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Plymouth seeks Town Clerk, postpones weatherization project

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB
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PLYMOUTH, Vt. – At the April 4 Selectboard meeting, the board discussed progress on the downtown village center program, postponing the construction of the town office weatherization project, and accepted a resignation from Town Clerk Sandie Small in executive session.

The tax sale on April 7 was a success. Many property owners came forward to make payments prior to the tax sale, 14 properties were sold, and the town purchased three properties. Selectboard Chair Jay Kullman reported in an interview, “We really cleaned up

the delinquent taxes.” The Hawk properties are set for a second tax sale, tentatively to take place in May.

During the Selectboard meeting, Kullman reported that the historic village center program is moving forward with downtown designations. He explained the program is to get “downtowns looking more like downtowns, and it gives tax incentives to home and business owners [who] want to make improvements.”

The Board has been working with Two Rivers-Ottawa-Quebec Regional Commission, and two village centers have been mapped out. Plymouth Union village center includes the school, down to Gerard’s Place, past

the Salt Ash Inn, and Good Commons. The Tyson village boundaries include Inn at Water’s Edge, Echo Lake Inn, a portion of Dublin Road, the church, and the library. The owner of the old general store, located on the corner of Dublin Road and Library Trail, expressed her interest in applying for the program grant.

It was noted that paving on Route 100 would tentatively begin in June with one-way traffic. Contractors plan to start from the north and work south, but that is subject to change.

Selectman Rick Kaminski provided updates on the town office weatherization project. He has been meeting with the mechanical

engineer and electrical engineer, as well as following up with the architect regularly. Kaminski is moving forward with the plans for a contractor pre-bid walk through on April 18 and will accept hard bids on May 2, but plans to postpone the construction date.

A setback with the project has been getting contractors to commit to placing bids. Kaminski contacted seven contractors, and only one committed to bid. Two were too busy and the others said they aren’t bidding, only negotiating or working under certain contracts, “because the market is too volatile.” It has also been difficult to rely on material deliveries. The wall panels have a 16-

week delivery window, and LaValley’s said that standard Anderson windows could take a year-and-a-half to get.

In moving forward with the renovation project, the new plan is to continue with “hard bids on May 2, issue contracts within two weeks if we can, and order materials,” said Kaminski. The town can stockpile the materials, pay for them, and safely store them under cover until construction begins next year. With the new timeline in place, Kaminski intends to cement three competitive contractor bids.

The meeting then adjourned to executive session, where Town Clerk

Sandie Small gave her resignation. The town is now searching for a Town Clerk and Treasurer. They will also be hiring a Delinquent Tax Collector next term, which Assistant Town Clerk Elaine Pauley has filled temporarily. “Elaine [has been] gracious to do it in the short-term,” Kullman reported, but the Board will be looking to fill the position permanently. A new Town Clerk will also have the option to fill the Delinquent Tax Collector position.

Kullman stated, “We love Sandie, and we’re sorry to see her go.” The Board thanks Small for her time and contributions to the town.

Chester Selectboard tweaks structure of Cannabis commission

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard continued to wrestle with the recently approved retail cannabis issue at their April 6 meeting, discussing the authority of the Local Cannabis Control Commission which the Board established at their last selectboard meeting, as well as the power of the Selectboard itself to establish ordinances under the heading of public nuisance, adult business, or age oriented related regulation.

After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to change the structure of the Local Cannabis Control Commission to include just two board members, rather than the entire board, and include community members, with the final number of participants to be determined.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas said that one of the big things they were sorting through was exactly what is the authority of the Local Cannabis Control Commission, which he characterized, based on guidance from the state, as pretty limited. He said that this was why some people were suggesting that the Selectboard pursue nuisance laws, or age-oriented ordinances. “We have to decide – is that something we want to pursue?” he said, and later added, “What do we want to do as a town, if anything? I don’t know the answer.”

Town Manager Julie Hance had recently attended a discussion that included regional planning, Vermont League of Cities and Towns representatives, different cannabis support organizations, and those bet-

ter connected to the State Cannabis Control Board, to sort through some of the questions that have arisen since retail cannabis has been approved. Hance reported that Chester was the only municipality represented in the discussion. According to Hance, not much was accomplished other than to discuss issues in order to get answers to bring back to the group the following month. She said she would continue to be part of the group so she could inform the Board in the coming months.

Hance said that she was not sure if they’ll get the answers, since, based on feedback from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns at the recent discussion, the State Cannabis Control Board does not understand why municipalities are confused and think their document is very clear.

Hance also said she was looking for clarity on the issues with one board serving two different functions, as, since an ordinance can only be passed by the Selectboard, there needs to be separation: is the Board acting as the Local Cannabis Control Commission or the Selectboard?

Jonynas said that they needed more clarity on how zoning regulations might fit into adult-oriented or age-oriented ordinances.

Chester resident Barre Pinsky spoke remotely, saying that the people of the town voted for retail cannabis and that there should be some diversity on the commission rather than having the Selectboard act as the sole representative. “I don’t think is in the best interests of the town,” he said. “It would be nice to have some people involved in the commission that were pushing

for this.”

Board member Ben Whalen said that the voters spoke on voting day and that it was their responsibility to make sure it was done. He said he agreed that the make-up of the commission should be more than just the Selectboard. He suggested the commission set up ground rules and specify what the group is responsible for is what we’re trying to achieve.

Jonynas said they put out a statement for public participation and had two responses to date, but they did receive interest from another resident during the course of the meeting. He said they would get the word out to the town further for those interested in participating in the commission. Jonynas then said they would alter the structure of the commission to include public participation and limit Selectboard members to two, so they wouldn’t have to warn the meetings when they gather. They will decide on the final number of participants once they see how much community response they receive.

In other business, Hance will begin negotiations with the newly formed police union beginning at the end of April and asked for two Selectboard members to join her in the process. Arne Jonynas and Ben Whalen volunteered to participate.

The Board approved Hance’s suggestion to set up a community meeting on Monday, May 9 to discuss uses for the town’s

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Cavendish discusses Energy Chapter in Town Plan

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Selectboard April 11 meeting began with their annual organizational meeting, approving all town positions without debate, and then spent the bulk of their time discussing updates to the Energy Chapter in the Town Plan and town highway concerns following the recent challenging mud season.

Cavendish Regional Planning Commissioner Etienne Ting discussed the “Energy Chapter,” which is nearing completion but has been in the process of being revised for over two years.

According to Ting, the Energy Chapter draft is heavily based on the Regional Planning Commission’s energy plan from 2018 and includes Vermont’s “enhanced energy” plan which includes three state goals: achieve 25% renewable energy consumption by 2025, 40% renewable energy use by 2035, and 90% renewable energy use by 2050.

