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Springfield sets summer swim schedule

BY PAULA BENSON
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield town manager Jeff Mobus ran through a partial list of appointments for local committees, boards, and commissions, and presented the board with five applications in the meeting packet for their review.

Recently-elected selectboard member Mike Schmitt resigned his position on the planning commission, and was appointed as selectboard liaison to that commission. The board then approved the appointments, or reappointments, of Susan Fog, John Middleton, and Britton Herring to the planning commission, Erin Hunter as an alternate on the Springfield Development Review Board, Peter MacGillivray and Kurt Staudter to the airport commission, and Scott Richardson and Taylor Drinker to the capital planning committee.

The board approved several event permit requests, one from the North School Preservation Society to hold an antique/classic car show and flea market on Saturday, June 29. Two annual events

sponsored by Edgar May – the Touch-A-Truck and fastest kid race on April 6, and the Springfield Dam Run on June 8 – have been held for several years without incident, and Mobus reported that he'd discussed all three applications with Police Chief Burnham, and neither had any objections.

Mobus asked the board to sign an agreement between the town and Edgar May that would allow the summer use of their pool by Springfield residents. Mobus first alerted the board to the proposal during budget discussions last year, reporting that repairing the town pool was not fiscally possible, and an agreement with the recreation center would give residents the opportunity to swim at the facility on Clinton Street.

Beginning June 23 and extending through August 31, Springfield residents will have access to the lap pool and wading pool for a total of 35 hours, seven days per week. The schedule offers swimming midday, evenings, and weekends, with locker room access to residents who show proof of residency, for a fee of \$1 for children ages 4-17, and

\$2 for adults 18 and over. The town will pay Edgar May \$20,000 for the 10-week agreement.

Mobus presented a request from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) asking the board to sign a letter of support for Hartness State Airport. "Last year," Mobus stated, "VTrans had planned on repaving the existing runway and improving safety areas, but found that a more costly reconstruction of the runway was needed."

The FAA had approved funds for the repair, but for a shorter and narrower runway, and VTrans is trying to obtain funding through a Congressional Direct Spending (CDS) request to cover the additional \$4,000,000 required to repair the current runway without reducing the length and width. The letter, addressed to the Vermont Congressional Delegation, argues that the reduction in the runway's size "will impede our ability to maintain the current use of the airport and its ability to support the current economic development of our community."

"Furthermore," the letter



Easter Basket drawing winners

Anabelle from Cavendish, Harold from Charlestown, and Jane from Chester won our Easter Basket prizes from our Easter activity page. Congratulations!

PHOTOS BY PAULA BENSON

states, "Hartness Airport is a critical resource for FEMA as the only airport to handle C17 transport aircraft used in emergency relief situations, as seen in Vermont's tragic July 2023 floods."

At the March 11 selectboard meeting, planning and zoning administrator Chuck Wise had presented the board with the Town Plan. Mobus went over the schedule Wise proposed for board and public review of the plan, which suggested a board review on April 8, followed by two public hearings, on April 22 and May 13. The public hearings are to be held at the town hall, beginning at 6 p.m.

In his manager's report, Mobus updated the board

on several items. A break in the sewer line was discovered on March 18 along River Street, and Mobus stated that, after digging 14 feet down, it was determined that an entire section of the main was broken. This break caused discharge to flow into the Black River, which was reported to the state.

Gurney Brothers worked with the town wastewater and water departments to repair 65 feet of the main. Mobus said, based on the age and condition of the damaged pipe, the section of main adjacent to the break would be inspected, and if that examination reveals similar decay, the town will have to replace those lines as

well.

The culvert on Slab City that had washed out in the December flood has been replaced, reported Mobus. The new culvert was made larger, to prevent future washouts, and the project is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Vice Chair Mike Martin announced that the preliminary meeting of the capital planning committee was held last week, and the second was yet to be scheduled. The committee was formed to oversee the evaluation of Springfield's longterm capital needs, versus its debt capacity.

The selectboard's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 6 p.m.

Springfield Rotary to hold diaper drive

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Throughout the month of April, Springfield Rotary Club is sponsoring a diaper drive to benefit the diaper bank at Springfield Area Parent Child Center.

According to Springfield Rotary Club President Emma McGuirk, state funding to the Vermont Diaper Bank has been severely cut, from approximately \$320,000 yearly to \$100,000.

"This funding helps families with limited income have access to free diapers," McGuirk said, "Diapers are not a luxury item, but rather a necessity." McGuirk continued, "It not only is needed for a baby's comfort, but also for a baby's

health and wellbeing."

"In addition to collecting any size and any brand of diapers, we are also hoping that wipes will also be donated," McGuirk added.

Diapers can be dropped off at the following locations in Springfield: Community Bank, Edward Jones (River Street), M&T Bank, Springfield Town Library, State Farm Insurance, and VTel.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in



The Springfield Rotary will hold a diaper drive throughout April.

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1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members, who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit www.springfieldvtrotary.org.

