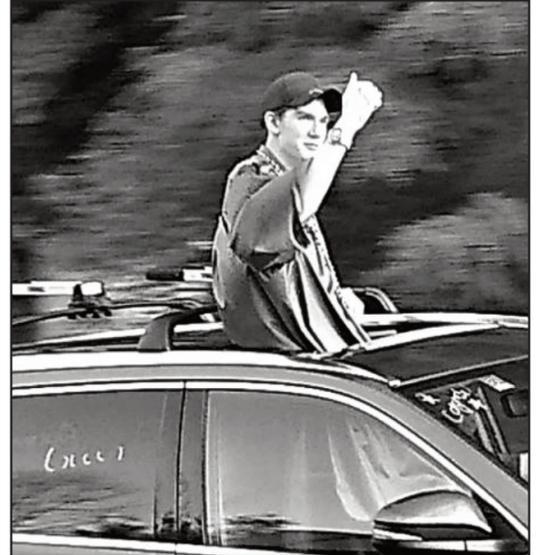




CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! AREA SCHOOLS FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES



Top row photos, graduation at Bellows Falls Union High School; above, a collage of Compass School graduates; middle, graduate lawn signs at Kurn Hattin; far left, a sign at the drive through graduation at Westminster Center School; and left, graduation ceremony at The Grammar School.

Bellows Falls Union High School

Bellows Falls Union High School decorated the entrance to the school with giant spray-painted purple BF letters; pictures of all the graduating class of 2020 and wonderful signs. Students had a socially distanced graduation, followed by a vehicle parade through Bellows Falls.

Compass School

Despite the unusual times, Compass School finished the year with many positives, from the relatively smooth transition to remote learning to impressive portfolio roundtables using the on-line format to uplifting graduation events visiting student homes and celebrating together in a big google meeting.

We are busily planning for next year, with the same positive and forward looking energy the staff has emanated throughout all of Compass history, even with the challenges of the abrupt changes this spring. Following state guidelines, Compass plans to be open in September for in-person schooling. Thanks to the school's small size, we think we can be flexible in grouping and programming to keep students safe and respond to conditions as they evolve.

Enrollment is strong for next year and Compass is looking to hire at least one more teacher to accommodate the larger numbers, particularly in the middle school. It's exciting to bring on new staff to join the extraordinary talented teachers anchoring the program. With this increased staffing, we will be able to enroll more students at all grades.

Eric Rhomberg is stepping into the role of Director, as Founding Director Rick Gordon steps back on his way to retirement from Compass. You can read Rick's reflections about the legacy he hopes to leave in the June Journal on the Compass website: www.compass-school.org.

We have been reflecting much recently about our commitment to social justice and how Compass promotes these values. The school was founded on the ideals of living the spirit of respect for each individual, deepening understanding and appreciation for the diversity of life, opening student horizons, and standing up to create a better world. We hope this spirit emanates well beyond our school walls.

We hope all are well and wish you the best for a safe, healthy, and energizing summer.

Kurn Hattin Homes

How do we make this graduation really special for our students during this unprecedented time the Kurn Hattin Homes staff asked themselves. We miss the students and the staff and miss themselves. We miss the friends.

We came up with a unique plan to celebrate each graduate individually with a personalized ceremony to take to their homes throughout Vermont and New

Hampshire—all while abiding by the current safety protocols.

So how did we 'pull' this off? A miniature "stage" with the Homes' banner, chairs, decorations and flowers was constructed on a flatbed trailer and pulled to each graduate's home. Speeches, music, and recognitions played significant roles in the ceremonies incorporating many of Kurn Hattin Home's traditions. The students were shown how much they are valued and loved. Each was heartfelt and so appreciated.

From June 6-14, throughout Vermont and New Hampshire, staff set up and dismantled the moving parts between locations, as there were often two or more ceremonies per day. Graduation proceedings at each location began with Sue Kessler, Assistant Executive Director, welcoming everyone and reading a statement from Board President, Mark Bodin. He said, "You have shown you have what it takes in the classroom. More important than what you learned or what you can do is who you are. Despite the challenges of the times, the person you have become is ready for the challenge."

Salutatorian Ben Robichaud shared, "My houseparents, teachers, and my family helped me shape my life to how it is now. Kurn Hattin has given me the home that has let me find out who I truly am." Valedictorian Elizabeth Anderson shared the Kurn Hattin core values—"Perseverance: Never give up, and always give your best, Nurture: Take care of yourself, Hope: Hope will carry you through the hard times and beyond, Compassion: Makes the world a better place, and Sense of Worth: Kurn Hattin has taught every one of us how to value ourselves. These are all examples of what makes Kurn Hattin the strong, friendly environment that kids are able to call home."

Kurn Hattin Homes displayed pride in their 8th grade graduates with signs on the lawn in front of the administration building.

The Grammar School

On Monday, June 15th, The Grammar School in

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COUNTERPOINT SINGS FOR FOODBANK FUNDRAISER



Join us for a Counterpoint Viewing Party at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 25 on YouTube..

We'll show footage of recent performances and videos that put inspiring images to some of our favorite songs. Counterpoint singers will reminisce about our past, talk about the future, and answer your questions!

