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Plymouth discusses request for closure of Mecawee Pond Road

BY SHAWNTAE WEBB

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Leading into the June 6 select-board meeting, Plymouth hosted a hearing to get public feedback after receiving a request to close Town Road 39 and 70, otherwise known as Mecawee Pond Road. The letter to the town requesting the closure was from Tina and Mark Fletcher, Clifford and Elizabeth Harper, and Sam Gidding and Cheryl Davis.

Tina and Mark Fletcher, property owners that live on the class four road, expressed their concerns with the condition of the road, or lack thereof. After Hurricane Irene, the road was washed out and became impossible to navigate in a vehicle. People have been driving up onto their property, as there is no other safe location to turn

around. They also pointed out, being a class four road, it is not currently being maintained or plowed by the town.

The opposing side of the discussion voiced their concerns about “throwing” the road as it and properties along it hold historic value, since once they disown it they cannot take it back. A simple solution would be to classify it as a trail and put up proper signage and barricades so that unknowing drivers don’t pass on it, while still allowing public access for hiking and recreational use.

A site visit took place on April 18 where the Fletchers, the Harpers, Sam Gidding, Bob Lambert, and Cheryl Davis walked the land with Chair Jay Kullman and Todd Menees of the rivers program. Other residents similarly reported that, for hikers in the area,

it is impossible to make a crossing without stepping onto any private property.

Steve Heilner was vocal about not giving up any public property or town roads. But he said understands that it is unfair for people to be driving right up to the Fletcher’s pond and their front lawn. He said, “Currently there’s a map that says it’s town land,” and it shows up on your GPS as a passable road, though it is actually residential land. “I respect the issue of 39 going up to your house is not appropriate to privacy, and also not safe.” He recommended to create a space at the bottom of the driveway for people to safely turn around so the town could keep the road and allow public access to it, with the possibility of maintaining a hiking trail in that area.

Resident Cheryl Davis

voiced her concerns with the town that nothing had been done in 11 years since the flooding of Irene. She felt the town has been irresponsible for not putting up any signage or barricades to notify people of the washed out road ahead, stating, “It’s totally not passable.” People need to know they are “driving on a road that literally disappears.” Local residents, such as Davis, have taken it upon themselves to post signage for the safety of others.

Kullman confirmed that if the town kept the road, they would be responsible for posting signage.

Selectman Rick Kaminski reported that he reached out to many individuals – road crews, committee members, previous selectmen – and no one was in favor of the road closure. He then presented three letters written to the town on the matter.

Jeff and Penny Davies wrote they “are strongly against having Road 39 being discontinued and prefer that it remain as is... we currently have property in close proximity to 39,” on Hale Hollow Road. “We have owned the property since 1987, and in that time we have seen many irreversible changes to public access. An undesirable change has

been the loss of access for walking, hiking, and recreational areas.” They felt that by keeping the road public, the access would continue to allow people to hike the areas they have enjoyed over the years.

The Reading All-Terrain Sportsman Club wrote that they had researched deeds and maps, and suggested there may be some confusion of what town highway or section of highway is being considered for discontinuance. The ATV club has over 250 members with 28 miles of trail in Plymouth and Reading being utilized, relying on many passings and inner connections throughout the area. “While the road may be impassable at this time, we do not support throwing it up.”

The snowmobile club wrote they have “an average of 150 members, and we would be opposed in approving this request.” Though the road is not used on a regular basis, the future may offer better opportunities.

Todd Menees explained that ground water is making the soil slope and there’s a seepage problem that would need to be addressed. It would be a huge expense to the town to make it a functional road again. He said it’s an issue

close to his own home, and asked for folks to be patient with the town. They have 60 days to make a decision, “And a lot of discussion needs to be made.”

Kaminski expressed that the town has no intention of fixing the road, but there were possibilities for ATV clubs or other clubs to come together and get recreational funding to address it.

Elizabeth Harper said she felt the safety concern becomes a personal liability and puts homeowners in a difficult situation. If someone were calling for help, she’d feel the need to help. Kullman confirmed there is a Vermont Statute that protects her and other property owners from being sued in that situation, though he understood it may still make them “feel uncomfortable.”

Selectman Keith Capelini said he doesn’t agree with the “Vermont style” of private property. “I post my property because it’s private.” He admitted he wasn’t familiar with the area, and to his understanding there is not any public land that the road provides access to. “There’s a soft spot in my heart for all of you.” He acknowledged that it’s all

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Ludlow Rotary announces scholarships

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), in continuing with its scholarship program initiated in the 1960s, announced its 2022 awards to area graduating students wishing to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school. This program is available to all graduating high school seniors residing in LRC’s service area of Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, and Plymouth.

Since the inception of this program, LRC has awarded over \$290,000 to graduates. Selection of our recipients is based upon the following criteria: scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities, and community service. Each category is equally weighted.

The following are the scholarships being awarded to local graduates in the class of 2022, all of whom attended Green Mountain Union High School. Congratulations to all that applied and to our recipients.

Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Dan was a Rotarian for over 42 years. He was a resident of Ludlow and attorney by profession. His passion for the LRC led to the beginning of the club’s annual Penny Sale and scholarship program. Dan donated frequently to the club and, upon his passing in 1987, the LRC named its first scholarship in memory of Dan.

This year, we are pleased to award the Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship to Grace Tyrrell of Cavendish.

Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship - \$2,000



Winners of the 2022 LRC scholarships. Jayme Hamel, Reid Hryckiewicz, Haley Racicot, Mackenzie Martin, Clara Gignoux, and Grace Tyrrell

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Ralph became a member of the LRC in 1984. Ralph originally was a charter member of the Charles-town, N.H. club in 1947. He was known to many Ludlow residents for the local businesses he operated. He originally owned and operated a luncheon restaurant in what is now the location of DJ’s Restaurant. Ralph also owned and operated a catering and tent rental business. He passed away in 1999. The LRC named its second annual scholarship after Ralph for the variety of vocations he initiated in Ludlow. Ralph maintained a 100% membership attendance for many, many years. He was a very passionate Rotary member, serving for 52 years.

This year we are pleased to award the Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship to Reid Hryckiewicz.

Robert W. Kirkbride Community Service Scholarship - \$2,000

This is the 8th annual award of this scholarship honoring an outstanding community member and be-

loved Rotarian of over 60 years. Until Bob’s passing in 2020, he was an active LRC member. This award is in specific recognition of the graduate’s Community Service involvement. This was Bob’s passion.

We award this year’s Robert W. Kirkbride Service Scholarship to Clara Gignoux of Cavendish.

The Joseph “Jay” Girouard Scholarship - \$1,000

The Girouard scholarship, a new award approved by LRC for Jay’s dedication to the Rotary, particularly his work on behalf of the annual Penny Sale, is the primary funding source for these scholarships.

The Girouard Scholarship is awarded to Haley Racicot of Ludlow.

The LRC awards two traditional scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000, which were awarded to the following students: Jayme Hamel and Mackenzie Martin, both of Ludlow.

Andover Scholarship selects recipients

ANDOVER, Vt. – The Andover Scholarship Committee raises money for scholarships to support high school graduates in their community. The committee would like to congratulate this year’s Andover Scholarship recipients, Rex Hill and Jed Lober.

Rex is the son of Jason and Shayne Hill. He is graduating from Vermont Academy. He will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. and majoring in exercise science.

Jed is the son of Laura Kalinen. He is graduating from Bellows Falls Union High School. He will be attending Husson University in Bangor, Maine and majoring in business management.



Jed Lober.
PHOTO PROVIDED



Rex Hill.
PHOTO PROVIDED

The committee would like to remark what a pleasure it was to meet and to interview these talented young men. We wish them great success.

Chester Rotary awards scholarships

CHESTER, Vt. – The Rotary Club of Chester, Vt. has awarded six scholarships to graduating seniors at Green Mountain Union High School. This includes the Ladd Scholarship, a four-year scholarship of \$1,000 per year in memory of Andrew and Heidi Ladd of Chester, both of whom died too young, Andrew in 2008 and Heidi in 2014. Andrew was an active and enthusiastic Rotarian for

many years. His wife Heidi was a beloved member of the community and hosted many Rotary events at the Ladds’ home.

