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SAPCC recipient of NBRC grant

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has approved \$24.2 million in new awards to 56 projects across the four-state NBRC region, including portions of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and all of Vermont. The awards are part of the annual State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant round. These projects are matched by public and private investments, resulting in \$144.39 Million in total investment in this region.

The 2022 SEID grant round was among the NBRC's most competitive to date. As one of only fourteen of Vermont's recipients, the Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) is thrilled to be awarded \$196,732.50. This is half of what is needed for their project, which hopes to expand their infrastruc-



Springfield Area Parent Child Center.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ture by purchasing another building so they can continue to increase capacity

within the Learning Together program, as well as provide early childhood

educational (ECE) professional development to current and future educators.

SAPCC is eager to continue building collaborative community partnerships

to enhance these efforts and support children and families throughout the region.

This year marks 30 years that SAPCC has been building bridges of support for children, families, and caregivers. They continue to expand their programming to meet the increasing needs of families in southern Windsor and northern Windham counties. 11 years ago, when they built their current facility, they never imagined how far they would grow. Today, they have run out of space, employing over 35 professionals and supporting over 4,000 individuals each year with concrete supports, education, and developmental services. If you wish to support their next phase of development, please visit www.sapcc-vt.org, email sapcc@sapcc-vt.org, or call 802-886-5242.

Bellows Falls Trustees discuss Kissell Hill pipe

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed capital water projects and heard an update on the Vilas Bridge.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup announced that New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu had signed the NH Department of Transportation ten-year Transportation Improvement plan in July, which included the Vilas Bridge Project at \$17.7 million with engineering to begin in 2023. Pickup said that conversations had begun with Christina Haskins from the Dufresne Group of Manchester on the village capital water projects and they looked at the intended use plan.

Haskins explained that the last remaining asbestos cement (AC) pipe on Kissell Hill was the last in the village. She said the Kissell Hill pipe was ranked a top priority project in the Asset Management Plan having the highest risk scores for potential and consequence of failure. In February, an application had been made on behalf of the village and Bellows Falls was eligible for a 50% subsidy. Haskins said the project was projected at \$1.25 million for construction and engineering with 20% contingency with a loan term of 40 years at 0% interest. The village share would be \$625,000 at

the projected cost which Haskins explained would be subsidized at 50% of the final cost.

Trustee James McAuliffe asked if the loan would be for their share or the full amount. Haskins said the loan would be issued at the end of the project. As an example, she said, if the project cost \$1 million, the village would pay half, and they would issue the loan for \$500,000. Village President Deborah Wright asked if the cost would be spread over the community or be paid by Kissell Hill residents. Pickup said it is a system based project and the project share would be paid by all users in the system. Wright asked what the increase to water rates would be and Pickup said around \$15,000 per year, roughly 0.25% increase.

When asked about the current pipes, Haskins said that ideally the old pipes would be left where they are, as allowed by state waste regulations or "abandon in place." She said it was the same funding model as previous water main projects where the village would be reimbursed on a monthly basis.

Wright asked where they would install the new pipes. Haskins said next to the old or across the street. Haskins said, "We don't want to disturb the old pipes, [because] once we dig them up, we have to remove them."

Pickup said the proj-

ect would start in 2023 and said, "This is an opportunity to do a major project at reasonable funding."

Trustee Stefan Golec remembered a conversation with recommendations to continue the line from BDR Trucking up the high school driveway to Kissell Hill and asked if they should look at having a loop there.

Wright asked if that was in the design phase of the project. Pickup said, it would have to be before the environmental phase. He said the idea tonight was to make sure the trustees were in agreement.

Trustee Wade Masure asked about the current footage of the AC pipe. Haskins did not have the number at that moment. He asked the age of the current pipe on Kissell Hill and Haskins thought around 60 years old. Trustee Jeff Dunbar said that made it likely the age of the development.

The Bellows Falls Village Trustees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Their next meeting is Oct. 11, 2022, and the Tri-Board meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 27 where the Vermont Finance Housing Agency will present the VT Housing Needs Assessment.

Meetings are open to the public and also available by Zoom.

Rockingham discusses flooding problems

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – At the Rockingham Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, board members discussed a request to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for relief of beaver issues in rural Rockingham.

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup had recently sent a letter to Game Warden Dave Taddei requesting relief from ongoing damage associated with beaver activities on both Parker Hill and Cambridgeport Roads. Pickup said that Rockingham had tried numerous nonlethal methods, including a deceiver installation on Cambridgeport road, but they were still experiencing flooding issues.

Board member Bonnie North asked if the beavers would be shot and Pickup said the last resort was to kill any beavers, but the concern was the damage done to the road.

Board member Rick Cowan connected with Skip Lisle of Grafton's Beaver Deceivers who wrote

a letter to the selectboard. Cowan read Lisle's letter which included his guarantee of a "99% chance I can solve these problems."

In the letter, Lisle explained that conflicts with beavers exist where roads intersect or low-gradient areas occur. He said culverts and small bridges are a magnet for beaver dams and killing beavers will not solve the problem. He suggested the Town of Rockingham adopt a policy for relief solutions. Lisle added that high-quality flow devices save taxpayer money and wildlife habitat.

In 1970, Lisle built the original Beaver Deceiver on a culvert along a Town Road in Grafton. Lisle states, "It is the longest continuous, nonlethal, flow device-defense of a road culvert in the world." Lisle also pointed out that the road has not cost the town any extra funding in the clearing of the culvert or repair of the road, nor have any beavers been killed. With 50 years of experience, Lisle is world renowned. He has written numerous publications and

co-wrote the Eurasian Beaver Handbook.

Lisle said the location of beaver damming is physics, and low-gradient areas are "economy zones" where damming efforts are justified by the creation of large habitats. These dams withstand large-flow events like the heavy rains Rockingham continues to experience.

Cowan asked if Highway Director Andy Howarth and Lisle could trade information. Chair Peter Golec suggested Pickup meet with Howarth and Lisle. Pickup agreed they could show him Cambridgeport Road.

For more information, and to see the wetlands in Grafton resulting from the original Beaver Deceiver, visit www.beaverdeceivers.com/an-interview-with-skip-lisle/

The next, subsequent selectboard meeting was on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m., at which VHB presented the design on the Depot Street Bridge with the Tri-Board meeting to be held on Sept. 27.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital charity auction

WINDSOR, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 15, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC), a member of Dartmouth Health, will hold a live charity art auction at Reading Town Hall, located at 799 Rte. 106 in Reading, Vt.

The live event, led by auctioneer Bill Smith, will feature work from

The Deborah K. Ellis Fine Art Collection, which was gifted to the hospital by Ellis' spouse, Sarwar Kashmeri, in gratitude for the care she received at MAHHC.

Ellis was a prolific watercolor artist inspired by the natural world, and her paintings depict vibrant scenes of plants and outdoor life.

A preview of the art will happen from 2-5 p.m., followed by the live auction at 5 p.m. No RSVP is required to attend.

Proceeds from the auction will help support health and wellness programs and clinical services at MAHHC. For more information, please visit www.mtascutneyhospital.org/artauction.

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“Understanding Childhood Poverty” at Kurn Hattin Fall Conference

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children will hold its 29th Annual Fall Conference on Oct. 21, 2022, from 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Westminster, Vt.

Stephen Pimpare, PhD will present “Understanding Childhood Poverty.”

Dr. Pimpare is an educator and practitioner with a long history of direct service, applied research, and

public engagement. His work with a broad range of audiences has focused on helping people better understand the actually-existing constraints faced by poor households, and

then to help them use that knowledge to develop strategies for improving well-being in their own organizations and communities. Participants will leave the conference prepared to make informed and impactful steps in the fight against systemic poverty.

Attendees will be able to earn Continuing Education credits toward maintaining their professional certification. Lunch and materials are included with admission. Register by Oct. 1, 2022 for a discounted rate. To register go to www.conference.kurnhattin.org.

For more information please contact Terry Andrews at 802-721-6913 or email tandrews@kurnhattin.org.

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Our Place welcomes new leadership

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Our Place Drop-in Center is welcoming new leadership as David Billings takes the reins from retiring executive director Lisa Pitcher. Pitcher retired in August after leading the food pantry for 12 years.

“We appreciate all that Lisa and her staff have done to address the needs of our food-insecure neighbors,” said Our Place Board President Sarah Campbell. “Change is challenging, but we look forward to a new perspective on how we carry out our mission.”

Billings brings to the position 20 years of experience in sales in the food and beverage, culinary and financial services industries, including running a family restaurant for a dozen years in New Jersey, his home state. Along the way, he was a financial advisor with investment firms, worked in mold remediation, and sold cars. Billings said his goals for the moment are to augment the organization’s donor relations through increased donor recognition and to highlight the work of Our Place through a quarterly newsletter. “We’ve heard that local nonprofits aren’t getting the word out about the good work they’re do-

ing and how they’re accomplishing their mission,” he said. “We owe it to our donors to let them know how their gifts are being used.”