New book provides tools for caregivers of young children

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Caregivers across the country are being challenged with stress levels that have increased since the start of the Covid pandemic. In response, Neil Allen, director of Greater Falls Connections (GFC) in Bellows Falls, has created "Ollie's Epic Adventures," a tool to provide caregivers of young children with ways to increase their resiliency and help reduce stress for themselves and their children, as well as prepare them for school.

According to Allen, there are many reasons why families are stressed out: a shortage of jobs and housing, limited resources, lack of access to healthcare and behavioral health, and limited socialization during the pandemic. This stress can contribute to negative outcomes, such as young children not being ready for school, struggles at work, increases in health concerns, substance misuse, domestic violence, child abuse, and more.

"As part of my job in substance misuse prevention, I frequently hear about the negative effects of adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, and the need to find a way to assist families who have or are experiencing toxic stress," said Allen. "It's been a topic that has been without much of a fix



"Ollie's Epic Adventures."

PHOTO PROVIDED

the community, and collaborate with partners to address underlying issues that can lead to stress that may potentially lead to substance misuse. Activities beyond traditional prevention work include participating in youth and community events, a LGBTQIA+ hang-out for adults, transgender peer support groups, a teen night at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, and teaching workforce computer basics classes.

If you're interested in ordering bulk copies to pass out to families at no cost, please contact Allen at info@greaterfallsconnections.org. Any proceeds from royalties will be donated to GFC, to support creating more positive life experiences.

It is the vision of GFC to build a healthy, nurturing, equitable, and supportive community. Our mission is to connect to the community of Windham Northeast by inspiring and empowering people through education and collaboration to promote equity, wellness, and prevent the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, with an emphasis on youth substance misuse prevention.

For more information, visit online at www.greaterfallsconnections.org/mentalhealth.

Bellows Falls meet and greet

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group (RIDWG), in collaboration with the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) and Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, is hosting a meet and greet at the Rockingham Free Public Library on Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The event was created to welcome people who have recently moved to the community, as well as longtime residents. This is the third meet and greet that has been hosted since last April.

"We are thrilled that you have relocated to our community, and want you to feel welcome. The meeting will be informal, with a chance for participants to introduce themselves and learn more about the broad range of resources that the community offers. We hope that if you attended the previous meet and greets, that you will come back for this one also and help spread the word," said Sarah Lang of RIDWG.

RIDWG, which is made up of local residents and stakeholders looking at small-scale development

and investment in the Village of Bellows Falls and Town of Rockingham, feels that meeting each other in a relaxed and informal environment is at the heart of community development.

The Rockingham Free Public Library is wheelchair accessible. Please call in advance with any questions or special arrangements at 802-463-4270. RSVPs are appreciated. For more information, please contact Sarah Lang at RockinghamIDWG@gmail.com.

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Video Creation 101 at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calling all youth who are interested in making a viral short video. SAPA TV and Springfield Town Library are teaming up to help make that happen.

Ten middle or high school youth are invited to at-

tend Video Creation 101 on Wednesday, April 10, from 1-4 p.m., at the library. Learn the basics of video storytelling, and learn how to use professional video equipment, which can be borrowed from SAPA TV at a later date. Participants will

get the inside track on how to submit their short film to Springfield's Fresh Cut Film Festival in July.

Register for the workshop online at www.bit.ly/STLVIDEO, or by calling the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108.

Bellows Falls Woman's Club March meeting recap

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club will meet on April 9, at the United Church, School Street, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The program presenter will be Sharon Baker of Chester, speaking on her business of creating and selling shawls. Plans for an upcoming spring fundraiser to support the club's two high school scholarships will be discussed. Public announce-

ments are forthcoming.

At the March 12 club meeting, Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink, executive director of Parks Place Community Center, gave an overview of the many programs and agencies which partner with Parks Place to bring social services to the area and our community's citizens. Members brought in several bags and boxes of nonperishable food and personal care items, as well

as cash donations which were given to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

The local club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which promotes volunteerism, and whose signature focus is domestic and sexual violence awareness and prevention. The club is a member of the state federation, which will hold its annual meeting on May 4 in Poultery.

Shona Grill Pop-Up Night Fundraiser

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Rotary Club is hosting a Shona Grill Pop-Up Fundraiser at the Moose Lodge in Bellows Falls on Saturday, April 20, from 4:30-7 p.m.

For one night, you can get the Shona Grill burger, fries, Shona salads, and, of

course, lots of maple mayo. Veggie burgers will be available as an alternative. Food will be served in to-go containers, to sit down and enjoy at the Moose with a cocktail or beverage of your choice, or you can simply take it with you to eat at home. Enjoy live

music from Eric and The Steamrollers during the event.

The evening will also be the launch of Rotary's Spring Raffle, to benefit local scholarships and Rotary's many initiatives.