The recipient of the 2022 Ladd Scholarship is Kimberly Cummings. In addition, five Rotary scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to Miles Garvin, Clara Gignoux, Kagen Hance, Eva Svec, and Grace Tyrrell.

The Chester Rotary scholarships use the following criteria: grade point

average, essay, extracurricular including sports and employment, community service, and financial need.

Anyone who wishes to make a tax-deductible donation to the Chester Rotary scholarship fund is encouraged to send a check to Chester Rotary/Andrew and Heidi Ladd Scholarships, P.O. Box 304, Chester, VT 05143. For more information contact Ron Theissen, CPA at ronthessen24@msn.com or call 917-488-2785.

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Rotary trivia night raises scholarship funds

CHESTER, Vt. – Fun was had by all last Saturday night, May 28, at the American Legion, where over 60 participants answered seven rounds of challenging trivia questions. There were nine teams from the community, including Interact and other students from GMUHS who helped with the event and were challenging competitors.

The event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chester, was a fundraiser for the Ladd Rotary Scholarship Program for Green Mountain Union HS students. Over \$4,200 was raised from Table Sponsors, sponsors, Basket Raffles, 50/50 tickets, and donations. Every year, The Rotary Club of Chester awards one four-year scholarship of

\$1,000 and four or five \$1,000 scholarships for college or vocational schools. The four-year scholarship is in memory of Andy and Heidi Ladd. Chester Rotary meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fullerton Inn. For more information about Rotary, contact alanfarar42@gmail.com.

Fletcher Farm scholarships

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vt. has awarded half-tuition scholarships to over 50 local children. The scholarship applications were distributed through schools in Chester, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury in April. The children chose

from eleven classes designed for young artists such as clay, silver fabrication, hand stitching, and several art classes. The scholarships are funded through raffle ticket sales, sale of items donated to the Gift and Craft Shop, and direct donations to the program. For children from Ludlow and

Cavendish, the Fletcher Farm Foundation subsidizes the other half of their tuition. If you have an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket from us, please do. You will make it possible for us to continue to provide these scholarships for local children.

Nordic skiers show off flair at Magic Mountain —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – On Saturday, June 4, music lovers and ski enthusiasts alike gathered at Magic Mountain for the first ever West River Open. The fundraiser was organized by West River Sports Association, a local nonprofit that serves to foster the love of sport through soccer and Nordic skiing for area youth. The event featured music by Zach Nugent and Dead Set.

most unique of all, a 300-foot long snow course with two jumps that showcased some impressive Nordic freestyle skills.

In March, volunteers gathered to create a large snow farm to house the snow for use at the event. Snow was piled up, hay was laid down, and a recycled rink liner donated from Peru, Vt. was used to shield the pile from the elements. Even with many 80–90 degree days, the pile held strong. From preschoolers to Olympic and T2 elite athletes Ben Ogden, Julia Kern, Lina Sutro, Will Koch, and Lauren Jortber, all showed off their skills and put on a great show for the crowd.

next year's event, June 3, 2023.

Thanks to generous donations from local community businesses and headline sponsors, rk Miles, Vermont Foam Insulation, Merrill Lynch, Hunter Excavating, and venue host Magic Mountain. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event go directly to West River Sports youth initiatives.

West River Sports is a volunteer run nonprofit organization that promotes the physical and intellectual development of our area's youth and, in pursuit of that objective, offers programs in soccer and cross-country skiing. Donations can be made at www.westriversports.org.

Battle of the Bands winners —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Black River Innovation Campus is thrilled to announce the winners of the BRIC Battle of the Bands 2022 competition.

The program encourages young talent through fun competition and education, bringing recognition to music programs in schools, and boosting community enthusiasm and cooperation.

one featured applicants from nine school groups and entries from 11 garage bands and solo artists across the region. Audio files were submitted and a panel of local “celebrity” musician judges - Alison “AliT” Turner, Stevens Blanchard, and Emily Zanlioni - weighed in with their decisions. Four schools and five garage band/solo artists advanced to the finals.

The contest was opened to five counties in southern Vermont and three in southwest New Hampshire, featuring two categories: 1) High School Ensembles and 2) “Garage” Bands and Solo Artists (ages 13–19). Round

The Video Round addressed the visual aspects of the performances. A Video Asset Workshop at BRIC-Studios with Bob Rivers was offered as a bonus opportunity, to give participants the chance to check out Studio One, record some footage, and play around with the

green screen. Eight finalists submitted entries. **People's Choice Awards:** School Ensemble - Hanover High School Jazz Band. Garage/Solo - Phizzy Milk. Video - Phizzy Milk. **School Ensembles:** Fourth Place - Brattleboro Union High School Jazz Band. Third Place - Tuxedo Surprise of Burr & Burton Academy. Runner Up - Hanover High School Jazz Band. Grand Prize - Bellows Falls Union High School Modern Band.

Garage/Solo: Fourth Place - Katy Sullivan & Serendipity. Tied Runner Up - Phizzy Milk and Max Crowley. Grand Prize - Phoenix Lavender - Kelly.



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private property and suggested that property owners “post, post, post.” He said the town needs to set a precedent in terms of not giving up public land or roadways. “Once we give it to you, we have to give it to everybody... I wouldn't close the road.”

After conversation from both sides, Mark Fletcher stated he and his wife “came to state what we would like,” and attended to give their perspective living on an affected property. “We don't see how it will ever be rehabbed... but we respect the opinion of the town.”

Kullman thanked everyone for their input and closed the hearing. The topic will likely be on the agenda for the next select-board meeting on June 20 at 6 p.m.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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What makes a town?

What makes a town the place you want to live? There are as many answers to this question as there are people to ask it.

Many readers will know that, today, many organizations are struggling to recruit new members. This effects fraternal organizations, churches, historical societies, and alumni associations. Young people aren't very interested.

After two years without an alumni parade, this past Saturday, June 11, Chester's Alumni Parade returned. It was quite small, but what fun it was.

I thought I'd give you an idea from the perspective of a participant, me, what it was like. I always walk in the parade, representing the Class of '69, and the Chester Historical Society. I was dressed in my Civil War uniform with kepi. That uniform shrank some this past winter.

There were fire trucks, three tractors, Justin Turco on his unicycle, the school band, and classes of '54, '57, '62, '66, '69, '70 and '71 and more.

As I walked up Depot Street from Smitty's, people sitting on their porches smiled and waved. Dick Farnsworth came out into the street to shake my hand, commenting, "This is a great hometown event!"

When we came down by Chester Hardware the number of spectators increased. As we moved up Main Street the crowd grew.

I was surprised how well I was received. Some people gave me the clap, some a thumbs up, while some stood and saluted. It felt good to be appreciated. Thank you all.

On both sides of Main Street at the Park, people gathered. A number of those making me feel so welcome I did not recognize. Some may have recognized me from my photo with this column or maybe it was the sight of

a Civil War soldier – something you don't see every day.

Bob Sartini was surprised to see me. People were enjoying themselves and taking lots of pictures. I was so impressed that I went into a pirouette with outstretched arms and said loud enough to be heard "Look at all these people!" God, I love this town.

George Webster came out into the street to tell me how much he enjoyed my story last week about drag racing. George is class of '63.

It was 1967 or '68 when I took a summer job at Smith's sawmill. This was a large sawmill off the road from South Londonderry to Bondville. I didn't have a car yet so I bummed a ride where I could. George worked up that way, so I sometimes rode with him. George had a high-performance, yellow Mustang with black racing stripes.

One day, on our way back to Chester, George opened it up on the flat near Marie Hill Farm. I was barely 16. I had never been so fast. We must have hit 100 mph. What a rush!

