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Plymouth to revisit school choice options

BY PAULA BENSON

The Vermont Journal

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – Kicking off Monday night's selectboard meeting, Chair Jay Kullman introduced Plymouth's new Town Clerk, Angela Kissell, who was officially appointed to the position by the board and sworn in.

Board member Rick Kaminski brought up an issue he said was going on with the town's Short-Term Rental (STR) administrators, Mike Scomillio and Steve Radonis. Radonis was in attendance, Scomillio was absent. Kaminski stated that having two STR administrators had become confusing and complicated. Kaminski stated, "without getting into a lot of elaborate detail, I recommend Mike be appointed to the position."

"What are the complications?" Kullman asked.

"Complaints from customers and staff. Steve was asked to return files to Margot –"

"And those files were returned," Radonis interjected. Kaminski started to reply. "You're going to hear me out," Radonis said, before Kaminski could speak.

Radonis stood and handed out papers to the meeting attendees. "These are the short-term rentals that I've done," Radonis explained, "I think it's been unfair. [Scomillio] said he had 13, I have 17, and there are only 24 on the list. We can't both be doing them."

Radonis claimed that Scomillio was often unavailable. "I asked him to come with me to look at more properties, and he said, 'oh, I'm skiing.'" Radonis also said Scomillio was in violation of STR rules himself with regards to insurance, and KnoxBox requirements.

Speaking to Kaminski, Radonis said, "you asked him about the KnoxBox last year and he said it would happen. Five months into this year, and he still hasn't done it. And that's the person you want doing this?" Radonis continued, "I've been talking to people for about four years about short-term rentals. He should not be part of the process. He is biased against short term rentals!"

"I'm not going to sit here and let you bash someone who isn't here to defend themselves. That's not right." "I don't care," Radonis replied. "I wanted him to show up, but he doesn't show up for anything."

"Steve, I know your intentions are good," said Kaminski. "Mike needs to be managed better, and that's my responsibility. I will look into that, but you said you were doing more work than him, and when I asked how

did you get more files than he had, there wasn't really an answer. But I thought we came to an agreement that we would split 50/50, and two days later you were in the office complaining to the treasurer that you should get paid more."

"Because he said he did 13 of them, and he's done four. Look at the paperwork, my signature is on it."

"How did that happen, Steve?" Kaminski asked.

"I don't know how it happened, but I did a lot more, and it is not right. If I do a job, I expect to get paid for it. It's a 75% difference between the work we did."

Kaminski told Radonis that if there was a pay dispute, they would resolve it, and make sure Radonis is paid what he is owed. "But that doesn't change the fact," Kaminski added, "you can be abrasive with residents, and that comes

back in complaints to the office."

"It's not a complaint, I take it as a compliment," Radonis protested. "That says I'm doing my job, I looked at the documents. I looked at all the documents."

Kullman noted, "I think there is more discussion that needs to happen before we make this decision."

"Okay, we'll have more discussion," Kaminski agreed. "We'll put that appointment on hold."

Kullman moved on to run through a list of other appointments and town business, before a discussion on school choice was introduced by a Plymouth resident and parent, who asked what his options were

regarding his children attending school.

Another resident responded, "the town voted to eliminate school choice in an election several years ago, but I think people did not know what they were voting for. It was confusing, and a lot of people did not attend the meetings."

Plymouth Zoning Board and Planning Commission member Bruce Pauley asked, "at the time, were there good explanations about ramifications and what we might expect from this? Because, if voters were confused, it would be nice to revisit that. It would take a lot of research, and a smart person,

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Okemo Valley visitor kiosk updated

LUDLOW, Vt. – The front side of the Okemo Valley Regional Visitor Center information kiosk in Ludlow was recently unveiled with a ribbon cutting ceremony with some of the sponsors. It features a map of Okemo Valley within the state of Vermont, Okemo Valley Magazine, and the new Okemo Valley app.

Sponsors for this updated kiosk were: Jackson Gore Inn, Echo Lake Inn, Timber Inn Motel, Inn at Water's Edge, Javic Mountain Retreat, Fox Run Hospitality, Coleman Brook Tavern at Jackson Gore, Green Mountain Sugar House, TPW Coffee Bar, Fox Run Golf Club, Smokeshire Design, Engel & Volkers, Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty, William Raveis Vermont Properties, Okemo Mountain Resort, President Calvin



The updated Okemo Valley information kiosk is unveiled. PHOTO PROVIDED

Coolidge State Historic Site, Weston Theater, and Crowley Cheese.

The updated back of the Okemo Valley Regional Visitor Center kiosk includes regional events, the Vermont Scenic Route 100 Byway, and the discovery map for the

region. This back side of the kiosk was sponsored by William Raveis Vermont Properties.

Thank you to Awesome Graphics for the new kiosk, Dreamtree Graphics for the kiosk design work, and Images by Donald Dill for the

ribbon cutting ceremony photo.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven association, and the voice of more than 300 businesses and the communities of 12 towns and villages in south central Vermont along the Scenic Route 100 Byway, surrounded by Okemo, Ascutney & Magic mountains. OVRCC includes the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, and Weston. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region, as well as the four-season economy.



"Have A Heart" for BRAT

LUDLOW, Vt. – Every year, for the first two weeks of February, culminating on Valentines Day, staff at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt. are encouraged to make a donation of any amount to a community non-profit organization as part of the charitable "Have A Heart" program. In just fourteen days, these generous folks collected over \$800 in support of the all-volunteer Black River Action Team (BRAT). The donation will go toward supplies and equipment for ongoing projects, such as management of the invasive phragmites reed on the shores of Amherst Lake in Plymouth, and the water quality monitoring program known as River Dippers. Learn more about Okemo's charitable giving programs at Vail Resort's EpicPromise website, www.epicpromise.com, and check out BRAT at www.blackriveractionteam.org to learn how you can get involved or support the group's many projects.

Pictured, BRAT director Kelly Stetner, left, gratefully accepts donation from Diane DePalma Vullo, right, of Okemo Mountain Resort.

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Chester Rotary April Fools Trivia Night

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, April 1, 10 teams of local Vermonters plus family members from around the U.S. and the world competed in the Chester Rotary/Interact April Fools Trivia Night. After seven rounds of questions ranging from "who was the last Egyptian Pharaoh?" to "in sport, what is made of black vulcanized rubber, one inch thick, three inches in diameter and weighs six ounces?" a winning team stepped forward. The six team members received a golden statue plus a stunning red, white, and blue ribbon holding a golden medallion sporting a giant #1.

The evening began with raffle ticket sales for baskets teeming with products and gift certificates from area businesses, along with a 50/50 raffle jar. Winners' names were drawn during the evening.

The Interact group from Green Mountain Union High School worked with members of Chester Rotary in planning the event and calling and visiting possible sponsors and donors. They provided some of the questions. On Saturday they helped with the set-up for the evening. They were the "runners," collecting answer sheets round by round. One of the students carefully recorded the scores and then worked with a team to calculate the winners.

The co-MCs for the evening were Michele Farrar, GMUHS faculty and Interact advisor, and Ian Montgomery, a past president of Chester Rotary. The evening wrapped up with a tense four-way tie breaker for third place. The "sudden death" question was, "what was the name of Batman's butler?" Answer: Albert Pennyworth.



The Fidelios posing with their trophies.

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Corporate and business sponsors contributed generously to the evening, sponsoring six-member teams and tables in the Chester American Legion Hall. This was the third Chester Rotary Trivia Night, an event designed to raise scholarship funds for Green Mountain Union High School students and support for the other community work

of the Chester Rotary. Scholarships will be presented to deserving seniors this May during the Green Mountain Union High School graduation ceremony. Over \$5,000 was raised through this event. The Chester Rotary thanks our Chester neighbors and area businesses for their generous support.

BRAM welcomes LRC

LUDLOW, Vt. – At the recent luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) held at the Black River Academy Museum (BRAM), President Sue Pollender and Director Georgia Brehm spoke to members of the LRC about the history of the building and the museum.

Several prominent local youth attended the Academy, including Frank Agan, who went on to develop an early version of the vacuum cleaner, an example of which is on display in the Museum. He also owned the woolen mill in town. Another prominent student was Rotary International founder Paul Harris, who attended Black River

Academy during his high school years, along with students from many states and countries, including Cuba. Rotarians were advised to be sure they followed school rules by taking the proper stairway for girls or boys when they toured the building.

After the presentations, rotarians were given a short scavenger hunt and invited to tour the collections on three floors, including a Finnish exhibit and several historical exhibits by local school students. Among other items of interest is the depiction of Ludlow's historic Main Street.

The museum is open in the summer Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 12-4 p.m., or by appointment.

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Sign language interpretive services are planned to be provided for individuals who are deaf and participating in person. Advance notice is required.