Our Place is looking forward to restocking its food pantry with its annual Overflow the Opera House fundraiser Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 to collect food and monetary donations at a drive-up spot in front of the Bellows Falls Opera House.

The staff is currently serving about a hundred packaged breakfast and dinner meals a day, plus monthly providing boxes of food stuffs to 93 families representing 175 adults and 82 children and another 31 boxes of food delivered to homebound individuals.

Our Place is a food pantry located at 4 Island Street whose mission is to offer help with food and other essential needs in a non-judgmental, safe and respectful atmosphere. It serves families in Rockingham and the surrounding area and in Walpole and North Walpole, N.H. Information is available by contacting 802-463-2217, emailing info@ourplacevermont.org, or online at www.ourplacevermont.org and on Facebook.

Overflow the Opera House Fundraiser

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It will be food instead of films when the Bellows Falls Opera House be-

comes the stage for the annual Overflow the Opera House food drive to benefit the Our Place Drop-in Center on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing to 4 p.m., board members and other volunteers will be on hand to accept donations of food and funds to stock the food pantry at Our Place.

Employees of Chroma Technology and Sonnax are also playing a role in making the drive a big hit by holding in-house drives and providing onsite help. KOOL-FM radio will be broadcasting live to encourage listeners to support the effort.

New this year is an online website that allows anyone to “buy” a seat at the Opera House with a \$25 donation.

“We’re hoping to fill all of the over 500 seats in the theater with either a bag of groceries or a \$25 donation,” said Our Place executive director David Billings. “That \$25 represents a food box for a family.”

Donations can be made at www.bellowsfallsopera-house.com/special-events/ anytime or by stopping by the Opera house during the drive.

Billings said monetary donations are more important than ever because so many of the people Our Place helps are the employed poor, who are facing increases in the cost of housing, transportation, and food, and don’t qualify for other assistance programs.

“We have better leverage with our food dollars than the average shopper,” he said, “so donating money stretches the dollars even further. That’s very important in Vermont,” he continued, “because food costs here are 25% more than the national average.”

Information about Our Place and the drive can be found at www.ourplacevermont.org, on Facebook or by contacting Our Place at 802-463-2217.



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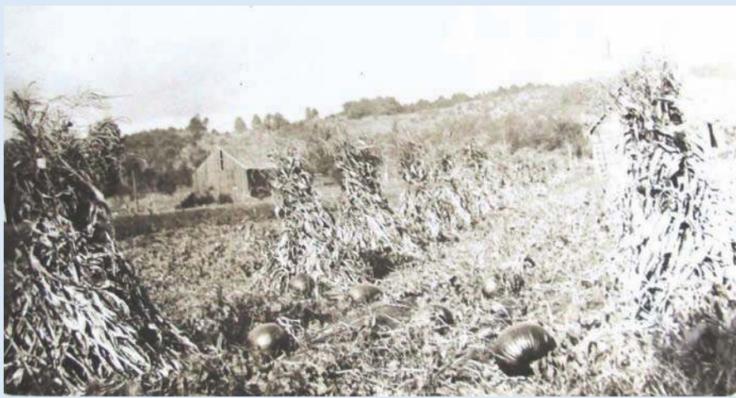


LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Rows of stooks, showing pumpkins.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

The Three Sisters

BY RON PATCH

I had three sisters, but they are not the subjects of this article. Native Americans taught white settlers how to grow crops. Indians had developed corn, squash, and beans long before the arrival of the white man.

This method of growing the crops together is known as The Three Sisters.

A practice developed by the Indians was planting corn, climbing beans, and squash together. Corn and beans were planted in hills or mounds together. As the corn and beans grew, the beans would climb the cornstalks like a trellis.

Corn, beans, squash, and pumpkins are companion plants; each is beneficial to the other. Beans growing up cornstalks reinforced the cornstalks, protecting them from wind damage.

In the photo with this article you'll notice pumpkins growing between the stooks of corn. The large leaves of pumpkins growing amongst the rows of corn and beans kept weeds down and shaded the soil from the hot sun.

This photo shows two rows of corn stooks. In the old days after cornstalks were cut, they were tied up in upright bundles, called stooks, as you see here. This is how cornstalks were dried. The cornstalks needed to dry before they were chopped up for silage.

In many cases, cornstalks were cut by hand with a corn cutter. A corn cutter has a curved blade, like a sickle, with a short wooden handle.

When the corn stooks were dry, they were brought to the barn by horse and wagon. Most

every farm had a corn cutter. A corn cutter is a wood frame machine, operated manually. On the top is a very sharp, iron guillotine type cutter with a long handle.

The cornstalks were laid in a horizontal, triangular shaped wooden tray. Lift the guillotine handle and advance the cornstalks forward 2-4 inches. Push the guillotine handle down, and many cornstalks would be cut at once. This would be repeated many times. Eventually horse-drawn machines replaced these older methods.

Today, tractors pulling harvesters cut and chop cornstalks into silage. The silage is then blown through a chute into the silo. Silage is fed to cows during the winter. It's a very efficient way of life.

Before the corn was cut, the beans would be harvested. In the old days, many area farms had a bean winnower. A bean winnower is a wooden machine with a crank. Inside the winnower are a couple screens and a blower.

First the beans needed to be thrashed. Beans were laid out on the barn floor. Using a bean flail, the beans are struck with the short end of the flail. If the beans were dry, the shells would break open on impact of the flail. The beans were swept up along with some chaff and run through the bean winnower.

The beans were loaded into a hopper at the top of the winnower, sifting down to the top screen. When the crank is turned, the screens sift back and forth. In the bottom of the winnower is a wooden blower, driven by a leather belt. The blades of the blower

forced air up through the screens. This air blows the chaff off. The beans drop out a chute at the bottom and are collected in bucket or other container.

These old photos document a way of life now long gone. This circa 1910 photographer might have seen the coming changes in agriculture. Perhaps he felt it important to create a photographic record, before it was gone forever. I'm glad he did.

On another subject, I recently found a 1903 notebook. It is unlined paper, measuring 7 inches by 6 inches. I think it probably had a front and rear cover, now gone.

The title page, written in old ink, is "Epitaphs." This individual recorded interesting epitaphs he encountered in area cemeteries. The first page: "Found in the churchyard Old Town Rockingham." Oct. 3, 1903...

...The Lowell Lake cemetery, Saxtons River, and Windham cemeteries are included. Here are two epitaphs that made me chuckle:

"Here lies the body of Solomon Peas Under the sod and under the trees

Not the peas but only the pod

The peas shelled out and gone to God"

Another epitaph:

"Here lies the body of old Miss Charlott

Who died a virgin and not a harlot

She lived seventy years in her virginity

An unusual thing is this vicinity"

This week's old saying: "Having a degree might qualify you for a position. Lacking a degree should not disqualify you."

Kurn Hattin hosts Captain Richard Phillips

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Join Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminister, Vt. on Oct. 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for Captain Richard Phillips, An Exceptional Evening of Courage. Meet Captain Phillips and hear the harrowing story of how he put himself in danger to protect his

crew from Somali Pirates. His story was later made into a movie starring Tom Hanks. Proceeds from this event will support Kurn Hattin Homes' technology upgrades and a new state-of-the-art smart lab. Tickets include delectable libations and hors d'oeuvres, the cool, smooth sounds of the Don Baldini trio, and a Q&A

session with Captain Phillips following his presentation. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.captainphillips.kurnhattin.org, or by calling 802-721-6916. Space is being limited, so book tickets early. For everyone's safety, proof of Covid vaccinations is required and masks are optional at this time.

Rockingham Library distributes free copies of "The Most Costly Journey"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a free copy of "The Most Costly Journey" at the Rockingham Library. Open your eyes to the lives of migrant dairy farmworkers in Vermont as they cross the southern border, struggle with English, adapt to winter, grow gardens, raise children, deal with health crises, and work long hours.

"The Most Costly Journey" tells the stories of nineteen migrant workers in their own words. Illustrated by New England cartoonists, each short chapter describes life as an immigrant farmworker.

On Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.,

a panel discussion about this book will be held at the Rockingham Library, featuring Julia Doucet, a nurse who serves the healthcare needs of migrant workers, and Andy Kovolos, the archivist of the Vermont Folklife Center, who guided the interview process from which this book evolved. Those who can't attend this program in person may go to this zoom link on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.: www.us02web.zoom.us/j/83284494764.