The incentive for incorporating the states wide-scope renewable energy goals is that the state will allow for “substantial deference” to any town when approving any Act 248 projects. Meaning, if you put the state’s goals into the Town Plan, you’ll get an upper hand in an Act 248 proceeding. It is under Act 248 that the state approves energy projects.

Ting said that the biggest challenge for Cavendish is mainly transportation when looking at hitting the 90% goal

in 2050. He said it would be difficult to replace fossil fuel cars to achieve that goal. “That’s the struggle we have.” He said that Cavendish had already achieved about 98% toward meeting the 2035 energy goals.

When members of the Selectboard questioned what ramifications there would be if they don’t meet the goals, LaBelle said that the town can’t focus on how they’re going to be enforced and that there is no enforcement mechanism involved. He also said that many of the changes can’t be tracked, such as weatherization or purchasing of electric vehicles. He said the Energy Chapter will just state the goal, and how they are trying to achieve it.

The Energy Chapter language is based on regional plan and on other surrounding towns since it doesn’t make sense to go out and write something that hasn’t already been approved, said Labelle.

As for next steps, Ting said the Planning Commission is now trying to resolve differences of opinion on some of the language, and, once resolved, they’ll be incorporated into the Energy Chapter which will then be approved by Regional Planning, the state having delegated the authority to approve to them. It will then be presented to the Board for amendment to the Town Plan.

Town Manager Brendan McNamara gave an update on the town roads, saying

that, for the most part, the town has gotten through a difficult mud season. He thanked the town crews for their work and the community for their patience. They will now begin grading and doing some serious ditching work, particularly on David Road, Brook Road, and a number of culverts that need to be replaced.

The new sheriff deputy has been increasingly stationed in Cavendish village and in front of the elementary school to address concerns of speeding on Route 131. Regional planning will be putting down speed strips in both locations in the coming weeks to being to gather speed data, a first step if any changes to speed limits were to be considered. McNamara also said that VTrans will supply portable electronic speed signs.

McNamara is looking to establish a committee to determine how the town will spend it \$450,000 in American Recovery Plan Act funding. He would like the committee to be made up of community members and two Selectboard members, saying he wants as much input from community members as possible in an effort to try and spread the money as wide across town as possible and not just into water, sewer, and storm water upgrades.

The next Cavendish Selectboard meeting is on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office.

CORRECTION

In the “Ludlow approves all articles at in-person Town Meeting” article in the April 6 edition of The Vermont Journal, it was mistakenly reported that the town budget was \$14 million, whereas the correct total was approximately \$4 million.

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Ludlow Rotary hears from local business owner Troy Caruso

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Tuesday, April 5 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club featured businessman Troy Caruso speaking to Rotarians and guests about his new projects and plans in Ludlow, Vt. Mr. Caruso is the owner of the Fox Run Golf Club and several other properties in Ludlow.

Caruso spoke about his future plans at Fox Run that include a 50 to 60-unit hotel, a wedding facility, and a new pro shop. It will be a \$20 million project expected to take three years to complete. He also has plans for farm-to-table gardens along Route 103 between Fox Lane and Dug Road, including a walking path. The vegetables grown there will be used in his five restaurants in Ludlow, Caruso said.

The restaurants he currently owns or plans to buy in the next couple of months include Calcutta's, LaTavolta, Off the Rails (formerly Mangiamo Ristorante), Sam's Steakhouse, and Mr. Darcy's. He stated



Pictured left to right, President Elect of the LRC, Jim Rumrill, Troy Caruso, and Rotarian Kevin Barnes.

PHOTO BY KIM LAMPERT

that he is planning to offer a special discount at every restaurant weekly for full time Vermont residents.

Renovations and menu changes are in the works. Off the Rails will feature train cars parked outside the restaurant with small shops in each and a funicular down the mountain to the restaurant. There would be opportunities for families to enjoy the site in addition to the restaurant.

Caruso grew up on Long

Island, N.Y., and started work as a laborer out of high school in a demolition company, eventually learning the trade and building a successful contracting business. He owns a business financing company as well. He stated that he sees Ludlow as a town ripe for investment and revitalization with a lot of opportunity, and that, as a second homeowner over the past twelve years, he loves the area.

In other business, the Ludlow and Chester Rotary Clubs will be co-hosting an exchange student for the 22/23 school year. Host families are needed. Contact Jim Rumrill at 802-380-2766 for more information.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman, at 802-228-8877 to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Call for GMUHS class of 1972 reunion

REGION – Members of the GMUHS Class of 1972 are preparing to hold a 50th

reunion on Alumni Weekend, June 11-12, 2022. We are asking if there are

class members who want to get together to relive memories, speak about the past, and enjoy each other's company again.

Please take a few moments to respond to the email addresses below so we can determine if there is a desire to get together.

You can respond back to Brian Waldo at bwaldo72@gmail.com or bwaldo72@vermontel.net, or Cynthia Kehoe at rkehoe@together.net. More details to follow.

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Rotary announces McElroy scholarship

CHESTER, Vt. – The Rotary Club of Chester, Vt. is pleased to announce a district wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy, who served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues, and Rotary Clubs throughout the District 7870.

Prior to her death in 2014, Jan McElroy requested that any do-

nations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for nontraditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or a two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The scholarship award will be a minimum of

\$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from the guidance department of Green Mountain Union HS, River Valley Technical Center, or at the financial aid office at the Community College of VT, Vermont Technical College, or from William Dakin, Esq., Scholarship Chair of the Rotary Club of Chester, Vt. A request for an application can be sent to wdakin@dakinbenelli.com. Applications need to be completed and received no later than May 15, 2022. The selected recipient will be notified in late May and will be presented the award at a Rotary event in the near future.

Londonderry cemeteries open May 1

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Cemetery Commission of the Town of Londonderry would like the public to know that the Londonderry Cemeteries will open on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Clean up of the cemeteries by the Cemetery caretakers will begin immediately. To that end, please remove

all decorations that have been added to the cemeteries over the winter. Any winter decoration items remaining on cemetery plots on May 1 will be removed and disposed of. The Cemetery Commission thanks everyone for their cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, plantings in the cemetery are not allowed. Also, if anyone is

aware of a veteran who is buried in one of the Londonderry Cemeteries and does not have the proper armed forces/veteran marker and flag, please alert the Londonderry Town Offices at 802-824-3356 and the Cemetery Commission will see that it is attended to.

Again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Grace Cottage earns top score in Healthcare Equality Index

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The national Human Rights Campaign Foundation of Washington, DC, has announced that Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital has earned an "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Top Performer" designation, with a score of 95 out of 100 in the Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index.

A record 906 healthcare facilities actively participated in the 2022 HEI survey, and 251 of those earned "Top Performer" designation.

Only two Vermont hospitals, Grace Cottage and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in White River Junction, earned "Top Performer" status.