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Londonderry Cemeteries to open May 1

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Cemetery Commission of the Town of Londonderry would like the public to know that the Londonderry Cemeteries will open on May 1. Cemetery caretakers will begin cemetery cleanup immediately. To that end, please remove all decorations that have been added to the cemeteries over the winter. Any winter decoration items remaining on cemetery plots on May 1 will be removed and disposed of. The Cemetery Commission thanks everyone for their cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, plantings in the cemetery are not allowed. Also, if anyone is aware of a veteran who is buried in one of the Londonderry cemeteries who does not have the proper armed forces or veteran marker and flag, please alert the Londonderry Town offices by calling 802-824-3356, and the Cemetery Commission will see that that is rectified. Again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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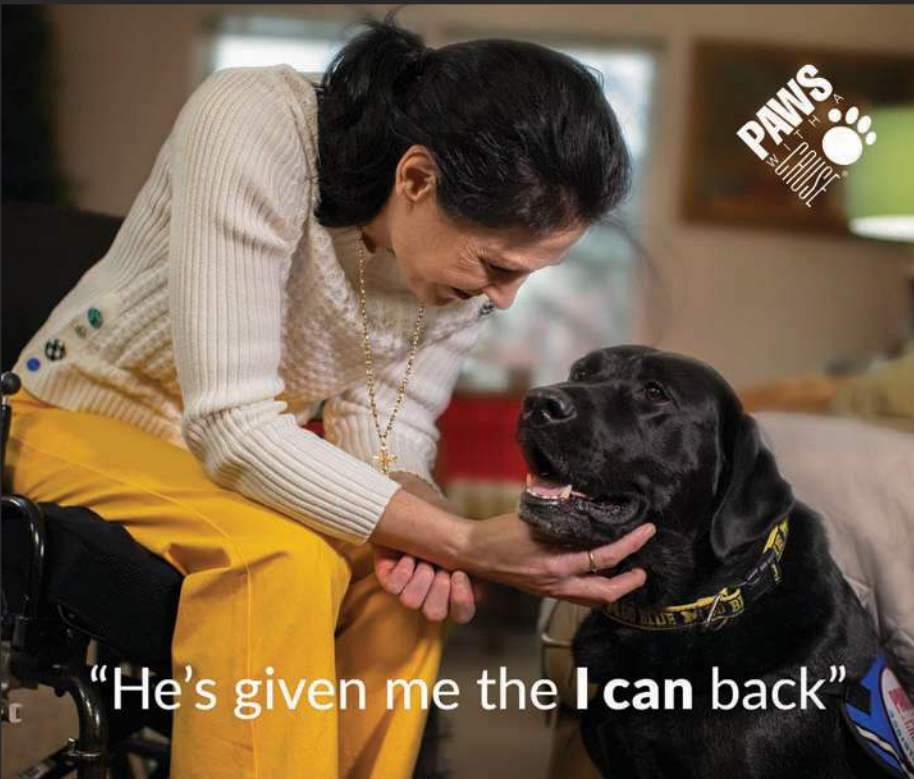
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Ludlow Rotary hears Okemo season summary

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Ski Resort buttoned up its winter business on Sunday with a strong snowpack and equally impressive customer satisfaction numbers.

As guest speaker for the April 4 meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club, Okemo GM and Vice President Bruce Schmidt described a “tale of two seasons.” Snowfall for the season stands at 162 inches, Schmidt told the club, compared to a 130-inch average for this date. The resort closed on April 16, after 149 consecutive days of skiing.

Not bad for a season that opened with 11 trails on Nov. 19 – in time for Thanksgiving, but with little help from Mother Nature. On Dec. 16 an astonishing 27 inches of snow fell, but much of that melted before a couple of modest snowfalls arrived in time for the Christmas holiday week. Repetitive rain, thaw, and refreezes kept snowmakers busy resurfacing the slopes through January, and then the bottom fell out on Feb. 4, literally, when the temperature dropped to -25 degrees Fahrenheit, Schmidt said. But what’s tough on skiers was good for snowmaking, and the cold temperatures enabled Okemo to

open almost all of its terrain by Feb. 8. Just a few natural snow trails remained closed, awaiting more snow. By March 1, Okemo Ski Patrol had dropped ropes on all 122 trails.

Schmidt points to the overall good skiing, “no vaccine checking,” and 100% staffing of all outlets, including food and beverage operations, as contributing to improved customer satisfaction. The resort scored a 2 last year on the GX measurement scale. The score this season is up to 34, he said.

Working closely with the town of Ludlow, Okemo improved its skier arrival process with better directional signage, parking lot management, and a shuttle bus route to ease traffic flow through town. Schmidt also pointed to a closer working relationship with the Ludlow Ambulance Service – Okemo’s annual contribution was \$38,000 – and tighter ties to Springfield Hospital.

Looking ahead, Schmidt verified the need for more employee housing, which it presently offers at a half-dozen locations around town. Okemo also is developing a 10-year master plan to improve its clock tower base, including lodge upgrades, replacing one of two A/B quads with a high-speed lift, phasing out fuel oil-fired air compressors, and developing off-site parking with shuttle service

to Bixby Field, about two miles away. In two years, Okemo plans to offer a rental program to deliver ski gear “directly to your condo,” Schmidt said.

Also on the radar, Okemo is closely monitoring the new Killington Village project that will host more than 1,500 new residents in 200 condos and townhomes, homesites, and two 85-acre ski-in/ski-out sites. Much of the new traffic from Killington’s project is expected to travel through Ludlow.

For the short term, Okemo skiers next year will note “expanded space” near the Black Ridge Triple chairlift where some trees were recently removed. A new, low energy Bluetooth connection through the MyEpic cellphone app will capture ski pass data, enabling skiers to ditch their RFID cards.

Club President Jim Rumrill thanked Schmidt on behalf of Vail Resorts, “Epic Promise,” and Okemo Mountain, for nearly three decades of support for the Youth Exchange Ski program that offers nearby Rotary’s International Exchange Students a ski weekend in Vermont.

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays for lunch at DJ’s Restaurant. Contact any rotarian for more information.

Written by Glenn Heitsmith.

Black River Rod and Gun Club Annual Meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Rod and Gun Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the Ludlow

Community Center, located at 37 Main Street in Ludlow, Vt. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers and directors of the club, and to transact

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to make it understandable what a vote of ‘yes’ or ‘no’ would mean.”

Prior to that election, a parent in Plymouth could petition another school district to enroll their child. Some residents expressed that the policy should be reinstated.

Acknowledging that the topic was “not something easy to take on,” Kullman suggested a town discussion on the issue. “Rick, what do you think? Should we reserve some time at the next selectboard meeting if parents want to come?”

“Sure, let’s do it,” Kaminski agreed.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 6 p.m.

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Oysters "R" in Season

BY RON PATCH

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Yankee food can be rather bland for those not accustomed to it. Dried beef or salmon pea wiggle gravy probably wouldn't excite your taste buds. This style of cooking dates back to our earliest ancestors. Drying or salting meat and fish was how we preserved food in the days before refrigeration. Generations since have lived on this diet. I grew up in such an environment.

I don't think anyone in my family would have known what olive oil was. We used lard, bacon fat, or butter for everything. Lard makes the best pie crust and donuts. Spices we didn't have or know much about, other than those needed to bake an apple pie.

We did have garlic salt, oregano, store bought ground black pepper, and salt on hand.

Oyster stew

Another bland meal I like is oyster stew. I have a couple 1920s menus from The Fullerton promoting oyster suppers. Ted Spaulding told me about an oyster supper at the Odd Fellows Hall in Saxtons River. Churches and fraternal organizations often had oyster suppers.

I remember my mother telling my father it was oyster season, and to pick up a pint of oysters at the store. Al's IGA, where Blair Books is today, carried oysters, when in season, as did Jameson's. Oysters were sold in pint and half pints.

I remember Ma telling me you could only get oysters in a month spelled with an "r" May, June, July, and August, oysters weren't available.

Some will remember Jameson's store. Today it is Smitty's. Hugh Jameson ran the store in those days. The side of the store facing Bennett's would have signs tacked on the wall promot-

ing what was on sale that week. These signs might have been 24 inches or more square. They were made with stencils. You watched every week for specials.

In the photo, look behind the three men on the left and you will see these signs. I see in the sign at left that chicken breasts were 49 cents per pound. The photo probably predates 1965. My mother watched for, "OYSTERS 'R' IN SEASON." This is as close as we came to seafood.

I don't remember all of, or how oyster stew was made now, so I called Ted Spaulding and Danny Clemons. It's a very simple recipe. Melt a stick of butter in a large pot, add milk - adding a little cream doesn't hurt -, and pepper. Add oyster liquid, simmer, and then add the oysters. Simmer until the edges of the oysters become ruffled. This is how I remember it. That's it. If you add chunks of potato, it be-

comes oyster chowder.

Everyone had a different technique for eating it. I like it with oyster crackers. Drop a few in the bowl and lightly stir them. After a minute or so with my soup spoon, I would turn each cracker over. I didn't want crunchy or soggy crackers. I like a spoonful of stew with a cracker that has absorbed some of the liquid, but is still crunchy. I always saved an oyster for the last spoonful. Everyone had their own method.

Some might have oyster stew with saltines. Either way, oyster stew makes a good supper. Danny Clemons told me how his father, Bill, liked his oyster stew. Danny couldn't remember the name of the crackers his father liked, but they were larger. Bill would split the cracker in half with a knife



Yo-Semite hand pumper at Jameson's. Notice the signs circa early 1960s.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

and butter each half.

In our house we had corn bread with butter. Dipping the corn bread in the stew was our method. We had asparagus in our garden. If the season was right, we had asparagus on the side. And yes, more butter, with salt and pepper.

I haven't had oyster stew in 40 years or more, but I had SOS for breakfast Sunday morning.

The photo

Danny thinks the black Dodge Dart is his father's.

Ted Spaulding thinks the men are, from left to right: "left may be Ralph Stoddard. Frank Lamothe, Gene Guy, and Arnie Stoddard. We don't know who the other man is."

Danny agrees with Ted, but thinks Arnie Stoddard might be Norm Heald.

This week's old saying is from my older sister Norma. I went to see her after she had lost a big toe: "so much for flip flops," she said.

Sheriff Palmer completes leadership course



Sheriff Ryan Palmer stands with other sheriffs at the NSI Leadership Development Course.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA TORRES-NEGRON, FBI ACADEMY

QUANTICO, Va. - Sheriff Ryan Palmer, of the Windsor County Sheriff's Office, completed participation in the 119th session of the National Sheriffs' Institute Leadership Development Course, held in Quantico, Va. from March 20-24, 2023. This no-cost program is provided by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), and the U.S. Department of Justice, in collaboration with the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA).