Money raised from this event will go towards the local scholarship fund and local service projects. The Bellows Falls Rotary Club recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, marking a century of service and dedication to the community. Since its establishment in November 1923, the club has been a pillar of support, working tirelessly to improve the lives of individuals and fami-

lies in Bellows Falls and the surrounding area. Through various initiatives and projects, the Rotary Club has made a significant impact on education, healthcare, and community development. From providing scholarships to local students, to organizing fundraisers for important causes, the club has consistently demonstrated its commitment to making a positive difference.

For more information about the Shona Grill Pop-Up event or the Bellows Falls Rotary Club, contact Sam Howard at saamjm@gmail.com or 802-376-9983.

River Valley Employment Fair

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The annual River Valley Employment Fair will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 3-6 p.m., at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. The Employment Fair provides an opportunity for job seekers to learn more about available positions from several regional employers. There will also be a raffle for attendees, and Jamaican Jewelz will be

on site with their food truck as well.

The raffle will feature 10 potential raffle prizes, each worth \$50. For every employer table that job seekers visit, they will receive a raffle ticket, which they can then enter for any of the ten featured prizes.

The employment fair is free of charge for the public, and is expected to include more than 25 employers of all types that have open po-

sitions. There is still space for employers to join as well.

The 2024 River Valley Employment Fair is brought to you by the River Valley Workforce Investment Board, in partnership with the River Valley Technical Center, Greater Falls Connections, HireAbility, the Vermont Department of Labor, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Springfield Regional Development Corporation.

Poetry open mic at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Rockingham Free Public Library, in partnership with Village Square Booksellers and Flat Iron Cooperative, will host a poetry open mic at the Flat Iron Co-

op on Saturday, April 13, from 2-3 p.m. The community is invited to read original or favorite poems. Sign-ups will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture, and shows that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students,

K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and – of course – poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives.

This program is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information, email reference@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls.

Climate change presentation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Guy McPherson at the Springfield Town Library on Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m., for his presentation "According to Governments of the World, Earth is in the Midst of Abrupt, Irreversible Climate Change."

Earth is amid the most abrupt climate change in planetary history. The ongoing change in the environment exceeds that of a meteor striking Earth and driving dinosaurs to extinction about 66 million years ago. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, citing abundant peer-reviewed evidence, an overheated ocean contributes to the irreversibility of climate change. In addition to this latter factor, many

additional self-reinforcing feedback loops indicate that no known actions will slow or reverse climate change. Slowing or stopping industrial activity is the quickest path to rapid environmental change. Doing so will trigger the loss of aerosol masking, leading to a rise in temperature within about five days, according to renowned climate scientist James E. Hansen.

McPherson's presentations are based on three decades of research on climate change, and an extensive, ongoing review of contemporary literature. Because the topics of his presentations often induce grief, Guy became a certified grief-recovery specialist in January 2014.

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Things to ponder

BY RON PATCH

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Sometimes, my deadline to send in my weekly article sneaks up on me. Suddenly I can think of nothing to write about. So here you are.

Fishing

April is here. It won't be long before Danny and I go fishing at the boat landing by the toll bridge. We choose a warm sunny morning, take our lawn chairs, prop up our poles, sit back, and visit. It's a popular place to fish.

We see the same people year after year. In some cases, we don't know each other's names, but we are always happy to see each other after a long winter. It's a friendly community. The game warden always shows up to check licenses. We get to ask him fish and game law questions. He enjoys it as much as Danny and I do.

Between Danny and I are

150 years of life experiences. Danny has done a lot in his day. I like hearing his stories. Right out of school he worked for a utilities company. Occasionally, as we drive around, he'll point to a steep mountain, telling me he was on the job there setting utility poles in 1962.

Danny worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking in Bellows Falls 20 years. Later, he worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking as terminal manager in Plattsburg, N.Y. When St. Johnsbury went out of business, Preston Trucking of Bellows Falls hired Danny as terminal manager.

When he was in Florida, Danny took up with a hot air balloon company. He was crew chief, traveling around this country setting up for hot air balloon shows. Some of these hot air balloon shows were in Canada. Danny told me about one night flight.

He also told me about one flight that didn't go as planned. "One time in Ottawa, Canada, the pilot of Magic Carpet had to set down in a four way intersection.

"The pilot said he could see the intersection ahead of him. The crew and I rushed to the intersection, and stopped all the traffic.

"The pilot asked how long it would be before the police would show up. I told him on the radio, 'They are already here.' All five of the crew were police officers on the Ottawa police force."

Danny hunted a lot in Virginia and out west. We always have something to talk about.

Stuff

I collect all kinds of stuff. I collect old rod and gun club, political, and teamster pins. Whatever I find for a dollar or two, I pick up. Not long ago, I picked up the pin you see with this article. It made

me smile. It reads, "I'M THE GUY THAT PUT DOTS ON THE DICE."

I knew nothing about it. On the reverse, under the pin, is a paper label advertising Clix cigarettes. I looked online and learned these pins are known as, "I'm the guy," pinbacks. It turns out a series of these pins was produced.