The Alumni Parade is organized by Jon Clark and the Alumni Association. Volunteers are too often the subject of criticism. If you want to be part of the town, don't criticize, get involved. Criticism should have no place.

If you grew up in Chester, you know the shortcut to Cobleigh Field. This shortcut is the alley between Country Treasures and Six Loose Ladies.

As I returned from Cobleigh Field via the shortcut, I saw my classmate Tom Petraska. Tom was talking to a man I didn't recognize. Tom asked if I knew him. I said, "No."

It was Gary Yake, Class of '70. We had a beer and got to reminiscing.

Gary asked if I remembered the day Bud Nadeau and I were walking across the footbridge. I did not. Seems Gary took a shot at us with his BB gun, hitting me in the neck. Gary said Bud chased him down and gave him a good throttling.

Along came Dooley on the shortcut. The four of us got to talking about swimming at the quarry, diving or jumping off the rock face. Some of us painted our names or initials on the rock face, marking the height from which we jumped. Dooley dove, not jumped, from the top! It has been said there are a couple cars in the bottom of the quarry.

Quoting Dorothy Canfield Fisher, "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."

Buildings and pretty streets don't make a town, its people do.

This week's old saying refers to cars us kids drove: "It has a four on the floor and a fifth under the seat."



Patsy Kelly of Buttonwood Farm leads an alumni parade. Circa 1960s Notice silver embellished saddlery. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Volunteers keep up Rockingham Meeting House

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – On Saturday morning, June 4, the Rockingham Republican Town Committee volunteered labor toward smaller carpentry and masonry projects at the Rockingham Meeting House. Eight volunteers worked a two-hour work session, which involved repair of a hanging door on the Hearse House, righting granite hitching posts, and the cutting back of brush and tall grass along the east boundary of the property. Three of the eight



Volunteers change the door on the Hearse House. PHOTO PROVIDED



Volunteers work on the granite hitching posts. PHOTO PROVIDED

volunteers returned Sunday morning to finish the landscaping work.

The work sessions are an in-kind service in exchange for use of the Meeting House to host candidate forums for the coming primary on Aug. 9 and general election on Nov. 8. All are welcome to participate. The next session will be in July. For more information, please contact Bill Morse at 802 591-1793 or willam-morse42@gmail.com.

Update on suspicious death in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – An autopsy was performed Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington on the adult man found deceased Monday on Greeley Road in Springfield.

The Vermont State Police has completed notification

of next of kin and is able to identify the victim in this incident as Justin Gilliam, 38, of Springfield, Vt.

The autopsy determined the cause of death to be a gunshot wound to the head, and the manner of death is a homicide.

The investigation into

this homicide remains active and ongoing. Police encourage anyone with information about this incident to call the Vermont State Police in Westminster at 802-722-4600, or submit a tip anonymously online at www.vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit.



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Dear Editor,

The staff and board at Neighborhood Connections would like to recognize the folks who helped make our recent Masquerade Gala fundraiser at Walker Farm a huge success!

The hearty appetizers, prepared by Tad Kinsley (Jake's Restaurant); Max Turner (New American Grill); and Jason O'Connor (Corner Market Deli), were delicious and a huge hit! Thank you, Stacey Gordon and Dave Nunnikoven from Grandma Miller's, for the lovely dessert trays. We also want to acknowledge our beverage sponsors including Dale & Mike Malekoff, Karen Stewart, Jelley's Deli, Skip Raymond, and Martha & Dick Dale.

The seven auction items were generously donated by Big Picture Farm, Mark Wright and the crew from Rugg Valley Landscaping,

Charlie & Leigh Merinoff, Doris Ingram, Jim & Vicky Linville, Ann & Rob Hausslein, Andrea & John Ogden, and Claudia Harris & John Wiley.

In recognition of Delores Barbeau, for whom the Gala was dedicated, the crowd was entertained by the PeruInca Folk dance troupe.

The ambiance was completed by the lovely decorations which were created by Barb Wells and Bonnie Johnson.

In addition, the staff would like to thank our Board of Directors for their support, as well as other volunteers who were so generous with their time.

Sincerely,
Neighborhood Connections
Londonderry, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Michelle Bos-Lun, whom I have known for many years. The best reasons for my support have to do with values. Anyone can support one cause and not another. But to know really how they will operate under duress, it has to do with values. What is behind that person and why do they operate as they do?

Michelle has those values I admire. She serves people. I was especially interested to learn about her work with Tibetan refugees because my sister spent most of her life doing similar work. It struck a chord. (Michelle chaired a Tibetan support group for ten years). I know those issues.

Her continuing support for refugees from all countries demonstrates her compassion. Her support of restorative justice,

community schools, and human rights issues show who she is. She acts what she speaks. Read more about who she is and what she believes here, with the legislation she introduced or co-sponsored: www.legislature.vermont.gov/people/single/2022/34699.

I hope you will recognize that Michelle Bos-Lun is the real deal. Please vote for her in the upcoming primary and the general election in the fall when she will run for a second term in the Vermont State Legislature representing the Windham-3 district (Westminster, Rockingham, and Brookline).

Thank you. And be sure to vote in the primary election Aug. 9.

Sincerely,
Tony (JB) Elliott
Westminster, Vt.

Dear Editor,

From 1999 to 2018, the pharmaceutical and health product industry (fondly known as Big Pharma) spent an average of \$233 million per year lobbying the U.S. Federal Government; \$414 million on contributions to presidential and congressional electoral candidates, national party committees, and outside spending groups; and \$877 million on contributions to state candidates and committees. In 2021, Big Pharma upped its game by lavishing over \$356.5 million on American politicians. The industry wields a large influence-peddling apparatus of 1,270 registered lobbyists, 60% of whom are former government employees. What does that kind of money buy?

Big Pharma first created and then fueled the opioid epidemic. National epidemiological research shows that nearly 247,000 people died in the United States from overdoses involving prescription opioids between the years 1999 and 2019. Today, overdose deaths due to opioids – including prescription opioids, heroin, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl – have risen over six times since 1999.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the biggest pharmaceutical players worked hand in glove

with the U.S. government to indiscriminately push an experimental mRNA gene therapy on the entire population. Young and healthy segments of the population, who stood to gain no benefit from their products, were harmed by them. VAERS is the primary taxpayer funded system for reporting adverse vaccine reactions. According to VAERS, Covid-19 injections have killed 28,312 Americans. The data includes 232,694 serious injuries.

Did you hear about the mass protests against Big Pharma? Me neither. Won't happen. Instead, activists strung along by their puppeteers in power turn on the instant "outrage generator" and goad the unthinking masses to rail against imaginary bogeymen: conservative justices, Christians, competent men.

Targeting the National Rifle Association (which spent an embarrassing \$4.8 million on lobbying last year) is back in vogue. There has been a lot of outrage from both sides of the political aisle about the NRA (it's not called "uniparty" for nothing), but not a sound about the horrifying trail of murder that Big Pharma continues to leave in its wake. Impunity – that's what \$356.5 million buys.

Sincerely
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

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obituaries

Richard F. Gorton, 1920-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Richard F. Gorton, 101, passed away on Tuesday, June 13 in the afternoon at the Cedar Hill Health Care Center in Windsor, Vt.

He was born Aug. 5, 1920 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Frederick and Mildred (Griffith) Gorton. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School. He also attended automotive repair schools. He served in the United States Navy during WWII. As a young man, he worked on the family dairy farm in South Wallingford, Vt.

In 1944, he married Harriet Weeks in Charlestown, N.H. She predeceased him in 1995.

Richard worked as a Mechanic and Service Manager with Riverside Garage, Ray's Motors, R & S Repair, and Stocker & Austin. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt., and a member of the St. John's Masonic Lodge #41 in Springfield, recently receiving a Golden Lapel award for 80 years of service. He was also an active member of the Springfield Senior Center for many years.

He enjoyed candlepin bowling and was a member of the candlepin leagues in Springfield for many years. He also enjoyed taking many trips and cruises with Ellie. He made bird houses and cutting boards that he donated to Habitat for Humanity, and wooden toys for the Santa Claus Club in Springfield for many years.