Sheriff Palmer was nominated to join 24 other sheriffs from across the country for training on effective leadership within their Sheriff's Office, their local criminal justice system, and their community. The NSI is the only executive leadership training program designed specifically for sheriffs, to prepare them for all matters that impact the office of sheriff. The NSI was first developed and presented in the early 1970s, in response to a need by sheriffs to meet the evolving demands of the office. The NSI has gone through many iterations throughout its history. Since 1993, the NSI has been housed in the NIC Jails Division.

The NSI currently has two courses of study—the

NSI Leadership Development Course, which prepares first-term sheriffs for success in office, and strengthens the leadership skills of elected sheriffs; and the NSI Jail Administration Course, which enhances the sheriffs' knowledge of their responsibilities in leading the operations of a correctional facility.

"Government of the People" program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wolfgang Mieder, Professor Emeritus of the German and Russian Language Department at the University of Vermont, will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program "Government of the People, by the People, for the People - The Making and Meaning of an American Proverb of Democracy" on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Professor Mieder is a leading expert on folklore and proverbs. He will investigate the origin, history, and significance of the triad of "government of, by, and for the people," and how it became an American proverb, defining the concept of democracy in a most succinct manner. The survey deals with John Adams, Daniel Webster, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Harry Truman, Barack Obama, and others.

The survival of the "people" proverb in the

modern age will also be discussed. Even though Lincoln's name is often attached to it, the proverb is also cited as an anonymous piece of wisdom that encompasses the fundamental principles of a democratic government.

The final program of the OLLI semester will be May 9. We'll enjoy the recollections of the "good ole days," as witnessed by Steve Taylor of Plainfield, N.H., as he tells his stories of "80 Years of Changes in the Connecticut River Valley."

You may view the entire semester of programs by going to the website www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Editor,

The Chester Rotary would like to thank the Chester community and surrounding area for the generous support at our recent April Fools Trivia Night held at the American Legion in Chester on April 1. The following individuals and businesses sponsored teams and tables for the evening: Dakin and Benelli, Erskine's Grain and Garden, West Chesterites (Bob Sartini), The Ukulians (Judy Yogman), Stone Villagers (Mark Ouellette and Carol Leofanti), VT Foam Installation, AFS Wealth Management, Barrett & Valley, M

& M Excavating, Chester Telegraph, Outer Limits Brewing, Corporate Lactation Services, Southern Pie, Gussie's Place, Terrigenous, Fullerton Inn, Country Girl Diner, Vermont Attorneys Title Corp (CATIC), and James Young, Esq.

Raffle baskets were an important part of the evening, and the following businesses donated gift certificates and merchandise to fill the eight baskets: Stonehouse Kettle Corn, Sage Jewelry, Sharon's on the Common, Fischer Arts, Chester Hardware, Rose Arbor Tea room, Smitty's, Erskine's Grain and Garden, HB Energy,

Salon 2000, Singleton's, The Copper Fox, Meditrina, Allen Brothers, Buttonwood Chesterites Snowmobile Club, and MacLaomainns. Table snacks were generously donated by Lee Whiting and Mark Ouellette. The American Legion provided the venue for the event.

Please thank these local businesses for supporting Chester Rotary as you shop and dine out in Chester and the surrounding area. We appreciate all that they provide for our community.

Sincerely,
Chester Rotary
Chester, Vt.

Springfield Hospital supports local charities

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This year, National Doctors' Day was recognized by Springfield Hospital and its medical staff, with matching donations from each directed to three local charities chosen by the medical staff.

Springfield Hospital has previously recognized National Doctors' Day on March 30, with a medical staff appreciation breakfast and/or carnations. This year, medical staff leader-

ship suggested funds traditionally used for such a celebration be redirected to support local charities. The organizations chosen by the medical staff to receive donations include the Vermont Foodbank, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), and Turning Point. Each organization received a \$1,000 donation in honor of Springfield Hospital's Medical Staff and their efforts and ongoing commitment to the health and wellbeing

of our region. "Each of these local charities play a vital role in service to people throughout our region," commented Robert Adcock, Springfield Hospital Chief Executive Officer. "On behalf of the medical staff and all employees at Springfield Hospital, we extend our thanks for your dedication to your individual missions, and for the assistance you provide to many who turn to you for assistance," continued Adcock.

Dear Editor,

It was great seeking folks at the Athens, Grafton, and Chester Town Meetings in March. I look forward to Windham's in May.

In Montpelier, we just finish the period of "cross-over." This is when the bills passed by the House "cross-over" to the Senate, and the bills passed by the Senate "cross-over" to the House.

The Legislative priorities this year are housing, family leave, and childcare, which are issues of importance to many of you. In the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, the committee on which I serve, we were pleased to see

our workforce bill progress to the Senate. This bill will provide support for critical occupational scholarships, and forgivable loan incentives for teachers, nurses, dental hygienists, and mental health workers.

A few bills that I am watching closely are H.444, a bill that would require Vermont students to take a class in civics prior to graduation, and H.276, a bill that would require a state-wide rental registry to assess the shortage of housing and use of short-term rentals.

In the coming week, the House will be reviewing the budget for FY 2024, and

hold a joint session with the Senate on Judicial Retention.

Last week, I met with constituents in Grafton and Chester. I welcomed hearing your concerns and ideas. Later this month, I will be at the:

Grafton Library, April 22 from 9-10 a.m.

Chester Whiting Library, April 22 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Heather Chase, Representative
Chester, Vt.

Springfield Hospital thanks Marro Memorial Trust

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Hospital and its physical therapy department in Ludlow, Vt., Mountain View Physical Therapy, extend thanks to the trustees of the Anthony Marro Memorial Trust, for a grant to purchase a new recumbent bicycle. The new equipment has arrived and is being used by patients on a regular basis.

"The recumbent bike allows patients with mobility issues, who can-

not safely get on and off of the stationary bike, an opportunity to get the mobility, strengthening, and cardiovascular benefits of bike exercise," says Dan Collins, PT.

"On behalf of all patients seeking care in our physical therapy department, we are delighted that the Anthony Marro Memorial Trust selected us as one of their beneficiaries. This will enhance our patients' experience, and en-



Recumbent bicycle in use a Mountain View Physical Therapy.

PHOTO PROVIDED

able them to improve their health under the guidance of our professional staff. Thank you," said Robert Adcock, CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Dear Editor,

With April we begin the season of rallies and political gatherings on the front lawn of the Statehouse. This past week alone we had two big demonstrations – one supporting our work on childcare (S.56) and one on reducing climate change (S.5). On Wednesday, hundreds of families and caregivers came to lend their voices in support of the childcare bill, and on Friday, hundreds of high school students from all over Vermont gathered to express their desire that the Legislature take bold action to reduce our fossil fuel emissions and pass the Affordable Heat Act (S.5). They reminded us that we have a moral obligation to do all in our power to act to protect our state and our planet for future generations. It is always moving to see masses of Vermonters willing take the time to come to Montpelier and

advocate for what they care about so deeply.

The chair of Senate Economic Development, Senator Keshia Ram Hinsdale, has had to be in the hospital since the end of March because of some challenges with her pregnancy. On Thursday evening she gave birth to a daughter, Mira Ram Hinsdale. We are delighted that mother and baby are well – and thrilled to have a "Senate baby" – the first in recent memory born to a serving Senator during Session. As a result, since March 29, I've been functioning as the acting chair (I am vice-chair). As the Senate's Majority Leader, I am already about as busy as I've ever been serving in the legislature – so, adding this responsibility has been an honor, but a real challenge.

Senate Economic Development (SED) received ten bills from the House

after cross-over. We are in the process of reviewing all of them, and because we only have about four weeks left in our 2023 session, we are needing to be exceedingly efficient in our work. Here is a brief description of some of the House bills we are currently addressing: we have two labor bills, one dealing with worker's compensation (H.217) and the other with unemployment insurance (H.55), the comprehensive Paid Family Medical Leave bill (H.66), a bill which proposes to legalize sports betting online (H.127), a bill designed to review and update how we calculate Vermont's Basic Needs Budget (H. 157), a task force on mobile homes and mobile home parks (H.213), a housekeeping bill on our emerging retail cannabis market (H.270), a bill proposing to create a rental registry state-wide (H.276), a bill with miscellaneous amendments to our alcoholic beverage laws

(H.470), and a bill which enhances our workforce development efforts and economic development opportunities (H.484). SED is a morning committee, which means it meets for only 3-4 hours a day. These bills represent a lot of work which SED will need to do in a very short time frame.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email at aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us, or by phone at the Statehouse Tuesday through Friday at 802-828-2228, or at home Saturday through Monday at 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Alison Clarkson
Windsor District Senator

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by Linda Thistle

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Childcare in Vermont. Get questions answered

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Childcare in Vermont is in crisis. This is not news to parents, providers, and the agencies that oversee it; childcare is unaffordable, unavailable, and uncertain. Parents need help. The Vermont State legislature is considering a bill, S. 56, which intends to address some facets of the problem.

The Springfield Democratic Town Committee is hosting a forum to discuss the many dimensions of the problem, and the legislation that proposes to address them. It will bring together the parents and voters of Springfield and the professionals who are involved every day with caring for kids. The forum will take place Saturday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m., at the Springfield Town Library. You may also participate via zoom. Email springfield.vt.dems@gmail.com for the zoom link.

The panelists will be Rep. Jessica Brumsted, vice chair of the House Committee of Human Services; Sarah Kenney, from Let's Grow Kids; Rachel Hunter, Coordinator of the Springfield School District's PreK program; and Ariel Rose, Play Works Director, Springfield Area Parent Child Center.