"We are dedicated to providing compassionate,

high-quality care that is free from discrimination and affirming of gender identity and sexual orientation," said Doug DiVello, President and CEO of Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital. "We are very honored to have received 'Top Performer' designation, which affirms that our employees are committed to providing inclusive care for all the patients that we serve."

Springfield Farmers' Markets

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As the days grow longer and a little warmer, the Springfield Farmers' Market is pleased to announce its upcoming Spring Markets at the United Methodist Church in

Downtown Springfield. The first market will be held on Saturday, April 23, and the second on Saturday, May 21, both from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Attendees will find natural meats, artisan breads, spring

decor, fabric creations, artisanal pasta, custom batik, incredible pastries, confections, and baked goods, honey, jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, and a full range of maple products.

The Market is always seeking new vendors of locally-sourced and hand-crafted products, and set-up rates are very reasonable. If interested, please contact Market Coordinators at sfog@vermontel.net or sjgint90@comcast.net.



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American Rescue Plan Act funds, which total approximately \$900,000. Town department heads have come forward with some of their ideas, but Hance would like to start with a blank slate during the meeting so community members can throw out their ideas and begin brainstorming. Hance noted that this is one-time taxpayer money and it would be nice to have projects done that reach the largest population.

Jonynas agreed saying, "The more input from the public the better."

The Board approved Andover's contract for fire and ambulance services for this year.

Hance announced a correction to the scheduling of the summer Community Breakfasts at the Emergency Services Building, which will be held on the first Sunday of the month and not Saturdays as previously reported, from 7:30-10 a.m. The first is to be held on Sunday, June 5 and extend to Sunday, Sept. 4.

The next Chester Select-board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chester Town Office.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Popple Dungeon history

Below is a newspaper clipping I found in Mary Harris' scrapbook. It dates to 1929. Some of the details are interesting.

Fletchers observe 68th wedding date

Chester Couple Were Married in 1861 in House They Still Occupy. (Special to The Herald).

CHESTER, Jan. 22 – Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge C. Fletcher observed their 68th wedding anniversary today. They were married in 1861 by Re. C.C. Gurr, pastor of the Baptist church in Chester. He drove out of the village to the home of Mrs. Fletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Davis, to perform the ceremony, finding the snow so deep and badly drifted that his sleigh, as well as sleighs of others who attended the wedding, was tipped over before they reached the house.

Mrs. Fletcher, who was Lydia Ursula Davis, was born in the house where they were married, which is still their home in the summer. For the last few years they have spent the winters with Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Edson. They have two sons, Leon J. and Leslie D., both living on the Springfield road, and one granddaughter, Miss Esther U. Fletcher.

The schoolhouse, which Mrs. Fletcher attended, was a short distance below the present Poplar Grove schoolhouse. She remembers attending school when there were 40 pupils during the winter terms. At that time there were 30 families living within two miles of their home, where now there are only



C.C. Fletcher farm in the Popple Dungeon.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

three.

Their house was built in 1798. Mr. Fletcher has a brick taken from the chimney, which bears that date. Many years ago there was a cider mill and a cooper's shop on the farm, also a blacksmith shop where nails were made by hand for use in nailing the clapboards on the house. Mr. Fletcher has saved a quantity of these nails. One side of the house is still covered with the original clapboards, which were split out and shaved by hand.

The first schoolhouse in this part of the town was built of logs on this farm.

Mr. Fletcher was born in Acworth, N.H. and will be 90 years old February 14. He came to Chester to live with his parents 72 years ago and is probably the oldest man in town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher possess wonderful memories concerning people and events of their neighborhood. They received many cards and letters of congratulation but otherwise spent the anniversary very quietly.

Another clipping: **Chester's Budget** Sept. 7, 1911
Old Home day

The third annual old home day of the Popple Dungeon district was held in the grove near the red schoolhouse, Thursday, Aug. 25, with an attendance of 201.

The grove was decorated with flags, and tables were set for the picnic dinner, which was served at noon. A drum corps of four members and an orchestra of three members furnished music for the day.

After dinner exercises were held consisting of a historical talk, dating back some 65 years, given by C.C. Fletcher.

James A. Gould also gave a short talk. There were recitations by the children and vocal music by a quartette. After the program there were sports consisting of sack, potato, and wheelbarrow races.

There were 18 different towns represented at the gathering. Seven ladies over 70 years old were present; their names are Katy Howard of Walpole aged 75, and as it happened it was her birthday, Huldah Clark 83, Mary French 85, Loors Stearns 83, Amy Mack 74, Hannah Fuller 79, and Alvira Clark 72.

When the United States flag was drawn to the top of the pole, the hills echoed back the three cheers as never before. No one went hungry, oh no. The grounds around the schoolhouse had been nicely cleaned of brush and grass. The tables, seats, and swings in the grove all newly made.

Dean Williams was there with his ice cream rig, but the day a little too cool for trade. The old fashioned game "quoits" was going all day, played by the experts.

It was voted to hold the next old home day the last Thursday of August, 1911.

The next meeting of Chester Historical Society is upstairs of Town Hall, Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. The slideshow will focus on old Vermont photos. Included will be a real photo postcard of Dorothy Canfield Fisher, bearing her signature. We have some great views to be included. All are welcome whether members or not. Come find out what we're about.

This week's old saying: "Frankly Scarlet, I don't give a..."



C.C. Fletcher pitching hay in the Popple Dungeon.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Rockingham historic preservation grants

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently awarded the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission four Certified Local Government Grants for 2022 and 2023.

"The rich historical resources of Rockingham continue to attract well deserved support from our local community, the State of Vermont, and the National Park Service," said Dr. John Leppman, Commission Chair.

Funding will be used to support Commission programming and for a series of preservation projects at the Rockingham Meeting House, a National Historic Landmark. Meeting House projects include kicking off restoration of the graveyard and window conservation. "It's very encouraging to see so many great applications for historic preservation projects in our CLG communities," said Vermont

State Architectural Historian Devin Colman. "These grants encourage preservation projects at the local level, with input from a broad range of community members."

"The Rockingham historic preservation community takes this as a vote of confidence in efforts to conserve our rich historic landscapes and steward historic resources," said Walter Wallace, Commission Coordinator. "Historic preservation is not about the past, it is about the future. CLG grants are investments in that future."

Established by the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980, the CLG program is a partnership between local governments, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service, which



Rockingham Meeting House. PHOTO BY ELIJAH ZIMMER

is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program. Seventeen communities in Vermont are currently designated as CLGs.

For more information about Rockingham's CLG grant projects, email clg@rockbf.org.

For more information about the Certified Local Government program, please visit the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation website.

