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BF Historical Society honors rail heritage

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It was no surprise last summer when a large crowd turned out for the celebration of Amtrak's Vermont return to Bellows Falls after its year-and-a-half long suspension due to the Covid pandemic. It remains the only passenger train that stops here, once daily in each direction, continuing a long and storied rail history in the village. This month, the Bellows Falls Historical Society has been featuring a window display at their location on Westminster Street near the Square. The windows feature two large oil paintings by local artist Charlie Hunter that depict local rail scenes. One is of the Westminster Signal, a signal used widely from the 1920s to the 1980s, a signal

that is still in use here. The other, a 36-inch by 72-inch painting, is a snow scene of the Bellows Falls Depot in February.

There are many other photos of rail scenes and trains taken over the years that have been donated from various collections, and there are also artifacts that include oil cans, wrenches, and meal signs on display in the window and inside the building.

Bellows Falls is located at the narrowest point on the Connecticut River for miles, which made it the logical place for trains to cross the river. Local folklore suggests that in the early 1900s more than 100 trains came through this rail center a day, trains that connected Boston, New York City, and Montreal. Historical Society member Larry Clark, who donated many of the old



Historical Society honors village's rail heritage.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

train photos from his own collection, said he couldn't confirm the number of trains, but said that there were certainly quite a few, including multiple milk trains each day, chugging out from the old Bellows Falls Creamery and transporting that milk to Boston. Trains also served the paper mills that once operated here. Clark did refer to Lyman Hays' history of

Rockingham, which gives Jan. 8, 1849 as the date of the first train to cross the Cheshire Bridge into Bellows Falls. It documents 1844 as the date that Cheshire Rail Road first connected Boston to Claremont on the New Hampshire side of the river. New rail lines of many companies came after that, and many photos were taken over those years.

President of the Historical Society Cathy Bergmann says the big display and associated celebration "sort of morphed" from an idea that came up when the Rutland Rail Road Association held their annual convention at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, about a block or two away from the Historical Society's building. Bergmann said, "We had a big window display on Hetty Green practically forever. We are a railroad town historically. We wanted to pay homage to the railroad while the convention was here and maybe draw some visitors downtown." She and others at the society feel that the response they got from both locals who donated their photos and memorabilia, and the visitors who saw it, was a "smashing success." She says that, "Once the ball started rolling and

word spread through the community, donations of photos and memorabilia started coming in." She names Aaron Bridge, Jerry Hebda, Paul Patraska, and Shawn McGinnis as key to the donations, and Annette Spaulding and Eliza Zimmer of the society as important in assembling and promoting the display.

The Historical Society's next big event will be June 11 from 1-3 p.m. at their Grist Mill Museum. It will include the dedication of their new trailhead kiosk at Riverside Park, mill and trail tours, bird observation at their deck on Cold Spring Pond, and music by David Deacon.

Interested parties can contact the Historical Society at bellowsfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com and find out more about Charlie Hunter's rail paintings at www.charliehunter.art.

Trustees discuss low meeting turnout

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Village trustees met on Tuesday, May 24, and discussed increasing attendance at the annual meeting, following an attendance of 24 people at the May 10, 2022 meeting.

Wade Masure said he had heard great ideas from residents and suggested they start planning earlier, set the schedule to hang the banner, post information on the website, and get the report out sooner.

Jeff Dunbar said the meetings were as "important as we make them." He suggested working with the media to hold and post interviews weeks before the meeting and utilize local businesses to hang posters.

James McAuliffe said, "I'm skeptical." He was surprised the annual meeting was held the week before the election, noting that that was different than in the past.

McAuliffe said it was a typical meeting, with people against the Australian Ballot issue holding the ma-

jority. He said that, with the exception of a rising budget that led people to participate and reduce the budget, the numbers of attendees were similar each year.

McAuliffe said, "The idea of a Saturday Carnival...is not in keeping with what we're trying to do." He reminded the board that there were five or six budget meetings and said, "I don't believe there was a single resident [there]."

Dunbar said he understood that Westminster holds a Saturday town meeting with a decent turnout and suggested they consider following suit.

Masure was not convinced that Saturday meetings "will do the trick," and that it was a process to change the day of the meeting.

Village President Deborah Wright agreed. The Village Charter dictates the meeting and election dates and must be changed to accommodate the Saturday option.

Dunbar suggested creating more focus on budget meetings so the public was better informed on the agenda for their regular Tuesday meetings. He said

that if residents didn't know about the budget discussion, they would not come to the meeting.

Masure said he preferred to leave it as-is for 2023, and utilize everyone's suggestions before any changes were made.

Wright said having something controversial on the ballot encouraged voter participation, and that "controversial doesn't necessarily mean negative...it could be an opportunity" that causes debate.

Parking enforcements are back in effect. The Bellows Falls Police Department started posting warnings last week and Chief David Bemis said he noticed a marked difference in the parked cars downtown.

The Village Trustees set their summer schedule. After the joint board meeting on May 31, they will meet once per month on Tuesdays: June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, and Sept. 13. Trustee meetings are at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theatre of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

WRVT and Scout BSA Troop 428 keep alcohol out of hands of minors

TOWNSHEND, Vt. –

Events such as prom and graduation are important milestones in a young person's life and are a cause for celebration. By keeping special occasions like prom and graduation substance free, we encourage healthy decision making by teens, support safe behaviors that result in positive outcomes, and help create a night that everyone remembers and wants to remember.

One way that West River Valley Thrives has been encouraging this is through "Sticker Shock," a national program where youth raise public awareness about the cost of providing alcohol to minors by placing stickers on beer, wine coolers, and any other alcohol products that appeal to underage drinkers. The goal of this project is to discourage adults and older peers who are 21 and over from providing alcohol to minors by reminding them



WRVT and Scout BSA Troop 428 participate in "Sticker Shock" with Forrest Riley.

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about the legal implications if caught. According to the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey results, 70% of Windham County high school students think it's easy to buy alcohol in stores or get it from their homes.

Since 2016, Thrives has been coordinating this important activity with students from Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School and local storeowners, typically before prom and graduation and again before year-end holidays. This year, Thrives teamed up with students from Scout BSA Troop 428 and members of our Vermont Kids Against Tobacco. Participating stores included River Bend Farm Market (Townshend), Harmonyville Country Store, The Newfane Store, Wardsboro Country Store, and West River Provisions (Jamaica). At each store, students explained the "Sticker Shock" program and why it is impor-

tant, referencing the YRBS data.