A related photo-audio exhibit "The Gilded Cage" is currently on display at the Rockingham Library. The photos and audio clips reveal a portrait of Vermont dairy farmwork-

ers and their migrant workers, who they are, and what they hope for.

The distribution of 75 copies of "The Most Costly Journey" and the panel discussion are sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council, www.vermonthumanities.org. "The Gilded Cage" photo-audio exhibit is on loan from the Vermont Folklife Center, www.vermontfolklifecenter.org. For more information about the book distribution or panel discussion, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls, Vt.



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opinion

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

Inspirational people are perhaps number one on my list of things I look for in friendship. I find that I can relate to their enthusiasm and more importantly, want to emulate it. One may wonder why are they enthusiastic in the first place. I dare say it's because of the many opportunities inspirational people are aware of every single day.

Perhaps an example is in order. Driving to work can be a rather mundane process, but what an enthusiast might consider is, can this commute be more engaging? Can it have less of an environmental impact, brightened by including a coworker or two on the drive, a learning experience in listening to a podcast of new subject matter, or by finding a suitable shortcut through the city? I am sure a few more could be added.

What if we all gave each day a new beginning, a new perspective for the better? A smile can do that and is an infectious gesture in itself. A smile from a friend or just a friendly face inspires me. And what did that cost? A smile is a bargain with minimal investments but it has a fruitful payday. And that is something I find inspiring.

Inspiration takes on many forms and comes from many places. Why not be that place in the form of a sincere smile?

Sincerely,
Coppice Thicket
Alstead, N.H.

Dear Editor,

The following is information I received in a letter from Rep. Anne Donahue (VT-Washington-1 District), Spokeswomen for Vermonters for Good Government. In it, she says, (in reference to the upcoming Vermont General Election, Nov. 8, 2022), "On Election Day, Article 22 – a radical amendment that will enshrine late-term, anything goes abortion in the Vermont Constitution – will be on the ballot."

She goes on to say, "This means that abortion right up until the day of the baby's delivery could become a Constitutional right in Vermont, irreversible by Vermont voters. Who could ever support performing an abortion on a child who is fully developed, capable of feeling pain and of surviving outside the womb? A child who may be hours away from being delivered into the world – for any reason or for no reason at

all... This is inhumane and unacceptable – and yet Vermont voters will be voting on a measure that would make such procedures a Constitutional right.

"Presently, there is virtually endless disinformation being promulgated about this amendment, so voters need to know the truth behind 5 Myths about Article 22."

First: "Some pro-choice voters have mistakenly been led to believe that if they do not vote for Article 22, abortion will become illegal in Vermont, but nothing could be further from the truth. Abortion is legal in Vermont and will remain so if voters say 'No' to Article 22. Abortion is already protected in state law, and if a 'No' vote prevails, our laws and our Vermont Constitution remains the same."

Second: "It's been suggested that pro-choice voters should automatically support Article 22, but it's clear there's a huge gulf

between what most pro-choice voters want [specifically, the ability to choose an abortion early in pregnancy but set reasonable limits on abortion late in pregnancy] and what Article 22 actually does. Those voters should reject Article 22's broad sweeping language and vote 'No.'"

Third: "Article 22 has nothing to do with codifying Roe v. Wade, as some would have you believe. Roe v. Wade created a framework to protect abortion rights during the first trimester, while recognizing the people and their representatives may want to pass health and safety regulations in later trimesters, or limitations on late-term abortions. Article 22 will go far beyond any protections in Roe, to grant an unlimited right to abortion in later trimester, for any or no reason at all. Those who support the Roe framework should vote 'No,' rather than enshrine late-term abortion

in the Vermont Constitution."

Fourth: "You may have heard, incorrectly, that Article 22 is needed to protect Vermont from a federal law restricting abortion. But Article 22 won't be in the U.S. Constitution, but in the Vermont one, if it passes on Election Day. So it limits the laws of Vermont, the Vermont legislation, and the people of Vermont. Because Article 22 ties only the hands of Vermont voters and officials to do what is best for our state, Vermont voters should vote 'No.'"

Finally: "We're told that late-term abortions don't happen in Vermont. You see, right now, many Vermont hospitals have policies that refer women seeking late-term abortions elsewhere. But if Article 22 passes, Vermont hospitals cannot enact such policies; they'd be required to offer late-term abortions – even elective ones. They could also be prevented from en-

acting policies regarding other reproductive choices – [like] children choosing sterilization [without parental knowledge or notification] to save the environment [and] courts striking down parental notification laws for gender transition surgeries because of Article 22 [for example]. Article 22 proposes to be about "reproductive freedom." But by enshrining this freedom over other rights, like parental rights or rights of conscience, the common-sense balance is lost."

Rep. Donahue's final comments; "...the Constitution is supposed to be a document that protects Vermonters, not one that endangers or coerces them...Together, I know you and I can stop Article 22."

I, like Rep. Donahue, urge Vermont voters to vote 'No' on Article 22.

Sincerely,
Mary Mayott
Springfield, Vt.

Fraud Watch Network: The Modern Age

The 1930s bank robber, Willy Sutton, when asked why he robbed banks remarked, "That's where the money is." Times have changed since Willy's days, but if he was alive today, internet scamming would be his occupation – that's where the money is!

307 million. That's how many Americans are connected to the internet; Approximately 92% of the population according to www.Datareportal.com. The study goes on to say that 270 million have social

media accounts. With this much activity, protecting information and money is all but impossible.

Some myths we need to dispel: Myth 1 – Scammers are not well educated. Reality – Criminals who commit fraud are organized, well-versed in the technology, and students of psychology; they know what makes us tick.

Myth 2 – I don't need to have malware or antivirus software. Reality – All connected systems are vulnerable to being accessed

by criminals – Android, Apple, Windows (too many Apple Computer users believe they are invulnerable).

Myth 3 – I have nothing of value to scammers. Reality – While money and property may come to mind first when we think of value, we need to consider that value also lies with information. Data theft opens the door to credit card accounts, medical insurance fraud, forgery, and the practice of holding information for ransom. Criminals are constantly cashing in by using the data they steal.

Myth 4 – I'm not concerned about some young people huddled in a basement wearing a hoodie. Reality – Stop thinking in terms of "lone rangers" out to make a few dollars or bent on harassment. Today, we are dealing with organized crime operation on a global basis.

We must adjust our thinking to the reality of the computer world. So why is computer fraud so attractive? Computers are no longer luxury items; they are inexpensive commodities in the hands of millions. Many people using computers, particularly those with little experience, have limited knowledge of the device beyond the use of specific applications (Google, Facebook,

Weather, News, Email). Finally, given numerous data breaches and personal social media postings, all the information necessary to defraud is readily available from Social Security Numbers, to Medicare and insurance numbers, addresses, property records, criminal records, photographs, and demographics. It's all out there and available.

Cyber scams come to us via email, fraudulent websites, and pop-up windows. Criminals use phantom riches, impersonation, perceived scarcity, urgency, projected authority, and intimidation to trigger an emotional response from the intended victim. The keys to self-defense are restraint and focus. Beware of messages conveying urgency or danger. Emotional responses to these motivations are often not rational so take a breath and step back and think before reacting. Carefully read email messages before reacting or responding. Is the receipt of the message logical? For example, does the message mention a purchase you are sure was never made? Does the message advise you of problems with accounts? Are you being told to act immediately? Is the message from a government agency (you will not receive messages from government agencies that deal with per-

sonal matters)? These are red flags! Some others include errors in spelling and grammar within the text. Does the message pose an offer that is "too good to be true?" Does the reply to or web address include unrelated language (for example, you receive an email from MasterCard about your account but the return address is a Gmail account or the website appears to be Walmart but the address is not www.walmart.com)?

Staying out of a scammer's trap is not easy, but applying a few simple practices will keep you safe: 1) Never click on an email link unless you have positive identity for the sender; 2) Never provide personal information to anyone whose identity cannot be independently verified; 3) Never respond to a message using the contact information in the message without verification; 4) Never click "Unsubscribe" in a message unless you can verify the sender. Clicking "Unsubscribe" will almost ensure receipt of more messages. (This multi-part series will address some of the realities of fraud and scams facing us over the internet).

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

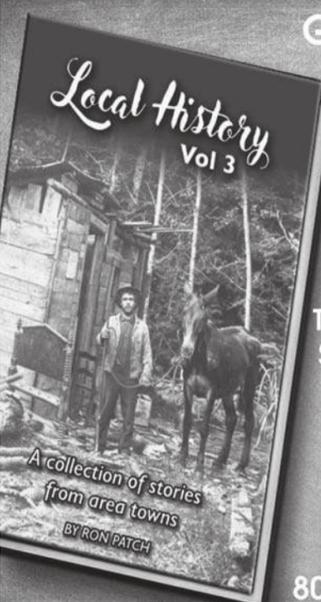


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CHURCH SERVICES

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Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, P.O. Box 133, Windsor

The Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with Lay Pastor Dawn Hancy via Zoom. Sign up for the Vision of Light newsletter and Zoom links on Facebook @VOLChurch.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Route 5, Weathersfield Bow

Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-546-4902.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd, Charlestown, N.H.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. To hear a sermon or learn more go to www.charlestownbiblechurch.org. Call 603-826-5121 for more info or to request a personal Bible study.