Another thing

I need a few old cigar boxes. They come in handy for storing small parts and pieces. Another thing I could use would be old spool cabinets. These are small cabinets with shallow drawers, quite often with tiny partitions. Again these come in real handy for someone like me. I love small cabinets with drawers. Let me know if you have any.

A short story

All winter long, I've spread table scraps, coffee grounds,



"I'm the Guy" pin next to a nickel.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

eggshells – well you get the picture – anything organic, on my small vegetable garden. I have fun watching the critters paw this stuff over.

The other day I took a pail of chicken bones, stale bread, potato peelings, and other such tasties to the garden. I had rendered a chicken, so I had bones and skin. I skimmed the fat off the pot I rendered the chicken in the next day. The fat I put in a container.

At the garden, I spread everything around. I like to watch the crows and ravens scratch the snow, looking for a morsel. They do an excellent job turning every-

thing over. I had a bottle of rancid olive oil. I sprinkled this around on stale bread, and some just in the snow.

I see foxes left their footprints in the snow. They paw away looking for something the ravens missed. I see footprints from a bobcat that came in to supervise. Fox and cats can detect the slightest scent in the snow. They can smell the chicken fat. Birds lack this fine nose. The foxes and cats dig around, further working in my compost.

This week's old saying: "Rat trap cheese will curl your toes."

"So Many Reasons to Love Trees" at OLLI

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – John Snell, Montpelier Tree Board director, will present "So Many Reasons to Love Trees," for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) group on April 9, at 2 p.m., at the Nolin Murray Center, next to St. Mary's Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

In all seasons, trees are our intriguing partners in life. We'll have a good excuse to enjoy photographs of trees, while looking closely at many of the things we don't always pay attention to – from bark and leaves, to shade and shapes, from seeds and fruits, to wood and carbon dioxide. Along with our speaker, we'll marvel at these living things and their long lives.

Snell has been very actively involved in the caretaking of the trees of Montpelier since he joined the tree board in 1992, and is deeply grati-

fied to see the difference that planting trees has made in that time. John's training in ecology has served him well. He enjoys admiring trees with his camera, and looks forward to sharing his photographs of trees with us as he discusses the importance of trees in our lives. This program is cosponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

OLLI is sponsored by the University of Vermont, and is run by local volunteer members. It is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and older, who enjoy learning for the fun of it. Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons, at 2 p.m. and last about an hour and a half.

There is a membership fee for the semester. Nonmembers are welcome and encouraged to attend individ-

ual programs for a single program fee.

Preregistration is highly recommended. We can no longer take any payments onsite at the door. If you do attend and have not preregistered, we will welcome you and provide an easy form for you to take to send in payment or pay online after the program.

Registration can easily be done online with a credit card by going to www.learn.uvm.edu/olli/springfield. You may also register over the phone with your credit card by calling the UVM Non-Credit Registration Office at 802-656-8407 during regular business hours, or email noncredit@uvm.edu. The full semester program descriptions and dates can be referenced at the above registration website address.

Ordinary Elephant and Early Risers

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present an evening of acoustic folk music by Louisiana-based Ordinary Elephant and Putney-based Early Risers on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vt.

Mesmerizing folk duo Ordinary Elephant has spent the better part of the last decade on a never-ending tour. The songs are timeless, rooted in rich, character-driven storytelling, and the performances are similarly transportive, fueled by delicately intertwined banjo, guitar, and octave mandolin. It's the sound of sincerity and commitment, of patience and gratitude, of learning to let go of expectation and revel in the simple beauty of the moment.

Early Risers are the Vermont-based folk duo of

Ashley Storrow and Putnam Smith. Both rootsy and lyric-driven, their original songs feature close vocal harmonies and arrangements on a wide array of instruments: banjo, guitar, mandolin, piano, and shru-ti-box. After pursuing separate solo singer/songwriter careers, they joined forces in 2015, and have since toured across the country from Maine, to Texas, to California, to Vancouver,

British Columbia. Their debut album, "Making Life Sweet," went to number one on the national Folk DJ Charts in November 2019.

Tickets are discounted in advance at www.nextstagearts.org. There is also a livestream option. Next Stage will provide a beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar. For information, call 802-387-0102 or visit the website above.

Lippert speaks at Next Stage Arts

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts announces the return of the NXT Curators Series, offering an opportunity for audiences to hear from curators in various arts and humanities fields.

On Sunday, April 7, at 7 p.m., join Angelina Lippert, the chief curator of Poster House, the country's first museum dedicated to the art and histo-

ry of posters, for an evening discussing the fascinating history of Art Deco advertising. From the Paris Exhibition of 1925, up through the 1939 New York World's Fair, this talk covers everything from the Great Gatsby up through the Great Depression. Discover the true meaning behind the definition of "deco," and how it became the first global art movement.

Lippert is the author of "The Art Deco Poster," and has lectured at the School of Visual Arts, The Cooper Union, New York University, the Pratt Institute, The New York Times, Columbia University, and The Sothe-

by's Institute of Art. She has written for Muse by Clio, and is currently a reviewer at the New York Journal of Books. She holds a master's degree in the art of the Russian avant-garde from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, and a bachelor's degree in theology and art history from Smith College.