Cora Alice Perry Fletcher, 1924-2022

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – We lost a wonderful woman and God received an angel on June 9, 2022. Having a strong belief in God, Cora Alice Perry Fletcher was able to die peacefully at home comforted by her children, Elaine and Joe.

She was born Sept. 5, 1924 in Bellows Falls, Vt. Her parents were Joseph Martin and Alice Annie Butson-Howe Perry. She was the first of nine children; she had four brothers and four sisters.

She is survived by her daughter Elaine and her husband Elmer Davis, son Joseph Fletcher, 3 sisters: Shirley Peel of Geneva, Ala., Elizabeth Tuttle of Sherburne, N.Y., and Leola Ramsey of Hinsdale, N.H.

On Feb. 2, 1944 she married Robert Clark Fletcher of Grafton, Vt. He passed away Christmas Day in 1984.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, four brothers, Henry, Robert, Gordon, and Bernard, one sister, Betha Fernette, and a granddaughter, Jacqueline Cora Garrow.

She was the matriarch of five generations. Along with her two children, Elaine and Joe, she had nine grandchildren, several step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren. One of her greatest excitements was having one of her great-great-grandchildren born on her birthday. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She once said, "No one can ever say I was lazy." She worked hard and took care of many people throughout her lifetime. She did housework, house cleaning for others, including Vermont Academy, and she gave home perms, as well as helping slaughter holi-



Richard Gorton, 1920-2022.
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He is survived by his granddaughter Michelle Bessette, grandson Richard Bessette, son-in-law John Bessette, longtime companion and life partner Eleanor Johnson, one niece, and three nephews. He was also predeceased by his daughter Nancy Bessette in 2019.

The family would like to thank the many devoted caregivers that made it possible for Richard to remain in his home for the past year.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Charlestown, N.H. Reverend Michael Mario Pastor of the First Congregational Church will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaig Trail, Springfield, VT 05156, or to the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main St. Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.



Cora Fletcher, 1924-2022.
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day turkeys with her Uncle John. She also worked as a nurse's aide at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend.

In her younger years, being the eldest of nine children, she helped with her siblings, could harness the horses, mow hay with the horse-drawn mowing machine, milk cows, and work in the woods with her dad logging and cutting fire wood. She gardened, canning her own fruits and vegetables, and raised her own meat. She did all of her cooking, baking, and canning on a wood stove.

She was a talented lady who like to crochet and knit, creating lovely things for others.

She loved watching the wild birds at her feeders and was not afraid to use her BB gun to scare the squirrels away. She enjoyed watching all of her flowers and shrubs come to life with beautiful, colorful blooms.

She dearly loved her family and friends. No one could leave without a hug!

She will be missed tremendously by all those who loved and knew her. She was the glue that held many lives together.

She will be buried in Houghtonville cemetery with her husband Robert at a date to be determined by her children.

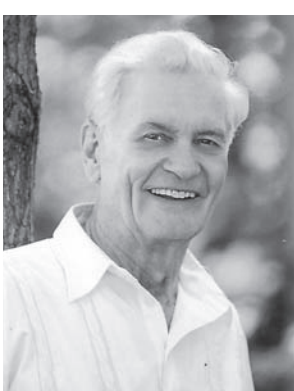
Thomas Hurd, 1939-2022

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Thomas E. Hurd, 82, passed away in Annapolis, Md. on June 8, 2022 due to complications associated with a stroke.

Born on Sept. 24, 1939 in Springfield, Vt. to the late Edmund and Mary Hurd, Tom graduated from Springfield High School and the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy. He served in Vietnam and subsequent marine service whereby he navigated vessels throughout the world. After leaving the Merchant Marines, he was a pilot for the Portland, Maine harbor, a Marine Accident Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, and worked at the Military Sealift Command.

Tom was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis, where he was Chairman of the Respect Life Committee and participated in Eucharistic Adoration. Tom was also a proud 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1384. Tom's passion was his Catholic faith and endless efforts to promote the Right to Life Movement.

He is survived by his wife, Michelina "Mykie" Buteau Hurd, whom he married on



Thomas Hurd, 1939-2022.
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Aug. 16, 1975; his siblings, James Hurd of Homer, Ark., John Hurd of Fort Wayne, Ind., Paul Hurd of Cape May, N.J., and Ann Spurrier of Denver, Colo.; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Friends celebrated Tom's life on Sunday, June 12 at the Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory in Edgewater, Md. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, June 13 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Annapolis, Md.

Interment will take place at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Barbara L. LeMire, 1934-2022

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Barbara L. LeMire, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2022, at the Cleveland Clinic Martin North Hospital in Stuart, Fla. following a brief illness. She was 88 years young.

Born in Bristol, R.I. on Feb. 6, 1934, Barbara was the youngest daughter of Rosalia (Pimentel) and Jose Aguiar. She graduated from Colt Memorial High School in 1951. While vacationing in Florida, Barbara met and eventually married Leo LeMire in 1952. Together, they raised their family in Bristol until relocating to Mount Holly, Vt. in 1972, where they became the proud owners of the former Dairy Bar in the adjacent town of Ludlow. They owned and operated the Dairy Bar for the better part of 10 years. Barbara and Leo later moved to Proctorsville, Vt. where Barbara worked in food services at the Cavendish Elementary School until her retirement in 1996. She greatly enjoyed her time with the children at school and will be fondly remembered by many.

Barbara loved being with family and friends as well as traveling. She was fiercely proud of her Portuguese heritage and was lucky enough to travel to Portugal with Leo later in life. She was a communicant of Holy Name of Mary Church in Proctorsville, Vt. where she served on the Altar Society for many years. She was predeceased by her husband Leo in 1992. In 2000 she was lucky enough



Barbara L. LeMire, 1934-2022.
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to find love again, and married John P. Morgan, who passed away in 2005. In 2008 Barbara moved to Stuart, Fla. where she spent the rest of her time enjoying life to the fullest and making many friends.

Barbara is survived by her children, Denise (Sean) Bartlett of Stuart, Fla., Douglas (Barbara) LeMire of Chester, Vt., Diane (Donald) Stevens of Shelburne, Vt., and David LeMire of East Providence, R.I.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, sister Pauline Marabello of Bristol, R.I., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Delores Aguiar, Manual Aguiar, Joseph Aguiar, Alvaro Aguiar, Mary Biancuzzo, Adeline Balzano, Helen Guarniere, and Lenora Medeiros.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Black River Good Neighbor Services, 37B Main St., Ludlow, VT. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Church, 577 Wood St., Bristol, RI.

Steve Adams Celebration of Life

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – A celebration in honor of Steve Adams, who passed away Nov. 29, 2021, will be held June 18, from 12-2 p.m., at the Charlestown VFW. Burgers and hot dogs will be cooked, but if you would like to bring a potluck dish to share, please do. Iced tea and lemonade will also be on hand.

Richard Szidik graveside service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A graveside service for Richard Szidik, who passed away Feb. 18, 2022, will be held on June 25, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

James McCarty, 2022

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – He was quirky, funny, imaginative, and a gentle giant. Many of you have seen his artwork dangling in the trees outside of his house, always rather whimsical, sometimes just plain unusual, but always unique. He actually sold a few, but never cared about making money, just reveled in the process of creating something from his imagination. Few knew the man inside the old ramshackle house, as he was a private yet kind and friendly man. But now the chimes have stopped.

We are devastated to announce the passing of James "Jimbo" McCarty, 68, of North Walpole, N.H. James left us on May 30, 2022, after suffering a fatal heart attack. James (or "Jimbo," "Jimmy," or "UJ," as he preferred friends and family to call him) was born in Philadelphia, Pa., lived in his mom's hometown of Hillsville, Va. for three to four years, and moved with his family to Vermont when he was 11, and at one point as a young adult, made his way to Indiana to stay with his "ride or die" friends. He attended Brattleboro Union High School, and despite an IQ in the stratosphere, preferred to work odd jobs in carpentry, roofing, restaurants, and auto repair. He loved working with his hands, especially if he could tinker with motors, appliances, or machinery, but was disabled his entire life with a rare genetic skin disease that limited the time he could put pressure on his hands and feet, so staying in any one profession for too long would cripple him for weeks on end.