This is a fundraiser for the Vermont Foodbank, the state's largest hunger relief organization. The social and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic have severely affected the ability of many Vermont families and individuals to provide for themselves.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER CARES

The Westminster Cares Board of Directors met June 3rd via WebEx with President Lori Larue presiding. The following board members attended: Pete Harrison, Miriam Lanata, Regina Borden, Don Dawson, Doug Oftedahl, Pat Goodell, Heidi Anderson, Kathy Elliot and Director Donna Dawson.

The board decided to continue limitations to some programs and services through July 1st in compliance with the Governor's Be Smart, Stay Safe Order; especially as they pertain to adults aged 65 and older.

Our Community Nurse, Debbie Brookes, is available for phone support and consultations; call the office to make a request. Our equipment Loan Program is operating again for loans only. At this time we cannot receive donations or returned equipment due to health concerns. Our Director, Donna Dawson is available by phone for information and referral.

Are you in need of a face mask? We have several volunteers who have donated fabric masks and have offered to sew more for anyone in need. These are washable, cloth masks. All Vermonters are encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are interacting with others from outside their households, including in congregate outdoor settings where it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

Westminster Cares welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember or honor a loved one or friend.

MEMORIAL & HONOR DONATIONS RECEIVED IN JUNE:

In memory of Bill LaCour from Alicia LaCour

In memory of Joan Smidutz from Bill Smidutz

Our office voicemail is checked daily; leave a message for Donna Dawson at 802-722-3607 or by email at wecares@sover.net. Check us out on the web at www.westminstercares.org and like us on Facebook.

FINANCIAL FOCUS: WHAT CAN INVESTORS LEARN FROM CYCLISTS?

May was National Bike Month. Of course, millions of Americans enjoy biking, so there's reason to celebrate. But even if you're not much of a rider, you can apply some of the guidelines and lessons of bicycling to other areas of your life – such as investing.

Consider taking some of these ideas for a spin:

- Tune up your portfolio. When bicyclists tune up their bikes, they adjust their brakes, clean and lubricate the chain, tighten nuts and bolts, and check the tire pressure, among other tasks. Such a tune-up keeps their bikes running smoothly and reduces the chances for breakdowns. And by “tuning up” your investment portfolio, you can help it stay in line with your goals and risk tolerance, while also preparing it for a “breakdown” in the financial markets, in the form of sharp downturns. To tune up your portfolio, look for ways to increase diversification, which can help reduce the effects of volatility, and watch for investments that may have chronically under-performed or are no longer suitable for your risk tolerance. You might be better off selling these and using the proceeds to invest in new opportunities.

- Know when to shift gears. Bicyclists move into higher or lower gears in response to changing road conditions and elevations. As an investor, you too may need to “shift gears” or adjust your investment strategy when your personal financial environment changes. So, for example, in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may want to move some – but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones. That way, you can lock in some of the gains you may have achieved while lowering your portfolio's overall risk level. This is important, because once you reach retirement and you need to start withdrawing from your retirement accounts – which essentially means liquidating some of your investments – you don't want to worry too much about having to sell when prices are down. However, keep in mind that, even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your holdings to help yourself stay ahead of inflation.

- Protect yourself. Smart bicyclists always wear their helmets – they know that an unexpected bump in the road could cause a dangerous spill. And on the journey toward financial security for yourself and your family, you can also expect that some hard knocks could come your way – which is why you need the proper protection. To safeguard your family in case anything should happen to you, you must have the appropriate amount of life insurance. And to help ensure your financial independence – and avoid becoming a potential burden to your grown children – you may want to consider some type of long-term care coverage, which can help cover many of the costs of a lengthy nursing home stay. You could choose a long-term care insurance policy or a “hybrid” policy, which combines long-term care protection with the death benefit of traditional life insurance. A financial advisor can recommend the option that's most suitable for your needs.

You may want to observe National Bike Month by taking a few rides yourself. But in any case, making these cycling-inspired moves can help you keep rolling along toward your financial goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Jessica Fuller.

WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE AND BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY PHASED REOPENING PLANS



We are developing “reopening plans” for the Institute and Library, with July 7 as the anticipated date for the first part of that to be put into place. As most folks are aware, all building uses and services have been suspended since the COVID-19 shutdown began, as is the playground.

Beginning Tuesday July 7 the Library will reopen with limited hours for scheduled “curbside” book pickup and drop off. No public access to the building will happen during this phase. The hours of operation will be 3:00 — 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Books can be ordered over the phone or by email and will be available at the door or, if needed, can be brought to your car. Our process for ensuring that books are safe to handle will be part of the reopening plan and it will be posted.

We have a new Butterfield Library website at ButterfieldLibraryWestminster.wordpress.com. Linda has devoted a lot of time in recent months to bar-coding and cataloging most of the books, and an exciting feature of this new website is an easy to use online catalog where you can search the collection to see what is available.

There is an email link on the website to use after you find the books you want to take out, or you can email the library directly at the new address: butterfield05158@gmail.com. You also can call the library at 722-4891. The website also links to the Westminster Institute & Butterfield Library facebook page.

Other traditional activities (parties, exercise classes, etc) will remain closed in July. The playground will remain roped off, primarily because it is impossible to sanitize it consistently or reliably, from both practical and financial standpoints. The offices of Westminster Cares and the Westminster Historical Society are available for use by their staffs and volunteers, but no public access will be available.