The NXT Curator Series is sponsored in part by the Putney Public Library. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. All talks are free to attend, but donations are appreciated. Advance registration is available at www.nextstagearts.org. For information, call 802-387-0102.

Book Signing at SAHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society (SAHS), 65 Route 106, North Springfield, Vt., will host a book signing on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. John N. Swanson, retired history teacher at Riverside Middle School and valuable volunteer at SAHS for many years, will present his book "War Tears: A Journey from Vermont to Gettysburg." Books will be available for purchase, and he will be happy to autograph it for you. For more information, call 802-886-7935, or email sahs@vermontel.net. This program is open to all.



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Grace Cottage family-friendly 5K event

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Spring weather is just around the corner. Mark your calendar now for the 15th annual Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Spring into Health 5K. The event begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, May 11, on the Townshend Common. You can run, walk, roll, stroll, or push your baby carriage for this fun, family-friendly event. There is a registration fee per participant – children

ages 17 and under are free with signed parent/guardian permission – and registration is open now at www.gracecottage.org/events. A virtual option is also available. Register at the same link. For more information, contact Grace Cottage Foundation at info@gracecottage.org, or call 802-365-9109. All proceeds from this event will benefit healthcare services at Grace Cottage.

CCCA Walk and Talk Series, martens

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The next presentation in the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's (CCCA) Walk and Talk Series will take place on Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m., at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, 573 Main Street in Proctorsville. Brehan Furfey, a wild-

life biologist and leader of the furbearer project at the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, will speak about an animal that lives in our state, is seen only rarely, and that most of us know little about: the marten. Martens are slender and agile, weasel-like mammals, with bushy tails and large paws featuring partially re-

tractable claws. They inhabit coniferous and northern deciduous forests across the northern hemisphere. Their fur varies from yellowish to dark brown, depending on the species, and was valued by animal trappers for the fur trade. Furfey will give a synopsis of the biology and history of martens in Vermont, be-

fore diving deeper into their conservation success story. The talk will also focus on measures that biologists are taking now, as well as their plans for the future. Come learn more about this beautiful animal. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Robin Timko at 802-259-2327.

Our Place receives Foodbank grants

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Our Place Drop-in Center has received two grants of \$3,500 each from the Vermont Foodbank, to increase its capacity to provide food for those experiencing food insecurity. The Vermonters Feeding Vermonters grant will be used to buy fresh

local produce, prepared foods, yogurt, and cheese for the food shelf and for the senior citizen monthly food distributions. Currently, food packages are delivered to 30 homebound seniors each month. A second grant will be used to purchase a glass-front refrigerator to display fresh produce in the food pantry, making the contents more visible and encouraging more choice of fresh produce by those using the pantry. "We are trying to in-

crease the availability and use of fresh produce by our community," said Our Place director David Billings. "Local produce not only supports our local economy, but it also provides a sense of place and pride in one's community by sharing the bounty that comes from it." In season, Our Place secures fresh produce from Black River Produce, Harlow Farm, Pete's Stand, and the overabundance of local gardeners. Our Place is a commu-

nity food center located at 4 Island Street, that provides 100 breakfast and lunch meals on weekdays, monthly food pantry visits for 100 families, and a monthly delivery to 30 homebound seniors. It serves families in Rockingham and the surrounding area, and in Walpole and North Walpole, N.H. Information is available by contacting Our Place at 802-463-2217, emailing info@ourplacevermont.org, or online at www.ourplacevermont.org or on Facebook.

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Jupiter's moon Europa talk

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Project scientist of NASA's Europa Clipper Mission Bob Pappalardo will be speaking at the Rockingham Library on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. Take this

unique opportunity to learn from the expert about why Europa may be one of the best places to look for environments where life could exist beyond Earth. Even though Europa is

but one of Jupiter's more than 90 moons, it has been singled out for its special characteristics. Find out what these characteristics are, and when, in the near future, the Europa Clipper will be sent up to conduct a detailed reconnaissance. Bob Pappalardo is the surrogate son of Rockingham Library patrons Rosemarri and Hans Roth. This program, of interest to curious people aged 14 and up, is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.

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"North Woods" book discussion

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Pick up a copy of "North Woods" by Daniel Mason at Rockingham Library's front desk today. Then join the discussion on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m. "North Woods" is a sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries. The Boston Globe, NPR, Kirkus Reviews, and Chicago Public Library chose "North Woods" as the 2023 Best Book of the Year. It was also starred as Editor's Choice by the New York Times Book Review. For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call the library at 802-463-4270, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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Rohr B. Cook, 2024

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Rohr Bryan Cook, 62, of Westminster, Vt., passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family and the comforting sounds of Pink Floyd on March 21, 2024.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., to John and Gloria (Parker) Cook. He grew up in Gageville, Vt., and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1979.