Charlestown Seventh-day Adventist Church, 242 Main St., Charlestown, N.H.

Saturday Services include Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. and a healthy lunch for all after the service. Masks are optional. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Worship is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, including online streaming, go to www.chesterbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. in person or online. Fill out a form at www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org to be sent a link to the live stream.

LUDLOW, VT.

United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday services are held in person and streamed online at 10 a.m. Please be safe and care for each other. Email unitedchurch@tds.net for more information. Visit www.unitedchurch.us to receive Covid-19 updates on services and meetings.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Weekly worship services are in-person. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.ludlowbaptist.org.

Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd., opposite Echo Lake Inn.

Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. No service last Sunday of the month. In-person and via Zoom. Email terry.bascom@pm.me or call 802-228-2480.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

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

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Sunday services are 9:30 a.m. in person. Please wear a mask, socially distance, and stay home if you're unwell. Services are still streamed at www.facebook.com/calvarybaptistchurchspringfieldvt. For more information, go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Sunday Liturgy is 9:30 a.m. and Saturday vespers at 5 p.m. The church is now at full capacity with state restrictions lifted. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or Parish Council President Thomas Barton at 802-263-5719.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and to meet our Interim Pastor, Joanne Thomas. Masks are encouraged, and we have ample space for social distancing. Our hope is to make Jesus known in our church and community. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Sunday mass is at 9 a.m., followed by coffee hour as well as weekday services. To watch the live streams, go to www.youtube.com and search Holy Family Parish Springfield Vermont. Streaming is available five minutes before the service starts. For more information, go to www.stmaryjoseph.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy via Zoom. For more information, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 "Does Church Really Matter? You Bet!" with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy. Most churches were closed during the virus situation, and some have closed permanently. What a great loss for our spiritual and mental health. This service will help us ground and reconnect to the power of spiritual community.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Everyone should wear masks and physically distance themselves from others. For more information, call 802-885-1916. Everyone is welcome.

The Springfield United Methodist Church is having its Second Annual Johnny Appleseed Chicken Barbeque, Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. The chicken comes with pasta salad, coleslaw, and apple pie for a small fee. We look forward to seeing you at the Springfield UMC at 10 Valley Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday services are 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom. For more information, go to www.stjohnswalpole.org, email pastor@stjohnswalpole.org, or leave a message at 603-756-4533.

First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary - masks required - or via Zoom. For Zoom links, please call 603-756-4075. For more information, go to www.walpolenucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. Vaccinated folks are welcome to attend service in person. Those who prefer to wear masks are welcome to do so. Services are also available via Zoom. For links and updates, go to www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WEATHERSFIELD, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, 2579 Weatehrsfeld Center Rd.

Services will be held every Sunday at 10 a.m. through Sept. 4. Will Hunter will lead the congregation with invited guest speakers to join at various times during the summer. All are welcome to join in. Daycare will be provided for children at the church. Services will be held outside in the Maple Grove weather permitting. In case of rain services will be held indoors with masks required. The church is located in Weathersfield Center.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in our historic church and on Zoom. For more information, call 802-518-0321, email us at westminstercongoline@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/First-Congregational-Church-of-Westminster-Inc-1506511432980057.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

A diverse, informal, and welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

Malcolm Felion, 2022



Malcolm Felion, 2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. - Malcolm Felion passed away July 16, 2022 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. He was 61 years old.

Malcolm was a Chester, Vt. resident and spent much

of his time in Weston. Malcolm was most happy when hunting, fishing, or in the woods with a chain saw in his hands. He was an accomplished gardener and knowledgeable forager. He enjoyed puttering around his home, which he shared with his beloved dogs. His gentle presence, clear blue eyes, and subtle smile will be missed by those who knew him.

A graveside service will be held in early October. Donations may be made in his name to the Springfield Humane Society.

Davis Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

Zilpha Mae (Hilliard) Thompson, 1943-2022



Zilpha Mae Thompson, 1943-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHARLESTON, Vt. - Zilpha Mae Thompson of Charleston, Vt. died on Sept. 12, 2022 after a long illness, at home with her husband George and son Randy at her side. Zilpha was born May 19, 1943 in Bennington, Vt. to the late Kenneth and Dorothy Hilliard of Manchester, Vt.

Zilpha attended schools in Manchester and was a graduate of Burr & Burton Seminary. At the age of 37, she decided to further her education in the health care field and went on to Claremont, N.H. Vo-Tech to receive her degree as an occupational therapist assistant. She took a year off and then went back again to receive her degree as a registered nurse. Zilpha and her family were so proud she was able to do this despite her handicap.

While residing in Springfield, Vt., she worked a number of years for visiting

nurses of Springfield and also as a traveling nurse for professional nurses of Burlington. Upon retirement, she moved to Echo Lake of Charlestown with her husband George.

Zilpha was predeceased by her parents and two brothers Kenneth Jr. of Boston and Bert of Manchester. She was also predeceased by her son Douglas of Springfield.

Zilpha is survived by her husband George of 60 years and her son Randy and his wife Sandy of Perkinsville, Vt. and three grandchildren Dana Thompson of Claremont, N.H., Nick Thompson of Baltimore, Vt., and John McCarthy and wife Megan of Springfield, and also five great-grandchildren.

Zilpha's wish is there will be no service, but a family get together at the lake at a later date in her memory. Many thanks to friends, neighbors, special friend Sheila, Dr. Primeau of IPHC, staff at visiting nurses of Newport and NEK Homecare, and especially Penny, that all helped with her care these last few years. Donations in her memory may be made to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, VT 05855 or the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit www.awrfh.com to share your memories and condolences.

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SEPT. 22 – LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be a special community lunch on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 12 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow, Vt. The menu will be beef tenderloin steak tips with rice, gravy, roasted brussels sprouts, and apple crisp. Donation required.

SEPT. 22, 24, & 28 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Town Library will present the annual Manhattan Short Film Festival on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. All three showings will feature the ten finalists in this year's competition. Showings will be held at the library at 26 Maple Hill Rd., Belmont Vt. This is a free event.

SEPT. 24 – PITTSFIELD, Vt. – While we certainly don't want to wish the warm weather away, we are excited to invite you to share your wares with us in a highly visible vendor booth along Scenic Route 100 during Pittsfield at Peak, a tiny town tradition

with big dreams, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pittsfield, Vt.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be a pop-up concert on the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 3–5 p.m. Bill Brink will perform a mix of originals and covers and there will be a talented young musician, Ezra Holloway, who is a senior at BFUHS and RVTC. This is a free event.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –The Bellows Falls Moose Lodge 527 will be hosting a Community Fall Festival BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and sausage grinders, as well as a dunk tank, kids' pumpkin decorating, and an apple pie contest.

LANGDON, N.H. – On Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., humorist and storyteller Rebecca Rule will be giving a comedy performance at the Langdon Meeting House at 5 Walker Hill Rd., Langdon, N.H.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sound

Investment will play in Springfield at VFW Post 771, 191 River Street on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-6008.

SEPT. 24 & 25 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Nature Museum will open their Fairy House Festival the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Fairy House Festival is The Nature Museum's annual fundraiser and draws visitors from throughout the region to Grafton each September. Volunteers create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials, opening a portal to the incredible world around us through deep observation of nature's gifts.

SEPT. 30 – CHESTER, Vt. – North Star Health will be celebrating the grand opening of their Chester Dental Center location on Friday, Sept. 30 from 5–7 p.m. at 55 VT Route 11 in Chester, Vt.

OCT. 1 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – St.

Mary's Parish will be holding a penny sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. at the gym on Main Street, Claremont, N.H. Drawings begin at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1 – ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Females Charitable Society will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 30 from 2–6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill, Acworth, N.H. This is a nonprofit charity.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Starting on Monday, Aug. 22, pickleball will be played at Dorsey Park, 41 Andover Street in Ludlow, Vt., every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9–11 a.m., into October. There are no registration fees.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies hosts Odd Bobbins Spinners the second Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at their location on the Common in Chester.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Free Tobacco Quit class led by Sarah Doyle, Mondays, from 6-7 p.m., at Parks Place, 44 School Street Ext., Bellows Falls. Dinner included. Call or text Sarah at 802-289-0045 or email sdoyle@springfieldmed.org.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall, Walpole.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come check out TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We are a nonjudgmental, affordable, and supportive weight loss group. The first visit is free. We are taking Covid-19 precautions so a mask is required while attending the meeting. All are welcome; youth must be at least 9 to attend and have parental permission. Meetings are every Tuesday at 25 Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls. Weigh-ins start at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us at Fletcher Memorial Library every Wednesday from 10:30–11 a.m. for Summer Outdoor Story Time. Bring a blanket, a snack, and your kid and come to the library side lawn for a relaxed summer story time.