We are taking a cautious, step-by-step approach both to remain in sync with the Vermont phased reopening policies and also because, while we all miss some of the classes and gatherings, none are deemed “essential” activities. It's next to impossible to make these changes with great precision, so we want to be sure that we err on the side of caution and safety. Vermont has fared relatively well during this pandemic and we want to remain part of the cautious approach that has enabled that.

“WHAT'S UP AT THE TOWN HALL?” SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THANKS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: The Town's Special Meeting went well and the weather was cooperative along with the bugs. The four main Articles passed and if anyone is wanting more information about the results, please feel free to request this information from the Town Manager. This day would not have been able to take place without the help of several volunteers and community members. I would like to thank the following people and Boards:

Jim Matteau and the Institute Board for letting us use the backyard and field for this event.

Fletcher Proctor for making the time to be our Moderator for the meeting.

Floyd Lawrence and Matt Conklin for lending us the sound systems for the Selectboard and Moderator.

Jeff Ruggiero (Best Septic) for donating the porta-potties for the day.

Adam Hallock for striping the lawn area to assure proper social distancing.

FACTV (Alex Stradling) for Live Streaming the event as well as supplying the public mic.

Westminster Fire Department for being on hand in case of an emergency and for displaying the American flag so majestically.

Road Crew for directing traffic and parking cars for the day.

And of course, the folks that took the time on a Saturday to attend the event either in person or by watching it on TV. Thank you all.

APPOINTMENTS OF RECORD: The Selectboard are looking for residents to fill the “Appointments of Record” positions within the Town. The following positions are needed:

Windham Regional Commission Representative, a Lister and a Planning Commission Member.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Selectboard is requesting that a committee be formed to investigate the possible uses for the North Westminster Community House on Route 121. This Committee will be looking into whether it's feasible to renovate this building to a point of social need or the possibility that the Town lets the building be sold. If you are interested, please call the Town Hall and let us know that you are interested.

FOOD SCRAPS: Reminder in case you missed it: After July 1, 2020 we are not allowed to throw food scraps into our trash by State order. You have many options to comply with this State mandate here in Westminster. Here are a few:

Create an individual contract and payment schedule with our Town Hauler (Ruggiero) to pick up your food scraps at intervals that work for you and Ruggiero.

Backyard Composting.

Bring your food scraps to the Rockingham/Westminster Transfer Station for a fee.

Bring your food scraps to the Windham Solid Waste Facility in Brattleboro for a fee.

Bring to a neighbor that has created a backyard composting system.

TRASH TAGS: The new sets of trash tags were mailed out on June 16th. If for some reason you do not receive these in a timely fashion, please feel free to call the Town Hall for help.

After Hour Appointments: Please feel free, if you have the need to make an appointment for either the Town Manager, Zoning Administer, or the Town Clerk after or before normal business hours. Both Alison Bigwood and Russell Hodgkins are willing to make these arrangements with you if needed. Please feel free to call us and we will set up your meeting.

As always, please feel free to call the Town Manager's Office regarding concerns, issues or comments.

Robins

by Alma Beals, Vermont Master Gardener and Naturalist



The American robin, usually simply called a robin, is a widespread species and well known throughout the United States. When spotting a robin there is a tendency to think, "oh, it's only a robin." But let's look a little further. In fact, they are so common that I have never looked them up in my bird book.

While I have looked for the darker red belly to tell male from female, I never paid any attention that the males have a darker black head and tail while the female's head and tail are grayer. Robins are a little smaller than a bluejay, being 9 to 11 inches long from beak to tail. Watching them on the lawn remind me of a toy you wind up and off they go.

They are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and meats. We think of their diet as earthworms but they also eat caterpillars and beetles. More than half of their diet is made up of fruit and berries. I read that they eat suet which I didn't realize until I watched a female this spring hanging out under the suet basket picking up pieces other birds knocked out of the basket. This is typical behavior for catbirds, but I hadn't observed robins doing this.

Bird baths appeal to robins for drinking and bathing.

How the water does fly when they bathe! Birdbaths should be placed near some shrubs for protection from predators. They also will take dust baths to clean insects from their feathers.

Robins have more than one brood each year. The first nest is usually in an evergreen. Sometimes nests are used a second time. The following broods are in deciduous trees when the leaves have come out to protect and hide the robins. Nests are built by the female using wet mud, grasses and twigs brought by the male. Nests can be in trees and shrubs on a horizontal branch or in a tree fork. Robins will also build on flat surfaces like a porch. I had robins build their nest on top of one of my gutters on the house. This worked fine until a thunderstorm washed out the babies and the nest. The second nest in a tree was successful.

This has been a hard season for birds as they have migrated back. At first the weather was too cold and food, like caterpillars, wasn't available. Many of us noticed several orioles in our yards and didn't realize they were looking for food. I had three suet feeders out and for the first couple weeks they lived on suet. Any time of day I would see orioles on both sides of the suet.

Now I have just the pair nesting with the others having moved on.