While the Scout Troop was participating in "Sticker Shock" as part of their community service requirements, Scout Master Jennifer Matheson stated, "This was more than a community service project. It's not like picking up trash. It gives the scouts a leadership opportunity and ownership over this important issue, to stand up and say it's not ok to provide alcohol to kids."

Ella participated as part of a combined project of cigarette cleanup for VKAT and stated, "This was a fun project that made me feel like I was helping my friends stay safe."

Participating Troop members mentioned how impressed they were by the support they received from participating store owners, and would like to say a special thank you to them for their commitment to helping keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.

Springfield Elks Drug Awareness Poster contest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Elks Lodge recently held a drug awareness poster contest among students at Union Street School. The first place winners at Union Street School were entered in the Vt. Elks Drug Awareness contest. Awards were presented by Jim Kirkwood, drug awareness chairman for the Lodge. Kirkwood is also the Vt. Elks State President for Elk year 2022/2023. He was inducted at the recent Vt. Elks State Convention in

Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on May 14, 2022.

Abe Allen of Union Street School was the first place winner at the state level. He won cash and a new bicycle for his efforts. Locally, Berlin Tucker also won first place at Union Street School. Second place winners were Annalise Mitchell and Elijah Ingram. Third place winners were Arianna Corliss and Trey Slicker.

The amazing thing about this year's presentation was that several students



Winners of the Drug Awareness Poster contest.

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asked Mr. Kirkwood questions related to smoking and drugs being used that are just wrong to do. These

students really listened to Mr. Kirkwood's opening remarks and asked great questions.

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Kurn Hattin renovates 81-year-old gymnasium

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Kurn Hattin Homes’ 81-year-old Wheeler Gymnasium has recently undergone some very needed renovations, thanks to the help of a few friends: Diana Bacon, Pat and Heidi Crotty, In Memory of Went and Bob Hubbard, and The Estate of John A. and Carol Hubbard. The gymnasium was built in memory of Marcellus E. Wheeler, whose widow, Julia S. Wheeler, donated the funds for its construction.

The gymnasium floor was the primary project as it was showing signs of both surface and structural deterioration. Many schools opt for an entirely new gym-



Kurn Hattin renovates gym. PHOTO PROVIDED

nasium at this stage. Kurn Hattin Homes chose to replace the floor and make a few other renovations, as the building itself is sound and historically distinctive.

In addition to the floor, the chimney and the exterior were re-painted, and the lighting was upgraded. These upgrades have made a big difference and the children are enjoying their freshly redone facility. They use the gym daily for P.E., sports, performances, trainings, and recreation.

These upgrades were vital to maintaining a safe, functional, updated gymnasium which supports the transformation of the children in our care and the greater Kurn Hattin Homes’ community.

Senior Center supper

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A turkey supper, hosted by the Charlestown Senior Center, will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022. This meal will be take out only. The Senior Center is located at 223 Old Springfield Rd., Charlestown, N.H. The meal will be: turkey, potatoes, carrots,

green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, and bread and butter. There will be homemade pies for dessert.

To place an order, please call 603-826-5987 on Friday, June 3, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., or on Saturday, June 4, between 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Diners are invited to pick up their

meals between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. At that time, they will be able to pick the dessert they’d like. This is the last meal hosted by the Senior Center this spring. The next meal will be on Sept. 3. The center’s outdoor concerts start on Friday nights, the first one performed by JJ’s Music, which will take place June 10.

First Friday supper at Baptist Church

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Baptist Church will hold their First Friday supper on June 3 at 9 Church St., Bellows Falls, Vt. The menu will be:

BBQ burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, beverages, and a dessert. Vegan and gluten free options will be available. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue

until 6 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Proceeds will go to benefit Greater Falls United Network, administered by SEVCA to provide emergency aid.

“Listen Up!” comes to Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Listen Up Project is an original Vermont musical production based on eight months of interviews, workshops, conversations, and listening sessions with more than 800 teens across Vermont. The show was written and is performed by Vermont youth. Bess O’Brien, award winning documentary filmmaker, was directing producer for the project. All teens, parents of teens, and people who are concerned about youth and the future of our community are welcome to attend.

“Listen Up!” will be showing at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Thursday,

June 2. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the film will run at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short panel discussion and a Q&A addressing youth issues in our community. Dr. Dottie Morris, Keene State College’s Chief Officer of Diversity and Multiculturalism will facilitate the panel.

The Humanity Network, a local community-building organization founded by Jeanette Staley and Michelle Bos-Lun, is coordinating the showing of the 2021 film as an opportunity to get our neighbors together to listen and learn about issues facing Vermont youth and to initiate conversations about how we can become engaged in building a supportive community.

The film is sponsored by

the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project and by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont.

Admission to the film is free, but donations will be accepted to help cover expenses.

For more information

about this event, visit www.listenupvt.org/about. For information on how to stay informed about future events brought to you by the Humanity Network, contact Michelle Bos-Lun at mbo-slun@gmail.com or call 802-289-2495.



Annual senior dinner

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the Springfield Moose Lodge 679 held their 14th annual senior dinner. Over 160 seniors were served.

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LOCAL HISTORY

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Dorothy Canfield Fisher

The title of my weekly column is, "Local History." As you know, I usually write about something of local history or interest. But my interests are much broader than just local history. So this week I stray some. I hope you approve.

I love Vermont and I love history, so it only follows I love Vermont history. This week, I write about Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Vermont. She spoke five languages fluently. The following is an excerpt from her Wikipedia page:

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Feb. 17, 1879 – Nov. 9, 1958, was an educational reformer, social activist, and best-selling American author in the early 20th century. She strongly supported women's rights, racial equality, and lifelong education. Eleanor Roosevelt named her one of the ten most influential women in the United States. In addition to bringing the Montessori method of child-rearing to the U.S., she presided over the country's first adult education program and shaped literary tastes by serving as a member of the Book of the Month Club selection committee from 1925 – 1951.

The postcard
I recently purchased from a large lot of real photo postcards, an autographed postcard of Dorothy Canfield Fisher. She sits outdoors near a bubbling pool at her Arlington home.