The older he got, the less manual labor his condition could tolerate, so he retired early and began indulging his artistic side. He was particularly good working with leather, but he could create art, accessories, decorations,

and handmade jewelry out of anything – beads, soda caps, toy parts, glass, chains – the list was endless. And so started his Avant-garde hanging mobiles.

James was the only beloved son of the late Ada McCarty Pencek. Jimmy is survived by his two heartbroken sisters, Roxanne Vincelette McCarty and Patricia McCarty, as well as a brother-in-law, Fernand Vincelette, all of Rutland, Vt. He is also survived by two nieces and three nephews (his "wrasslin'" buddies who all called him "UJ" or "Uncle Jimmy") and he loved playing with them when they were younger. His "wrasslin'" buddies were; Erin Heavens and her husband Jim Heavens, Adam Emmons, Chantale Sheloski and her husband Andy. James Norton and his wife Lisa, and Justin Norton and his wife Jessica. In addition, he leaves behind four grand-nephews and two grand-nieces who also mourn his passing. And with much love he leaves behind a dear and beloved friend of 44 years, Kimisue Dodge Wallace and her husband Gary, along with their beautiful family, whom he always considered his "second family."

There will be no visiting hours and no public funeral.

A private memorial service will be held for the family.

All arrangements through Fenton & Hennessy Funeral Services in Bellows Falls, VT 05101

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to: The Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W. Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446, or online at www.Monadnockhumanesociety.org.

Jimmy loved animals and had two cats no one in the family could take, so, with a heavy heart, we had to surrender them to this shelter. So in remembrance of Jimmy and his love for his cats, please consider a donation here.

Christine Quinn, 1950-2022

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Christine (Cole) Quinn, 71, of Cavendish, Vt., died in a bicycling accident while on vacation in Kitty Hawk, N.C. on Friday, May 20, 2022.

Chris was born in Springfield, Vt. on July 26, 1950 to Thelma (Curtis) Gamble (deceased 2007) and Charles Cole (deceased 1951).

Chris grew up in Andover, Vt. with her mother Thelma, step-father Ralph Gamble, and sister Janet (Cole) Rollins (deceased 2018). She attended Springfield High School in Springfield, Vt. After graduating in 1968, she went on to attend Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., graduating in 1970 with an Associates Degree in Business Management. She met her husband of 48 years in 1972. They married in 1974 and together built a house where they lived in Cavendish for the rest of her life. In 1979 she gave birth to their only child Jill, and for the first few years of Jill's life was a stay at home mom. When Chris returned to the workforce, she put her lifelong love of cooking to use and worked in a few different kitchens as a pastry chef, finally opening her own business making cakes and desserts for local restaurants as well as wedding and birthday cakes. Later in life, she attended Norwich University's adult degree program in Brattleboro, Vt., graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Human Behavior in 1998.

Chris had a vibrant personality and was quick to strike up a conversation with anyone she met. She was always busy whether she was volunteering, spending time outdoors enjoying one of her many passions, including cycling, hiking, kayaking, gardening, or skiing, practicing yoga, or spending time with family and friends.

Chris' love of the outdoors and taking the path less traveled, just to "see where it



Christine Quinn, 1950-2022.
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comes out," led her to many adventures including hiking the Long Trail, a multi-day kayaking trip along the Saguenay River, and bicycling the length of Vermont from Canada to Massachusetts. She spent her 2015 Mother's Day going skydiving and took a three month cross country road trip with her husband in 2016, visiting 28 states. In 2018, Chris enrolled in a yoga teacher training and graduated in 2019 with her 200-hour certification.

Always willing to lend a hand and never afraid to get dirty, Chris will be greatly missed by many people.

She is survived by her husband Hollis Quinn Jr. of Cavendish, Vt.; her daughter Jill (Quinn) Sandonato and husband David of Cavendish, Vt.; grandson Michael "Drew" Quinn-Lambert of Cavendish, Vt.; step-grandchildren, Kayla and Noah Sandonato of Claremont, N.H.; sister-in-laws Charlotte (Quinn) Pitts and Carolyn (Quinn) Griggs and husband George, both of Cavendish, Vt.; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held July 24, 2022 at Harwood Pavillion, Plymouth State Park in Plymouth, Vt. from 1-4 p.m. Donations in Chris's honor can be made to the Cavendish Elementary School Snow Sports program, the Black River Senior Center in Ludlow, Vt., or your favorite charity.

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With love,
Gloria Leven

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Answers

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Construction Updates, Week of June 13

Route 11 Paving: Milling of the roadway on the minor arterial portion of this project (in Springfield) is scheduled to continue this week. One lane alternating traffic will be required during milling operations. Expect delays.

Paving of the travel lanes along Route 11 between Chester and Springfield will continue throughout the week of June 13. It is anticipated that project areas requiring the Hot in Place paving process will be completed by the end of this week.

The Hot in Place recycling process involves heating the existing asphalt to soften and scarify it, and then mix this with a recycling agent that rejuvenates the asphalt. This rejuvenated asphalt is then placed and compacted back into the roadway, and paved over with a new lift of Bituminous Asphalt.

Once milling on the minor arterial portion of the project (in Springfield) has been completed, the contractor will mill Route 11 near the intersection with Route 103 (Pleasant Street) as well as the area between Bridge 57 and Bridge 60.

Guardrail operations along Route 11 will continue this week.

Sign installation along Route 11 will begin this week.

Motorists should expect one-way alternating traffic in the vicinity of active construction operations.

Route 11 paving limits begin at the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103 (Pleasant Street) in Chester, and continues for 6.6 miles to the intersection of Route 11 and Route 106 in Springfield.

The project begins again at the eastern Class 1 Town Highway limit, east of the Route 11 and Seavers Brook Road intersection, and continues easterly along Route 11 to its intersecting with US Route 5 South in Springfield.

Projected completion is Summer of 2022.

Bridge 57: Bridge 57 is located approximately 1.25 miles to the west of the intersection of Route 106 and Route 11.

Paving of the wearing course and the asphalt sidewalk began on Friday, June 10 and will be completed this week. Paving is dependent on weather and surface conditions.

Once paving has been completed, permanent line striping will occur. Line striping is currently scheduled for this week, weather permitting.

Any remaining sign installation and miscella-



Roadwork throughout the area. Please drive with caution and expect delays.

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stallation and miscellaneous project clean up will occur once paving has been completed.

Once paving and line striping have been completed, the temporary signals will be removed.

Route VT-100: Drivers can expect one-lane operations during construction (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Travel will be managed by flaggers.

Subcontractor FR Lafayette continued advancing guardrail replacement this week. This is anticipated to continue into the next week with the same two crews. Looking ahead, the early stages of paving work (milling) are anticipated to begin in late June.

The project is located on Route 100 in Plymouth between Route 100A and Route 4.

Projected completion is August, 2022.

Fall Mountain Friendly Meals matches donations —

ALSTEAD, N.H. – The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals is having a \$10,000 matching grant fund raising challenge until July 4, 2022. All donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to the set amount. Donations will be used to buy food and supplies for the more than 210 meals our volunteers are delivering each Tuesday and Thursday to folks in all the towns of the Fall Mountain area.