He had two children Parker and Ashley with his former spouse Deborah (Rounds) Lique.

Over his long career in construction, he built everything necessary for running a town: schools, libraries, banks, churches, and countless homes. He even worked on a castle.

Rohr was an adventurer at heart. In his childhood and teen years, he would often rope his brother Chris into schemes, once ending in the coast guard having to save them off the coast of Maine. When his children were young, he would tell his family to pack their bags and proceed to take them on a mystery trip, not realizing the destination until they had arrived. In his youth, he may have driven his car on the frozen Connecticut River, who's to say? He once braved the skies with his son Parker during a sky-diving excursion. If Rohr ever mentioned knowing a shortcut when driving, the shortcut always took twice as long, but it was sure to be an adventure.

A devoted son, Rohr has a tradition of giving his mother a rose bush every Mother's Day, continuing until her yard could hold no more. He made it a point to call his parents daily.

He taught his kids how to ski, the fine art of avoiding trees with an overly greased



Rohr Cook, 2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

runner sled, and the importance of creative problem solving.

In his retirement, Rohr enjoyed helping his children with projects, reading stacks of books from the library, bragging about his grandchildren, and cherishing moments with his faithful dog Charlie.

He is survived by his parents; his siblings Christopher Cook and his wife Cheryl, and Melissa Martin and her husband Keith; his children Parker Cook and his wife Sunya, and Ashley Cormack and her husband Alex; and his grandchildren Evy Cook, and Danny Cormack and girlfriend Marilyn Bresland.

Visiting hours will take place on Sunday, April 14, from 12-2 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt. A memorial service will start at 2 p.m., at the funeral home. There will be a reception at the Moose Club in Bellows Falls, starting at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to the Butterfield Library in Westminster, Vt.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vt.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Living Hope Assembly of God, 582 Rockingham Rd.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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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. All are welcome, call 603-276-2383 for more information.

LUDLOW, VT.

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.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

First Congregational Church, UCC, 77 Main St.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in person. Singing is encouraged! For more information, call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.firstchurchspringfield.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 581 Giddings Street, North Springfield.

All are welcome and invited to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please email the church office at office@nsbcvt.org, or call 802-886-8107. We are handicap accessible.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Join our worship service every Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Mens Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, check out Facebook @PrecisionValleyBaptistChurch.

Eleanor H. Johnson, 1926-2024

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Eleanor H. "Ellie" Johnson, 97, died on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Nelson and Dorothy (Ordway) Hance. She attended Springfield schools, and graduated high school in San Diego, Calif.

On Oct. 2, 1954, she married Austin W. Johnson in San Diego, Calif.; he predeceased her on March 9, 1994.

Eleanor lived and worked most of her life in California, moving back to Springfield, Vt., in 1995.

She is survived by her daughter Pamela McQuaide, two granddaughters Erin Tsai and Jennifer McQuaide, and two great-grandchildren Aidan and Caitlin Tsai. She is also survived by sev-

eral nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents; her siblings Calvin Hance, Myrtle Bicknell, and Bernice Dennett; and longtime companion Richard Gorton.

Special thanks go to her caring team of ladies for their daily support the past two years.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 3 p.m., at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Michael Mario will officiate.

Eleanor enjoyed going to the senior center, and was selected as "Senior of the Year" in 2003. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Garry Sharon, 1957-2024

PERU, Vt. – Garry Sharon, age 67, of Peru, Vt., passed away on March 23, 2024, in Bennington, Vt., at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, following a recent and sudden battle with pancreatic cancer and organ failure.

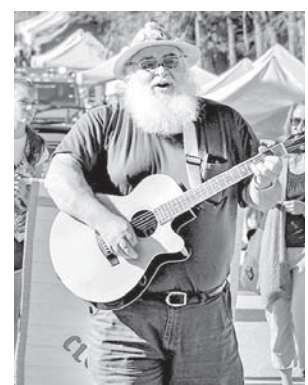
Garry was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Feb. 11, 1957, son to the late Walter and Elsie (Wade) Sharon. He was raised and educated in Charlestown, N.H., graduating from Fall Mountain Regional High School in the Class of 1975, and went on to the University of New Hampshire and matriculated in 1979, after completing his studies in animal sciences.

This love of animals and farming led him to make a life of a dairy farmer, as well as become an active member in the community. This led him to becoming a volunteer firefighter in Londonderry, Vt.

Garry was a dedicated and longtime member of The Grange, most recently of Bartonsville Grange #481, holding the position of overseer. He was also a brother at the Adoniram Lodge #42 Masonic Lodge in Manchester Center, Vt., where he was a member for more than 20 years, and achieved the level of master mason. Over the years, he held several offices in both organizations, including being the deputy state Grange master, and was secretary of the lodge since 2019. Just last summer 2023, he retired from his job as a probation and parole officer for the State of Vermont, where he had been working since 2001.