CHESTER, Vt. – Knitting with Friends at Six Loose Ladies on the Chester Common,

Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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

SATURDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Lori Wright of DG Bodyworks will be holding indoor cycling classes throughout the month of October. Classes will be Saturdays from 7:45–8:30 a.m. at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville, Vt.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers Market will take place every Saturday on Clinton Street, by the entrance to the Toonerville Trail from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Find locally-produced foods and crafts of all kinds.

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Two Rivers Supervisory Union is currently seeking a highly qualified individual to serve as a Special Ed Paraprofessional for a high school student with intense needs in a life skills program. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated, able & willing to work 1:1 with a student. Criminal Record Check Required. To apply please email a resume to Mary.Barton@trsu.org

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Springfield School District seeks citizen volunteers for this year's budget committee.

Committee members help evaluate the administration's budget proposal and advise the school board on final budget development for the voters.

The budget season runs from October through March. At least 3-4 evening meetings a month during that time.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest at <https://tinyurl.com/FY24SSDBudgetCommittee> by September 23rd.

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The Town of Charlestown is seeking a Deputy Building Inspector. This position is a part-time position with no benefits.

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Inspect foundation, concrete, steel, masonry, wood construction, framing, plastering, routine plumbing, heating and electrical installations and a large variety of other complex and routine building system elements.

Respond to citizen complaints and concerns; serve due process letters to violators as necessary.

Issue notices to comply on violations; maintain records of history of facts for possible legal actions.

Signing and issuing of permits and certificates of occupancy.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.
2. Proven work experience as a Building Inspector - Specialized training in the building trades and/or code enforcement desirable.
3. Possession of an appropriate, valid building inspector certificate – or ascertain within the first year of employment with the NH Building Officials Association
4. Knowledge of construction design techniques
5. Advanced mathematical skills
6. Ability to make difficult decisions
7. Ability to read and understand blueprints and construction designs
8. Ability to travel and work irregular hours

Interested candidates should complete an application and/or resume and submit to: Charlestown Town Office - Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 385, Charlestown NH 03603 or email it to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov. An application may be found at www.charlestown-nh.gov or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown, NH.

The Town of Charlestown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Part Time School Bus Driver

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

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

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Ludlow Highway Department invites applications for the position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties will include plowing snow, sanding and salting roads, road construction and maintenance and other related duties. Must possess a valid VT Commercial Driver's License and have experience operating a dump truck with plow, sander, loader and excavator, backhoe and/or grader. General knowledge of vehicle maintenance, fundamental construction and maintenance procedures, public works, and equipment operation are a plus.

Municipal Benefit Package includes health & dental insurance, retirement plan and paid vacations PLUS a \$2,000.00 Sign-On Bonus. Employment applications are available at the Ludlow Municipal Office or on-line at www.ludlow.vt.us. Please submit completed applications to the Ludlow Municipal Office PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149, (802) 228-2841 or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF CHESTER FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION

The Town of Chester Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Full-Time Police Officer. The department is seeking an enthusiastic professional individual who possesses a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a community of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage for full-time officers with shift differential, as well as an excellent benefit's package including participation in VMERS Group C retirement, MVP health insurance, paid sick time, vacation time, and personal time. Uniforms and police equipment are provided.

The successful candidate will possess the following minimum requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma.
- Be certified or certifiable as a police officer by the VT Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC).
- Possess a valid VT driver's license.
- Must be able to perform all essential functions of the job.

Preference will be given to those applicants who are currently certified through the VCJTC. However, those without certification are also encouraged to apply. Police testing, including a physical fitness examination, polygraph, oral board, medical exam, fingerprint check and extensive background check will be required of applicants selected for hire. Preference shall be given to VT-certified officers.

Those wishing to apply should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Chester Police Department
ATTN: Chief Richard Cloud
P.O. Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

Interested applicants can also contact the Chester Police Department at (802) 875-2035 for more information.

The Town of Chester is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PARKS AND CEMETERY LABORER

The Town of Chester is seeking an energetic dependable individual to fill the role of Parks and Cemetery Laborer. This job includes assisting with burials and grave location, mowing and trimming Town of Chester cemeteries and outdoor public areas during the Spring and Summer months. In the winter, this role includes operating snow removal equipment as assigned. This position performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled maintenance work, and operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of town roads and storm drain facilities and systems.

The ideal candidate will have a high school diploma or GED, and two years of experience in a comparable position is required. The applicant must possess a CDL or be able to obtain a CDL within 6 months of hire. The Town of Chester offers competitive wages along with an excellent benefits package including health insurance, FSA, VMERS retirement, sick time, and vacation and personal time.

To see the entire job description, please visit www.chestervt.gov/employment-opportunities. Interested parties should submit a resume to Town of Chester, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT 05143 or julie.hance@chestervt.gov.

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN FULL-TIME and PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER OPENINGS

Full time/Part time certified in New Hampshire and/or eligible for certification through the New Hampshire Police Standard and Training Council.

The Town of Charlestown Police Department is seeking a motivated, team oriented person who possesses good problem solving and communication skills that is interested in working in a tight knit community where community policing is a priority. The candidate selected will perform criminal investigations, crime prevention and community involvement assignments along with traffic enforcement.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen; must be 21 years old by the anticipated date of the agility test. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Candidates must meet the Physical Fitness Testing minimums and will be re-tested once every three years if hired. Must be a full time certified police officer in New Hampshire, or if certified in another state, must be eligible for certification with law package through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. The hiring process consists of a medical screening, physical agility test, Police Oral Board, polygraph examination, in depth background investigation, psychological evaluation, and drug screening. Salary is based on experience and your time in law enforcement is transferable.

Full time positions are benefit eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chief Patrick Connors at 603-826-5747.

To Apply: An application can be found on the Charlestown Town Website at <https://www.charlestown-nh.gov/employment>.

Please submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to: Chief Patrick Connors, Charlestown Police Department, PO Box 1465, Charlestown, NH 03603.

~The Charlestown Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer~

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Solution time: 23 mins.

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LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

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NEW PAY RATES - Start at \$15 for Housekeeping, Dietary Aide; \$18 for LNA; much higher for Nurses. Second shift and weekend differentials. Call to hear our openings. Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow VT; 802-228-6862 Joan, HR; 802-228-6860 January, Director of Nursing; EOE.

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CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Assisted Living Community seeks Direct Care Aide. No experience necessary, paid training. \$15.00 hr. Call Ann, 603-826-0840

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Immediate Opening/cleaning person, Bellows Falls American Legion Post #37. Days: Sun.-Sat./Flexible, 14 +/- hrs p/wk, 1-3 hrs p/day & as needed. Includes: dusting, sweeping, mopping, re-supply, moving of furniture, etc., in the social quarters, meeting rooms, restrooms, & outside as needed. Reports too & leave an app. with Bar Mgr. 'Eileen', 802-463-9700.



YARD SALE

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24, 25. Lots of girls stuff, some boys stuff, knick knacks, and more, added some new stuff. fill a bag. Last one this year. Route 103, just past exit 6.

OTHER

SAVE THE DATE - SOUTHERN VERMONT MINERAL & GEM SHOW & SALE. Sept. 24 & 25. Grace Christian School, Kochee Dr., Bennington, Vt. Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Info: Bill @ 802-375-6782.



LUDLOW, Vt. - Snowplowing and sanding, Ludlow area, residential only. Reasonable rates. Contact SK Logging at 802-384-0313.

CALENDAR & CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES

Please have your classifieds and calendar events in by

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Springfield On The Move will be having its Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 7, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Nolin Murray Center at 10 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, October 3, 2022 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY October 28, 2022.

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

REVISED WARNING FOR SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF PLYMOUTH VT

There will be a Special Informational meeting for public discussion of the proposed building renovation and Bond issue, Inclusion Statement and Second Amendment sanctuary town designation prior to the November 8th election. The meeting will be held **Monday, October 17**, at 6:00 PM in the Plymouth Municipal Building.

Following are the Articles for THE NOVEMBER ELECTION:

Article 1

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE

Shall the Town of Plymouth borrow up to an additional \$800,000 thru a Municipal Bond to pay for the full and proposed weatherization/deferred maintenance project to be paid back over a 25-year period?