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NOTICE OF TAX SALE
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The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Andover in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town of Andover remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands, to wit:

Property Owner: Kenneth P. Kaminsky, Jr. Revocable Trust
Property Address: 2765 Valley View Drive
Parcel ID # 00200003.400
All and the same lands and premises conveyed to Kenneth P. Kaminsky, Jr., Trustee of the Kenneth P. Kaminsky, Jr. Revocable Trust dated January 25, 2012, by Warranty Deed of Garrett A. Neff and Karen D. Neff and Summit Ridge, LLC dated September 13, 2013 and recorded in Volume 59, Page 442 of the Town of Andover Land Records.
Tax Years: 2021
Amount of delinquent taxes, interest, cost and penalties: \$2,174.38

Property Owner: Donald L. Montano
Property Address: 469 North Hill Road
Parcel ID # 005100061.000
All and the same lands and premises conveyed to Donald L. Montano by Quitclaim Deed of Bernadette Montano dated February 5, 1981 and recorded in Volume 22, Page 66 of the Town of Andover Land Records.
Tax Years: 2021
Amount of delinquent taxes, interest, cost and penalties: \$868.94

Property Owner: Joann Trifari
Property Address: 46 Hillcrest Drive
Parcel ID # 011000012.000
All and the same lands and premises conveyed to Joann Trifari by Quitclaim Deed of Michael Trifari dated January 9, 2019 and recorded at Volume 65, Page 414 and to Michael Trifari and Joan Trifari by Warranty Deed of Rev. Roger J. Grenier, Rev. Robert J. St. Martin and Rev. Daniel Sullivan dated December 10, 2004 and recorded at Volume 47, Page 162 of the Town of Andover Land Records.
Tax Years: 2021
Amount of delinquent taxes, interest, cost and penalties: \$2,089.11

Reference may be made to said deeds for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appear in the Town Clerk's Office of Town of Andover.

So much of such lands will be sold at public auction at the Andover Town Offices, 953 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, Vermont 05143, on the 13th day of July, 2022 at 12:00 noon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes and delinquencies with interest, costs and penalties unless previously paid. Property owners or mortgagees may pay such taxes, interest, costs and penalties in full by cash or certified check made payable to the Town of Andover. At tax sale, successful bidders must pay in full by cash or certified check. No other payments accepted. Any questions or inquiries regarding the above-referenced sale should be directed to the following address:

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Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC, and the Town of Andover give no opinion or certification as to the marketability of title to the above-referenced properties as held by the current owner/taxpayer.

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CCCD celebrates National Pollinator Week

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) invites you to celebrate National Pollinator Week from June 20-26, 2022. National Pollinator Week is an annual opportunity to celebrate pollinators and learn how to support pollinator health in our community.

To kick off the week, the ten N.H. Conservation Districts will be leading a statewide BioBlitz on iNaturalist. A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time, while utilizing the observations and identifications of citizen scientists. Citizen scientists are community members who contribute and support research through the collection of observations, identification, and data. Community members of all skill levels can contribute and learn as citizen scientists.

To participate, simply post observations of pol-

linators via the iNaturalist app, or make identifications on the app. Participants with the most observations per county will receive a prize.

CCCD will also host two events that will be free and open to the public:

Pollinator Palooza, Tuesday, June 21, 1–3 p.m. at Ashuelot River Park, Keene, N.H.

Join us for an afternoon of learning and celebration of pollinators during National Pollinator Week. Learn more from organizations throughout our region, and enjoy games and activities for participants of all ages.

Activities include: a pollinator scavenger hunt, creating your own bee box, painting your own pot for a native plant, and more.

This event is free and open to the public.

Pollinator Week Bloom Tour, Friday, June 24, 4–6 p.m. at Distant Hill Gardens, 507 March Hill Rd., Walpole, N.H.

This event is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation. All donations go toward making Distant Hill Nature Trail more accessible to everyone.

Michael Nerrie, the designer and builder of Distant Hill Gardens, will lead a tour of the gardens highlighting the most pollinator-friendly plants in bloom.

Visitors will be able to see fully grown specimens of many of the trees, shrubs, and perennials that the CCCD offers for sale during their annual fall plant sale. Learn which plants might work in your garden, along with tips on planting, pruning, disease and insect control, and more.

If you have any questions regarding the series or require assistance in registration, please contact info@cheshire-conservation.org or 603-756-2988 ext. 3011.

Terriers shutout in Semi-Final

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The old adage is that good pitching beats good hitting and that proved to be the case on Tuesday, June 7 as Peoples Academy's Ben Alekson stymied Bellows Falls Terriers and took a 6-0 decision in a Division III Semifinal game.

Bob Lockerby's Terriers caught a red-hot pitcher and a good hitting Wolves team at the worst possible time. Peoples Academy scored three runs in their first at bat and scratched single runs in the second, fifth, and sixth innings. The Terriers struggled all game long at the plate and didn't get their first hit until the fourth inning.

Ben Alekson was the winning pitcher going the distance for the Wolves only allowing three hits and didn't allow a Bellows Falls runner to advance to second base until the sixth inning.

Jack Cravinho started for Bellows Falls before giving way to Jamison Nystrom.

The Terriers finish the season with a 13-5 record.

Written by By Doug MacPhee, Eagle Times.



The Terriers' Walker James gets safely back to first ahead of the tag by Peoples' Chandler Follensbee. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Peoples' Derek Baxter is safe at second base ahead of the throw to Bellows Falls' Jessie Darrel. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Westminster Garden Tour

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – After two years of event cancellations due to the pandemic, Westminster Cares is excited that our 2022 Garden Tour will be held this summer. The event will be held the weekend of July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., both days.

This year's Westminster Garden Tour will again feature the stunning gardens of Gordon and Mary Hayward. Gordon and his wife Mary have been developing a one-and-a-half-acre garden around their 220-year-old farmhouse in Westminster West for the past thirty-five years.

Three additional lovely Westminster gardens will be on the self-guided tour: Cheryl Charles and Family, Obe and Lonnie Lisai, and the Westminster Center School's vegetable garden. Attendees will also be able to take a meditative walk in a stone labyrinth and attend demonstrations such as "Container Gardening" and "Saplings: Sculpting, Bending and Weaving."

Another beautiful quilt has been donated for our raffle by Ann Ashcroft. The raffle will have many other wonderful prizes as well. Lunch and refreshments will be available under the tents at the Hayward's. Tickets will go on sale in early June. The tour is held rain or shine and tickets are good for both days.

Please support our sponsors who make this event possible: Faith's Toyota/Ford, Mascoma Bank, Silver Forest, 802 Credit Union, Cota and Cota, Savings Bank of Walpole, and C&S



The gardens of Gordon and Mary Hayward. PHOTO PROVIDED

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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.westminstercare.org and like us on Facebook for updates on the Garden Tour.

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SEVCA seeks input on Health Equity Group —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is forming a new group that will have the opportunity to fund the work of community organizations addressing the health equity challenge of its choosing. SEVCA invites the public to join them virtually on June 30 at 5 p.m. to learn about this opportunity and to provide feedback on forming the group and taking the work forward.

SEVCA has recently been contracted by the VT Public Health Institute (Vt-PHI) to facilitate the new Community Health Equity Partnership (CHEP) for the Springfield Health District through at least May of 2023. The Springfield CHEP is one of 12 partnerships statewide, which will

assist the Vermont Department of Health to meet the goals of the CDC Grant to Address Health Disparities – specifically to “mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to Covid health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.”

As a part of this work, SEVCA will convene, facilitate, and support a Learning Collaborative which will decide upon a health equity challenge the community is facing, and distribute about \$150,000 in low-barrier grant funding to community organizations addressing that challenge. SEVCA is currently in the process of hearing from community members

and local service providers about how they would like to approach this work and form the Learning Collaborative. “It’s our firm belief that communities know what they need and are best positioned to meet their own needs,” says Kelsea Burch, SEVCA’s Health Equity Network Development Specialist. “That’s why it’s important to us that the Community Health Equity Partnership in Greater Springfield be community-led, and that the Learning Collaborative decide upon its own vision, process, and goals for this work. This is how we will bring about lasting change toward greater health equity in the region.”

Edgar May fights Alzheimer’s —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Longest Day is the day with the most light – that is, the summer solstice. And it’s the day the Alzheimer’s As-

sociation calls on everyone to fight Alzheimer’s disease by raising funds and awareness through an activity of their choice.

On Tuesday, June 21, the Edgar May will be hosting classes and programs from sunrise to sunset to help advance the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer’s Association.