The message on the postcard:
Arlington, Vt., Oct. 26 1938.

Dear Mrs. Greene,
It'll be an honor to autograph a book of mine for a Vermont neighbor – especially one from Morrisville, where my dear Godfather was born. So send it along.

Cordially, Dorothy Canfield Fisher

I just started reading, "Memories of My Home Town," written by Fisher in 1955. In literary detail I lack, Fisher explains why Vermonters treasure our history and stories. Her description of Arlington would be true of most small towns in Vermont and New Hampshire.

The introduction, in part:



Dorothy Canfield Fisher at home in Arlington.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

In Arlington, as in most small, old, close-knit communities, everyday chat between neighbors is not limited to the present. The past is part of today. Some happenings of long ago often appear in talk about an event of today, especially if it is, as old stories often are, an explanatory footnote from 1810, 1779, or 1862 to gossip of the mid-twentieth century.

These stories are so familiar to those who cite them that often, only a single phrase need be used, as, "Who's sick?" or, "Where's my hat?"...

...These modern tales cannot be told twice because they have no value beyond the unexpectedness of the crack at the end. We treasure our remembered people and doings because they are comments on human life, drawn from somebody's firsthand experience. For us they do not get threadbare, withered, or forlornly cracked and shabby with much handling, but rather, like a well-kept, much used old pine table or maple desk, come down from our community's past, with a gleam which only age and constant, purposeful use can produce.

But we know very well that these tiny glints from the past life of our old home town belong, like the plain old table, right where they have always been. An incommunicable part of their flavor for us is that they bring to our minds something or somebody who really lived here, where we now live – perhaps in the little old house, last in the village, on the left-hand side as you drive out toward West Arlington....

...We know very well that these humble anecdotes would seem to people of the big world no more than pinches of dust – or perhaps single blades of grass from a meadow.

Why put them down on printed pages at all, even on privately printed pages?

Well, one reason is that we feel we would like them to be known to all our younger generation, just growing up, and to newer people come to Arlington to join us as residents and citizens...

...Such stories would be intolerably tiresome to many sophisticated Americans, who are used to talk brisker, more strongly accented, more explicit, more brightly colored, more swiftly paced, or sharply focused on the present. If you belong to that numerically large and urban group, my advice to you is just to lay this book back on the pile in the bookstore and forget it.

As I read the introduction I recognized myself in her words. Until now, I was unaware why I tell stories of the old days. It is part of what makes a Vermonter. We cherish our ancestors and our history. I bet more than a few readers will make this same observation.

This week's old saying:
"When I'm by myself I'm in the company of a fool."

Springfield Hospital awards Lindsey Pollard

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital is pleased to announce Lindsey Pollard, RN OCN, as recipient of the 2022 Eileen Austin Neal RN Spirit of Nursing Award. Lindsey has been working at Springfield Hospital since 2004. This award was created in 2004 in honor of Eileen Austin Neal, RN, who worked at Springfield Hospital for 64 years and retired in 2005. Eileen was in her 80's when she retired, and she was the first recipient of this award, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service.

Criteria for the award includes communication, care for patients, nursing professionalism, and teamwork. Nominations are accepted from throughout the organization and are reviewed and voted on by a committee that includes the previous year's recipient and a



2022 Recipient of Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award.
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member of Eileen's family, among others. This year's nominees included Vicky Collingwood, BSN, RN, Assistant Manager and Unit Based Educator, Inpatient Care Unit; Lindsey Pollard, RN, OCN, Clinical Leader, Specialty Clinic; and Sue Pollard, BSN, RN, Director, Adult Day Services.

Contained within Lindsey's nomination are the following words from one of her colleagues: "Lindsey holds standards for care and ensures the best for every

patient, carefully paying attention to details, acknowledging her patients as human beings, and making sure processes and communication are happening that benefits her patients and department every day."

"On behalf of the staff of Springfield Hospital and its Board of Directors, I'm pleased to recognize Lindsey for her commitment to our patients and staff," commented Robert Adcock, Chief Executive Officer for Springfield Hospital.

Museum of Mining and Minerals' ancient sharks

GRAFTON, Vt. – Were there ever sharks in Vermont? Let the new exhibit at the Vermont Museum of Mining and Minerals answer the question. In 1847, railroad workers in Rutland discovered a whale skeleton. Could other marine creatures, like sharks, have lived in Vermont?

On display at the museum are fossil shark teeth, including a 220 million year-old tooth from a Megalodon, a shark that was the size of a school bus. The exhibit also includes a model shark, teeth from various other shark species, and genuine shark jaw.

The Vermont Museum of

Mining and Minerals is located at 55 Pleasant Street in Grafton, Vt. The museum features special exhibits, the largest assemblage of Vermont minerals in the state, and a gift shop. The museum is open on Fri-

days, 10 a.m. – 1p.m., June 3 through mid-October. The museum is also open by appointment. Call Museum Director Sue Hadden at 802-875-3562 for information. Admission to the museum is free.



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opinion

OBITUARIES

Dear Editor,

All I can say is “phew!”

When we started the second half of the biennium, the chair of my Health Care Committee, Bill Lippert, told the new members that the second year of the biennium is totally unlike the first, especially during the last two weeks. He was right, but his warning did not describe the intensity of those weeks. It felt like a whirlwind. The pressure mounted to get bills through both the House and Senate before a predicted last day of May 13. This meant bills went back and forth sometimes two to three times with amendments to vote on. Sometimes a “committee of conference” was required before both bodies could agree. Finally though, most were approved by the respective bodies and sent to the Governor. He always has the option to veto, which he exercised many times this session.

The most important bill, the budget or “the Big Bill,” was the very last item taken up. Its passage is crucial to funding our state government with the new fiscal year starting

July 1. Once this bill passed the House and the Senate, the Legislature adjourned. The Governor has the option to veto this as well, if he objects to the amount and distribution of funds. We understand that the budget, though essentially 213 pages of figures, is a statement of philosophy. “What” and “who” are our priorities? “Where” and “how” is the best investment of our tax dollars to support Vermonters? There are many opinions on these questions and the process of getting to one document is daunting.

Significant work was done this session regarding climate change, expanding affordable and safe housing, financial stability for our public pension system, expanding healthcare access through telemedicine, investing in our health care workforce through grants and loan programs, equalizing access to educational opportunities, and many others. Please go to my website, www.lesliegoldmanvt.com, for a link to a more detailed discussion of these issues.