There will be plenty of time for folks to have their voices heard, to ask questions, and to share their concerns.

Here is an opportunity for parents to get answers to their questions about childcare. What exactly is in S.56, and equally important, what is not in the bill? What children will be eligible? How many hours of care will be available, and at what cost? Who will pay for it?

One Springfield parent had this to say: "childcare? Regular childcare can cost as much as the mortgage payments for a house! For so many it feels like both parents have to work just to break even. Any kind of support from the state could be critical. I heard the current bill in the legislature is 107 pages long! How can anyone hope to understand what it is proposing? Having some guidance on the contents seems incredibly important."

This forum is the third in the Springfield Democratic Town Committee's "Share Your Voice" series. The town committee is the basic unit, and the most local, of the Democratic Party in Vermont. Part of our mission is to provide communication links between the citizens of Springfield and what's happening in Montpelier. Because what happens in Montpelier affects us all, and we can affect what happens in Montpelier.

If you have questions, please email us at springfield.vt.dems@gmail.com.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday services are being held in the church, with people sitting every other pew. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is 11 a.m., and the afternoon service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 802-674-2266 or visit www.obbcvt.org.

Brownville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday service is 9:30 a.m., held in the church with reduced occupancy or streaming online at www.facebook.com/brownvillecommunitychurch and www.brownvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Services are held most Sundays at 10 a.m., in-person. Masks are optional. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information go to Facebook @ ImmanuelEpiscopalChurch or to our website www.immanuelepiscopal.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 471 River Rd.
Worship is Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Go to www.facebook.com/UMCOFNorthCharlestown for more information.

Charlestown Bible Church, 37 Hammond Rd.
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.
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.

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

GRAFTON, VT.

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

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.

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. 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.

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.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Masks optional. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

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.walpolenhucc.org or www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalWalpoleNH.

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.

Donald L. Adams, 1939-2022

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Donald L. Adams, 82, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2022. Don was born on July 23, 1939. He was the son of Stanley and Lucille Adams of Saxtons River, Vt.

Don attended The Vermont Academy and went on to graduate from Brown University. After college, he worked at the Federal Reserve until his retirement. After retirement, Don spent his time between the family home in Saxtons River, Vt. and his home in Dunedin, Fla., where he enjoyed gardening, cooking, and spending time with his family. Later in his life, he donated the family home in Saxtons River to The Vermont Academy, a school that always held a special place in Don's heart. After he donated the home to The Vermont Academy, Don spent the remainder of his life living in Dunedin, Fla., where he spent many days playing golf with his friends.

Don is survived by his sister-in-law Peg Adams,



Donald Adams, 1939-2022. PHOTO PROVIDED

his nephew Ed Adams, nieces Martha Adams and spouse Rick Payne, and Kate Pfeifle and spouse Bret Pfeifle, grand-nephews E.J. Adams and Teddy Pfeifle, and grand-nieces Jacklyn Adams and Adie Pfeifle.

A graveside service will be held on May 19, 2023, at the Saxtons River Cemetery at 11 a.m. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls is assisting with arrangements. Please visit www.fentonandhennessey.com.

David Dressel, 1952-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – David Dressel, 70, of Springfield, Vt., passed away on Saturday, April 1, at his home.

David was born on Nov. 10, 1952 in Springfield, to the late Granville and Marilyn (Loyd) Dressel. David loved his job at Magic Mountain, and riding his Harley.

He is survived by his brother Mark Dressel of Bellows Falls, Vt., two nieces Melissa LaVoie Green-

field of Mesa, Ariz. and Jennifer LaVoie Trimble of Fayetteville, N.Y., and two nephews Travis Dressel of Springfield, Vt. and Tyler Dressel of North Springfield, Vt. He was predeceased by his sister Dixie Dressel LaVoie of Chandler, Ariz.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Suzanne Hiller See, 2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Suzanne Hiller See passed away on April 2 in Springfield, Vt. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 12 – 1 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in

Springfield, Vt. A memorial service will follow starting at 1 p.m.

A full obituary can be viewed at www.davisemorialchapel.net/obituary/suzanne-see.

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Francis Tracy Burnor, 2022

CHESTER, Vt. – Francis Tracy Burnor, 80, died on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thurs-

day, May 18, at the Ascutney Cemetery in Windsor. Arrangements are in the care of Knight Funeral Home, Windsor, Vt.

Ellsworth R. Davis, 1932-2023

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ellsworth R. "Sonny" Davis, 90, of Von Ormy, Texas, died April 2, 2023, at his home. Sonny was born Nov. 26, 1932 in Ludlow, Vt. He was the son of Ellsworth C. and Dorothy E. Davis. Sonny

was a 1952 graduate of Black River High School in Ludlow.

Sonny was predeceased by his parents, and his sister Leta Hudgins. He is survived by his sister, Sue Bragg, and her family.

Joan Ellen Shuffleburg, 1937-2023

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Joan Ellen (Bradway) Shuffleburg, 86, died April 5, 2023 at Pine Heights Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation in Brattleboro, after an extended period of declining health.

Joan was born on Feb. 14, 1937 in Windsor, Vt., the only daughter of Forrest and Agnes (Garneau) Bradway. At the age of 4, she moved with her parents and two brothers, Gerald and Robert, to Springfield. Joan graduated from Springfield High School with the class of 1956. After graduation she worked as a clerk at J.J. Newberry's and W.T. Grant's department stores in Springfield, and as a waitress at the Idlenot Dairy Bar in North Springfield. Joan was employed by Bryant Grinder Corporation for 15 years, followed by 22 years with the Springfield School District cafeteria service, with the majority of that time as the cook and lunch lady at Elm Hill Elementary School.

Joan was athletic, being a great basketball player, avid golfer, and bowler in her teens. She continued to enjoy and be involved in bowling leagues for many years in Springfield. As Joan told it, during her golfing years, she would walk to Crown Point Country Club, back when it was a nine hole course, from her home on Merrill Street, carrying an iron or two, and golfers would always stop to give her a ride. As a member of the lady's league, she traveled around Vermont playing in various tournaments.

Joan married David A. Shuffleburg on April 23, 1960 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Springfield. They purchased a house on Litchfield Street soon after. They loved the ocean, and spent as much time as possible at York Beach, Maine. Joan is survived by her husband, her son and daughter-in-law Timothy (Bridget) Shuffleburg of Hinsdale, N.H., son Jason Shuffleburg of Tut-



Joan Shuffleburg, 1937-2023. PHOTO PROVIDED

wiler, Miss., granddaughters Cachina Cox of Claremont, N.H., and Chandra Burnham of Hinsdale, N.H., grandson Michael Lepage of Casper, Calif., and five great-grandchildren. Joan was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, and her grandson Matthew Snyder.

Joan had an amazing memory, and was especially proud that her ancestor Nicanor Kendall was one of the founders of the area's precision manufacturing. She was a fantastic cook, especially noted for her baked beans. A longtime member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Springfield, Joan enjoyed working at church suppers. Prior to her failing eyesight, she was a steady volunteer at the Springfield Family Center for over a decade. Joan loved flea markets, was an avid paperweight collector, and a Red Sox and Celtics fan.

Visiting hours will be at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Thursday, April 20, from 5-7 p.m., with a memorial service at St. Marks on Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

The family wishes to thank Pine Heights for the loving care they provided during Joan's stay.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 130 Austine Drive, Suite 280, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

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APRIL 21-22 –
ACWORTH, N.H. – The Acworth Female Charitable Society sale will be held Friday, April 21, from 3-5 p.m., and Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. All sales are by donation. Drops offs for Rummage Sale may call Alva Grant at 603-835-6848. Nothing dropped off to church before 4/10. All donations must be clean and in good condition. No electronics please. Also there will be

a box for eyeglasses and frame donations.

APRIL 22 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Women's Fellowship of United Church of Bellows Falls will sponsor a crock pot dinner from 5-7 p.m. The meal includes salad, bread, beverages, and dessert, as well as a variety of homemade food. There will also be gluten-free options. The United Church is located at 8 School Street in Bellows Falls.

Please come in at the rear entrance. Children under 5 eat free. For all others, there is a fee for this event.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Community Closet at Immanuel Episcopal Church is holding a bag sale from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Closet is full of winter clothing, such as new children's jackets, long sleeve jerseys and blouses, fleece vests and jackets, and sweaters. Stock up now for next winter.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Energy Committee is planning an Electric Vehicle (EV) showcase, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Hetty Green Park. Local EV owners will bring

their cars, and two local EV dealers will be present. There will also be electric bikes and garden tools on display, and tables with information about local environmental groups. Sunday, April 23 is the rain date.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church will hold its spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 10 Valley Street. There will be many items available, as well as coffee and donuts for sale.

APRIL 23 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A vegan potluck will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Huber Building, 80 Main

Street in Springfield. Bring a dish to share that contains no animal products.

APRIL 24 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be free cash bingo being played from 1-3 p.m. on April 24, at the Black River Valley Senior Center, located at 10 High Street in Ludlow. Seating is limited, and reservations are suggested. All are welcome.

APRIL 27 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – There will be home cooked ham and scalloped potatoes, veggies, and dessert, all for a donation, at the Black River Valley Senior Center, at 10 High Street in Ludlow, on April 27, at noon. Seating is limited, and reservations are suggested. Everyone is welcome.

APRIL 29 –
ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles F. Andros, former apiary inspector for Vermont and New Hampshire, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. at 18 McLean Road in Alstead, N.H. He will discuss topics relating to early spring apiary management, such as locating apiaries, equipment, bee handling, feeding, and more. Bring a veil if you have one. Registration is required. To register, call 603-756-9056, or email lindename@gmail.com.

SUNDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Sundays, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Hartness Airport in Springfield. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force tasked with the mission of supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and

ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power.