Many other birds also eat suet. It is a big draw for woodpeckers. I have had more fun watching a male red-bellied woodpecker cache suet in the tree above the suet basket. The first time I watched him cache a suet piece while the female was on a branch just above him. A second after he flew off for another piece, she shinnied down the branch, ate the suet and shinnied back up the tree. When he came back with a second piece, she did the same thing. He couldn't figure out why the suet kept disappearing, but he decided on a better hiding place the next time.

Yesterday I was watching the male red-bellied feeding a baby and hiding pieces of suet under the bark on the trunk. An adult downy was on the same tree feeding his baby from the same suet basket. When the red-bellied flew off to feed other babies, quick as a wink, the downy baby robbed his cache. Some of the things birds do seem almost human.

Photos of a red-bellied woodpecker, left, and a robin courtesy of Don Clark.

A WESTMINSTER SAMPLER: A SPECIAL PROJECT

By Jessie Haas for the Westminster Historical Society

The Westminster Historical Society (WHS) is pleased to announce that we have an intern this summer. Sonia Scott, daughter of WHS co-curator Racheal Scott, will be completing a project as part of her work toward a Digital Curation Certificate in the Advanced Academics program at Johns Hopkins University.

Scott will be working with articles of clothing from the Bradley Law Office, de-accessioned by WHS as they were too moth-and-mouse damaged to be retained in our collection. Several of these items were given to Sonia, who is a re-enactor with a special interest in the War of 1812, the period around which these garments were made and worn.

Scott is using a fashion-oriented drafting program, similar to those used by engineers and architects; she notes that her father, architect Dan Scott, has been using programs like this since the 1980s. Scott meticulously measures each garment and feeds the measurements into the program, allowing her to draw as she goes. This is a significant time savings; she was able to produce a pattern for a pair of man's pants in only eight and a half hours.

Scott has already created three patterns, for a pair of gloves, a shirt, and trousers. Ultimately these patterns and others—including one for a very elegant dress—will be available from the WHS website free of charge. This is an opportunity for re-enactors and students of costume to take a deep and very accurate look at how these



clothes were actually made.

Scott notes that it is very rare to have a collection of

everyday clothing worn by prominent, but not necessarily elite people. It's more common to preserve important items, like a wedding dress or ball gown, and WHS does have in its collection some beautiful gowns that belonged to the Bradleys. But the items left for a century in the Law Office trunks were heavily worn, and tell a more intimate story of the times.

There are men's shirts which belonged to William Czar Bradley, and to his son Jonathan. The subtle changes which made Jonathan's shirt more fashionable; the mends in the pants; the extremely skilled needlework with which a patch was placed on the leg of the pants, made from a piece of fabric snipped from the lining; and even the way the color faded over time, speak of a time before fast fashion, where the clothing even of a lawyer and congressman was worn until it was worn out.

Sonia Scott also notes that it's advantageous to keep ruined clothing, in that we are able to take a closer look without being afraid of spoiling something precious.

The ability to date these clothes so accurately within a 45 year period is also unique. We know the history of this family, when and where these items would have been worn, and by whom they were made and mended.

The project, when completed, is likely to make a significant contribution to the study of American costume. And for those handy with a sewing machine, and with a love of fashion, it will be an opportunity to create clothing that looks like it came out of a Jane Austen movie. All in all an exciting project, and we are delighted that it is able to move forward despite the pandemic.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

The Westminster Fire and Rescue Department holds its monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the third Tuesday of every month. Rescue training is the second Tuesday of the month. Next association meeting July 7 at 7 p.m. The Prudential Committee normally meets twice a month. A warning will be posted 48 hours prior to each meeting.

Number of calls in May: 37

Number of calls through June 19: 4

Number of calls calendar year to date: 175

Number of calls fiscal year to date: 405

Association Meeting: The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association met for their regular meeting June 2nd. There were 30 members present. Currently there are 39 members of the volunteer fire department. Hayden Stoddard was welcomed as a new member under the six month probation guidelines. Kevin Patterson and Tylar Stanley were welcomed as new junior members. They will become full members when they turn 18.

Emergency responses: We had another busy month in May with 37 calls for the month. The breakdown goes like this: 15 rescue/medical calls; three motor vehicle accidents; four false alarm/activation; three tree on wires; one mental health emergency; 10 mutual aid, one to Rockingham, three to Bellows Falls, three to Putney, one to Walpole and two to Springfield. Also there were a couple of training classes including driver training.

Tips for sunscreen and insect repellent: Because the mosquito season is at its peak, we thought it made sense to

repeat these tips. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside, reapply every two hours. Unprotected skin starts turning red in 20 minutes. Insect repellent is handy to have and apply before going into buggy areas- also bugs and mosquitoes like dusk so just sitting outside can make you a target. Always read and adhere to label directions and warnings to use products safely. Be aware of ticks and do a body check for ticks each night if you have been in a possible tick infested area

Firewood: It's not too soon to be thinking about the next heating season. If you burn wood, be sure the wood is properly cured. Unseasoned wood can cause creosote which is very apt to plug up the chimney and cause a chimney fire. A chimney fire can lead to a partition fire and the home could be lost or severely damaged. Have the chimney cleaned before starting a wood fire in the stove or furnace and have it checked regularly throughout the heating season.

Motorcycles: We have all noticed that there are more and more motorcycles on the road each summer and that it has become a very enjoyable pastime for many. Motorcycles can be difficult to see as a part of oncoming traffic and their distance is often difficult to judge. Give at least a double look and even an exclusive look for the possibility of an oncoming motorcycle when pulling out into traffic.