Now that the work of the legislature is done, I have spent some time thinking about what I have learned and why I want to run again. For me as a legislator, there are two main areas of work. The first is connecting with constituents, and the second is creating good policy. I have connected Windham-3 residents with members of the state government, with advocacy teams, and with other legislators to help them solve problems. Also, I have held regular constituent meetings over Zoom to learn what issues my constituents were concerned with, have tried to answer their questions, and have really enjoyed the dialogue and connections made on the call. I look forward to continuing this work in the “new” reapportioned Windham-3 of Brookline, Rockingham, and Westminster.

As for policy, my committee work has been focussed on creating health care policy. If I’m re-elected, I will take what I have learned into my second biennium with the goal of creating policy that

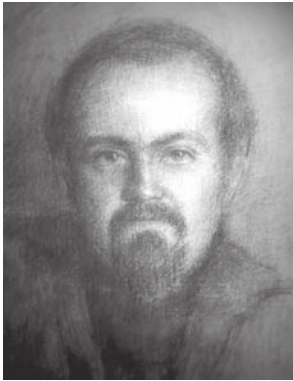
supports improving health care access and quality while containing costs. I will also look forward to supporting colleagues who are working on policy dealing with climate change, education, jobs, racial and social justice, and rural economics. I believe in the Vermont Democratic values of “leaving no Vermonter behind.”

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative these last two years. I will continue to represent the “old” Windham-3 (Athens, Brookline, Grafton, Rockingham, North Westminster, and Windham) until Jan. 3, 2023, so please get in touch with me with your thoughts, questions, and concerns! And go to my website, www.LeslieGoldmanvt.com for ongoing information and to sign up for my newsletter.

Sincerely,
Rep. Leslie Goldman
802-380-4285
Windham-3 District, Vt.

Glendon Williams, 1944-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Glendon J. Williams of Springfield died on May 14, 2022 at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, N.H. following a brief illness. He was 77.



Glendon Williams, 1944-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

Glen was the son of the late Wendell and Alberta (Adams) Williams. He was born June 3, 1944, in Springfield. He attended Springfield schools before enrolling in and graduating from what was then Kutztown State College, now Kutztown University, in Kutztown, Pa. He earned a bachelor’s degree in art education in 1966 and, in 1982, a master’s degree in art education from Southeastern Massachusetts University, now University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

After college, from 1967–1969, Glen was in the Peace Corps and served in Venezuela, traveling extensively through South America, Haiti, and Jamaica. Following, he became a teacher, spending his career as an art teacher in Auburn, Mass. schools before retiring in 1999. In addition to instructing, Glen was an accomplished artist, skilled in ceramics. He exhibited his work, some of which included intricate clay and porcelain sculpture.

He enjoyed a diversity of interests, including taking care of a pet bird, Molly, and his pet sheltie dogs, Shelly and then Dillon. He was a master gardener, volunteered at the local soup kitchen, and was involved in the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield. His gardening at his Dewey Street home drew community attention, and he became

an amateur botanist, experimenting with, hybridizing, and displaying varieties of Hosta. Eventually, his Hosta collection grew to more than 2,000, one of the largest in New England. He was a member of the American Hosta Society (AHS), and cartoons he drew were published in the AHS journals. He took part in AHS’ First Look, a hybrid competition.

Glen wrote about these interests, local, and national issues in a column for the Springfield Reporter.

Glen was the youngest of three brothers. Gene H. Williams and Gayland M. Williams both predeceased him. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Mary Williams, of Saxtons River, Vt., and six nieces and nephews: Karen Hamner of Lompoc, Calif., Dianne Kashiwabara of Bedford, N.H., Howard Williams of Springfield, Vt., Andrew Williams of Claremont, N.H., Darsanne Williams of Missouri City, Texas, and Terrence Williams of Amherst, N.H. Also, several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

The family is planning a gathering to celebrate Glen’s life this summer.

Dear Editor,

What a biennium this has been. It began in January of 2021 in the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic, conducted entirely by Zoom, and it ended in mid-May 2022, in the Statehouse, in person, except for those members of the Legislature who had Covid or needed to care for a family member with Covid. It was an historic biennium. It contained the first Vermont Legislative Session ever held virtually, the largest budget (FY’23 \$8.3 billion) ever passed in Vermont enabled by federal Covid relief support, the first unanimous over ride of a Governor’s veto (the Pension reform bill), and for the first time, the Vermont Legislature was led by all women: Speaker, Pro Tem, Lt. Governor, and both Majority Leaders.

Part of the story of this biennium involves a resilient Legislature, working through

difficult circumstances, responding to the unprecedented needs of Vermonters. The length of Covid’s impact on our lives and economy has required us to rethink assumptions, re-examine our laws, re-deploy our resources, and renovate our public spaces. I am proud of our Legislature’s ability to work together productively to address the challenges Vermonters faced. Unlike much of the country, I think Vermont’s democracy is in good shape. We strengthen democracy with every bill we pass, and in how we conduct our business. And, while we may disagree, we are seldom disagreeable. 90% of our bills are passed with consensus votes. I believe that Vermont legislators serve in order to make progress on behalf of Vermont and Vermonters.

Another chapter of this biennium’s story tells the tale of the historic investments the

Legislature has been able to make in Vermont and Vermonters as a result of the vast amount of federal stimulus dollars. Since 2020, billions of dollars have been invested in Vermont businesses to keep them afloat, in Vermont’s unemployed workers, in helping people stay in their homes and apartments, in distributing food to those in need, in housing the homeless, in educating and training Vermonters, in building new housing and renovating old, blighted properties, and in the free tests and vaccines made accessible to all.


This year, we’re making transformative investments in Vermont’s infrastructure, both human and physical. From shoring up our fiscal house (pension reform to IT modernization), to maintaining essential services (mental and home health provider rate increases to childcare and education), to making strategic one time investments in climate change mitigation, affordable and mixed income housing, broadband, commu-

nity, economic and workforce development – we are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in Vermont. In future articles I’ll go into more depth as this story has many more chapters. Our hope is that in making these targeted investments, Vermont will emerge from this pandemic, stronger, more resilient, and better prepared for the future.