MONDAYS –
PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:15 p.m., join Mikayla for a yoga class. Contact Lori Wright at 603-401-8123 or visit www.dgbodyworks.com for more information. Private classes are available.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Mondays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Pub Trivia Night at Vermont Beer Makers on River Street in Springfield. Up to five people per team. Free entry.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m. led by Mike Sola. Drop-ins and all levels of player are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Meals on Wheels serves a senior community lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge streets in Springfield. For more information, call 802-885-5879.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard will be at the Rockingham Library on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you own a laptop, please bring it along.

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

SATURDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center offers Springfield residents the opportunity to come for a free swim every Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-2568, email info@edgarmay.org, or visit www.edgarmay.org.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

FDW Enterprises has applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment for a property located at 3689 Flamstead Road in the Town of Chester. The proposed Boundary Line Adjustment will move a property boundary between Parcel 1 owned by Karen Aulbach and Dale Yerger and Parcel 2 owned by Michael Wood. There will be no change in the acreage of either parcel and no new parcel will be created.

The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 3689 Flamstead Road and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestertv.gov.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 12th day of April 2023.

Preston Bristow
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
zoning@chestertv.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Chester is seeking a self-driven organized Administrative Assistant for the Police Department. The Administrative Assistant performs various administrative duties including general secretarial work in the Office of the Chief of Police. General office duties include typing, filing, and maintenance of records. The Administrative Secretary coordinates the department of criminal justice correspondence with prosecutors, courts and other agencies. This position requires a person with exceptional organizational skills. Confidentiality is vital to this position as well. The person in this position works in an office environment with a widely varying workload. They must deal with a highly diverse group of people in stressful situations. Being able to coordinate very different tasks in the same day is a must. This person will be required to work with police specific computer systems where training and certifications will be mandatory. An administrative background is required with priority given to someone with experience working for a Police Department.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage, 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.

Visit www.chestertv.gov/employment-opportunities for full requirements and a more detailed job description.

Submit a resume to:
Town of Chester
ATTN: Chief Thomas Williams
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 POLICE LIEUTENANT

The Town of Chester is seeking an experienced law enforcement individual to serve as Police Lieutenant. This person will have a strong desire to provide the highest quality police services to the department and to the community. The Chester Police Department serves a population of approximately 3,144 residents and covers an area of approximately 56 square miles.

The Lieutenant is responsible for immediate supervision and control of all Department personnel and is personally responsible for their efficiency and effectiveness. The Lieutenant is second in command of the Department and is subject to the direction and control of the Chief. The applicant must possess strong leadership and administrative abilities with ten (10) years minimum full time law enforcement experience. Consideration will be given to total years of service in as much as they translate into evident knowledge and experience. Preference will be given to having previously held the rank of Sergeant.

Chester offers a competitive starting wage 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. Visit www.chestertv.gov/employment-opportunities for full requirements and a more detailed job description. Submit a resume to:
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SPECIAL SERVICES

The Springfield School District in Springfield, VT is currently seeking a full time Administrative Assistant to the Director of Special Services. The position is responsible for possessing or gaining general knowledge of Special Education and 504 processes to assure the efficient and smooth operation of all activities within the Special Services Department.

To apply, go to: www.schoolspring.com
Contact: Kelly Ryan 802-885-5122

TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CAVENDISH, VERMONT

The Town of Cavendish has an immediate opening for a full-time Highway Department crew member.

This position has a competitive wage and excellent benefits package. Applicants are required to have current CDL, good driving and work records and must be in good physical health. Solid experience in construction and heavy equipment operation, including dump truck operation, is essential. This is a permanent position with retirement plan. A comprehensive job description is available to serious applicants.

Applications, resumes and inquiries should be directed to:
Cavendish Select Board
Town of Cavendish Municipal Building
37 High Street, P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, Vermont 05142
(802) 226-7291
Cavendish is an Equal Opportunity Employer



OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD
P.O. BOX 385
CHARLESTOWN, NH 03603

Tel: (603) 826-4400
Fax: (603) 826-3709

www.charlestown-nh.gov

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

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

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

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:

Charlestown Town Office
Human Resources Department
PO Box 385
Charlestown NH 03603
Or email to Ddezan@charlestown-nh.gov.

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

Position open until filled

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 23-PR-01165

In re ESTATE of: Claire Hatch

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Claire L. Hatch Decedent

late of Springfield Decedent's Town of Residence

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.

Dated: 4-12-23 Signature of Fiduciary: Deane L. Kraft Admin'r

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

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

Publication Date: April 19, 2023

Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit, Probate Division

Address of Probate Court: 12 The Greene Woodstock, VT 05091

LEGAL NOTICES

classifieds

AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held on May 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. at 96 Rt. 106 N. Springfield, VT 05150. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Ayla Hodge #82 Angeliqe Blake #153

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 12 foot Wilderness Systems kayak, small cockpit, \$250. 17 foot Chesapeake Bay wooden kayak, handmade, \$300. Call 802-591-3144, leave message.

GUNS WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

CHESTER, Vt. – Search reopened; busy dental office seeks part-time receptionist to join our team. Must have outstanding telephone and interpersonal skills and basic

computer literacy. This is a flex-time position 20-30 hours per week. Previous medical/dental office experience preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume to: info@drchristopherfauver.com

attn: hiring manager.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Full time mechanic's helper/laborer. Call 603-381-0929.

GMRSVP thanks volunteers

REGION – April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and the perfect opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle our community's greatest challenges. For many nonprofits, volunteers are the lifeblood of their organization. They donate their time, skills, and support – and they deserve to be celebrated.

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP) is an AmeriCorps Senior volunteer program serving southern Vermont, and is very active in Windsor County. GMRSVP volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels, facilitate strength and balance classes, provide companionship and transportation to homebound seniors, deliver books, staff food pantries, do taxes, and greet donors at blood drives, among other things.

GMRSVP volunteers find a service opportunity they care about, and use the skills and talents they have learned over the years to serve in a variety of roles in our community.

Thank you Green Mountain RSVP volunteers. Your time and experience are the gifts you share, and the impact of your work is immeasurable. In a recent survey, people who are served by GMRSVP volunteers remarked frequently about the kind, thoughtful, and helpful experience they had with a volunteer. GMRSVP volunteers are amazing.

If you are over 55 and would like to explore the benefits of serving as an AmeriCorps Senior volunteer with GMRSVP, please call 802-674-4547 or go to rsvpvt.org. Are you ready to help your community thrive?

TOWN OF JAMAICA

The Town of Jamaica is looking for an organized and motivated candidate to serve as its Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector.

The treasurer is responsible for keeping the town's funds, including receipt, investment, and disbursement; keeping a record of taxes voted, billed, and collected; collecting other funds receivable by the town, and paying orders drawn on town accounts. The treasurer additionally serves as the delinquent tax collector and the Assistant Town Clerk as needed.

A bachelor's degree in accounting, public administration, or similarly applicable discipline is preferred (although not required), or a course of study in equivalent subjects. At least three years' experience in the area of accounting including experience managing payroll, employee benefits, and accounts payable and receivable is desirable.

A detailed job description is provided on the town website. The position is a 32 hour (4 days in office) per week position and includes benefits. Salary is commensurate with education, experience, and the ability to carry out assigned work.

To apply please submit a cover letter and resume including contact information for three professional references via email to townclerk@jamaicavermont.org or mailed to Town Clerk, PO Box 173, Jamaica, Vermont 05343. Questions can be directed to the town clerk at (802) 874-4681.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Ludlow Planning & Zoning Department has an immediate opening for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Planning and Zoning Department. This is a part-time position, working 25-30 hours per week under the general direction of the Zoning Administrator.

Principal duties include a variety of administrative, clerical and professional work with a degree of difficulty, responsibility and confidentiality. Candidate will assist the Director to carry out planning and zoning functions and other related tasks, must possess excellent computer and typing skills and have the ability to establish and maintain working relationships with employees and the general public.

Minimum qualifications include an Associate's Degree in secretarial or business administration with three-years' experience in secretarial and administrative work or equivalent work/life experience.

Interested candidates should submit a Town employment application available at the Ludlow Town Office, 37 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT 05149 or online at www.ludlow.vt.us and send to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The Town & Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT

2 POSITIONS 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/VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Administrative Assistant/Operation Director. This is a full-time, year-round position. Principal duties include accounting functions for the municipality with accounts payable, accounts receivable, water/wastewater billing and receivables, payroll and budgeting. Must be organized and able to communicate effectively in written and oral form. Proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Word is a must, experience with the NEMRC system a plus. Minimum qualifications include an Associates Degree in accounting/finance or similar work related experience.

Send application or resume to the Municipal Office or email to tmanager@tds.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled: Ludlow Municipal Office, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149. (802)228-2841.

Position provides an excellent wage (DOE), comprehensive Municipal benefits, including full Health & Pension Plan. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT PLANNING COMMISSION RECORDING SECRETARY

The Town of Ludlow Planning Commission has an opening for the position of Recording Secretary for their meetings. This is a part-time position working 1-2 hours per month under the general direction of the Municipal Manager.

Principal duties include attending monthly Planning Commission meetings, taking notes, recording the meeting, preparing meeting minutes and forwarding minutes to Municipal Office for posting. Candidate will be able to work independently. The successful candidate will have typing skills, some computer knowledge, and the ability to work well with others in a meeting environment. This position pays a stipend of \$126.00 per attended meeting.

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Town of Londonderry, Vermont Invitation to Bid

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont is seeking bids for garden maintenance for both Memorial and Buxton Parks. Bid documents can be viewed on the Town website – www.londonderryvt.org. The deadline to submit bids electronically is 2:00 PM on Wednesday April 27, 2023.