OLLI, "North Chester: More Than Just the Stone Village"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Hugh Henry, local architectural historian, will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program, "North Chester: It's More Than Just the Stone Village," on Tuesday, April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

North Chester is an exemplary stagecoach-era village with a split personality. Its early development with wood-framed buildings from the 1780s onward was eclipsed during the later 1830s-1840s by a partial renewal with distinctive stone buildings that now define its public identity.

Henry will discuss the Clark brothers, the primary masons who built the stone houses, and the architectural features of the stone houses and the wood-framed houses that exist along North Street.

The next OLLI program, just one week after on April 26, will be the postponed earlier program, "Vermont Women in the Civil War," presented by Howard Coffin. And then the following week, on May 3, will be the other postponed program, "Landscape Gardening for Pollinators and Wildlife," with Henry Homeyer. The



View of North Chester, circa 1900.

PHOTO PROVIDED

latter is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. However, if you arrive without having registered, we will not turn you away.

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-19, the University of Vermont expects all participants at UVM sponsored non-credit events (including OLLI), will be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn at indoor events. For full health and safety information, go to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield.



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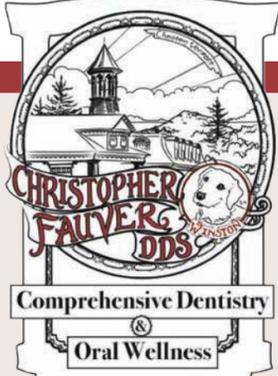
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opinion

Dear Editor,

I am 76 years old, and I never had children. But I still feel like sending kids to camp after reading, "Go to summer camp," Kyle Laurita Bonometti's masterful description of the benefits of summer camp in the

April 6 edition.

Of course, I attended Camp Plymouth for Boy Scouts more than 60 years ago, and later was a counselor there, so I know from experience how valuable camp can be, even if it is a

little intimidating at first. Still, Bonometti's piece was an excellent reminder.

Sincerely,
Dick Andrews
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

After many long Floor sessions debating and passing bills to the other body, the Legislature has pretty much completed "cross over." This is the point in the Session where all bills which have any chance of making it into law have to be passed from the House to the Senate or vice versa. It takes about two weeks at the end of March to finish this work. We passed bills dealing with issues from firearm safety to environmental justice, from birthing centers to end of life choices, from redistricting to town charter changes, from education finance to workforce development, from forest fragmentation to our mental health crisis, and from affordable housing to cannabis farming. So, now, as we begin April, the House and the Senate are busy reviewing each other's work, making our additions and finishing up the work of this 2022 Session.

We've taken action on many of our top priorities this year, including housing, workforce development, climate change mitigation, Vermont's continued response to Covid's impact on our economy and our citizens, and fixing the unfunded liability challenges in our public pension system.

Vermont's housing crisis has occupied a good deal of our Senate Economic Development Committee time. A healthy housing market

is critically important to our economy and our communities. And that health is challenged at the moment with rental vacancy rates of less than 1% in the Upper Valley, increased costs of building materials, and the median sales price of purchasing a home being up about 20%. Businesses can't find places for new recruits to live, and Vermonters can't afford to buy homes, or rent apartments, in the communities of their choice. People are really feeling the housing crunch.

Our omnibus housing bill, S.226, is designed to reduce barriers to building more housing, and provide incentives to stimulate housing development. It has a number of components: grants to encourage increased housing density in our Downtowns and Village centers by building more Accessory Dwelling units which can only be used for long term rentals, permit reforms which get rid of duplicative waste water permitting and extend permit expiration times, and, tax incentives to attract downtown housing development and for use in purchasing or replacing mobile homes. It increases the number of units a Priority Housing Project (exempt from Act 250) can build, creates grants which make housing more affordable for our middle income families and which keep these homes perpetually affordable, relaxes land use regulation provisions to support housing density and smart growth, and prioritizes first-generation homebuyers for the Down Payment Assistance Program run by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency. It creates grants for Mobile Home owners and parks to make small scale capital improvements, home repair and incentives to relocate from flood hazard

areas, and it authorizes the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to partner with large employers (hospitals, resorts, regional businesses) on housing projects and with commercial property owners to convert properties to housing.

In addition, this bill adds funding to the municipal planning grant program and extends the popular By-Law Modernization program, it increases our Downtown and Village Tax Credits Program and expands it to include Neighborhood Development Areas (areas immediately adjacent to our designated downtowns), and it creates a Flood Mitigation Tax Credit, which will enable qualified flood mitigation projects. Finally, S.226 includes a compromise on the Home Contractor's registration and certification framework for residential contractors within the Office of Professional Regulation. This is an important piece of consumer protection designed to reduce home improvement fraud.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at 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

Op-Ed: A Newspaper of Record

Around Vermont, as municipal boards reorganize, set goals, and undertake housekeeping for the term ahead, one of the things every town and city has to do is decide its "Newspaper of Record." The designation allows town residents to know where to look for proper notification of hearings, vacancies, delinquent tax sales, or other important municipal issues.

Vermont municipalities are required by state law to publish certain public notices in print in newspapers that serve their communities. Most or all of these newspapers also publish public notices on their websites, making them available in print and online.

This legislative session, lawmakers have been discussing a proposed change to the law that would allow communities to choose to publish public notices "online only" through an entity other than a newspaper. That would have a significant impact on print publications. And newspaper publishers across Vermont have let the Senate Government Operations committee know of their objections, starting with revenue and ending with relevance.

A move to "online only" would undermine democracy by migrating important public notices away from general interest newspapers, and replacing widely distributed newspapers

with digital-only options in a state where reliable internet access is still a challenge for many is a recipe for disaster.

Consider our story: When Covid took hold, The Times Argus and Rutland Herald lost significant revenue in advertising. If you recall, overnight, we laid off about half of the employees, and reduced the number of publication days from five to three. The most expensive thing that we do is pay for printing and distributing. We could not have sustained had we not taken those initial steps...

...Facebook took away most display advertising long before Covid did. Craigslist and services like Front Porch Forum took away classified advertising and liner ads. Covid simply made marketing businesses irrelevant, because no one was out.

Then, when Vermont went into the state of emergency, the courts closed; lawyers offices closed; tax sales stopped; estates were not being settled; town offices were closed and started working remotely; municipal and school boards were put on hold; local committees stopped. So did public notices.

Prior to the pandemic, in 2019, The Times Argus and Rutland Herald published more than 800 public notices per year, bringing in hundreds of thousands

of dollars in revenue. In 2020, we published 400 or so public notices. That loss hurt.

Somewhere between local news, the most recent dean's list, the ad for the bean supper, the weekly list of worship services, the quirky police log, the busy editorial page, and the local sports scores, there are public notices that inform and educate and fit within the pages of a community newspaper.