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
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obituaries

Lawrence Brickey, 1948-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lawrence C. Brickey was born June 20, 1948 in Worcester, Mass. to Richard and Lydia (Johnson) Brickey. He passed of congestive heart failure on April 10, 2022 at the age of 73.

Larry and his family moved to Springfield, Vt. when he was three. He attended Springfield schools, and, at the age of 17, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He completed two tours, one in Germany and one in Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam he traveled the country a bit before returning to Springfield. The Army trained him to repair heavy machinery. He used that skill to become a machinist at Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield. He had several jobs during his life. Larry learned quickly and did well in each of those jobs. He loved music, movies, and the open road, and worked for a while as an over-the-road, cross-country truck driver.

Larry adored his children and grandchildren and the holiday gatherings that included all generations of his family. All of us will remember his quick wit.

He is survived by his former wife Shannon Brickey of Claremont, N.H., his son Casey and partner Jasmine Fiske of Springfield, Vt., his stepson Keith Slobodnyak and wife Cortney Donahue of Chester, Vt., his sister Patricia Coutermarsh and husband Andrew of Spring



Lawrence Brickey, 1948-2022.
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Hill, Fla., brother Robert Brickey and wife Debra of Springfield, Vt., stepsister Carol Cole of Springfield, Vt., stepbrother Gary Balch and wife Karen of Chester, Vt., two grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

Larry was predeceased by his parents Richard Brickey and Lydia Balch, his stepfather Guy Balch, and his stepbrother Chuck Balch.

The family would like to thank his recent team of providers at the V.A. in White River Jct., Vt. Their care and concern for his welfare made the last months of his life very hopeful.

A graveside service will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Section C, 487 Furnace Rd., Randolph Center, Vt. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 1 p.m. Contributions in his name may be made to Homes For Our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780, www.hfotusa.org.

Sharon Iozzo, 1939-2022

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Sharon Iozzo, 83, of Alstead Center Road, died Sunday, May 22, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 11, 1939, in Rumford, Maine, the daughter of Lewis and Helen (Chebokian) Mann.

Sharon attended schools in Lexington, Mass. She enjoyed horseback riding in her younger years, reading, birds, and gardening. She was an artist and had her own line of cards. Sharon was active in the Jehovah's Witnesses congregation, but mostly she was an outstanding wife, mother, and was magical to everyone who met her.

On March 29, 1959, in Lexington, Mass., she married Leo Iozzo, who survives. She is also survived by one daughter, Sharon Iozzo of



Sharon Iozzo, 1939-2022.
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Alstead, N.H.; one son, Damon Iozzo of Keene, N.H.; one sister; and seven nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Mark.

A graveside funeral service was held in the Alstead Center Cemetery on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 1 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Justin Moulton

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Family, friends and neighbors are invited to a potluck and memory sharing, June 12 from 1–4 p.m. at 777 Eureka Rd. in Springfield in remembrance of Justin Douglas Moulton, who passed away Jan. 18, 2022. For more information, call 802-885-4096. Many thanks to all who sent condolences.

David Murray

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for David Murray, who passed away Sept. 21, 2021, will be held on June 24, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vt.

Bob Ploof

CHESTER, Vt. – A Celebration of Life for Bob Ploof will be held on June 11, starting with a private burial to be held in Pleasant View Cemetery at 9 a.m. Please join the family at the Chester Little League fields at 9:45 a.m. for a memorial plaque dedication. The American Legion Post 67 will host a reception starting at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please mail donations in his name to Town of Chester, P.O. BOX 370, Chester, VT c/o Chester Little League Program.

Harvey Hill, 1935-2022

N. CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Born on Oct. 22, 1935, Harvey D. Hill passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at his home after a courageous period of failing health. He was lifetime resident of Sullivan County, N.H.

Harvey grew up on a dairy farm on the River Rd. in North Charlestown, N.H. with his now deceased parents, Dwight, and Inez (Nourse) Hill and his three siblings, also deceased, Marion (Honey) LeClair, Patricia Lowrey, and Larry Hill. Harvey graduated from Charlestown High School and went onto secondary education at Becker College in Worcester, Mass. and graduated with an A.S. in 1955.

After graduating, Harvey was an accountant for a car agency and the American Oil Company. He then held various financial positions for Bemis Company, a specialty paper mill. He later moved into manufacturing and on to general management. During this time, he raised his three children with his first wife, Betty Ann (Smith) Thompson, in Claremont and Unity, N.H. It was here that Harvey taught his children to appreciate the outdoors, by walking in the woods and enjoying the earth. He also practiced and taught them organic gardening.

Harvey was an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. He was a self-made man.

He had the vision and drive to acquire Bemis (the mills in Claremont, N.H. and Ryegate, Vt.) in 1977. He turned that venture into a profitable endeavor and sold the CPM, Inc. in 1995.

Additional business experience included: one of the original founders of Whitney-Blake, co-founder of Aviator Footwear, Principal of Dodge Falls Hydro, principal of Claremont Hydro Associates, principal of Upon the Hill Holsteins, and one of the original founders of 1 Mind Corporation (Pegastystems, Inc.).

Harvey was associated with multiple committees. Some of those included: founding director of Upper Valley Community Foundation, director of the NH Higher Education Loan Corp., director of Valley Regional Hospital, founding member of Sullivan County Foundation, member of Ledyard Financial Advisors Advisory Board, school board member in Claremont and Unity, town auditor of Unity, founding member of the Sullivan County 4-H Foundation, chair of the NH BIA Committee on Health care Cost Containment, board member and chair of Charlestown Economic Development Authority, board member of Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation, Claremont Chamber of Commerce Director, member of the NH Blue Cross-Blue Shield Board of Directors and past chairman, director of Leadership New Hampshire, board of directors - DHMC and chair of Finance Committee, board member of Vital Communities, chair of Fall Mountain Budget Committee, director of Connecticut River Bank, Director of NH Trust Company, and member of the Endowment for Health-Investment Committee.

When the Claremont Vocational College was seeking a new president, Harvey stepped up, not once, but twice (now called River Valley Community College), to guarantee continuity and served as the Interim President. Harvey was the former publisher and owner of



Harvey Hill, 1935-2022.
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the Eagle Publications, Inc., which included the Eagle Times, the Weekly Flea, the Connecticut Valley Spectator, and the Message of the Week.