Garry was also active in the Peru Congregational Church, where he shared his musical talents playing and singing in the church with the "Who's In Town Band." Over the years, he was in multiple bands and played several instruments, including guitar, bass, mandolin, trumpet, and trombone. He loved history and sharing his knowledge, but never made you feel dumb for not knowing. He always had random trivia facts about seemingly everything.

Garry was known for his big smile, teasing na-



Garry Sharon, 1957-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

ture, and advocacy against domestic violence. A true Vermonter through and through. He will be deeply missed by so many.

He is survived by his adopted sisters Lisa Martel of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Darlene Kimball of Marlow, N.H.; as well as several nieces and nephews Chad and Shane Blodgett of Claremont, N.H., Carrie and Krystal Martel of Wichita Falls, Texas, Elijah Kimball of Tigard, Ore., Isaiah Kimball of Honea Path, S.C., Mariah Reid (Kimball) of Greenland, N.H., and Leah Johnson (Kimball) of Windham, Vt.

Calling hours will be held from on Friday, April 5, from 5-7 p.m., at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Celebrations of Garry's life will be held Sunday, April 7, at Garry's home church, Peru Congregational Church, Main Street in Peru, Vt., at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, April 27, at Garry's home Grange, 116 Upper Bartonsville Road in Rockingham, Vt.

A graveside ceremony will be held at a later date for family and close friends.

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Patrick K. Kelly, 1962-2024

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Patrick K. Kelly, 61, of Atkinson Street, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at home surrounded by his family, after a short illness. Pat was born on April 28, 1962, in Bellows Falls, to Maurice and Loretta (Brooks) Kelly. He attended schools in Bellows Falls, graduating from BFUHS in 1980.

Pat worked as a plumber in the Bellows Falls area for almost 40 years. In July 1996, he married Bridget (Stevens), who survives. His much-loved children Hannah and Ryan were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister Kathleen Kelly, nephews Connor (Jessica) and Hunter, and his brother Brian Kelly (Darlene) and nephew Brendan, and nieces Molly and Meagan, as well as several cousins who he enjoyed spending time with, along with his mother-in-law Margaret. He was predeceased by his parents.

Pat always had a big hug and kiss for everyone. He treasured his friendships and his Friday afternoon "marketing" time with them. He enjoyed family vacations, especially their trip to Ireland, sharing with Hannah and Ryan their Irish heritage.

Pat was a longtime fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football, and Boston Bruins hockey. He loved



Patrick Kelly, 1962-2024. PHOTO PROVIDED

sharing that passion with his family and friends. He was a member of the Pierce Lawton Post 37 American Legion and BPOE Elks #1619.

Calling hours were held on April 3, from 5-7 p.m., at Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls. A Memorial Mass will take place on Thursday, April 4, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles in Bellows Falls. Burial will follow at St. Charles Cemetery.


In lieu of flowers, please donate to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Dartmouth Health, 88 Prospect Street, White River Junction, VT 05001.

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APRIL 4 – CHESTER, VT – St. Luke’s Episcopal Church will host a Memory Café on Thursday, April 4, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memory Cafes are non-judgmental places where caregivers socialize, share stories, and learn about resources. Senior Solutions staff and volunteers will engage with your loved one while you meet with other caregivers. Meet with your loved one who has dementia, Alzheimer’s, or Parkinson’s. Music and refreshments provided. Free for everyone.

APRIL 5 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, 9 Church Street, will hold their First Friday Supper on Friday, April 5, from 5-6:30 p.m. The menu will be mac ‘n’ cheese, pulled pork, green salad, dessert, and a beverage. Vegan and gluten-free options will also be available. For take out, call 802-463-4311 before 5 p.m. Net proceeds will benefit the Saxtons River Community Fund.

CHESTER, Vt. – Upstairs @ Town Hall will host poet Sydney Lea on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m., at the Chester Town Hall. Lea was the poet laureate of Vermont from 2011-2015. In 2021, he received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts. He will read from and sign his book “What Shines.” The event is cosponsored by the Stone Village Pottery Experience. Admission is free.

APRIL 6 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join

us for a Comfort Foods Dinner on April 6, from 5:30-7 p.m., at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Road. The upcoming solar eclipse has inspired us to gather to celebrate what our good Earth has to offer. Choose from our favorite macaroni and cheese recipes, meatloaf, baked beans, and a variety of salads. Top your meal off with desserts including sun, moon, and star cookies. Selection includes gluten-free and vegetarian dishes. There is a small cost, discounted for children. Reservations are not necessary.

APRIL 7 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Food for Life Vegan Potluck will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Huber Building, 80 Main Street in Springfield, Vt. Everyone is invited, just bring a plant-based dish to share if you are able.

APRIL 13 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Community Bike Project will hold a silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m., at the Moose Family Center, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. There will be live music by local jazz ensemble Swing Low. The cost of admission includes a raffle ticket for a basket of your choice. The baskets will include gift certificates and other unique items. There will also be a 50-50 cash raffle, and delicious hors d’oeuvres and baked

goods for purchase, as well as a cash bar. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of the Community Bike Project building.