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Okemo Valley TV

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Yoga with Liza
- Ida Specker studio sessions
- West River Weather Guy forecasts
- Stuck in Vermont- Lambing
- VT Master Anglers fishing series

Okemo Valley TV now has its own app on all of the main streaming platforms! Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Google Play, and mobile (iOS & Android)
(07/05/23 - TFN - 13)

sports

Edgar May's Stingrays in championship meets

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Several members of the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center's Stingrays youth swim team participated in championship meets in our region to close out their winter season.

The Stingrays participated in the New England B Championships at the University of New Hampshire for qualifying athletes 12 years and younger. Junior team member Oliver Lord, 10, won six medals and ribbons with the best times in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle, and the 100-yard individual relay. First year swimmer Ashton White, 7, won second place finishes in all three of his events, and senior team member Noah Waterman, 12, came in sixth place in the 50-yard backstroke.

On Saturday, March 18, the Stingrays wrapped up their 2022-2023 winter season at the New Hampshire Swim Association Championships, at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction. Waterman finished in second place in the 50-yard backstroke, and third place in the 50-yard freestyle. Everett Whipple, 8, won second place in his 25-yard breaststroke, and fifth place in the 25-yard freestyle. White finished in third place in each of his 25-yard freestyle, 25-yard breaststroke, and 25-yard backstroke races. Lord had a third-place finish in the

50-yard breaststroke, and a fourth-place finish in the 50-yard butterfly. Senior member Berkley Hutchins, 17, achieved a third-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, and senior Janie Thompson, 18, achieved a fifth-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

Other Stingray team members achieved personal best times in their events, including Rowan Caulkins, 16, in 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly; Aubrey Seman, 15, in the 100-yard backstroke; Theresa Marquise, 11, in the 50-yard butterfly; Carl Johnson, 12, in the 50-yard backstroke; Amelia Crockett, 13, in the 100 and 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke; Everett Whipple in the 25-yard backstroke; Janey Whipple, 10, in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, and 50-yard butterfly; Dean Long, 11, in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, and 50-yard butterfly; Autumn Lord, 10, in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley; Waterman in the 50-yard freestyle; White in the 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard breaststroke; and Lincoln Chase, 9, in the 50-yard freestyle.

Coaches Rick Matthews and Ann Thompson want to give special recognition to Berkley Hutchins and Janie Thompson.

Hutchins received a scholarship from the NHA to-

ward her tuition at St. Joseph's College of Maine, a member school of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Hutchins will join the college's swim team while she pursues a nursing degree. Recently, Hutchins represented the Stingrays team at the age group Championship meet at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Coach Thompson describes Hutchins as "a powerhouse of a swimmer with multiple Age Group qualifications and a Vermont State Champion title in breaststroke."

Janie Thompson is completing her 11th year with the Stingrays this summer, and has committed to the University of Vermont's Grossman Business School this fall. Coach Thompson says, "Janie is a technician in the water. Her strokes are always models for the rest of the team."

For youth who are interested in learning about and joining the Stingrays Swim Team, there will be an Intro to Swim Team three-week program starting May 15. The introductory class will meet Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m., at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center.

The Stingrays summer season begins June 12. Registration is open now. For more information, or to register, go to www.edgarmay.org/swim-team.

LEGAL NOTICES/REAL ESTATE

Cosmos open season against Brattleboro Colonels

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Friday, April 7, the Springfield High School Unified Basketball Team welcomed Tyler Boone and his Brattleboro Colonels for their opening game of the season. On this Friday before the Cosmos went on April break, the stands were packed with parents, students, teachers and community members who came to support the Cosmos in their opener.

A huge thank you to those that came and watched the team have fun. Everyone loves to win, however the goal for this team is to always have fun, learn new skills, know how to play on a team, and make new friends. Winning is a bonus of the sport.

Players who have never played on a team before experienced that tonight. The Cosmos have been practicing and learning new things since March 3. Even though Brattleboro left with the 60-50 win over Springfield, the team is confident that it is ready for the games ahead. Springfield has some veteran players, as well as new athletes joining the team.

Senior Tim Jackson, a new athlete for the Cosmos, came out with strong enthusiasm with his rebounding, fast break layups, defense, and scoring. Tim ended the night with 10 points.

Freshman Sebastian Salls, with his strong rebounding, fast break layups, and jumpers, ended his night with 19 points. Returning sophomore Isaiah Short chipped in six points with short

jumpers. Patrick Toner and Josh Graves each added four points to the scoreboard. Lexy Bills added three, along with two points from veteran Emily Toner and new athlete Alana Blum. Emily has a strong sense of the game in the paint, and is an excellent defender. With more confidence to shoot and the courage to go back up with the ball, Emily will be very competitive in her position in the upcoming games.

Thanks go out to Cameron Chiesa and Jessica Martin for their support in refereeing and running the clock.

On Monday, April 17, the Cosmos hosted the Hurricanes from Hartford, Vt. Then on Wednesday, April 19, Springfield traveled to Middlebury.

Sabine Brueck named Gatorade Player of the Year

NEWPORT, Vt. – Sabine Brueck was named 2022-23 Vermont Girls Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, recognizing the North Country Union High School sophomore as the top player in the state. Brueck led the Falcons to a 24-0 record this past season, winning the Division II State Championship.

Only a sophomore, Brueck was named a First Team All-State and First Team All-Lake honoree,

plus Co-player of the Year in the Lake Division. She also was named to the Vermont Division 1-2 Dream Dozen.

Sabine is the first player in program history to earn the honor from Gatorade.

Brueck plays AAU basketball for the Lone Wolf Athletics, where for the last 18 years the girls Gatorade Player of the Year has played their AAU basketball.

Lone Wolf Athletics was started and run by Wayne Lafley, until his passing last year. The program is still active with the help of friends and various coaches. Lone Wolf consists of four girls'

teams of various ages. Players come from all over Vermont, and some areas of New Hampshire and New York.

In the past couple years, some area girls playing for Lone Wolf – Reese Perry, Sydney Perry, Elliot Rupp, Audrey Rupp, Sophie Rockwood, and Olivia Rockwood of Windsor High School, Macie Stagner and Megan Stagner of Springfield High School, and Avery Stewart of Fall Mountain Regional High School in New Hampshire.

Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The DRB board meeting will be held on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., for the following purposes:

1. DRB Reorganizational Meeting
2. Recessed Public Hearing
3. Public Hearing to amend Planned Unit Development
4. Public Hearing for a 2 lot and 3 lot Subdivision

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

John Boehrer, DRB Member

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow will meet at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: David Barrett
Application No: 128-98-PUD, Amendment no. 66
Property Location: 168 Okemo Trailside Extension, Unit 21A, Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 030410.001

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to enclose part of the front porch area to expand mudroom. The project is in the Mountain Recreation District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

John Boehrer
DRB Member

TOWN & VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

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Applicant: Winterplace COA
Application No: 081-94-PRD, Amendment no. 18

Property Location: 69 White Loop Unit E302
Ludlow, VT 05149
030232-014

84 Harrison Lane Unit J301
Ludlow, VT 05149
030215-013

64 Fowler Road Unit Q302
Ludlow, VT 05149
030223-014

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to convert attic space into bonus rooms. The project is in the Mountain Recreation District.

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Applicant: Kathy & Chris Moraveck
Application No: 128-98-PUD, Amendment no. 67
Property Location: 320 Trailside Ext. Unit # 36A
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 030406-001

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to extend the mudroom over the existing porch area. The project is in the Mountain Recreation District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

John Boehrer
DRB Member

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The Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow will meet at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., to hear the following application:

Applicant: Robert Sullivan
Application No: SUB23-010
Property Location: Prospect St
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 220404.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a three (3) lot subdivision in the Village Residential Zoning District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

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Applicant: Barry Ellison
Application No: SUB23-009
Property Location: 241 North Hill Pent Road
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 020217.100

REASON FOR HEARING: Application is for a two (2) lot subdivision in the Town Residential Zoning District

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

John Boehrer
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Applicant: Tygart Mountain Sports – Patrick Ross
Application No: 51-92-PUD, Amendment no. 14
Property Location: Lamere Square Unit 2C
Ludlow, VT 05149

Parcel Number: 220433-000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to convert an office space into retail space. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Ludlow's Web page, www.ludlow.vt.us

Additional information about this application is available in the Planning and Zoning office at the Town Hall.

John Boehrer
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70s Road Trip Tunes

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Prepare to hum or sing along with the Springfield Community Chorus, as they sing some of the most popular tunes of the late 60s and early 70s. Maybe you sang these tunes on a road trip with the radio blaring, or danced to them at a school dance. Fond memories! Some of those tunes the chorus will sing include “Harvest Moon” by Neil Young, “California Dreaming” by the Mamas and the Papas, “You Are the Sunshine of My Life” by Stevie Wonder, “I Feel the Earth Move” by Carole King, “Good Night” by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and the list goes on. Amy Cann will direct our singing.

Come down memory lane with us, as we sing our spring concerts on May 6 and 7. The Saturday, May 6 concert will begin at 7

p.m. in Grafton, Vt., at the Grafton Community Church, 55 Main Street. The Sunday, May 7 concert will begin at 3 p.m. at the Springfield Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main Street in Springfield.

For more details, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SpringfieldCommunityChorus.

Palaver Strings at Next Stage Arts

PUTNEY, Vt. – Palaver Strings, the innovative and dynamic ensemble known for their genre-bending performances, is set to take the stage at Next Stage Arts on April 27 for an unforgettable concert, with special guests clarinetist Kinan

Azmeh and percussionist Brian Shankar Adler. Azmeh, a member of Yo-Yo Ma’s Silk Road Ensemble; and Adler, who has collaborated with a diverse range of musicians including Vijay Iyer and Esperanza Spalding, bring their unique talents and musical styles to the table for what promises to be a truly special performance.