Shall the Town of Plymouth proceed with the weatherization/deferred maintenance project and only complete portions of the project with the funds previously authorized by the Voters in the amount of \$950,000?

Article 2

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth adopt the Declaration of Inclusion as signed by Vermont Governor Phil Scott in 2021 to condemn racism and welcome all persons to live freely and express their opinions as stated in the proposed language for a Plymouth Declaration of Inclusion as written below:

The Town of Plymouth condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

Article 3

VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Town of Plymouth VT declare itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary town?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 96 Main Street, Town Hall, Springfield, Vermont to receive public input and take testimony on the following:

1. Application 202274 Glenn & Mary Olney to establish a short-term rental. The property is zoned General Business District and is located at 62 Chester Road.
2. Application 202275 Six Main Inc. to amend Site Plan from Permit 202030. The property is zoned Central Business / Downtown Design Control Overlay District. And is located at 6 Main Street.
3. Application 202276 Lydia Waller to establish a Short Term Rental. The property is zoned RA-5/Riverfront Protection Overlay District and is located at 2245 Connecticut River Road

Town of Windham Public Hearing on Revision of Timber Harvesting Regulations

On October 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom, the Windham Selectboard will hear public comments on proposed changes to Sec. 503 of its Zoning Regulations regarding timber harvesting.

The proposed changes clarify the requirements landowners and loggers must follow for logging operations involving the use of town roads. The proposed changes, if adopted, require:

1. Securing an overweight permit from the Town Clerk
2. Posting a \$500 bond at the Town Office
3. Obtaining an access permit signed by the town's Road Foreman

The full text of the current Zoning Regulations and the proposed changes to Sec. 503 are available on the town website (www.townofwindhamvt.com) or in print at the Windham Town Office.

To Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772865361?pwd=MGdkdjM0QTBJVndZZz3RpWGhnQXE4Zz09>
Meeting ID: 837 7286 5361 ~ Passcode: 760860
Find your local number:
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Fabric Bowl Making Demo by Beth Ezold 10/1 2-4:40

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9/24 Autumn Mandala in Stitches with Julie Crabtree
10/1 & 10/8 Raku Pottery Classes Andrew Berends
10/15 Folk Art Bracelet with Thomasin Alyxander
10/29 Paint the Vibrant Colors of Fall in Watercolor with Robert J. O'Brien

Exhibits: *Echoes of Light and Beauty*, Works by Robert Carston
Open Wall Show *Nature's Splendor*
Photo Collages of Springfield by Joe Tantillo

Builders/Contractors

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(08/16/22 - TFN - 52)

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(09/20/22 - 52)

Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- GMUHS Boys' soccer game coverage
- Talk with Paula- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival
- Shakespeare Alive!
- West River Weather guy local forecasts

Watch on TV: Community Channel: Comcast 1076 & VTel 166
Education / Gov't Channel: Comcast 1086 / VTel 167

(TV Schedules available at okemovalley.tv/schedules & on cable TV program guide)

Watch Online: okemovalley.tv & youtube.com/okemovalleytv
(9/14/22 - TFN - 13)

Pawn

BRISTOL PAWN SHOP

Currently buying vintage US currency and coins, also WWI and WWII memorabilia, etc. Also gold, silver, and platinum. Give us a call with any questions on what you want to sell. Call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 857-233-1887 or 603-217-0033.
(10/26/22 - 13)

Perennials

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\$4 perennials. 189 Richmond Hill Road, Bridgewater Corners. Open May 1-Aug. 31. Daily from 9-5, Closed Mondays. 100 Varieties wintered over. Call 802-770-9445.
(08/10/22 - 15)

Scrap Metal Wanted

Call Chef for free removal of scrap metal. Also buying scrap cars. Call 802-875-3788.
(09/14/22 - 13)

sports & outdoor

Cheshire County offering rain garden assistance

WALPOLE, N.H. – Are you interested in protecting your local streams, lakes, and rivers through gardening? Have you considered installing a rain garden but need more advice and resources to make the project possible?

The Cheshire County Conservation District is excited to continue their partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Soak Up the Rain Program, for a rain garden program in Cheshire County. Cheshire County residents can now request technical assistance with the possibility of a site visit, in advance of applying to the Conservation Opportunity Fund.

The Conservation Opportunity Fund's mission is to provide funding for owners of small tracts of land who are interested in improving the wildlife habitat on their property.

For assistance in completing the technical assistance request form, or for additional information contact benee@cheshire-conservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x3011.

Grant application materials will be made available on Nov. 1, 2022. Throughout the late summer and fall, we encourage Cheshire County residents to reach out to CCCD with any interest in Rain Garden installation and funding support through the Conservation Opportunity Fund.

This is an opportunity to get one-on-one technical assistance and see if a rain garden is a good fit for your property and protecting local surface waters. Seeking advanced technical assistance from Soak Up the Rain N.H. will help Cheshire County residents in writing a compelling Conservation Opportunity Fund application to receive grant dollars for installing a rain garden.

More information about the rain garden program can be found at www.cheshireconservation.org/raingarden. More information about the Conservation Opportunity Fund can be found at www.cheshireconservation.org/cof.



A crew of workers hard at work building Rich Earth's new urine recycling depot in Rockingham.

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Rich Earth opens "pee-cycling" depot in Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rich Earth Institute is hosting the grand opening of a urine-recycling depot at the Rockingham Recycling Center on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Join Rich Earth at this event to learn how Rockingham area residents can now bring both their pee-cycling and recycling to the Center.

Human urine contains a wealth of vital plant nutrients. By collecting urine, our "waste" can become a valuable resource rather than a source of nutrient pollution.

Rich Earth currently operates a urine reclamation program in Brattleboro, Vt. The expansion of the program into Rockingham will be the first time that Rich Earth's community-scale model has been replicated in a new location. Rich Earth's vision is that this program will demonstrate

how community adoption of ecological sanitation can continue to expand across the country.

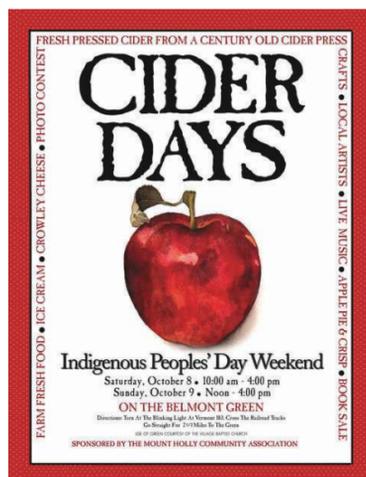
At the ribbon cutting ceremony, the inaugural gallons of "liquid gold" will be pumped into the depot. Rich Earth will have portable urine fertilizer collectors available for new urine donors to take home and start pee-cycling. There will be snacks made with produce grown in the Rich Earth demonstration garden. Contact julia@ricearthinstitute.org to learn more or sign up to become a urine donor.

Belmont Cider Days

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Community Association invites any and all to come celebrate autumn at their annual Cider Days, Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9 from 12–4 p.m. at the Belmont Green in Mount Holly, Vt.

Of course, the fun starts with apples: You can watch fresh cider being made on an antique apple press, and enjoy the hot or cold fresh pressed cider along with a cider donut or home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream. You can even pick up a gallon of fresh cider to take home. And there's plenty of non-apple fun to enjoy too: Cider Days features live music, food, beer and crafts vendors, a library book sale, and more to enjoy as you take in the fall colors in our historic village. You can also learn more about town at the Mount Holly Museum, right next to Green.

Highlights this year include Karma Sanctuary, providing a petting



Cider Days.

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the Mount Holly Community Association website at www.mh-cavt.org or on the Facebook page.

Belmont may be tucked away off the numbered roads, but it's easy to find. From Route 103, turn left at the flashing light if coming from Ludlow, or right if coming from Rutland. If you're driving up 155, turn at the Belmont sign. Either way, head up the hill, find a place to park, and stroll through Belmont Village to the Belmont Baptist Church Green, just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed.

zoo for animal lovers, and the ever-popular cow plop contest starring Miss Liberty from Dairy Aire Farm. Visitors can also come and cast a ballot in our local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2024 calendar.

Belmont Cider Days has been ranked as one of the top fall events in the state of Vermont. For further information, check out

Ludlow Recreation fall update

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Recreation Committee continues to organize its efforts around upgrading amenities such as Dorsey Park and West Hill Recreation Facility. Last spring, the Town voted \$25,000 to be budgeted into dredging and re-sanding the beach. Despite the summer coming to its end, this project is still a priority for the Committee to complete within this fiscal year as it is designated for. This individual project fits into a larger plan to rejuvenate West Hill, which would also see the parking lot and basketball courts repaved and repainted.