APRIL 15 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street, will be serving lunch on Monday, April 15, at 12 p.m. The menu will consist of American chop suey, tossed salad, and cupcakes. Free cash bingo will follow. Please make reservations by calling 802-228-7421. All are welcome.

APRIL 18 – CHESTER, Vt. – Upstairs @ Town Hall will host jazz musician Eugene Uman on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. Uman is the director of the Vermont Jazz Center, and an extraordinary musician, composer, arranger, and educator. He will perform with some of the best jazz musicians in New England. Admission is free.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – There will be a Bingo Evening and Basket Raffle on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m., at VFW Post 771, 115 River Street, to benefit the Edgar May Stingrays youth swim team. This event is for ages 16 and up. Doors open at 5 p.m. There will be many games, food and beverages for purchase, as well as a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the Stingrays youth swim team.

APRIL 27 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – There will be an indoor yard sale to support the

Bellows Falls Moose Legion on April 27, at 8 a.m., at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street. No customer entry before 8 a.m. Setup time for sellers is 7 a.m., and the fee for a table is paid the day of the sale. Contact todd.ager@gmail.com with questions.

APRIL 28 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The United Church of Ludlow invites the community to a service and reception on Sunday, April 28, to kick off a \$50,000 Capital Campaign to restore its historical bell. With the campaign theme “Ring Out Love,” the United Church is seeking support from the community as it works to not only repair the disintegrating supports on its venerable bell, but also to make upgrades to improve accessibility, and to help neighbors in need. The kickoff begins with the 10 a.m. Sunday service in the sanctuary, followed by a reception at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY 1 – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Wednesday, May 1, at 6 p.m., the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will host “Sheryl Faye Presents: Amelia Earhart.” This one-woman show shares the life and achievements of Amelia Earhart. The actress Sheryl Faye has brought her performances of historical women all over New England, and we are thrilled to be hosting her for a third time at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library.

SUNDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Loyal Order of Moose will be hosting a community breakfast on the first and third Sunday of every month downstairs at the Bellows Falls Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, from 8-10 a.m. All you can eat for a minimal cost.

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – The Plymouth Historical Society, located in the former Plymouth Elementary School on Route 100 in Plymouth Union, is open Sunday afternoons, from 2-4 p.m. Visit our museum, or do research on your Plymouth ancestors. Watch for the “Open” flag.

MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Bingo is Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Weston Rod & Gun Club, 982 Route 100, 1.5 miles north of Weston Village. All are welcome.

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. – Free Gentle Hatha Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Mondays from 10-11 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Library hosts a chess club each Monday from 3-5:30 p.m., led by Mike Sola. All levels of players will be welcomed.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The GFWC Okemo Valley Women’s Club meets on the second Monday of every month, from September through April, at 6:30 p.m., at the United Church of Ludlow on Elm Street.

TUESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions is again sponsoring two Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes in the Great Hall, on Pearl Street in Springfield, on Tuesdays. The advanced class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The beginner class will meet from 10:40-11:40 a.m. When practiced regularly, Tai Chi not only helps to lower the risk of falling, but also improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination, reduces joint pain and stress, and builds a sense of belonging. For more information or to register, contact Sue Rubel at sruubl@aol.com, or Sophia Blanchard at SBlanchard@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Chair Yoga classes for ages 50 and over are held on Tuesdays from 9-9:45 a.m., at the Springfield Senior Center, 139 Main Street. All equipment is provided.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Frances Barsky leads a weekly creative writing workshop at the Rockingham Library from 1-2:30 p.m. Bring a laptop or a pen and paper.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Knitting Together, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., at Village Square Booksellers, knitting hats and mittens for our school kids. We provide yarn, some direction, and an enjoyable visit. Acrylic yarn donations are always welcome. For more information, contact Caroline at 802-463-4653.

THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Bone Builders Class in Chester every Thursday, 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.

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. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

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

GRAFTON, Vt. – A free playgroup for children from newborns to age 5 will be held at Grafton Elementary School on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Activities will include songs, games, and arts and crafts. Contact Heather with any questions at 802-843-4792.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Certified instructor Helena Wu will teach Tai Chi classes every Thursday, from 9-10 a.m., at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High Street in Ludlow. Classes are free, and are limited to 10 participants. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 802-228-7421, or Helena Wu at 802-289-7369.

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, located at 96 South Main Street in Chester. If you have a problem with alcohol, this is an understanding place to come to.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zumba classes, Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. All fitness levels welcome. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Yoga, Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Spring House at Jackson Gore. Call 802-228-1419 for more information.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT Windsor Unit PROBATE DIVISION Docket No.: 24-PR-01335

In re ESTATE of: Gordon D. Payne

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Gordon D. Payne Decedent

late of Weston 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: 3/26/24 Signature of Fiduciary [Signature]

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In re ESTATE of: John F. Hennessey

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: John F. Hennessey Decedent

late of Chester 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.

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