Palaver Strings has built a reputation for pushing the boundaries of classical music, and their collaboration with Azmeh and Adler is no exception. The evening’s program will feature a range of works, from traditional classical pieces to contemporary and world music.

“Palaver Strings is showcasing a new voice in classical music, making it more

relevant and meaningful to a new generation of classical music fans,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of Next Stage Arts. “The addition of Syrian clarinetist Kinan Azmeh and percussionist Brian Shankar Adler is going to make an already talented showcase of music into a unique evening of music not to be missed.”

The concert takes place on April 27 at 7 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt. Tickets are available now, and can be purchased on the Next Stage Arts website, www.nextstagearts.org, or at the box office immediately prior to the show. Don’t miss this chance to experience the groundbreaking artistry of Palaver Strings and their talented guest musicians.

The Fashions of Downton Abbey

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Thursday, May 18, at 1 p.m., join Spirits of Fashion at the Springfield Town Library for The Fashions of Downton Abbey.

Are you a fan of “Downton Abbey?” Would you love to know more about the fashions of the period? If so, join us for an informative presentation about the lives and fashions of the residents of Downton Abbey, through the 1920s, when major changes occurred both in fashion and in society. Immerse yourself in Downton Abbey,



The cast of Downton Abbey.

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where we will explore all of the changing fashions of this intriguing period.

This event is free and

open to the public. The Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact

802-885-3108 or check the website at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org

“Distant Thunder Studio”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents “Charles W. Norris-Brown: Distant Thunder Studio,” on view from April 21 – June 10. Join the Gallery on 3rd Friday Gallery Night in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls on April 21 from 5-7 p.m., to celebrate the opening of the show. All gallery events are free and open to the public.

“Charles W. Norris-Brown: Distant Thunder Studio” exhibits all of the original artworks from the late artist’s graphic novel “Thunder Basin” within a re-creation of Norris-Brown’s studio as an interactive exhibition, including art-making for the public, digital cataloging of the graphic novel, and culminating in the launch of a “Thunder Basin” website.

About his studio, Norris-Brown said, “I call my studio Distant Thunder. Sometimes I have a real studio. Other times Distant Thunder Studio is within me.”

The Distant Thunder Studio show reveals the entire body of work from “Thunder Basin,” an unfinished graphic novel by Charles W. Norris-Brown. Finished works, along with drawings, storyboard frames, studies, and writings are all included. Visitors are invited to interact with the show through exploring Norris-Brown’s notebooks, plein-air studies, sketchbooks, brushes, and palettes. Art supplies and a space to create are provided as part of the exhibit. Those who are inspired may write, draw, and paint with watercolor or ink, to make their own artwork and writing about “Thunder Basin.”

Fans of the artist may become further involved through volunteering and assisting in the digital cataloging of all works pertaining to “Thunder Basin” to be available during the Distant Thunder Studio show, including artworks, sketchbooks, and notebooks. Help bring one artist’s vision of

developing his graphic novel into a Creative Commons licensed work, to be accessible for community-based projects worldwide, to life. The goal of the digital cataloging process is to bring Norris-Brown’s “unfinished” work back to being a “work in progress,” and published on a “Thunder Basin” website.

Thunder Basin is the artist’s third book, and an unfinished work. In “Thunder Basin,” a girl loses her beloved cell phone in the forest. Trickster Coyote picks it up and runs away with it, leading her to explore the forest, and ultimately herself. This quest unfolds in the Thunder Basin along the west flank of Mount Mansfield, the highest mountain in Vermont.

Select artworks in the show, which are not for sale, are available as pre-ordered, full-size archival pigment prints on cotton rag paper. These reproductions are available only during the show. At the end of

the exhibit each edition is closed, and then printed.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls, Vt., and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about “Charles W. Norris-Brown: Distant Thunder Studio,” or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com online, call Mike by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

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Celebrate the poetry of Earth Day

CHESTER, Vt. – Bring a poem to read at the third of the Stone Village Poetry Experience's celebrations of National Poetry Month on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

This celebration will take place on Chester's recently opened Brookside Trail, which crosses Lover's Lane Brook behind the Academy Building and winds its way along a mile-long circle up the hillside through the forest. Coming together to

share poems, participants can experience what Lucille Clifton refers to as "the mystery that surely is present/as the underside of a leaf/turning to stare at you quietly/from your hand."

Those who would like to jointly celebrate Earth Day and Poetry Month are invited to bring "poems of the Earth" to read aloud as the group wends its way along the trail, stopping periodically to listen to another poem or two. Those who

prefer not to walk the trail can meet at the bridge and listen to the first round of readings.

Poems will vary, and may include nature-related works by Vermont poets like Syd Lea—who opened the Stone Village Poetry Experience's celebrations with a reading at the Town Hall earlier this month—and another former poet laureate, Ellen Bryant Voigt, or other renowned poets who wrote about na-

ture, ranging from William Wordsworth to Sylvia Plath, to name a few.

In coming together to read these poems, participants will be honoring Earth Day, which was initiated in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson; National Poetry Month, which was

created in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets; and Chester's Brookside Trail, which was commissioned by the selectboard several years ago and opened last fall.

The Earth Day celebration will begin at the Brookside Trail bridge on Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

In case of rain, the readings will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 211 North Street in the Stone Village, beginning at 3:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Tuck Wunderle at tuckerman@terrirogenous.com.

Civil Air Patrol to hold Springfield open house

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol's local unit in North Springfield, Vt., will host its Open House and Recruiting Night for youth and adults interested in becoming a part of Civil Air Patrol. Come see some aircraft and get to know us. This event will be held at our Squadron Headquarters on Thursday, April 27, from 4 – 6 p.m., at 10 Airport Rd., in North Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact Squadron Commander Capt. Jennifer Gagnon, jgagnon@vtwg.cap.gov.

CAP is the official volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Vermont Wing headquarters is in South Burlington. Squadrons are located in S. Burlington, Barre/Montpelier, Rutland, Bennington, and Springfield.

The CAP Cadet Program is a year-round program where cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, camp, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits. If you are dreaming about a career in aviation, space, or the military, CAP's Cadet Program is for you. Vermont

cadets have opportunities to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and other activities during the summer. Vermont Wing members actively work with local schools and other community organizations by promoting aerospace education instruction, materials, and programming, and arranging field trips to local airports, aerospace companies, and organizations.

The Vermont Wing provides search-and-rescue and disaster relief missions, and other support, for many local and federal agencies – the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Vermont State Police, Vermont Air National Guard, and others – by providing incident awareness assessment, airborne photography of large areas of the northeast United States, urgent VIP transport, delivery of emergency medical supplies, and many other missions. For additional information, visit www.vtwg.cap.gov.

Established in 1941, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, and as such is a member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary

role, CAP operates a fleet of 555 single-engine aircraft and 2,250 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), and performs about 90% of all search-and-rescue operations within the contiguous United States as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Often using innovative cell-phone forensics and radar analysis software, CAP was credited by the AF-RCC with saving 108 lives last year. CAP's 58,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief, and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. As a nonprofit organization, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education, using national academic standards-based STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education resources. Members also serve as mentors to over 24,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.cap.news or www.govcivilairpatrol.com for more information.

The ancient fish

REGION – It is spring, and the upriver migrations of shad, American eel, sea lamprey, and other minor players in the migration game are getting underway. Unfortunately, many people do not like sea lamprey, even though they have never seen one, but they know they do not like it. Unfortunately, it is the misunderstood nature of sea lamprey in our watershed that fuels the dislike. So, right from the get-go, know that we should value the sea lamprey, for it is not a parasite to our fish, and, as a native fish in the Connecticut River, is an important contributor to the balance of nature.

Sea lampreys are not eels. They lack the bone skeleton and hinged jaw of a true eel. Adults have an internal skeleton of cartilage, so, unlike our usual fish, they lack bones, jaws, and paired fins. The lamprey's taxonomic name is *Petromyzon marinus*. *Petromyzon* translates roughly from the Greek into "one who suckles stone." They grow to 40 inches long. They have well-developed eyes, a single nostril on top of the head, and seven gill openings on each side of their body, but no bones, hence no fossils. Lampreys are rare as fossils, but scientists know they

are evolutionary survivors, having traveled our oceans and rivers for 360 million years. They inhabit the Atlantic Ocean and the coastal rivers from Labrador to the Gulf of Mexico.

Lampreys are anadromous fish, meaning they come to fresh water to spawn and their young return to the sea to grow into adults. What is important to know is that lamprey stop feeding when they return from salt to fresh water. Only the spawning urge drives the lamprey upriver. They cannot eat, so must live on fat reserves in their bodies. This is not a matter of choice, but the result of remarkable changes inside the lamprey. Because of those changes, one that includes losing their teeth, adult sea lampreys in our river do not attack our fish.

Back in our watershed, up to 100,000 lampreys per year return upriver by following the scent of the ammocoetes larvae now buried in the river bottom mud, spawned in previous years, to select their spawning site. The ammocoetes are not predators, since they lack the sucker mouths of adults. Ammocoetes burrow into the mud, filtering out algae, small organisms, and rotting waste as food. The larvae will remain in the streams for up to 10 years, drifting further downstream each year, and eventually migrate to the ocean.

There are benefits to hav-

ing lamprey in our river, including the transport of trace elements from the ocean back upriver whence those micronutrients originated, improving the chemical balance of the river. Fish and marine mammals, including seals and striped bass, favor lamprey because of their high fat content. Other fish reuse lamprey nests instead of digging their own, as a silt-free concave area is good for all fish eggs, and adult fish know it. Immediately after spawning, lamprey die and, like all things in nature, they become the base of the new food chain, and life begins again, as other species feed on their carcasses.