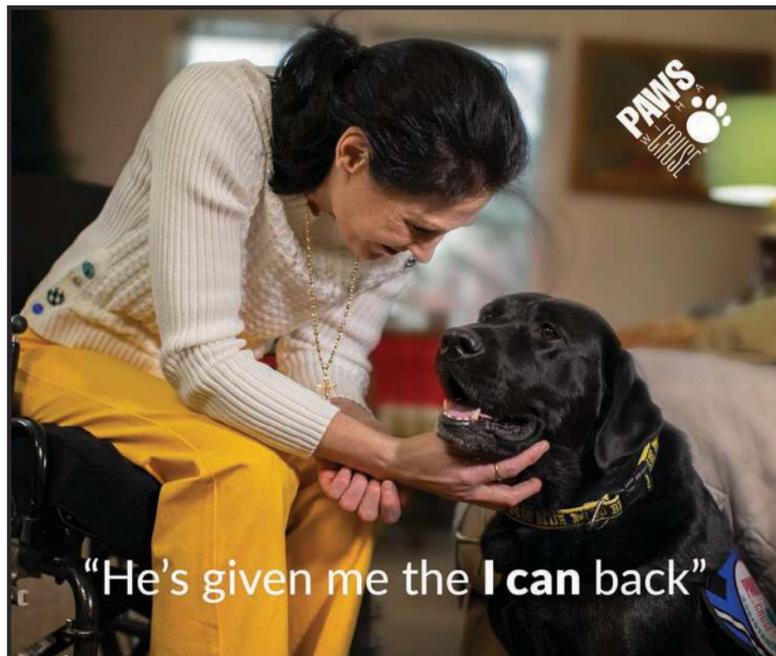
As for Dorsey Park, it too is in need of upgrades in certain areas. As one of the most regularly visited outdoor facilities in the Town's Recreation

department, it draws many families in. The soccer field is a crowning glory, still hosting visiting soccer tournaments featuring many of the town's own youths at times; and the tennis courts just received short-term maintenance so players can continue to enjoy the season. The Skatepark Subcommittee is also plugging away to draft a comprehensive renewal plan. It is the aim of the Ludlow Rec Committee to refresh all of these features at Dorsey so the park as a whole is a cohesive and quality community rallying locale.

Lastly, progress is also still advancing for Mountain Biking to be located on the Back 40 behind Ludlow Elementary School and the Expeditionary School. This too will offer a diverse outdoor recreation location. Existing features such as the ropes course had tree removal work done for safety,

and the LES Forest Friday Program will remain. Plans are to work around these two and develop a beginner track and pump track for Phase I, and to develop two to three more advanced trails within the coming years. Mountain Biking has exploded in Vermont over the years, and it is a resource which will help expand the community. A Vermont Mountain Biking Association local chapter has already been formed, aptly christened LAST for Ludlow Area Sport Trails to honor a number of possible outdoor activities it will provide. As with West Hill and Dorsey Park, the Back 40 offers a multitude of activities that add to the experience of living in a beautiful environment.

With all of in this mind, it is clear there is a lot to do still. But, with a devoted group and dedicated Rec Director, as well as an attentive community, the goal to rejuvenate these resources is attainable. The support from the Town is greatly appreciated; there will be separate fundraising required to contribute to costs as prices invariably fluctuate. Stay tuned for these details, signage with further information of plans and how to support will be available at these locales in the very near future.



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arts & entertainment

MSA hosts art show, MASKED

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – On Friday, Sept. 23, from 5–7 p.m., Main Street Arts in Saxtons River will hold an opening reception celebrating MASKED. This juried exhibition of visual artwork was organized by Inclusive Arts Vermont and features the work of 22 Vermont artists with disabilities. MASKED will travel statewide during 2022-2023. The exhibit runs through Oct. 15 at Main Street Arts.

The event is at a physically accessible location, and will also have American

Sign Language interpretation, Braille, large print, audio description, and quiet space available.

Each piece in MASKED offers the artist's creative expression of the title – which arose in the early moments of the global pandemic. The work included is as complex and layered as the meaning of the word “masked” itself. The artists explore protection, disguise, veiling, all that is enshrouded, and what lies beneath.

To learn more visit Inclusive Arts Ver-

mont, visit www.inclusiveartsvermont.org, call 802-404-1597, or email info@inclusiveartsvermont.org. For information about the MASKED at Main Street Arts, call or email Susan Still at 802-869-2960 or Susanstill7@gmail.com.

MASKED is made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Vermont Arts Council, Vermont Humanities, the Fountain Fund, and a group of generous individuals.

Fletcher Farm School announcements

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will be offering weekend classes through the end of October. Registration fees are waived for fall classes. Here are the October classes scheduled at the school.

Birch Bark Ornaments with Sandi Cirillo – Oct. 1.

This workshop offers participants the opportunity to create up to four holiday ornaments or simple three-dimensional sculptures using birch bark provided by the instructor. Participants will learn various ways to cut and fold the birch bark to create unique pieces of art, suitable for gift giving or to use in one's own home for decoration. Participants are encouraged to bring in any dried flowers or other materials to embellish their creations.

Nuno Felted Scarf with Sandi Cirillo – Oct. 1.

In this class, students will learn how to create a nuno felted scarf using bits and pieces of wool, soap, and

water, agitation, and lovely silk scarves. Nuno felting requires some upper-body strength, but this class is for all ages. Nuno felted scarves are sold in many fine gift shops, and this is an opportunity for participants to make their own.

Creating a Barn Quilt with Janet Flinchbaugh – Oct. 8–9. Registration deadline Sept. 28.

Barn quilts are all the rage these days. Come and create your own wooden “quilt” to adorn your house, barn, or cottage. In this one-and-a-half day class, participants will choose a pattern and plot their design before painting it. No quilting experience necessary.

Feather Wool Trees with Jean Reed – Oct. 14. Registration deadline Oct. 10.

These unique and whimsical trees are made from felted wool, wrapped over wire stems, and are enhanced with winterberries. Participants will use 100% felted wool and have a choice of colors.

Quilting Open Studio with Susan Damone Balch – Oct. 15–16.

For this workshop, participants will supply their own equipment and supplies.

This is an opportunity to have two to three days of uninterrupted studio time in a spacious, creative, and supportive setting. The workshop is designed for those in attendance to work on their own projects. Balch will be facilitating the group and assisting as needed, but no specific instruction will be provided.

Weaving a Necktie Chair Seat with Joyce Fuller – Oct. 15–16. Registration deadline Oct. 5.

Country classic meets contemporary chic. Students will learn to weave a strong, colorful seat of upcycled neckties into a ladder-back style chair. All participants will leave with at least one unique chair.

Nordic Harmoni returns to Peru Fair

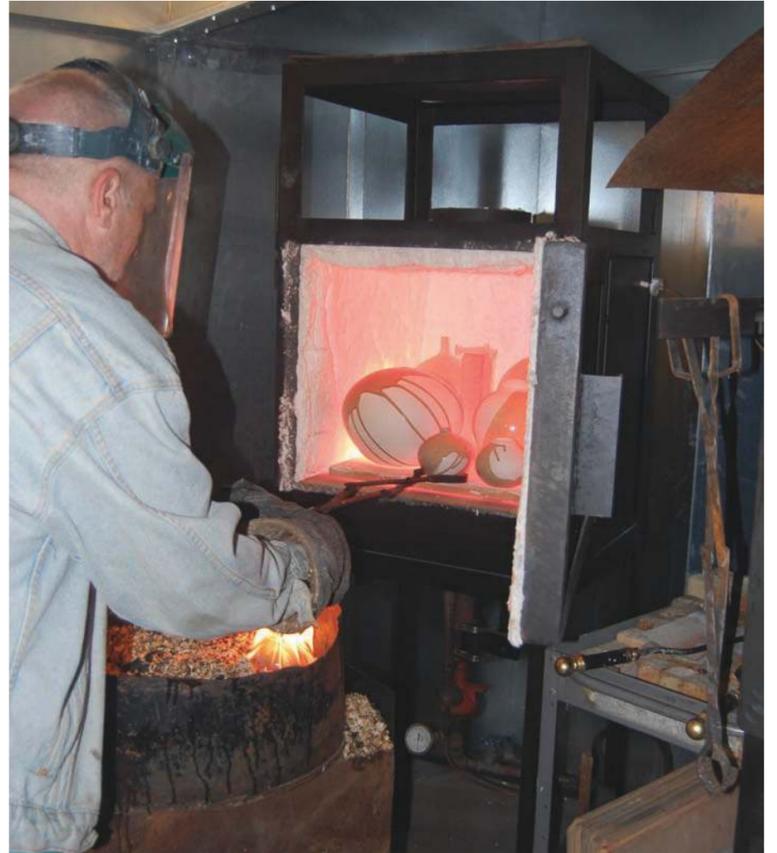
PERU, Vt. – Nordic Harmoni is delighted to be back singing together and can be heard at the Peru Fair on Sept. 24, 2022 at 12 p.m. in the Peru Church, Peru, Vt.