Leading up to June 21, there will be a donation box for the Alzheimer’s Association in the Edgar May front lobby and at Studio Momentum. Donations may also be made online at www.tinyurl.com/2cz3rd7t.

Thank you for your support. Together, the strength of our light will outshine the darkness of Alzheimer’s.

Vermont Everyone Eats extends beyond July 1 —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Thanks to a \$1.3 million allocation included by Vermont legislators in the final version of bill S.11, signed by Governor Scott on June 8, the groundbreaking Vermont Everyone Eats (VEE) program now has the necessary funding to continue to leverage FEMA support in providing Covid relief support for Vermont restaurants, farmers, and meal recipients.

Everyone Eats is an innovative, multi-sector Covid relief program providing economic support to local restaurants, economic benefit to farmers, and restaurant-prepared meals for food-insecure Vermonters negatively impacted by Covid. All three pillars of the program – restaurants, farmers, and eaters – continue to benefit

significantly from the relief this program provides.

In July 2020, the Vermont legislature enacted the Restaurants and Farmers Feeding the Hungry program “to provide assistance to Vermonters who are food insecure due to the Covid public health emergency by engaging Vermont restaurants that have suffered economic harm due to [this] emergency to prepare meals using foodstuffs purchased from Vermont farms and food producers.” This initiative, known as Vermont Everyone Eats, has provided over 2.4 million meals since it began in August 2020.

Participating restaurants are required to use a minimum of 10% local ingredients grown or produced in Vermont, with many far exceeding that minimum, for a program-wide average of 35% local ingredients. Over 260 restaurants and

300 farmers have benefited from the program, which currently distributes 30,000 meals/week through 11 community hubs.

Beginning July 1, 2022, FEMA’s Covid relief funding will shift from 100% federal funding to 90/10 federal cost-share. The new allocation of state funding provides the 10% non-federal match for Vermont Everyone Eats to continue for no more than one year, as long as there is both a federal pandemic emergency and a Covid-related need within the state.

The program has brought over \$31 million of federal revenue into the state to date.

For more information on the program, to find out how to access local meals, or request the inclusion of a restaurant in this program, visit the Vermont Everyone Eats website at www.vteveryoneeats.org/.

Grace Cottage receives Red Sox IMPACT Award —

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has been awarded second place in the Red Sox IMPACT Awards competition.

The IMPACT Awards, presented by the Red Sox Foundation and the Ruderman Family Foundation, support organizations raising awareness and improving outcomes surrounding mental health.

In its award announcement, Red Sox

Foundation Development & Partnerships Manager Matt McCarthy congratulated Grace Cottage, saying, “The work you all undertake on a daily basis is incredible.”

Grace Cottage will use its \$3,000 IMPACT award to expand the safety net of mental health services that it provides in its primary care clinic, Suboxone Clinic, and Emergency Department.


“Grace Cottage works hard to integrate mental health care with primary

care. Our 13 medical providers work side-by-side with our mental health care providers, so that when a primary care provider sees a patient for physical issues and determines that mental health is also impacted, arrangements can be made quickly for the patient to see a Grace Cottage mental health provider. Mental health is as important as physical health, and a variety of issues can be treated in our clinic,” says Grace Cottage CEO Doug DiVello.

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Peru Town Green

The Mountain Valley Health Council invites all well-wishers to come together in tribute to Dr. Fox in honor of his 47 years at Mountain Valley. Sign the guest book, leave a card, or just say thanks!

We are preparing a commemorative book for Dr. Fox. To include your tribute please go to:
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For more information email MVHCvt@gmail.com

Featured Pet - Peyton —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Peyton is a beautiful two-year-old Caliby looking for a loving home. Peyton adores people and seems to enjoy dogs, but is not always happy to be around other cats. She loves attention and will rub all over your legs begging for some pets. Peyton will be the PURRfect

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“ We want to express our gratitude to Doug Nilson, MD, Medical Director, Olga Carey, RN, and the entire Emergency Department team at Springfield Hospital for taking great care of our daughter, Lola, after a very serious dog bite to her face.

We sincerely appreciate the prompt attention, kindness, and professionalism during this traumatic situation. The entire team was extremely thoughtful and attentive which helped calm Lola’s anxiety — and ours as well.

We deeply appreciate the wonderful care we received from Springfield Hospital. Thank you. ”

— The family of Lola McGinnis



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community

GFC donates Kindle Fire tablets to local library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Greater Falls Connections (GFC) of Bellows Falls donated five Kindle Fire tablets to the Rockingham Free Public Library (RFPL). The library staff will be making the devices available for patrons to borrow.

The idea for the purchase came out of a need for youth, especially those connected to Friends for Change (FFC) – a democratically run, youth-led and adult guided, trauma-informed, and play-based club in Bellows Falls – to have access to school programming and to stay socially connected during the Covid pandemic, as well as to assist those who wanted to quit smoking but didn't have access to technology for cessation workshops and apps.

GFC Director Laura Scharbaum said, "The purchase was possible through our membership in Green Peak Alliance, a group of prevention coalitions in the Springfield region. During the pandemic they offered an opportunity to purchase supplies or other items that could be used to support the community. Through our partnership with FFC we identified the need for students, and it was a good

opportunity to also support those who wanted to quit tobacco."

RFPL Youth Services Librarian Samantha Maskell said, "The kindles are available for anyone with a RFPL card to borrow for free. Library cards are free to Rockingham residents and WNESU students and teachers. The library connects people with resources. We're pleased to circulate these devices along with Wi-Fi hotspots and Chromebooks to help our community stay connected with the tools they need."

"Eat the Rainbow," for Pride Month



Celebrate Pride Month by attending the Vegan Picnic with VINE Sanctuary. STOCK PHOTO

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Celebrate Pride Month by attending the Pride Month Vegan Picnic sponsored by VINE

Sanctuary at the Tree Farm Campground in Springfield on June 26 from 12–2 p.m. Meet and mingle with vegan and "veg-curious" Vermonters while enjoying a rainbow array of vegan food and learning about the programs of local animal advocacy organizations.

VINE Sanctuary is an LGBTQ-led farmed animal refuge working for social and environmental equity as well as animal wellbeing. Every June, the sanctuary sponsors a nationwide Pride Month Vegan Challenge, encouraging LGBTQ+ communities and their allies to "Eat the Rainbow" for the month of June.

Participants in the Pride Month Vegan Challenge receive support, recipes, and inspiration throughout the month and can even be matched with an LGBTQ-IA+ vegan mentor. The challenge is free and open to everyone to sign up at www.RainbowVegan.org, any time during the month.

As the number of people embracing vegan eating continues to grow, so do the many reasons for making the switch, whether it's to protect animals, the planet, or one's own health.

No matter the reason for joining the Pride Month Vegan Challenge, participants in the challenge go on culinary adventures, exploring new foods and flavors while experiencing the joys of incorporating colorful fruits and vegetables into our diets, as dietitians say we all should do.

Millions of people around the world are discovering the many benefits of plant-based eating, including prominent LGBTQ+ activists such as Laverne Cox, Elliot Page, and Angela Davis. Environmental activists such as Greta Thunberg encourage everyone to go vegan for the planet. A month-long challenge is a great way to give it a try.

The Pride Month Vegan Picnic is free and open to the public. Attendees may bring a dish to share or just bring their own lunch. All food brought to the picnic must be vegan, which means free of meat, dairy, eggs, or honey. Those who can't or don't want to bring their own food are still welcome to come to the picnic and enjoy the rainbow of vegan food that VINE Sanctuary volunteers and staff members will bring to share.

Lions donates page magnifiers to Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Libraries are not just books. Springfield Lions Club recently donated four Magni-Pro 3X LED Page Magnifiers to the Springfield Town Library. Lion Mike Martin said, "The Lions Club is always looking for new ways to serve our community." This donation will allow more people to borrow the magnifiers, which are ideal for reading small prints and for those with low vision or aging eyes.