And when North Charlestown, N.H. was in desperate need of a new school it was Harvey who helped seed the funds necessary for the new facility.

Harvey's motto was, "If you are not a recipient of charity, then you should be a contributor." He was a modest man and preferred to do many good deeds without recognition. He brought talent, time, and resources to find the right solution to many problems for the community. Harvey strove to leave things better for others.

In 1987, Harvey married Christina Richardson. Together they built a home in North Charlestown on property he acquired adjacent to the land he owned that was part of his growing up years. They established multiple vegetable, flower, and woodland gardens. It was here that Harvey was most fulfilled. He was a farmer at heart and never lost his passion for farming, gardening, and being in the outdoors. He was an avid bird watcher, a beekeeper, a hunter, a hiker, and a planter of trees. Harvey enjoyed traveling around the world and throughout the United States with Chris.

He managed the property, located in Claremont, Unity, and Charlestown, in such a way as to enhance the natural resources using sustainable forestry practices. He wanted to preserve the land and avoid having this forest and farmland fragmented so that others could appreciate its beauty. Ultimately, the land was gifted to the Upper Valley Land Trust in 2017 for permanent conservation.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Christina Hill, his daughter Cathy (Bruce) Boedtker of Brownsville, Vt., his son Scott (Cheryl) Hill of Paxton, Mass., his grandson Erik (Kelsey) Boedtker of Brownsville, Vt., his granddaughter Erika Hill of Austin, Texas., and grandson James Hill of Alabama. His son Bradley Hill predeceased him in 1986. He will also be lovingly remembered by Becky Richardson and her daughters Casey MacClay and Meghan Kerr. He will be sorely missed by his faithful companions, Chuwi and Cypress, who brought him daily joy.

Please join family and friends for a celebration of Harvey's life on June 6, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Monarch Farms on 519 Jarvis Hill Rd., Claremont, N.H.

Please dress casually for this "in the barn" remembrance.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the NH Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301-4002 for The Fund for Greater Claremont.

The Cremation Society of New Hampshire has been entrusted with arrangements. To view an online tribute, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit www.csnh.com.

Mabel Lockerby, 1926-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mabel A. Lockerby, 95, of Brockway Mills Road, died Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the Gill Oddfellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. She was born Dec. 9, 1926, in South Acworth, N.H., the daughter of Thomas and Annie Elizabeth (DeMond) Henderson. She was a graduate of Vilas High School in Alstead, N.H., and a member of the Red Hat Society.

Mabel loved animals, especially horses. She loved gardening, picking fruit, crocheting, baking, and jigsaw puzzles. She worked at LaQueer Brothers, and then had a 39-year career as a QC Technician at Liquidometer/Simmons Precision Products/Hercules in Bellows Falls, Vt.

On Nov. 3, 1962, in Graf-ton, Vt., Mabel married Charles W. Lockerby, who survives. She is also survived by one son, Thomas P. Lockerby, and his wife, Kathleen, of Acton, Mass.; and a daughter, Annie C. Lockerby of Chester, Vt. She was predeceased by her parents, as well as two sisters, Margaret A. Goldman and Wilma C. Westcott.

There were calling hours at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home on Monday, May 30, 2022. There was a funeral service on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101, followed by a burial at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt.

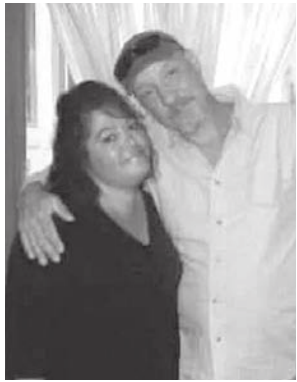
Laurie Manley, 1971-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Laurie Parmenter Manley, 51, passed away peacefully at home on May 24, 2022 after a battle with cancer.

She was born March 5, 1971 in Lebanon, N.H., to her parents James Parmenter and Jane (Packard) Parmenter. She grew up in the Hartford, Vt. area until relocating to Springfield, Vt. in 1985. There she met the love of her life, Perry Manley, who she married on Aug. 28, 1993. She loved Perry and enjoyed their life together, up until his passing on Sept. 28, 2019.

She spent most of her life caring for others, working for Springfield Health and Rehab, HCRS, and many other places. She enjoyed trips to the ocean, hanging out with friends, taking care of any animal that needed it, had a different colored windbreaker for every occasion, but, most of all, she devoted her time to the love of her nieces and nephews. She always treated them as her own children and it was not very often you wouldn't find her home with a house full of them. Her family and friends meant everything to her right up until the end.

Laurie was predeceased by her husband Perry Manley, brother Joshua Parmenter, stepmother Helen



Laurie Manley, 1971-2022.
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Parmenter, mother-in-law Shirley Manley, sister-in-law Michelle Manley, and her fur babies Jackie, Boss, and Flossy. She is survived by her father James Parmenter, mother Jane Scanlon, stepfather Patrick Scanlon, grandmother Doris Thibodeau, brothers Luke Parmenter and Padraic Scanlon, nephews Josh Parmenter, James Parmenter, Patrick Scanlon, Leon Manley, and Adam Bryant, and nieces Jessica Parmenter, Jordan Parmenter, and Jewel Parmenter. She is also survived by her best friend and neighbor Nichole Murray-Knight, who was there for Laurie to the very end.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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LEGAL NOTICES

JUNE 5 – REGION, Vt. – Summer Sunday Outdoor Fiddle Meets beginning Sunday, June 5 at Carrier Park in Barre. Other dates and venues include July 10 on State House Lawn, Montpelier; Aug. 7 at Rusty Parker Park, Waterbury; and Sept. 11 at Ox Bow Park in Morrisville. All from noon – 4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

JUNE 9 – CHESTER, Vt. – Bobolink Trunkshow & Yarn Tasting at Six Loose Ladies on Thursday, June 9 from 5-7 p.m. Join the ladies in the shop for a free night of education, yarn, and friends. Learn about local wool while sampling Bobolink yarns with special guests Katie Sullivan and Donna Druchunas. Located on the Green in Chester.

JUNE 18 – CHESTER, Vt. – Knit in Public Day at Six Loose Ladies on Saturday, June 18 from noon - 3 p.m. Bring your lunch, chair, and of course knitting and join us on the Chester Green.