Peru is home to “One of Vermont's Top 10 Events.” The Peru Fair started in 1978 as a tag sale event and has grown to much, much more with over 100 exhibitions and upwards of 6,000 visitors each year. The spirit of the fair is one of community and small town life.

Proceeds from the Fair are donated to the Peru Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors of Peru continuing onto higher education. Check out the website at www.perufair.org.

Nordic Harmoni is the only Swedish-American chorus in southern Vermont who enjoys sharing Scandinavian heritage and traditions. They welcome all interested singers and sing both in English (70%)

and Swedish (30%). Those interested do not need to know Swedish to join, they help all with pronunciations. Rehearsals are held at the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry under the energetic direction of Christopher Giannitti. To learn more about Nordic Harmoni, visit www.auss.org/nordic, check them out on Facebook, or call Carl-Erik Westberg at 802-824-6578.



Andrew Berends firing Raku ceramics.

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Raku Pottery Workshop through Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is excited to offer a Raku Pottery Workshop with Andrew Berends on two consecutive Saturdays – Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 from 1–5 p.m. each day.

Berends will be teaching the exciting Japanese firing technique known as Raku. Raku is a sixteenth century technique developed by Japan for making tea ceremony ware. It has been developed in this country to produce really interesting pottery. The firings take about an hour and you get a finished piece in the end. Raku is a really fun, exciting technique where pots are fired to 1840 degrees and pulled out of the hot kiln and

manipulated with sawdust and water to change the look of the glazes. The glazes can be metallic with a crackle effect, making each piece truly unique and one-of-a-kind. We will also fire pots with an exciting new technique known as “horse hair” Raku, which creates really interesting designs on the clay. The Raku firings can be done indoors or outdoors depending on the weather.

The class will include wheel throwing and slab making as well as extruding instruction. The first day will include making all types of clay work and the second day will be glazing and firing all the pots in the Raku tradition. Emphasis will be on being creative and learning the basics of pottery,

including the making, the work, the glazing, and the firing. The class is geared towards teens through adults and limited to five students.

There are separate costs for members and non-members, which includes 25 pounds of clay, glazes, and firing costs in a gas fired kiln. Register by Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. Wear old clothing and bring pottery tools if you have them. Directions to Andrew's studio in Springfield will be given at registration.

For more information please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. Contact at 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit the web page at www.galleryvault.org.

Springfield poetry workshop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m., join Anna Boarini at the Springfield Town Library for a poetry writing workshop. We'll focus our writing on Springfield and all the community has to offer. Come and have your voice heard and

tell your Springfield story through poetry. We'll be writing together and there will be an opportunity to share your writing. All are welcome to join and no writing experience is required.

Anna Boarini, a local

writer, will lead this writing workshop. This program is free, accessible, and open to the public. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield. For more information, please contact 802-885-3108.

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Vermont Maple 100 begins—

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The colors of Vermont’s fall foliage season are right around the corner, reminding us all of the changing seasons. Cooler temps, sweatshirts, flea markets, and the red, yellow, and orange leaves of our state’s maple trees are all part of our shared Vermont fall experience.

In celebration of the many year-round benefits of our maple industry, The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and several partners are bringing back the Vermont Maple 100 this fall, to connect those enjoying Vermont’s fall foliage season with Vermont maple related businesses, activities, and food. Beginning Sept. 15, 2022 and running until Oct. 15, 2022, this statewide campaign offers visitors and Vermonters alike the chance to discover favorite Vermont maple snacks, treats, and local products, as well as discover new ways to enjoy Vermont’s sweetest treat.

“The sugar maple brings us together in so many ways. Vermonters, tourists, vacationers, and day-trippers benefit year-round from the sweetness of the Vermont maple tree,” said



Vermont Maple 100 event.

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Anson Tebbets, Vermont Agriculture Secretary. “The Vermont Maple 100 is a unique way for all to connect with Vermont maple syrup even though it’s not sugaring season.”

Visit a new Vermont destination you’ve never seen and then drop by a nearby brewery or distillery to see how they use maple. Combine a bike ride with a visit to a sugarhouse or farm stand. Enjoy a Vermont maple creemee from a local general store along your way home from a hike in a Vermont State Park. Try maple cheddar and hot sauce for a sweet and spicy

twist to your next grilled cheese or add maple candy crumbled into your favorite cookie recipe for an added burst of flavor. The possibilities of maple never end.

Among many offerings this year, the sugar makers at Green’s Vermont Maple Sugarhouse in Poultney are providing guided tours through the entire maple process, from tapping to table using photos, videos, and demonstrations. At Yates Family Orchard in Hinesburg, enjoy Vermont maple creemee, maple syrup, maple sugar, cream, and candies! And at Wild Woods Maple Sugar Bush

in East Hardwick, enjoy their beautiful fall foliage, sample their syrup, and hike their trails in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom.

Find these and over 70 other Maple 100 activities at www.VTMaple100.com, including details about featured local businesses, specialty products, recipes, and more. Download a Maple 100 Bingo Card to join in the fun and win a prize. Sample and savor. Learn and mingle with makers. Get lost in discovering something new. There’s more to maple.

Political candidates discuss views at Bi-State forum—

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Seven Vermont Senate, Congressional, gubernatorial, and Lt. gubernatorial candidates attended Bi-State Primary Care Association’s virtual Candidate Forum on Sept. 14, 2022. The Bi-State Primary Care Association notified all qualified candidates filed with the Vermont Secretary of State for these four elections. The finalists of the Aug. 9 Vermont primaries were invited to participate in the Sept. 14 Candidate Forum.

The following candidates attended the forum: Senate candidates, Congressman Peter Welch and Gerald Malloy; Congressional candidates Ericka Redick and Liam Madden; gubernatorial candidate Brenda Siegel; and Lt. gubernatorial candidates Joe Benning and David Zuckerman.

Bi-State’s president and CEO, Tess Stack Kuenning, introduced the candidates and offered each time to make opening remarks and

offer specific actions they will support to ensure Vermonters have access to comprehensive primary and preventive medical, oral health, mental health, and substance misuse health care if they are elected.

Throughout the event, candidates responded to audience questions focusing on topics ranging from health care provider education, expanding the health care workforce, health care delivery systems, access to mental health care, substance misuse treatment, and addressing social drivers of health in Vermont. “We greatly appreciate the time the Candidates took to attend Bi-State’s forum and all their thoughtful comments,” said Kuenning. The audience included CEOs and executive staff from Bi-State’s member Community Health Centers.

Bi-State’s Vermont members provide health care and health education services to more than 205,000 Vermonters annually.

Windham County Assistant Judge certified—

WINDHAM COUNTY, Vt. – Judge Howard Kalfus presided over a course of training of Assistant Judge Lamont Barnett to become certified in hearing Judicial Bureau (Traffic Court) matters. The day-long, weekly sessions began in August 2020 and continued through Febru-

ary 2021. After having received 160-180 hours of intensive training, Judge Lamont Barnett is now certified to hear Judicial Bureau cases.

To participate in the Judicial Bureau training, the judge was required to pass Introduction to Odyssey, the Court’s new case management system. Part of the course involved a day at the Vermont Police Academy where the judge was given a tour and a demonstration and

hands-on learning about RADAR and Laser speed-measuring devices. A panel discussion was held to discuss various offenses within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Bureau and the hearing process. The panel included Christopher Dall, Esq.; Daniel Richardson, Esq.; Lieutenant Tara Thomas, Vermont State Police; Orange County Sheriff Bill Bohnyak; Sergeant Eric Shepard, Williston Police Department; Division of

Liquor Control Inspector Matthew Gonyo; Animal Control Officer Cathy Barrows; and William Ward, Permitting and Inspections Director for the City of Burlington. Inspector Genevieve Paul, Department of Motor Vehicles and Sergeant Keith Gallant, Fish and Wildlife Department gave details on various state statutes and regulations.

A session was held with Chief Superior Judge Brian Greason. Mock hearings were done with Attorney David Sleigh and Department of Motor Vehicles Inspector Genevieve Paul.

After certification, Judge Barnett shadowed Judge Kalfus and then scheduled with his own dockets with Judge Kalfus sitting in with them. Judge Barnett is now “flying solo” and is one of four Judges hearing cases statewide.



Recently certified to hear Judicial Bureau cases, Judge Lamont Barnett sits at his table.

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