For now, communities with printed newspapers are better for having them. No doubt, readers love to hate their local paper. But readers also can't live without them. It's routine. It's a record. It provides a sense of inclusion and community involvement. It's empowerment through local knowledge and lore that can sit on the coffee table for a bit while you go do other things. It's willing participation.

Our story is one of resilience and community building. We are proud of that. Communities that work with newspapers have better informed citizens. We are proud of our part in that, too.

It is foolhardy to dismantle institutions that support community. Print newspapers are at the center, where they should be.

Written by Steve Pappas, The Times Argus.

FWN: Spring Scam Roundup

REGION - Home improvement scams begin in earnest during March. Beware of "pop-up" contractors offering great deals on driveway paving, siding installation, or general contractor work. Typically, the perpetrator appears at your door making a fantastic offer on the price of the repair work. The scenario: "I happened to be in the area working on a job, and we overestimated the amount of material necessary. Rather than drive home with the products, I'm willing to offer you a great deal so I can break even." The offer is made in a sense of urgency; you need to decide right now! "Cold Call" offers such as this should raise a red flag. Don't jump on the offer, as that is exactly what the criminal wants. Take your time to decide. Ask the "contractor" for local references and request a copy of proof of insurance. Any hesitation on the part of the contractor or renewed pressure to act screams scam. Accepting the deal and making payment with cash or check can be problematic. While it may be worth little in the long run, at least demand a written contract and conduct a

check of the address and contact information.

Heading to college or graduating from college? Pin a bullseye on your back for scammers. "Special" debt relief offers, apartment rentals, or fraudulent offers of employment can drain your bank account leaving you empty handed. As always, beware of offers appearing "too good to be true" and don't let emotion dictate behavior. Take time and conduct a general browser search of the company making the offer, including the word rating or review, and don't be afraid to make phone calls using verifiable numbers. You may also receive a letter, email, or phone call announcing your selection to a "Who's Who" directory. While some are legitimate, many are scams and impersonations. These programs ask for details of your personal life, education, and employment; items easily used to commit fraud and conduct identity theft. In practically all situations, marks are asked to purchase a copy of the book with the listing that is created. Don't allow ego to cloud judgement. Ask people you respect if they know anyone who benefited from this honor. The answers may surprise you.

This spring, the number of social media scams on Facebook, Instagram, and others continues to rise. Aside from fraudulent relationship building, many of the reported scams involve pop-up advertisements for products marketed by premium brands such as L. L. Bean. Links take victims to fraudulent web sites where they place orders using credit cards. No products arrive, and charges for unauthorized purchases appear on statements. Reports that I have received note that the social media companies are less than cooperative in resolving the issue and the bogus advertisements continue to appear on the websites. Luckily, credit card purchases can be challenged but the better approach is to verify the offer with the legitimate company prior to ordering. If you are a victim, report the scam to the FBI at www.IC3.gov.

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

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by Linda Thistle

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- Not worth debating
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- Void partner
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- Elev.
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- Grass shack
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- "Blue Bloods" actress
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LEGAL NOTICES

APRIL 14 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Community lunch at Black River Valley Senior Center on Thursday, April 14 at 11:45 a.m. Menu includes homemade beef stew, bread, and apple crisp with ice cream. Seating is limited. Registration

required and donation requested. Located at 10 High St. in Ludlow.

APRIL 14 – 16
TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Leland and Gray Players present “An Evening of Short Plays” on Thursday

and Friday, April 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. in Dutton Gymnasium at Leland and Gray High School in Townshend. Featuring plays written, acted, and directed by students, about mermaids and cowboys and haunted marriages, there will surely be something for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased at the door.

APRIL 16 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Organic master gardener Henry Homeyer is hosting a free webinar on growing vegetables in Vermont on Saturday, April 16, from 9-10 a.m., via Zoom. Free to attend but donations accepted to support garden education programming offered by the Southeast Chapter of University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardeners. To register, go to www.henryhomeyer2022.eventbrite.com. Participants must be signed into Eventbrite to participate.

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – Great Brownsville Community Church Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at Tribute Park adjacent to the church, and

will continue until all 1,500 eggs are found. Each egg will contain a treasure or two, special to youngsters.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – “The Perennials,” a six-piece jazz ensemble, will perform in concert on Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at St. James Methodist Church in Proctorsville. Enjoy cool jazz and good old tunes. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted.

APRIL 17 –
BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – Enjoy the Community Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 17 at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Brownsville Community Church. Volunteers will be serving pancakes and sausage with real Vermont maple syrup. Donations welcome.

APRIL 23 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles F. Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, April 23, from 1-4 p.m. Topics of discussion will be early spring management: locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing,

and requeening. Look for the “BEE” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road (18 MacLean Road, first on right, Alstead, N.H.) Bring a veil if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. Water and sunscreen are also a plus. To register, email lindenamel@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the first of four workshops.

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 downstairs 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 –
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 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Tracy Blanchard from The National Council on Aging will be at the Black River Valley Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to help Medicare recipients find and apply for eligible assistance programs, services and support. Located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. For details, call 802-773-7917.

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. 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.

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

SATURDAYS –
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. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

LMHUUSD MOWING BID

The Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District is seeking bids for lawn mowing at the Mount Holly Elementary School. Those interesting in submitting a bid need to be fully insured and should contact Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager at cheryl.hammond@trsu.org (802) 875-6433 or Craig Hutt Vater, Principal at craig.huttvater@trsu.org 259-2392.

School Bus Driver

Green Mountain Unified School District has a position open for a Full Time Bus Driver starting immediately. Driving will be approximately 4 - 6 hours a day split between the morning and afternoon. This is a School Year Position. Requirements: CDL Class B with school bus and passenger endorsement, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks and a pre-employment drug test are required as well as being in a pool for random drug testing. EOE.

Job Type: Full-time Pay: \$22.87 per hour

Send Resumes to: Michael Ripley at michael.ripley@trsu.org

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VT FULL-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION

The Town of Springfield is seeking to fill a Dispatcher position. This is a Full-Time position with an excellent benefit package. The starting pay is \$20.29 per hour for no prior dispatch experience (training rate). Otherwise, starting pay is \$20.63 depending on prior experience level. This is a second shift position, 3:00 to 11:00 PM. Training will be provided. Applications and additional information on the position, benefits, and union contract may be picked up at the Springfield Police Station, 201 Clinton Street, or by calling the Department's Administrative Assistant at 802-885-2113. Applications may also be downloaded at www.springfieldvt.org. Complete applications should be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Mark Fountain at the Springfield Police Department. Applications will be accepted until April 22, 2022 or until the position is filled. The Town is an equal opportunity employer.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS STATE OF VERMONT

April 13, 2022
Town of Springfield, Jeff Mobus
96 Main Street,
Springfield VT, 05156
802-885-1617

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Springfield.