Funds from the Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) originally provided the library with one of the magnifiers this past March. The first person to borrow it wrote a lovely letter to the library and the company that said in part, "I am slowing going blind... In order to enjoy my passion of reading for a while longer they [the librarians]

loaned me a LED Page Magnifier – What a difference that made." The patron said it was lightweight, rechargeable, portable, and had a large viewing area and the library should have more of them.

Library Director Sue Dowdell reached out to the Lions Club, whose mission includes serving the blind and visually impaired. The Club graciously approved her request for additional ones. Dowdell reported that large print keyboards have also recently been added to the patron computers for all to better see the keys.

What else is in the Library of Things collection for residents to borrow? FOSTL and grants from other organizations have funded a wide variety of items. Residents can borrow passes to local attractions, a telescope, glue



Mike Martin and Tammy Gould. PHOTO PROVIDED

guns, snowshoes, a moisture meter to test firewood, and many games and puzzles. Recent games added to the collection include chess sets, a giant Jenga-like game, horseshoes, ring toss, croquet, and bocce. These are all ready for families to use at summer picnics. Plans for the purchase of wood-burning kits are in the works to assist the budding crafters in town and

for a summer program presented by a local crafter, June Brink.

Dowdell said, "Our library is here to serve the community. If anyone has suggestions for other items, please reach out. FOSTL has very graciously provided funds for these non-traditional library items and we are glad to make them available for everyone."



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arts & entertainment

Springfield Community Band summer season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will kick off its 2022 summer concert season with a free concert on Tuesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor bandstand at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. Concerts are scheduled for every Tuesday evening from June 21 through Aug. 9. The band's ever-popular Children's Concert will take place on Tuesday, July 5.

Carrie Ferguson performs at Main Street Arts

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts is proud to present Northampton musical artist Carrie Ferguson with The Grumpytime Club trio in an outdoor concert in Saxtons River on Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m. Carrie's original music for children and their parents is creative, positive, upbeat, and catchy. Her recent album, The Grumpytime Club, offers children and families welcoming and inclusive messages about accepting feelings,



Carrie Ferguson. PHOTO BY GEORGIA TEENSMAN

celebrating differences, and loving themselves exactly as they are. As a queer and gender nonconforming artist, Carrie's goal is

to inspire listeners to use their inner strength to celebrate and show up for themselves, other people, and the world in general. Main Street Arts (MSA) is a catalyst for arts and community, fostering creative expression through artistic experiences, accessible to all. MSA's historic building and theater space is located at 35 Main Street in Saxtons River, Vt.

Acworth Village Store MusicFest

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Community Project MusicFest is back. This year it is scheduled rain or shine for Saturday, June 25, from 11 a.m. until dusk. Talented local musicians will be featured and it promises to be another fabulous musical event. This year, MusicFest will feature Dan & Faith, Blue Collar Band, Best Revenge and Friends, Carolyn Waters, Gabriel Mireles, Decatur Creek, Harrison Fantasia, and more.

Our grill will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage with lots of sides. We'll also have some homemade baked goods for sale. Along with great music and food there will be craft vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Mary Lord at the Acworth Village Store at 603-835-6547. Entrance is free for this event and promises to be a wonderful day for all. Summer Saturdays have begun as well and will continue through mid-October from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Come on over for some good food

and great music every Saturday night behind the Village Store. Keep an eye out for our menus and musicians on our Facebook page and on our emails. If you'd like more information about this community run village store please contact Jim Neidert at 603-835-2453. The Acworth Village Store is located at 1068 Rt. 123A, South Acworth, NH 03607. The website is www.acworth-villagestore.com, and you can also visit us on Facebook.

“Hamlet” performed at Main Street Arts

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Wild Goose Players continues its first season with John Hadden's production of “Hamlet.” Having just completed a successful run of “Into the Woods” at the Bellows Falls Opera House, Wild Goose Players is thrilled to be partnering with Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, where the play will be performed. Performance dates are June 25 and July 2, 9, and 15 at 7 p.m., and June 26 and July 3, 10, and 16 at 2 p.m. The play is set in the “Mad Men” era of corporate giants and rebellious Beats, and staged in a black-box setting that offers some café-table seating for audience members who don't mind becoming confidants of Hamlet and his inner demons.



Alex Hacker, David Zucker, Devin Rondeau as Messenger, King and Queen. PHOTO BY SANDY KLEIN

The script has been shortened and edited by Hadden to focus on the split-second errors and miscalculations we all recognize that make such a mess of things. The production clocks in at about two hours. Covid protocols are guided by Sean Roberts, a certified theater Covid safety monitor. Masks will be required of audience members, and all actors and staff are up-to-date on tests and vaccines. Tickets are available at www.mainstreetarts.org, and there are discounts, group rates, and free ticket opportunities available. For these, please call 802-869-2960 for further information.

Village Ghost Walk with Cavendish Historical Society

CAVENDISH, Vt. – While the Dutton House was relocated from the Cavendish Green to the Shelburne Museum, taking with it their ghostly occupants, there are plenty of spirits that seem to reside throughout the village. Thadeous, who missed his stop on the Underground Railroad,

paces, but became protective of the family that lived in “his” house. A “visitor” likes to run up the stairs at the same time every night in another residence. Was the arsonist who set fire to many places in town, including the Fitton Mill, responsible for the blaze at what is today the town's Museum? On Saturday, June 18, the

Cavendish Historical Society will be hosting a “ghost walk” of Cavendish Village, where “haunts” and places of “exceptional human experiences” will be visited. The tour begins at 8 p.m. in front of the CHS Museum, 1951 Main St., Route 131, in Cavendish, Vt. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight.

Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival returns to Tunbridge

TUNBRIDGE, Vt. – The year 2022 will mark the 21st edition of the Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival, and a much-anticipated return after a two-year pandemic hiatus. Taking place June 23 to 26 at the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, Vt., this year's festival features 20 roots music favorites, headlined by the Gibson Brothers, Seldom Scene, Dale Ann Bradley, and many more. Jenny Brook fans will be pleased that the festival is carrying on traditions like the Barn Dance, Bluegrass University musical workshops; Sugar House Jams with fans and musicians from the main stage; and programming for kids. The festival has even added optional morning yoga exercises to help fans limber up before a long day of live music. Attendees are invited to camp out on site at the Fairgrounds, with a variety of rough and utility camping options available to ticketholders. “The hiatus has been such a powerful reminder of what a gift it is to be able to run this festival every year,” says organizer Candi Sawyer. “Bluegrass music is in the soul of every Jenny Brook fan, and we are blessed to have the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate it.” The 2022 lineup brings



Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival. PHOTO PROVIDED

back a number of beloved Jenny Brook stalwarts, with a smattering of exciting festival debuts. Highlights include:

- Progressive bluegrass pioneers Seldom Scene, now in their 51st year of touring;
- Two-time IBMA Entertainers of the Year the Gibson Brothers;
- Six-time IBMA Best Female Vocalist Dale Ann Bradley;
- Authentic Unlimited, a superb group of musicians mentored by the late Doyle Lawson making their first appearance in the northeast;
- Plus Donna Ulisse, Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch Mountain Boys, Mile Twelve, and many more.

Festival passes and day tickets to the 2022 Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival are available now at www.jennybrookbluegrass.com/tickets/.

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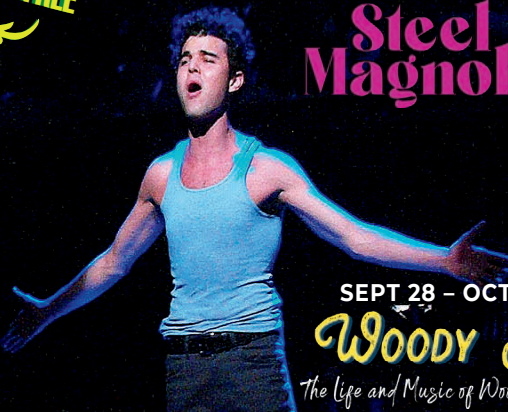
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