Sea lampreys are the fish everyone loves to hate, but they are important in our watershed. In June, in any undammed tributary stream off the lower river below Bellow Falls, look in moving shallow water for thrashing lamprey. Welcome them, as they are helping their species and our river. Better yet, volunteer with the Connecticut River Conservancy to monitor their nesting spots at www.ctriver.org/get-involved/sea-lampreys-and-their-mysterious-world-be-a-citizen-scientist.

Written by David L. Deen, a member of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board and the Connecticut Atlantic Salmon River Commission.



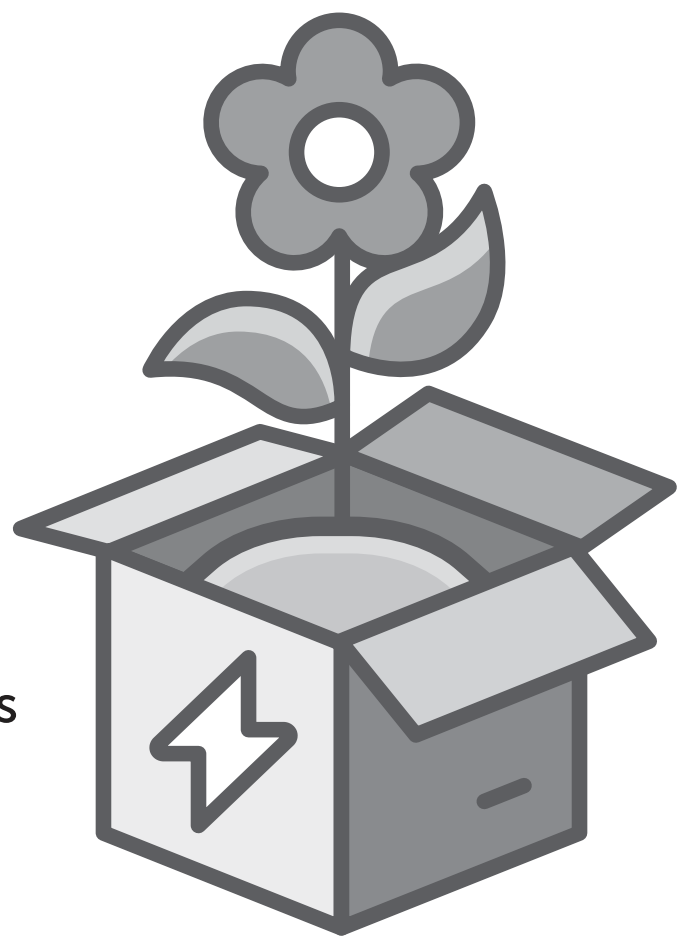
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Springfield's Annual Green Up Day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Spring has sprung. Join us on Saturday, May 6, for the 53rd Annual Green Up Day. We at the chamber always look forward to hosting this annual event in Springfield, and are calling for volunteers to assist us with cleaning up our town after the long winter. We exceeded our goal of over 200 participants last year - please join us to surpass last year's number!

Join us to Green Up downtown - We'll be in the Springfield Food Co-op parking lot, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., or Green Up your own neighborhood or somewhere else around town.

Please remember to dress appropriately - it is extremely important to wear work gloves, long pants, and proper footwear, to protect against ticks and debris along your clean up journey - and we suggest wearing bright colors, such as neon orange or neon pink, for

visibility. If you join us downtown, feel free to bring rakes, shovels, brooms, and any tools that might come in handy for clean up. Volunteers will be on call throughout the morning to assist you with any questions you may have. Most of all, remember to have fun. You are bettering our town and community by sharing your energy and spirit to assist with maintaining Springfield's beauty.

Our gratitude goes out to the Public Works Department. They will be going around to collect and properly dispose of all the filled bags, and any trash items left on the sides of the roads. Please note that pick-up day is Monday, May 8 only.

Thank you to all our neighbors, friends, and community partners that contribute their time and energy, and volunteer with us every year. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping Springfield green and gorgeous. It takes a village.

The official green trash bags will be available on the day of the event, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Springfield Food Co-op Parking Lot, located at 6 Main Street. The bags will also be available in advance at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce office, located at 56 Main St, Suite 2, on the following dates and times: April 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; April 25-27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; April 28, 2-5 p.m.; May 1-2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; May 3-4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; May 5, 2-5 p.m.

For more information, please contact the chamber at 802-885-2779, email info@springfieldvt.com, visit our website www.springfieldvt.com, or Find us on Facebook. See you on May 6.

Written by Alice Page, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Chester Conservation Commission at the Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. – On April 28 at 4:30 p.m., the Chester Conservation Committee (CCC) will be at Whiting Library to share how you may get involved in, and also gear up for, the 53rd annual Vermont Green Up Day.

The CCC is a group of local volunteers, who focus their energies on developing and maintaining Chester's Lost Mine, Butternut, and Brookside hiking trails. The group is also involved in other initiatives, including the Emerald Ash Borer Mapping Project, Williams River water quality monitoring, Green-Up Day, and the Chester Disc Golf Course. Trail maps will be on display and available, as well as a Leopold bench (see photo) that the CCC will be building and placing at various locations throughout the town this year.

This program is part of Whiting Library's Penny University social coffee hour. Come learn, enjoy



The CCC will be building a Leopold bench and placing it around Chester.

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a cup of coffee and tea, and events, please visit our website, www.whitinglibrary.org or call 802-875-2277.

Whiting Library Seed Lending Library

CHESTER, Vt. – Mountain Valley Climate Action announces the return of the Seed Lending Library at the Whiting Library in Chester, Vt. "Take some, share some" is their motto. Most seed packets that you purchase have an average of 150 seeds. The seed library has quite a few seeds to choose from. If you're planning to start tomatoes or peppers, now is the time to check out the seed library. Seed packets currently available are from 2022 stock, but are still viable, and were donated by High Mowing Seeds and Erskine's Grain & Garden store in Chester.

If you have more seeds than you need, or saved seeds from your garden last year and would like to share, there are small envelopes available at the seed library. Be sure to clearly mark envelopes with pertinent seed information before donating. MVCA will be adding more seed varieties over the next couple of weeks.

The seed library is run by volunteers from both MVCA and the Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens. For more information about the seed library or the new Chester community garden, please contact Melody Reed at chestergreenhouse@gmail.com.



Whiting Library Seed Lending Library.

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The Whiting Library is located at 117 Main Street in Chester, Vt. Check out

their website for open hours at www.whitinglibrary.org.

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VAL Windsor County director

REGION - Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) recently named Karen Harker as regional director for Windsor County, overseeing both the White River Junction and Springfield Learning Centers.

Harker holds a B.S. in English education from East Carolina University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Birmingham's Shakespeare Institute, located in Stratford-upon-Avon, U.K. Before joining VAL, she was a high school English teacher in both North Carolina and Vermont, and also taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses at The University of Birmingham. Harker has also been selected by the Coalition for Adult

Basic Education to be a State Advocate for Adult Education Fellow (SAAEF) in 2023.

"Vermont Adult Learning and Adult Education already have my heart, and I truly feel that I have found my calling in this new role. My maternal grandmother, Mabel Chambers, never had the opportunity to graduate from high school, and I carry her story with me as I meet so many others with similar stories at our centers," Harker shared. "The students at VAL inspire me daily through their determination and resilience, and I hope to serve them and our community in my role as regional director."



VAL Windsor County regional director Karen Harker.

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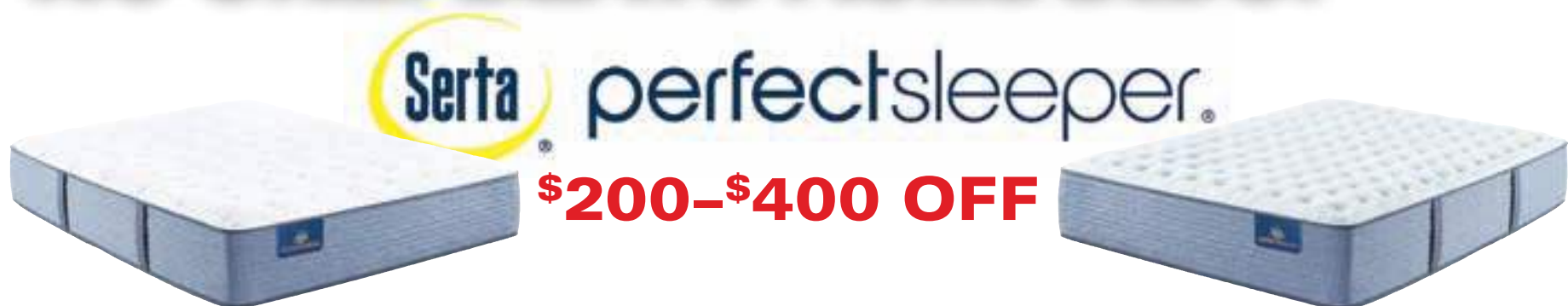
As a regional representative of Vermont Adult Learning, the regional director (RD) builds partnerships with other organizations, employers, schools, and state agencies. The role entails ensuring the smooth operation of all aspects of the learning center, including effective delivery

of educational and workforce development services. The RD is also part of the Vermont Adult Learning Leadership Team, helping to develop and implement organization-wide initiatives. Programs across all of VAL's learning centers include Adult Basic Education and High School Completion, English Language Learning, and Career and Workforce Development.

Vermont Adult Learning's Mission is to create an innovative, inclusive, and equitable learning environment that provides personalized opportunities for education and career development for Vermont residents by building relationships, strengthening communities, and fostering lifelong learning. To learn more, visit www.vtadulthoodlearning.org.

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