Request for Release of Funds

On or about April 29, 2022, the Town of Springfield will submit a request to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (the Agency) to release the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Park Street School for the purpose of renovations to repurpose the building as a digital workspace for the Springfield Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC). The project is located at 60 Park Street, Springfield VT. The total estimated cost of the project is \$26,000,000 with \$500,000 in CDBG funding.

Mitigating factors include:

- CAP must be followed to receive Certification of Compliance from DEC and as an environmental condition for ACCD. Primary clean up steps include removal of USTs (underground storage tanks), covering exposed, contaminated soils, PCB testing and removal, and lead and asbestos removal.
- Post-renovation radon testing will be completed
- Project must meet conditions listed in Part II National Park Service Certification Application.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Springfield has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the municipal office of the Town of Springfield at 96 Main Street, Springfield VT 05156 and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8:00am- 4:30 pm.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Springfield, Attn: Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, 96 Main Street, Springfield VT 05156. All comments received by April 28, 2022 will be considered by the Town of Springfield prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must specify which Notice they are addressing—the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Springfield is certifying to the Agency that Jeff Mobus, in their official capacity as Town Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Springfield to use the CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Springfield's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer, Jeff Mobus; (b) the Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Agency; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Attn: Grace Vinson, Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.

TOWN OF POWNAL
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
SITE VISIT
2853 SOUTH STREAM RD
POWNAL, VERMONT

SITE VISIT

Date: APRIL 11TH, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Location: 2853 SOUTH STREAM ROAD
POWNAL, VT 05261

A SITE VISIT WILL BE HELD ON MR. JOHN BABSON'S PROPERTY LOCATED AT

2853 SOUTH STREAM ROAD
POWNAL, VT 05261

ON APRIL 11, 2022 AT 9AM

TOWN OF POWNAL
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
TOWN OFFICE
POWNAL, VERMONT

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION

Date: April 13, 2022 at 7:00PM
Location: Town Office or Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Hearing Continued- Permit Application:
 - a. Permit #22-007 and #22-008: John Babson of 2853 South Stream Road Pownal, VT 05261 has submitted an application for new construction and a business on the property located at 2853 South Stream Road Pownal, VT 05261.
4. Board Discussion and Decision
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87442490691?pwd=UitkMndkYmJ3bkZBUzFjTjZ2MVVWNUZ0>

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Town of Pownal – Open Position
Administrative Assistant

The Town of Pownal is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant, flexible hours, some work from home. Starting pay \$16-18/hour depending on experience. Must be computer efficient and have administrative experience. Some duties will include payroll, AP, utility billing and other administrative duties. Send cover letter and resume to executive.assistant@townofpownal.org by April 13, 2022.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit **PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 22-PR-01620**

In re ESTATE of: GAYNOR P. COASSIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: GAYNOR P. COASSIN Decedent

late of BROWNSVILLE 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: 04-04-2022 Signature of Fiduciary: Peter J. Coassin
Peter J. Coassin, Executor

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

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REGION - For those in need of reassurance in their emotional being can call 802-875-6960 from 7am - 9pm only.

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ANDOVER, Vt. - Firewood for sale. Beat fuel prices, cut to

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FREE FIREWOOD - Hardwood & softwood. Free to pick up at Landing in Windham, Vt. Call 802-875-2646 evenings.

FOR RENT

WESTON, Vt. - Attractive two bedroom. Landgrove Road. Freshly renovated. Walk to center. \$1,200 monthly plus security. References requested. Call Chris 302-762-4626 daily but no later than 3 pm.

FOR SALE

LUDLOW, Vt. - 5 Bose speakers with subwoofer and Onkyo components \$375. Proform treadmill \$125. Quality exercise bike \$80. Sunbeam food processor with extra blades brand new in box \$150. All delivery free. Call Bill 802-228-4916.

WINDHAM, Vt. - Husqvarna chainsaw, 562 model, good condition with new parts and

servicing. \$500. Call 802-875-2646 evenings.

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REGION - Guns wanted. Handguns, rifles, or shotguns. Top prices paid. Call Ray at 802-775-2859 or 802-236-7213.

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Aumands Furniture - Full Time Sales/Clerical and Full Time Furniture Delivery/Laborer. Drivers license required. Wednesday and Sunday off. Call 603-445-5321 for details or stop in at 2 Church St., North Walpole, NH.

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TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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TOWN OF WESTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Weston Development Review Board will meet at 5:00 PM on Wednesday May 4, 2022 at the Weston Town Offices at 12 Lawrence Hill Road to hold a public hearing on an application for a preliminary plat review from Little Pond Partners for a major subdivision of land they own in Weston and Andover. Major Subdivisions are reviewed under the Weston Major Subdivision 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.

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Bids will be received until May 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Selectboard Meeting on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall.

Please mail bids to:
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The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, VT this 1st day of April, 2022.
Jeanette Haight, Clerk

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Master gardener teaches webinar in Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Organic gardener Henry Homeyer has been growing vegetables all his life and will share some of what he has learned in a free webinar on Saturday, April 16.

The program, open to all interested gardeners and homeowners, will be offered via Rockingham Library Zoom from 9–10 a.m. Although free to attend, donations will be accepted to support garden education programming offered by the

Southeast Chapter of University of Vermont, Extension Master Gardeners.

To register, go to www.henryhomeyer2022.eventbrite.com. ADA accommodations may be available by request.

Henry will share methods for growing your own food, including artichokes, purple cauliflowers that set side shoots, and sorrel, a perennial green. He will include how to extend the season by building a hot box that will warm the soil using fermenting horse manure, and other techniques. He will be pleased to answer your gardening questions.

Henry Homeyer is a gar-

den writer and the author of four gardening books including, “The Vermont Gardener’s Companion.” He writes a weekly gardening column that appears in a dozen newspapers and has been writing his column for over 20 years. He has taught sustainable gardening at Granite State College and has been a UNH Master Gardener for over 20 years.

The program is sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of the UVM Extension Master Gardeners in collaboration with the Rockingham Free Public Library.

Weathersfield forest hike –

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Weathersfield Conservation Commission will lead a hike along old logging road trails of the Weathersfield Town Forest on Saturday, April

23 beginning at 9 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday, April 24. This will be an easy to moderate hike of about three miles with one brook crossing. Participants should wear sturdy boots and have water,

snacks, and tick protection. Meet and park across from the Ascutney State Park entrance on Route 44A. This hike is free and open to all. For more information, call Jeff at 802-885-9517.

“Dump Daze” flea market returns to Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the return of the “Dump Daze” flea market, starting Saturday, April 30. This popular event will occur every Saturday until the “snow flies.” There are no set-up or entry fees. The event is entirely free.

Vendors may arrive and set up at 8 a.m. Closing is at the vendor’s own discretion. Restroom facilities are available. Vendors must furnish their own tables, etc. and leave no items behind at the end of their day. We ask that no animals be offered for sale or giveaway and that vendors abide by the posted regulations. We

also ask that folks be “Covid Conscious.”