Scholarship/ Continuing Education Fund: Since 2013 the association has awarded scholarships to 14 Bellows Falls High School graduating seniors for a total of \$10,000. Up until this year we have received enough memorial donations to keep our plan going. Currently our fund

account is in need of some money. If anyone would like to contribute to this account it will be very much appreciated. If you would like to give in honor or memory of a friend or loved one just list their name with your donation. We publish the names of the donors and the names of those being mentioned without a dollar amount. Make check out to: Westminster Fire and Rescue Association label it continuing education fund if that is where you would like it to go and mail it to: PO Box 111 Westminster, 05158. Thanks in advance.

Donations received in June for continuing education fund from the following: Barbara and Dick Taylor, Donna and Don Dawson, Jane French, Earle and Carol Milberry, Kay Miller in memory of Bruce and Jeff Miller, Susan and David Morse in honor of local educators, Jane and Phil Savoy in memory of Sam and Fran Streeter, Sue Lober in memory of Bob Lober, Mildred Barry in memory of Justin Beebe.

Other donations from the following: Sarah and Michael Doran.

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Association welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember or honor a loved one or a friend. As always, we would like to thank the members of the community for its continued support of the fire department.

Check us out on our web-site www.westminsterfireandrescue.org.

The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. operates independently from Westminster Fire District #3.

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ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. Held on June 15th, World Elder Abuse Day was created to help raise the much needed attention to a chronic issue within our aging population.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 out of 10 older adults living at home has been a victim of elder abuse. In terms of financial exploitation and fraud, older adults lose a total of \$36.5 billion annually.

While COVID-19 poses many challenges, it also presents an opportunity to look out for older family members, neighbors and friends, to be aware of red flags and report suspected abuse. Unfortunately, in the majority of elder abuse cases, the perpetrator is a family member, most often an adult child or spouse.

As older adults stay home to reduce exposure to COVID-19, they are not engaging with important social systems such as medical providers, senior centers and congregations. These entities are critical touchpoints for identifying elder abuse and exploitation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also created widespread economic uncertainty for millions of people who have been laid off or furloughed. As most older adults receive consistent monthly incomes from sources such as investments or social security benefits, those who are struggling might be more inclined to financially exploit an older family member. Scams are on the rise as well.

There have been thousands of reports of scammers offering non-existent free home testing kits or fake cures, posing as fake charities, or preying on other

virus-related fears in hopes of gaining money or personal information.

Elder abuse takes many forms: physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; passive neglect and self-neglect; and financial exploitation — the misuse or withholding of an older adult's resources.

Due to various types of abuse, there are many red flags or warning signs. These may include physical, (bruises, broken bones, abrasions, burns) or emotional, (unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness or unusual depression, frequent arguments between the caregiver and older adult).

Signs of financial abuse may include unusual withdrawals or insufficient fund activity, concern or confusion about missing funds, forged or suspicious signatures on documents, or new and unusual relationships. Finally, neglect may be detected by bedsores, poor hygiene, unusual weight loss, or unattended medical needs.

As complicated as life has become under the restrictions of COVID-19, please reach out to your family members, friends and neighbors, especially those who may be more isolated due to these circumstances.

If you identify any red flags that lead you to believe that some kind of abuse or neglect is taking place, you can file a report by calling 1-800-564-1612.

For more information regarding how to file a report in Vermont, you can visit the Vermont Adult Protective Services website: <https://dlp.vermont.gov/aps/make-aps-report>

FOOD CONNECTS GETS VEGETABLE STARTS TO THE COMMUNITY



Hundreds of veggie starts made it out to the community in early June thanks to Sarah Rosow (Guilford's Farm to School Coordinator), Lilac Ridge Farm, and VT Hemp!

It started early on a Wednesday morning, with Sarah distributing 6-packs of kale starts donated by Lilac Ridge Farm. Amanda Thurber of Lilac Ridge donates plants to Guilford Central School garden every spring. This year she had an abundance of kale plants and wanted to donate them.

Sarah worked with her and Ali West (Brattleboro Town Food Service Director, Fresh Picks Cafe) to figure out how to distribute them. Ten trays/80 six-packs/640 plants ended up getting distributed to Guilford families with their normal school meal delivery. Families who don't get lunch delivered were invited to pick up plants from school.

Amanda and Lilac Ridge Farm also had cabbage and tomato plants to donate and hope to do another distribution later in the month. Sarah shared planting instructions through the school's Facebook page and in the school newsletter and plans to share recipes later. Anyone who wants to support Lilac Ridge Farm can buy plants or produce at their farmstand on Ames Hill Road.

In the afternoon, Jon and Harley from VT Hemp set-up shop in the Brattleboro Union High School parking lot to distribute a variety of veggie starts to the community. Community members, school gardeners, and various organizations stopped by to pick up the starts for the season! VT Hemp hopes to continue this program in the future with more veggie starts to come.

There's a lot of gardening happening this summer. Want to get involved but don't have space? Looking for advice from an experienced gardener? Join Tara Gordon at one of Food Connects many open garden hours. It's free for children and parents and art activities will accompany each session. Sign up ahead of time to reserve your spot!