JULY 16 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT

Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, July 16 from 1-4 p.m. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, queen assessment and requeening, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. 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. Register at lindename@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056. This is the third of four workshops.

AUG. 20 & 21– LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the dates for the second annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival! This two-day event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon - 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Ludlow. The event will take place at Okemo Field on Route 103. Enjoy specialty foods; wine, spirits, and brew tastings;

artisan products; fine art; awesome music; hot air balloons; agricultural demos; children’s activities; and more. For details, visit www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

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

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 – 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.

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

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

Rockingham Library’s new Book Trike comes this summer

BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – This summer, the Rockingham Free Public Library’s annual summer reading program is expanding like never before – that is, on three wheels. With funding from Vermont Afterschool’s Summer Expanding Access grant, the library will be introducing the Mobile Book Trike and a bigger summer reading program.

“Unlike many summer programs and camps, the library summer reading program has always been free and open to the public,” says Youth Services Librarian Sam Maskell. “When

we started looking at why some kids were not participating, despite wanting to, we discovered that simply getting to the library can be difficult. Families are busy, childcare is a challenge, and young children may not have someone to take them to the library. With this new program, we will bring all the fun, and, most importantly, the books, directly to the kids.”

The new Mobile Book Trike is a “tadpole tricycle,” with two wheels in the front and a specially designed crate that opens into book shelving. The trike will be outfitted with a solar-powered electrical “assist” to help get the trike up some of the steeper hills in the area and will provide free wifi at all stops. The library will be building a new collection of books, DVD’s, and other materials for youth, prioritizing books for birth through middle grade readers, that will be available at the trike. And the library will be hiring a young adult to fill a part-time Summer Assistant position.

The program kicks off in July. The library will be offering its traditional summer program, which includes multiple weekly storytimes, hands-on STEAM projects, teen programs, special events and presentations, and much more, in addition to connecting youth with exciting and interesting books that they will enjoy, and reading rewards for taking part throughout the summer. Simultaneously, the Book Trike will start travelling around the village. Book Trike routes will be announced later in June.

The summer reading program has been a key priority at the Rockingham Free Public Library for decades. The program can have a positive impact helping youth avoid “summer learning loss,” which is the loss of academic achievement students experience during the summer. It is estimated that students can lose up to two months of reading achievement. As the pandemic enters its third year, recent studies now show that about one-third of children in the youngest grades are missing reading benchmarks, up significantly from before the pandemic. Children in every demographic group have been affected, but Black and Hispanic children, as well as those from low-income families and those with disabilities, have fallen the furthest behind. As Maskell said, “One of the most effective ways to combat summer learning loss is to read! Summer is the best because kids can pick whatever they would like to read and read just for fun!” Summer learning research shows how important developing summer reading habits and having access to enrichment opportunities can combat learning loss and help build a solid foundation for success.

FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Town of Charlestown NH Selectboard Office is seeking a part-time (20-32 hours/week) Finance Clerk. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to; processing accounts payable weekly, log general ledger entries, revenue accruals, and corrections, etc. Assist with preparation of quarterly budget reviews and various quarterly fund financial statements. Assist with answering incoming phone calls, walk in customers. Applicants must be detailed oriented and should be comfortable using both Microsoft Word and Excel. Previous experience with Business Management Systems, Inc (BMSI) is a plus, but we are willing to train the right person. Interested persons may obtain an application in the Selectboard Office at 233 Main Street, Charlestown, NH, by calling 603-826-4400, or on the Town's website www.charlestown-nh.gov. Please return applications/resumes to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Town of Charlestown NH is in need of a Recording Secretary for the Selectboard

The Board meets every Wednesday in the evening with an occasional extra meeting.

This is a part-time position to attend and take minutes of all Selectboard meetings, as well as workshops and produces and delivers meeting minutes within legal time frames. Knowledge of how to take and prepare minutes and the ability to attend weekly meetings each week required. Accuracy is very important. Minutes must be completed within 5 days of the meeting.

Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or GED and strong typing/keyboarding and note taking or shorthand skills. Experience with municipal record keeping preferred, but not required.

Job Type: Part-time
Hours per week: Less than 10

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:
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Human Resources Department
PO Box 385
Charlestown NH 03603

An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St., Charlestown NH, 03603

The Town of Charlestown seeks an energetic Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

The Town of Charlestown has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5 million and 27 full-time employees. The Administrative Assistant acts as the primary liaison between the five member Selectboard and all personnel, including contracted services. The Administrative Assistant is the primary liaison with legal counsel and coordinates in all matters to ensure the Town is properly represented, maintains an effective working relationship with all Town boards, commissions, committees, departments and the general public; and performs all other duties as assigned by the Selectboard. For a full job description please contact the Selectboard's Office at 603-826-4400 or visit the Town's website at www.charlestown-nh.gov.

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of local government in New Hampshire and the ability to plan, organize, assign, supervise, inspect and coordinate a broad range of municipal functions. Municipal management experience is highly desirable.

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NOTICE

Ludlow Republican Town Caucus

All Republican voters of the town/city of Ludlow, County of Windsor are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A 2303, to meet in caucus on 14, June, 2022 at the Town Hall Conference Room at 5 p.m. The agenda for this Caucus is as follows:

Nominate Justices of the Peace
and any other business

Herb B. VanGuilder
Vice Chair

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In re ESTATE of: EDWARD STREETER

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To the Creditors of: EDWARD STREETER

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Heather D. Towle

Executor/Administrator Heather D. Towle		Mailing Address c/o Parker & Ankuda P.C., PO Box 519
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Stingrays swim team registration now open

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is excited to announce that registration is open for the summer session of the Connecticut River Valley Stingrays youth swim. The summer season will begin June 13 and continue through Aug. 6, 2022. Children between the ages of 6–18 are invited to join our developmental, junior, or senior swim teams this summer. Swimmers at all levels will have the chance to compete in swim meets throughout the region, including some outdoor events that are unique to the summer session.

“When your child joins our swim team, they will be joining a fun, friendly, and supportive environment. Our goal is to improve their athletic performance at all stages of swimming and focus on team building and sportsmanship,” says coach Ann Thompson.

In order to join the developmental swim team, children ages 6–10 must be able to swim 25 yards in either freestyle or backstroke. Coaches will work in and out of the water to teach each swimmer proper swimming skills with a focus on strokes. The participants will also progress to longer lengths of swim-



The 2021 Summer Swim Team. PHOTO PROVIDED

ming in order to give them the endurance they need for shorter races. Developmental swim team meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week from 4:30–5:30 p.m.