“Dump Daze” is located on the church grounds at 33 Fairground Road in Springfield. This is an extremely high traffic route on Saturdays to the local recycling center. Please call 802-885-2972 with any questions. Leave a message if necessary.

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To celebrate, the community is cordially invited to the Purina Mills & Triple Crown “Grand Opening” Event, on Saturday, April 23. Purina Mills & Triple

Crown representatives will be on site from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. to answer any questions you may have about their feeds. Interested in trying something new, or have a favorite Purina product already? There will be promotions for the day, which will include Purina horse and livestock feeds, Triple Crown Feeds, and Exclusive and Red Flannel dog and cat foods.

That’s not all – we’ve planned fun for the whole family. The day also includes pony rides from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., live music by local favorite Sammy Blanchette from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 12–1:30 p.m., and a raffle with tons of great door prizes, including a pair of Dryshod boots and other animal themed gift baskets.

“Stadium Snack” concessions will be prepared by the Chester Boys Little League and include hot dogs, peanuts, and crackerjacks, plus Eureka Switchel to wet your whistle. For all their hard work, these guys will get to put all funds raised by concession sales toward refurbishing the ball fields on Lover’s Lane.

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Westminster Cares 2022 Garden Tour –

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – After two years of event cancellations due to the pandemic, Westminster Cares is excited to announce that we will be hosting our

2022 Westminster Garden Tour again this summer. The event will be held the weekend of July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Proceeds from this event go to support the programs and services of Westminster Cares whose mission is: “Creating opportunities for seniors and adults with disabilities to live with dignity and independence in the community.”

If you would like to be on our Garden Tour email list, please send an email to westminstercaresvt@gmail.com. You can also visit our website at www.westminstercares.org and like us on Facebook for updates on the Garden Tour.

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Springfield Unified Basketball

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It was a full house for the Cosmos on Friday, April 1 at Dressel Gym, as they competed against Burr and Burton. Parents, teachers, community members, and sports teams were there to support the teams' first game of the season. It's been three years since we have been on the court. This is a growing year for the Springfield Unified team, with just one returning veteran, senior Patrick Toner. We have a young team that will keep learning this season and the upcoming years to come.

Returning Coach Gultekin will miss her Co-Coach Marc Thomas, but has welcomed, and is excited to work with, new Co-Coach Michelle Pinter-Petrillo. Returning gradu-

ate and score keeper, Morgan Fontaine helped keep score for the Cosmos.

Burr and Burton brought home the win with a score of 54-26. We are very proud of the energy, effort, and sportsmanship the Cosmos had on the court.

Sophomore Lexi Bills was all over the court scoring baskets for her team. Her enthusiasm and energy brought her to score 14 points. Senior and veteran player Patrick Toner came out onto the court with so much joy, scoring four points. Junior Josh Grave was excited, ringing in four points. Freshmen Emily Toner and Isaiah Short each scored two points. But for the Unified Basketball team it is not about how many points you can score, it is about how much

fun you have with each other. Assists from Cameron Williams, Jacob Bennet, James Gultekin, and Trevor Carl put smiles on their teammates faces.

The contest against the Harford Hurricanes on April 5 brought the Springfield Cosmos' Unified Basketball team to a 1-1 record. The Cosmos defeated the Hurricanes with a 52-44 win.

This game was even paced for both the Cosmos and Hurricanes. The Cosmos' Lexy Bills led her team with 22 points. Lexy's drive to steal the ball landed her with a few layups along with her jump shots and drives to the basket. Second leading scorer Isaiah Short was proud to earn his 16 points with putbacks, layups, and

short jumpers. Isaiah's energy and joy helped his team receive the win. First time scorers were Sam Baily, who earned four points, Emily Toner, with two points, and Kaitlyn McGrath, also with two points. Josh Graves landed four points with his two jump shots.

Emily Toner, Isaiah Short, and Sam Bailey landed several key rebounds to bring the ball back down the court for the Cosmos to score.

On April 7, the Cosmos met up with Burr and Burton for their second contest of the season.

With the absence of Lexi Bills, Rosie Leon, and James Gultekin, the Cosmos were able to put 40 points on the score board. Even though it was another



Springfield Unified Basketball team.

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loss to the Bulldogs, 68-40, for the Cosmos, baskets were made and sportsmanship was represented throughout the gymnasium.

Isaiah Short landed ten points for the night as the Cosmos' highest scorer. Putbacks from Emily Toner and Sam Bailey brought them six and eight points respectively. Patrick Toner

rang in six points. Kaitlyn McGrath ended with eight points and Josh Graves with two.

The Cosmos will host Mill River on Thursday, April 14 at 5 p.m. at Dressel Gym.

Written by Margaret Gultekin, Unified Basketball Coach, Springfield High School.

Sports schedule —



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REGION – Game schedules are subject to change. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you would like to submit sports news or photos from a recent game, please email editor@vermontjournal.com.

Thursday, April 14 –

Unified Basketball
Mill River at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Boys Baseball
Springfield at Proctor, 4:30 p.m.

Bellows Falls at Brattleboro Union, 5 p.m.
White River Valley at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15 –

Boys Baseball
Green Mountain at Poultney, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 –

Boys Baseball
Springfield at Mill River Union, 11 a.m.
Bellows Falls at Otter Valley Union, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 19 –

Boys Baseball
Springfield at White River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Otter Valley Union at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21 –

Boys Baseball
Bellows Falls at Burr and

Burton, 4:30 p.m.
Windsor at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 –

Boys Baseball
Springfield at Leland and Gray, 11 a.m.
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 –

Boys Baseball
Woodstock Union at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.
Mill River at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Leland and Gray at Arlington Memorial, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28 –

Unified Basketball
Hartford at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Boys Baseball
Springfield at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Green Mountain at Proctor, 4:30 p.m.
Woodstock at Leland and Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30 –

Boys Baseball
Otter Valley Union at Springfield, 11 a.m.
Leland and Gray at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.

Vermont Gatorade Player of the Year –

BURLINGTON, Vt. – Elyse McDonough was named 2021-22 Vermont Girls Basketball "Gatorade Player of the Year," recognizing the Rice Memorial High School sophomore as the top player in the state. She led the Green Knights to a 19-1 record this past season, including the Division 1 State Championship.

Only a sophomore, McDonough was named to the First Team All-State and the First Team All-Metro honoree. She also was named to the Vermont Division 1-2 Dream Dozen.

McDonough is the fourth Rice Green

Knight girl basketball player to earn the honor from Gatorade.

Elyse has older sisters: Emma, who plays college ball for D-2 St. Michaels; and Ava, who is a senior on the Rice Memorial Team and has also signed a letter of intent to play at St. Michaels.