Food Connects is an entrepreneurial non-profit that delivers locally produced food as well as educational and consulting services aimed at transforming local food systems. The Food Hub aggregates and delivers from over 70 local farms and food producers to over 140 buyers in southeast Vermont, southwest New Hampshire, and western Massachusetts.

Their educational services focus Farm to School programming. Acknowledged as a statewide leader, the program supports over 30 schools to increase local food purchasing, school meal participation, and food, farm, and nutrition education. Together these core programs contribute to a vibrant local economy by increasing local food purchases by schools and improving students' nutrition and academic performance.

Additionally, Food Connects is frequently hired to provide leadership and consulting services for efforts aimed at transforming local food systems in the New England region.

GREEN UP DAY THANK YOU

A big thanks goes out to everyone who helped green up Westminster in May. Our town looks much cleaner and greener because of your community spirit and hard work.

A special shout-out to the Town of Westminster road crew. They picked up 50 bags of roadside litter you collected, along with discarded car and truck tires, on the

official day, May 30, and throughout the month.

This was Green Up Day's 50th anniversary – a memorable one, for sure, and not without its difficulties. Thanks again for joining in.

Susan Harlow, Green Up coordinator

DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION AT RFPL

When Dr. Dottie Morris offered to facilitate a 4 part discussion of the book *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas for the Rockingham Library beginning on July 27 at 7 p.m., what else could the staff say but an enthusiastic "Yes!"

The Hate U Give, a #1 New York Times Bestseller, explores the life of sixteen-year-old Starr Carter who moves between two worlds: the poor black neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. *The Hate U Give* was selected by the Vermont Humanities Council for its 2020 Statewide One Book Community Read Program.

As this book's discussion facilitator, Dr. Dottie Morris brings much to the table. She is the Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity at Keene State College, a position she has held for the past 12 years. In this role, Morris provides support and direction to the entire Keene State College community in fulfilling its commitment to diversity and multiculturalism.

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Named as a "Hero for Justice" by the NH YWCA, she is also a sought-after speaker for VT/NH and national conferences. The topic of Dr. Morris' most recent talk for a TEDxSIT talk was "Beyond Tolerance, Acceptance and Inclusion: Reinventing and Co-creating Organizations."

Dr. Morris is also busy leading training sessions addressing issues such as unconscious bias and cultural humility for all Brattleboro town employees, along with the Selectboard and the town's senior management team. She has been a resident of Bellows Falls since 2003.

Copies of *The Hate U Give* are available as downloadable e books and audiobooks from rockinghamlibrary.org free of charge, for any Rockingham Library patrons. Copies of this book are also available for loan from the Rockingham Library's curbside service.

Live in or own property in the town of Rockingham, but don't have a library card yet? Sign up for a temporary e card via rockinghamlibrary.org Call the library with any questions Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING ZOOM MEETING

On June 24 from 10 to 11 a.m., Brattleboro Area Hospice's Taking Steps Brattleboro (TSB) program will host a zoom Advance Care Planning/Advance Directive Question and Answer Information session.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Freeman by email at don.freeman@brattleborohospice.org or calling 257-0775 ext. 101 and leave your contact information so you can receive the emailed zoom invitation and/or telephone call-in number.

Interested people are invited to attend this meeting to ask questions about completing or updating an Advance Directive for healthcare including where do I find the forms, which form is right for me, who should be named as a healthcare agent, who do I give the completed form to, and how do I talk with my family about my healthcare wishes if I am unable to speak for

myself? Importantly, anyone over 18 years old should have a completed Advance Directive.

Let coming to this meeting start you on the path of taking care of this important life planning project. TSB trained volunteers are available to assist you in completing your Advance Directive.

Visit www.vtethicsnetwork.org to see forms and obtain information to ask questions on June 24.

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) is an independent, non-profit organization that provides non-medical support to dying and grieving community members and volunteer-staffed assistance with Advance Care Planning. BAH is 100% locally funded, provides services free of charge. Visit www.brattleborohospice.org.

For more information about Advance Care Planning or to receive your zoom meeting invitation and/or telephone call-in number, please contact Don Freeman.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN GARAGE

Hello Neighbors,

Two months ago I couldn't wait for the rain to stop, now I can't wait for a few days of gentle rain.

These dry conditions and heavy traffic are what cause wash boards. The road surface starts to separate and break down as the moisture that holds it all together evaporates in the hot sun. This is why shady spots on Pine Banks and the West Road tend to hold up better than spots in the direct sun, and on hot sunny days water evaporates faster than we can put it out. And with the brooks and ponds down we also have to think about not taking too much water from aquatic life as well.

I was also asked if we still own a grader. The answer is yes, we do. However, if we grade the few spots that are a little rough on Davidson Hill, Pine Banks and the

West Road, etc..., this would break up the road surface even more, actually causing the roads to be even more rough and dusty than they are right now.

On top of that this would cause gravel loss as the fines that hold the bigger aggregate turn to dust and blow away. I promise as soon as we can grade without making it worse and potentially costing the town more money, I will be on it.

In the meantime we are still ditching, replacing culverts, mowing, trimming and getting geared up to fix Daigle Road and do some Act 64 work on Kimball Road South.

