment after the program.

There is a Membership Series special fee. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

Registration can be done online by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.

For registration assistance, please call 802-656-5817.

Due to the current situation of Covid, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored noncredit events (including OLLI), will be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn at indoor events. For full health & safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.



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