McDonough plays AAU basketball for the Lone Wolf Athletics, where for the last 17 years the girls' Gatorade POY has played their AAU basketball.

Lone Wolf Athletics has been run by Wayne Lafley and consists of four girls' teams of various ages. Players come from all over Vermont and some areas of New Hampshire and New

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Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.



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“Treasures of the Earth” at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present a new Open Wall show, “Treasures of the Earth.” The show includes beautiful paintings, photographs, Chinese calligraphy, prism/pen, lino block, fiber art, scarves, jewelry, and bookmarks. We are amazed at the talent of our neighbors and friends around Springfield. This is a wonderful show. Thank you to all who are participating. The works will be on display until May 11.

While you are here, you can also enjoy “Traditions of Lakota and Abenaki

People,” a show by Kathryn Adams, and help us celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

Open Wall is a non-juried show for any artists living in a 30 mile radius of Springfield. For more information please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main St., Springfield. We are open Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Contact us at 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit our web page at www.galleryvault.org. Handicap accessible.



“Golden Days.” PHOTO PROVIDED

MSA holds auditions for “The Books of Alice and Wonderland”

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Maine Street Arts is holding auditions for its summer community play, “The Books of Alice and Wonderland,” directed by Sean Roberts in MSA’s theater at 35 Main St., Saxtons River, VT. Auditions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. As MSA returns to its 34-year tradition of producing community theater, we find the story of “Alice in Wonderland” to be a perfect first project. This engaging interpretation, written by the director, offers a fresh but faithful adaptation of the works of Lewis Carroll.

Adults and youth age 11 and up are invited to come, prepared with a minute-long monologue. Those who want to be involved in any singing roles should come with a 30-second piece of music to sing a cappella. Instead of cold reads,

auditioners will participate in improvisational theater games. Participants should expect to stay the entire two hours on the day they audition.

Dress for comfort and movement.

Those wishing to work backstage should come prepared to speak with the director about their technical skills and interest in the play. Come with ideas for a spooky, yet adorable interpretation of the story of “Alice in Wonderland.” A full schedule and script will be handed out at auditions.

Technical rehearsals for backstage will begin May 10, with rehearsals every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Acting rehearsals will begin Tuesday, May 31, running the same days of the week. Tech week will be July 26–28. Performances will be July 29 and 30 at 7 p.m., and July 31 at 2 p.m.

Sean Roberts, an experienced actor and director, has been involved in theater since high school, where he performed the role of John Proctor in Arthur Miller’s, “The Crucible.” Working with Main Street Arts, he played the role of Jesus in MSA’s production of “Jesus Christ Superstar” that was presented at the Bellows Falls Opera House. Sean has directed multiple nonprofit community theaters and schools over the years in the region, and in 2017 he founded the theater company, World Under Wonder Playhouse in Windsor, Vt.

For more information, visit www.mainstreetarts.org.

Springfield Library, “The Dogs of Chernobyl”

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield Town Library and Feline Behaviorist, Stephen Quant, for an online presentation of “The Dogs of Chernobyl: 36 years later” on Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m.

36 years after the nuclear accident, Stephen went to Chernobyl to participate in a spray/neuter and research campaign for the dogs that were descended from the pets left behind after the nuclear plant disaster of 1986 (and that were not killed by the military). With many personally shot photos and videos, Stephen tells his story of meeting the inhabitants of the most abandoned town of Chernobyl City. You will meet two squatters, one a hero of the disaster the totally abandoned city of Pripyat, and the dogs (and some



A dog outside a reactor in Chernobyl.

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cats) that we encountered.

It is a story of resilience, hope, life, and even heroism. Q&A to follow.

Stephen was originally a theatrical lighting designer who began working with cats in 2002, including many years professionally with the ASPCA based out of New York City and around the country on disaster and cruelty cases. While with the ASPCA and while working on Hur-

ricane Sandy he met Dr. Jennifer Betz, who became a good friend and later became the Medical Director of the Dogs of Chernobyl project. Jennifer then invited Stephen to join the Chernobyl project in 2019.

Sign-up is required: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-dogs-of-chernobyl-36-years-later-tickets-195155674877.

Call the library at 802-885-3108 if you have any questions.

“Art in Bloom” calls for artists

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Green Mountain Gardeners is seeking local artists and artisans to participate in their “2022 Art in Bloom: A Colorful Showcase Celebrating Summer” exhibit and sale at the Custer Sharp House in Londonderry, June 16-24. The exhibit will include paintings, sculpture, photography, textiles, and ceramics.

GMG’s bi-annual “Art in Bloom” matches works of art with distinctive flower arrangements created by GMG members. Together, they are displayed in the lovely setting of this his-

toric home once owned by Bernadine Custer Sharp, noted 20th-century American painter, illustrator, and WPA muralist.

The GMG facilitates this event to support artists and their work in addition to helping support the Londonderry Arts and History Society. When artwork sells, the artists will retain 80% of the sale price. The other 20% will go to the LAHS. This event will be well advertised and, as seen in past shows, there is a significant amount of traffic.

The theme this year is, “A colorful showcase celebrating summer.” Submissions should relate to

this theme. Artwork needs to be framed, priced, and ready to be hung or displayed. Please plan to bring submissions to the Custer Sharp House at Middletown Road, Londonderry on Wednesday, June 8, and to pick up on Sunday, June 26.

Artists interested in showing their work at “Art in Bloom” should contact Betsy Gritman-Johnson at nldesignsvt@gmail.com.

Information about Green Mountain Gardeners and “Art in Bloom: A Colorful Showcase Celebrating Summer” can be found at their website, www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

Registration for ACE Camp for youth

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Hartness State Airport in North Springfield, Vt. will again host its annual Aviation Careers Education Camp for youths aged 12–16 from Aug. 15–Aug. 19. The camp provides a valuable opportunity to learn about the career opportunities in aviation and aerospace.

ACE Camp is a hands-on aviation program that allows young people to ex-

plore the dynamics of a variety of aviation and aerospace-related careers. Professional, military, and civilian experts will introduce campers to the principles of flight, teamwork, pre-flight safety and planning, building and launching



Glider ride.

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different types of aircraft. ACE campers will fly in a variety of aircraft and members of New England Soaring Association will provide introductory glider flights.

The day camp takes place from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and the tuition includes transportation from the ACE site to camp activities, lunch, and snacks. Participation is limited and early application is recommended.

Detailed information along with an application is available online at www.flynesa.com/ace.



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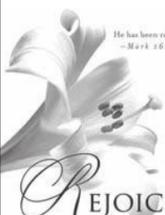
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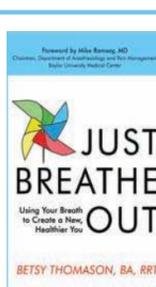
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