Be safe and thanks for your support

Chuck and Crew

WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS

Activities

WHILE WE ARE LEAVING THESE ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND SERVICES LISTED ON THIS PAGE, OUR READERS SHOULD ASSUME THAT MANY PUBLIC EVENTS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WE HAVE ALL BECOME AWARE OF HOW VITAL SOCIAL DISTANCING IS AT THIS TIME AND FOR THE WEEKS AND PERHAPS MONTHS TO COME.

WE THANK EVERYONE FOR COOPERATING, AND IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT, IF EACH ONE OF US DOES OUR PART, WE CAN MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS AS MUCH AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

PLEASE NOTE THE ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE PROVIDING OFFICIAL DIRECTIONS AND CHANGES AS VERMONT BEGINS OPENING UP.

OUR BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE, AND PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER.

Scottish Country Dance Classes

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Westminster Center School Gym. All skill levels welcome. Contact Michael Daley for more information at 387-2601. No charge.

Putney Contra Dance

Last Saturday of every month at Pierce Hall on East Putney Falls Road, off Rt. 5 in East Putney. A beginner's workshop is taught at 8 p.m., and the regular dance goes from 8:30 to 11. A donation at the door will benefit the Pierce's Hall Building Fund. For more information call 387-5985.

Senior Potluck Lunch

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at noon. All Westminster seniors are invited to attend a potluck lunch at the First Congregational Church on Route 5.

Secrets of Healthy Aging

A facilitated discussion group and pot-luck. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Westminster Fire Station from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

Contra Dance

Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in Walpole, N.H.

Gentle Yoga

Every Monday at 10 a.m. at the Westminster Institute. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

Chair Yoga

Every Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Westminster. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

Living Strong Classes

Mondays and Thursdays: at the First Congregational Church in Westminster from 9-10 a.m.; at the Westminster West Church from 6-7 p.m.; or at Greater Rock Fitness in Bellows Falls from 11-12. Call Westminster Cares for more information at 722-3607.

Knitting Together

Join us every Wednesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Village Square Booksellers, downtown Bellows Falls. Bring your knitting needles, we have the yarn and casual instruction if needed to knit hats, mittens and sweaters for area kids.

All our yarn is from community donation and we distribute our completed work to all area schools and Parks Place. More knitters at all skill levels are wanted and we can promise you an enjoyable experience. For details or to donate yarn contact Caroline at 463-4653.

Westminster West Book Group

The Westminster West Library has a book group meeting every third Monday from 7-9. Call the library if you are interested in getting a list of the books we are reading. Contact Lise Cavanaugh at 387-4682.

Tai Chi Classes

Wednesday's at the Institute Beginner Class 9:45-10:45 a.m. Intermediate Class 11 a.m. - noon

The Living Earth Action Group meets most Fridays at 5 p.m. at the Westminster West Congregational Church. For actual schedule e-mail Caitlin Adair at pcadair@sover.net.

Faith Community

The First Congregational Church of Westminster

Rev. Sami Jones McRae, Pastor. 3470 Route 5, Westminster, 722-4148. The church is handicapped accessible. Sunday School is available; call to register your children. We are an Open and Affirming church; all welcome.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been worshipping online. Many of us enjoy getting together virtually Sunday at 10 a.m. and some of us enjoy a recorded service. If you would like to participate in our digital services, which include a fellowship meeting the first Tuesday of the month and Bible study on Wednesday mornings, please contact Pastor Sami McRae or Deacon Christina Smith via email at westminstercongoline@gmail.com for more information. See our Facebook page for our recorded services. Watch the Brattleboro Reformer, the Vermont Journal and Shopper or notices posted on the church door for up-to-date information. Activities at the church building will not happen until further notice. However, we are still doing our Westminster Birthday Calendar fundraiser. Members of the Westminster Community and the First Congregational Church have been soliciting calendars in their neighborhoods during May and June. If you were missed, it's not too late to be included on the calendar. Call Lucy Matteau at 802-722-9040 by July 12 to order yours. Calendars are \$10 which includes listing the month and date of your immediate family's birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for your support of the First Congregational Church.

The Congregational Church of Westminster West

The Congregational Church of Westminster West worships every Sunday at 10 a.m. The pick-up choir meets most Sundays at 9 to rehearse. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month, and on the Second Sunday the church collects a special offering that goes to Our Place in Bellows Falls to help fund their food shelf.

The church building is wheelchair accessible, and the congregation is Open and Affirming. Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno is the pastor. She currently holds office hours on Monday and Thursday afternoons, and people are welcome to drop by. She can be reached at 387-2334, via cell phone at 579-8356 or e-mail susiewt@gmail.com.

Walpole Bible Church

The Grace Bible Fellowship holds its Sunday Worship Service at 9:15 a.m. at 38 Elm Street in Walpole, NH. More information at www.walpolebiblechurch.org.

Walpole Unitarian Church

The corner of Union and Main Streets, Walpole, NH Services begin at 10:am with Rev. Elaine Bomford. www.walpoleunitarian.org. First Sunday of each month is Circle Sunday with visiting presenters.

Meetings

Selectboard 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Planning Commission 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Conservation Commission meets every 4th Thursday at Town Hall at 7:15

Westminster Activities Commission

2nd Monday of the Month at 6 p.m. at the Westminster Institute.