To join the junior team, swimmers must be 8 or older and be able to swim 50 yards of each stroke as well as a 100-yard IM with minimal corrections. The junior team will work on improving proper swimming technique. These swimmers will swim longer yards and multiple sets. Junior swim team meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30–6:30 p.m. On Thursdays, there is an optional practice from 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Prior to joining the senior team, swimmers must

be advanced by their swim coach or have met with the coach for a skills assessment. The senior swim team will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30–6:45 p.m. and Thursday from 7:30–8:45 p.m.

“We’re eager to welcome back our returning swim team members,” adds coach Rick Matthews. “We encourage new participants to join us for this exciting summer session!”

Registration is now open at www.edgarmay.org, or call the front desk at 802-885-2568. Swim team participants must be active members at the Edgar May for the duration of the swim team session.

Perkinsville tree tour

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – The Weathersfield Conservation Commission invites you to visit Marina and Hank for a tree tour of their property on Saturday, June 11, at 9 a.m., rain or shine. Meet at 721 Cady Hill Rd., Perkinsville, at the juncture of Cady Hill and Perkins Hill Roads. Park in the driveway or along the side of Cady Hill Road.

Marina Garland and Hank Ainley will share their excitement for specific species, along with site requirements and best practices for propagating, planting, and growing each with the least complexity. You’ll see a variety of young fruit and nut trees like hazelnut, chestnut, walnut, persimmon, pawpaw, mulberry, and asian pear, along with the usual apples, European pears, and peaches. Come with curiosity, tick proof clothing, and a water bottle if it’s hot. The walk will be fairly short but through pasture and garden. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about shade trees in the yard, backyard orchards, or agroforestry.

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Moose Lodge 679 Fishing Derby

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Moose Lodge 679 will be hosting their Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at Ferguson’s Farm, 220 Spencer Hollow Rd., Springfield, Vt.

This event is open to the public. Any child from ages 0–15 may participate. The age groups are: 0–5, 6–10,

and 11–15. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and fishing begins at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded within each age group. This is a VT Let’s Go Fishing Program.

Kundalini Yoga changes times

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – “Kundalini Yoga with Hope” will move to a new day and time at Westminster Fit Body Boot Camp starting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

The classes will be held every Tuesday from 6:15–7:30 p.m. and will be open to all levels. As always, these classes will be offered for free to WFBBC members. There will be a drop-in rate for non-members.

Hope’s passion of Kundalini Yoga began 28 years ago when she walked into her very first class in New York City. Over the years, she has acquired numerous hours of accredited Teacher Training Certificates through K.R.I. and believes in a consistent, daily practice. It is Hope’s understanding that in these challenging, ever-changing, and stress-

ful times, it is often difficult to maintain a level of health, wellness, and balance. People can be super conscious and inspired to take care of their bodies with healthy foods and exercise (i.e., a functional fitness program such as boot camp), but still struggle with stress, worry, and fear. This disconnect can prevent people from living a truly happy, fulfilled, and engaged life.

Through the experience of each yoga class, attend-

ees will harness the mental, physical, and nervous energies of the body and put them under a domain of balance, peace, and vitality. Classes incorporate a technology of gentle stretching, movement, breathing, meditation, and sound.

The class experience in itself allows each student to more fully connect with their own inner resources and energies. This connection creates a balance of relief, healing, and happiness.

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New Open Wall show at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present a new Open Wall show, “Just for the Fun of It.” This show includes beautiful paintings, photographs, calligraphy, painting on wood, acrylic paintings on pennies, fiber art, needle felting, stitchery, fine wooden boxes, basket-

ry, jewelry, and paper sculpture. We are amazed at the talent of our neighbors and friends around



Sample art pieces depicted at the Open Wall show. PHOTO PROVIDED



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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. Call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, visit the Facebook page, or visit our webpage www.galleryvault.org. Handicap accessible.

“Art in Bloom” at Custer Sharp House

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Green Mountain Gardeners of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston is hosting the “Art in Bloom: A Colorful Showcase Celebrating Summer” exhibit and sale at the Custer Sharp House in Londonderry, June 17–25, 2022.

The exhibit will include paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and textiles. Artwork by local artists is paired with floral interpretations created by GMG members to capture the radiance and color of summer in Vermont. The GMG invites the community and visitors to attend, free of charge.

If you’re looking to

add artwork of Vermont artists to your collection, “Art in Bloom” is a perfect venue. Artwork is available for purchase; 20% of proceeds will be donated to the Londonderry Art and Historical Society to support ongoing renovations at the Custer Sharp House.

The Custer Sharp House, a perfect venue for this exhibit and sale, was the summer residence of Bernadine Custer Sharp, a prolific 20th-century American painter, illustrator, and WPA muralist who worked in New York City and summered in Vermont.

“LAHS is thrilled to have GMG and local artists celebrating summer in the space that Bernadine left for community events,”



Join “Art in Bloom.” PHOTO PROVIDED

stated LAHS President Hilary Batchelor. “We are thankful that proceeds will go toward keeping art and history alive in Londonderry.”

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

Fletcher Farm School classes

LUDELOW, Vt. – Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts announces June classes. All summer classes are also posted on www.fletcherfarm.org, and new classes are being added weekly.

F10 – June 26 – Woven

Journal – Jean Reed – Reg. deadline 6/16/22. Journals are unique, personal, and mystical. Using strips of decorative paper, in various colors and patterns, you will cut and then weave your journal covers and adhere them to chip board. Once

completed, you will make signatures (page inserts) and embellish them. Papers will be supplied to you for signatures and embellishing your pages. Students are urged to bring ribbons, family photos, buttons, beads, etc. to embellish their journal. Journals measure 5” x 5”.

Y9 – June 27-30 – Create, Imagine, and Explore with Ms. Karner – Rachel Karner – Reg. deadline 6/17/22. Have a week of creating and making art! There will be projects to be inspired by, but there will be a lot of time for the artists to use their imagination at their will! Materials will be varied, from watercolors, acrylic paints, oil pastels, tie dye, and more! There will be a schedule each day including free art time, art projects to learn from, fun crafts, snack, and play time outside.



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