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association

3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Westminster West Congregational Church.

Westminster West Public Library Board 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Westminster West Public Library.

Development Review Board 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Community Improvement Program Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Westminster Cares Board - 1st Wednesday of every month, at the Westminster Institute at 4:30 p.m.

911 Committee as needed.

The Westminster Fire and Rescue Dept. holds their monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Westminster Fire Station.

Westminster Historical Society 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Westminster Town Hall

Westminster Gazette Meeting 3rd Monday of the month at the Flat Iron on The Square in Bellows Falls.

Westminster Institute Board will meet on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the Institute.

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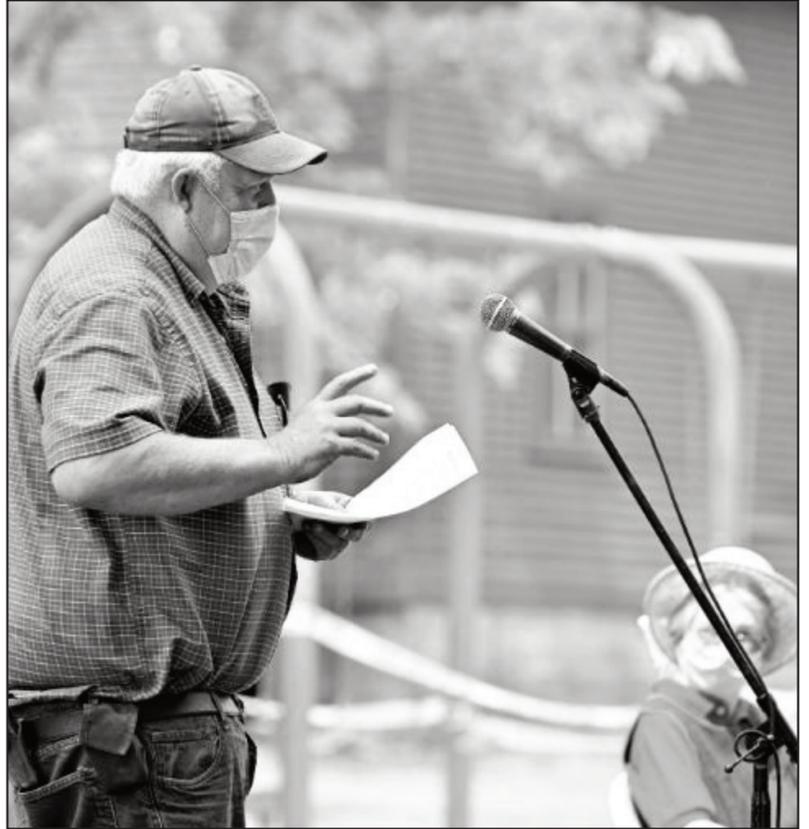
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WESTMINSTER HOLDS HISTORIC OUTDOOR TOWN MEETING



Photographer Ira Wilner caught these images of a historic Westminster Town Meeting - outdoors, masked, and socially distanced. The weather cooperated, business got done as usual, and all four main articles passed.

KURN HATTIN HOMES EARNS ANOTHER 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children's commitment to accountability and transparency has earned it the highest possible 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, for the second consecutive year.

"Only 32 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least two consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that New England Kurn Hattin Homes outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets New England Kurn Hattin Homes apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness," stated Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator.

Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Kurn Hattin Homes exceeds industry standards, adheres to best practices, and executes its mission in a financially efficient way, giving donors greater confidence in making charitable decisions.

Since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children has helped thousands of children and their families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment. Its mission: Kurn Hattin transforms the lives of children and their families forever. Follow their journey: kurnhattin.org

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health, Accountability, and Transparency of more than 9,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data.

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The bookstore carries an eclectic selection of socks, scarves, mugs, games, journals, stationery, notecards, tea, chocolate, jigsaw puzzles, stuffed animals and art supplies.

They host author events, writing courses plus Knitting Together (currently on hiatus) meets in the store to make mittens and hats for schools (acrylic yarn donations are welcome). Also on hiatus are the Magic The Gathering and Pokemon Groups. The bookstore sells strategy cards, and Dungeons and Dragon materials.

Their website, www.villagesquarebooks.com shows the bookstore's on hand inventory in their Book Search menu and orders can be placed to pick up and pay at the store, or they can ship your out-of-town gifts. E-books and Libro AudioBooks are also available online with a monthly subscription and competitive pricing. When you drop by the bookstore, don't forget to visit Bella, the bookstore cat, for a snuggle.

**JULY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:
 BROOKSIDE EXCAVATING LLC**

Brookside Excavating is a Westminister business owned and operated by Jeff Potter and Tyson Potter.

Services provided include small excavation projects such as swimming pool prep, drainage ditches, koi ponds, and driveways.

We have also worked with local solar field installers doing preparation work for solar panels and work closely with area plumbers and electricians on other small projects. In the winter months we offer plowing and sanding services in the Westminister/Bellows Falls area.

Jeff has over 20 years of operating experience in varying environments. Tyson has eight years of construction experience. This father and son team began the business with the intention of doing small projects in addition to their existing jobs and in light of the current situation are accepting more work.

Please contact us at 802-376-5266 for more information or to set up an appointment.

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